



From Elevator Family Plays Hardball:

After recess, a green van pulled into the school parking lot. The van had flower bouquets painted on the side along with the words:

### **Cathy's Blooms**

The next thing the Wilsons knew, Cathy, an old friend from San Francisco, stood outside the Coots Apartment. She held a bouquet of carnations. A baby was strapped on her front.

“Cathy!” Walter and Winona shouted as one.

“What a surprise!” said Winona.

“The last time we saw you was at your wedding to Gavin,” said Walter.

The girl handed the flowers to Winona. “Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson,” she said. “Word has spread throughout Happy Valley that the famous Elevator Family is staying here. The flowers are for your housewarming.

“How kind,” said Winona. “This reminds me of the flowers Gavin brought to us in the Otis room during our stay at the San Francisco Hotel, because he was too shy to talk to you in your flower stall.”

“And guess what?” said Cathy. “Now I own my own flower delivery business, *Cathy's Blooms*, and I have my own flower delivery van.”