



“Voices from Beyond”
Short True story by Michael K. Primavera

Children can imagine almost anything. As a child, did you speak to your favorite stuffed animal? Ah, but did it thoughtfully reply?

My teddy bear did. “Teddy” would even initiate our conversations. He was not one for small talk either. Teddy discussed important issues and taught life’s valuable lessons.

Imagination is convincing to a child. So is a stuffed animal with a speaker implant. Dad turned Teddy into a real live conversationalist. Looking back though, I’m not sure whether Teddy was actually my toy, or his.

While Teddy and I would chat, Dad would hide and peek at his son and the talking teddy bear. I can only imagine all that came to me through Teddy but I am certain every bit remains, along with my fond memories of him. It is said, “The one with the most toys, wins.” What if yours were the most inspired?