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Daddy and Mummy Went to the Movies: Ilana Sits by Herself  
in an Armchair Leafing Through a Gray Book

She leafs the pages. Naked uncles  
Running naked, so skinny,  
And also aunties with fannies bare  
And men in pyjamas as in the theatre  
And cloth stars of David.  
And everyone so ugly and skinny.

It's awfully queer and so gray. And Ilana has pencils: red  
And blue and green and yellow and pink.  
So she goes to her room  
And gets all the pretty pencils  
And she draws with great gusto,  
Giving everyone glasses and a funny face,  
Especially the bald skinny boy.  
She makes him such a huge red moustache,  
And at the end of the moustache perches a bird.