Your Time Will Come
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Aunt Mary is coming! Aunt Mary, who gave you a bow tie on your birthday and a children's bible for Christmas. And look, it's Uncle Dave too! How he loves to hold you on his lumpy lap, snorting and laughing, his breath a fine mist from drinks that only grownups are allowed. No use trying to escape. It makes him too happy when you wiggle and squirm. At least he buys you presents you really want. And loves you best of all, since you know how to keep a secret. Still, you're not quite happy. What is it that's wrong with you? Is something missing? If only your mother would let you have that puppy. You could take it deep into the woods behind your house and beat it with your belt.