

The color green

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One day, in a small town in the desert; there was a shop under construction. Everyone in the town was excited. The shop was a big deal, because they don't really have a lot of shops in the desert. The newspaper said it, the mayor talked about it, and even the twelve o'clock news mentioned it. This shop was a humongous deal.

Until one day everything changed. The shop was getting put together. The walls of the shop were metal rusty walls, and the roof was made up of old, soggy, damp wood. Everyone was very disappointed; and just sad. Everyone was angry except one person in particular, and that was the mayor. She was not just angry, but she was furious. She decided no one will go to the shop for the next five years. Nobody came to the shop. Five years passed, and still nobody came. The shop owner had enough.

Do to this foolishness, the shop owner had stayed up until midnight creating posters. The posters read "If you enter my shop you will get a huge surprise." Ellie is a girl who lives in the desert with her family. Ellie and her family were in their house eating dinner. "Mother, do you think that perhaps some person out there had accepted the challenge on the poster?" Ellie questioned. "Of course not that is the craziest challenge ever." her mom explained. "Why do you ask?" her dad said. "Probably because of her crazy little imagination" her older brother taunted. Ellie left the table and went up to her room, "why did you do that," his mother exclaimed. He went to his room too.

This determined Ellie to prove her older brother wrong. She already knew that she would take the day off from school tomorrow. "Mom I feel sick," Ellie complained. "You will have to have a baby stitter," her mom said. "That's not fair I am fourteen," Ellie moaned. Her mom left the room

and slammed the door. “Ugh” Ellie sighed. “I will make it work” Ellie thought. She snuck out of the house and headed straight to the old shop.

The shop was on the edge of a cliff, Ellie was nervous now. She built up the courage to go inside. “Hello anyone here?” Ellie called. In front of the counter was an old woman, with stains on her dress and half done hair. Ellie walked up to the counter and asked for a bottle of shampoo. The old woman gave the bottle of shampoo. “I don’t mean to be rude, but what’s the surprise?” Ellie questioned. “Oh, well well you will find out young lady you will find out,” said the old lady in her scratchy voice.

However that left Ellie curious. She didn’t even have to pay. Whatever the old woman obviously was going to surprise her with something. “Whatever that something is it better be a big change in my life,” Ellie thought. Ellie got home, hopped in bed and took a nap. When her mom gets home she will pretend that she was not sick anymore. “Ellie where are you,” called a familiar voice. Shoot, I forgot about the babysitter. “Yeah,” she moaned. “Where were you,” her babysitter said in a semi stressed voice. “Oh I was... um.. taking..taking a walk,” yeah Ellie stuttered. “Ok, I will be downstairs if you need me,” she said. “Ok,” Ellie called.

That night Ellie used her new shampoo. The shampoo had a creamy consistency. It was a nice pearly white shampoo. The night went on. In the next evening she took another shower and the shampoo was slightly green. Ellie didn’t seem to notice. Little does she see that the color is turning a more vibrant green every day. She finally notices that it is a dark shade green. She doesn’t care. It is Wednesday. Ellie is at school and she is in science class. Her class is doing a project with mirrors. She happens to see herself in the mirror. Her eyes are not blue anymore they are green! She doesn't seem to notice. The roots of her long, blonde, silky hair turn slightly

green. Not long after that, her hair is more green! She finally notices, so she left a note on her teacher's desk that read I'm NOT feeling well and absolutely need to go home signed, Ellie . She goes home and her hair is now totally green she goes to bed in a panic. She wakes up and not only is her hair green, but her eyelashes are green too. She gets up from bed; looks in the mirror and her lips are neon green! Worst of all her skin is green!

She is in a conflict; a big conflict. She picks up her makeup bag, grabs the foundation and rubs it all over her body. It will work for now she is thinking. She gets out of bed and forgets about school. She rushes to the shop. "Hello, anyone here", she yelled. The shop owner came out from under the counter. "Yes", he said in a pleased voice. "I see my plan is working", he said. "Yeah it is now; how do I get regular again?" Ellie moaned. He simply pointed to the pad of sticky notes on the desk. The man took one sticky note and pressed it down on his old, messy, and dusty desk. He took out a pen and wrote "I am the green weirdo". He then just said "stick this on you for a whole week. "Wow that's it?" Ellie said. "No" said the man "you have use shampoo until gone. You will get more green, but that's ok.". "No", Ellie thought. She went home. She had to go to school that week. She stuck with the foundation plan. She wore a wig. Nobody noticed. After that week she was back to normal. She put the sticky note inside the wig. She was still wearing it. After a week she was normal again!

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