

The Drawing

Wendy was working on a drawing outside. It was a very windy day. A paper blew by right in front of her." A drawing contest, with a fourth grader. That sounds perfect for me!"

DRAWING CONTEST

Surprise Judge

Saturday 12:00 P.M.

Feb. 10

City Park

She got right to work. She drew dogs, parks, suns, and everything else she could think of. Wendy even told her mom "Name anything and I'll draw it." Her mother replied "Okay." They spent a lot of time drawing and sketching.

The next day Wendy had to decide which drawing to enter into the contest, but could not decide. She hoped her favorite author Crystal Allen would be the surprise judge. Wendy had always dreamed of illustrating for Mrs. Allen's books. Even though she tried extra hard Wendy was not sure if her pictures were good enough.

Wendy kept crumpling up paper after paper. Her mother came in and saw the mess. "What is wrong with these drawings all over the floor?" she asked. "I don't think they are good enough." answered Wendy. "The contest is just for fun, it doesn't have to be perfect. So don't worry about the judges." Wendy tried again and just had fun on her last picture.

The next day was the contest. Wendy presented her drawing for the judges, and her hopes had come true, Crystal Allen was a judge. She was looking carefully over Wendy's drawing with her judge badge gleaming in the sunlight. Wendy crossed her fingers for good luck.

"We have made our decision!" announced the main judge. "Third place goes to Alma Roberts. Second place goes to Jacob Johnson." There was a silence in the crowd as everybody waited to hear the winner. "Our first place winner is...Wendy Smith!" Wendy leaped with joy as the crowd cheered for her.

Crystal Allen then walked right up to her. "Congratulations kid! Here's my number. Don't lose it. I have a job waiting for you illustrating my books when you finish school." She then handed Wendy her trophy and a business card. Wendy continued to draw, but when she did she remembered to have fun.

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