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## ***Nothing Better than Honesty***

It all happened on a Thursday evening. It was freezing cold. Jennifer was getting ready for school. Jennifer was a blonde with blue eyes. She was tall and thin. She normally wears jeans to school. But today she wore a mini-skirt and a halter top. It's the school's prom night today, and the school's cutest guy, Matt, had asked her to be his partner. She looked at her watch, it was almost time to leave. She quickly dabbed on some make-up and designed her nails with pink nail polish, matching her pink mini-skirt. Then she took her handbag and took off for school. When she reached the bus stop, the bus was already there. She ran to the bus and went in; though it was hard to run in those new high heels she bought for the prom night. The bus was so crowded that it was difficult to get in. She tried to squeeze through some of the people, but it was hard, so she had to stand near the bus driver. When the bus started moving, she almost fell.

When the next stop came, the bus stopped, and some passengers left. A man sitting on a seat next to her got on his feet and left as well. As soon as the man had left, she quickly sat on his seat. Then she felt as if she was sitting on something. She stood up and looked at the seat. There was a wallet resting in the centre. When she picked it up, a guy sat down there. Jennifer looked at him, and he smirked. She gave him an angry look and stuck out her tongue at him. Then she got back to the wallet. She opened it and grinned. There were \$ 4,000, some bank cards, and an identity card of the owner. "What luck..." she thought. Then the bus stopped at Dragon Centre and she got off the bus. She caught sight of the guy who smirked at her. He was smirking again and waving at her. She looked at him cross-eyed and stuck out her tongue. The she turned and went inside. She was thinking of buying some stuff with the \$4,000. She looked around but couldn't find anything good to buy. Then she found a make-up shop. She was going to go in when she looked at a clock hanging outside the shop. On no! She almost forgot about school. And now she would have to hurry.

On her way to school, she thought about the man who just lost his wallet. He must be feeling so sad.

"Maybe I should give it back," she thought. "But how? Yes! She'll go to the nearest police station and give it to a policeman."

So she went to the nearest police station. When she went in, she saw a policeman sitting behind a desk and writing something down on a piece of green paper,

"Excuse me,"

she said. When the policeman look up at her, she showed him the wallet and said, "I found this in the bus,"

"OK, give it to me, please."

he said kindly. She handed him the wallet and left. While she was hurrying towards school, she thought she saw that smirking guys. She turned to look back, but there was no one. Then she continued walking.

When she reached school, she saw that the school gate had already closed. She was late. Well, so much for the mini-skirt and make-up. Now she would have to go back home.

The next day, when she went to school, Matt was standing there with his friends, talking and smiling. When he saw her coming, his smile faded. Then he started walking away.

"Matt, wait," Jennifer said.

"Why didn't you come yesterday? I waited and waited for you but you didn't show up." he said.

"Matt, I can explain..." she said.

Matt glared at her and said, "Just get lost, I don't wanna talk to you!"

Then he left her with a broken heart. Then she saw Kim, her worst enemy, laughing at her. When she heard an announcement from the principal that all students should go to the school hall, everyone just groaned.

Everyone was chatting loudly and laughing when the principal came up on stage and asked everyone to keep quiet. When everyone was quiet, he spoke on the mike.

"You all are here for a prize giving ceremony. Except only one of you is going to receive a reward for being honest,"

Then everyone started looking around, wondering who the lucky person was.

"That student," he continued "is going to receive a commendation letter, a \$10,000 cheque, and a Good Citizen Award."

Everyone was really curious now. "You're all wondering who the lucky one is, right?" the principal said. Everyone said yes. "And all this reward goes to," he says, "Jennifer Jones." "What!?" she though. Everyone started staring at her. Then they started cheering and clapping. Some of her friends had their mouth dropped open. She started walking towards the stage to get her reward. She passed by Kim. When she looked at her, Kim just rolled her eyes and shrugged. She walked up the stairs to the stage and got her reward.

After the ceremony, she was in the corridor talking to her friends. Everyone was asking her questions. Then the bell rang, and everyone went back to their classrooms. It was her science lesson now. She was walking towards the lab when suddenly Matt came in front of her.

“Jennifer, I’m really sorry for what I said to you.” he said.

“It’s okay.”

Jennifer said. Then he smiled at her and said

“Jennifer, I...”

“Come in, Matt!” Matt’s teacher interrupted,

“Coming,” he said, then he turned back to Jennifer and said,

“Bye, see you later.” Then he went into his classroom. And Jennifer went to the lab.

Everything was okay in that lesson except her lab partner, who was Kim. The teacher asked everyone to do an experiment. While doing the experiment, the teacher came to Jennifer and told her that she had just changed her lab partner. One of the students had departed from school, and his lab partner was alone. And Kim said she wanted to be his lab partner.

“So who’s my lab partner then?” Jennifer asked her teacher,

“His name is Fred,” the teacher said,

“he’s your lab partner and a new student.”

Then she asked Fred to come in. Jennifer gasped when she saw who her new lab partner was.

“Oh no! It’s that guy she met on the bus, the one who smirked at her! Oh God, what a life!

