

The Girl Who Had It All and Then Lost Everything

Once upon a time there lived a girl. She was a fairly normal girl; she wasn't bland or dull, but she related to her peers. During her elementary school years, she found herself to have a fair amount of friends that she played with. Friends were important, so she could share her thoughts and have a non-judgmental circle of people to talk to. Things went on like this for quite a bit of time. However, during her high school years, she noticed her friends weren't as nice as they had acted before. "How are you in Geometry?" her friends would teasingly ask. This made the girl quite upset. All she wanted was for her friends to accept her again. Since her friends were in more advanced classes than her, she decided to pray to for a better brain.

Over the next few years, her prayer seemed to come true! She signed up for all AAP classes and she passed all of them, with higher grades than her friends. "Better luck next time!" teasingly said the girl. After her senior year, the girl went to college. She was accepted into a highly prestigious and academically aggressive private college. Fortunately, due to the girl's prior prayer, she passed all of her classes and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. However, her friends went to lesser schools and graduated with lesser grade point averages. To the girl, her friends meant nothing anymore. She left them behind and strived for a magnificent future in the real world.

At the end of it all, the girl died alone, with the exception of her pet cats. Nobody came to her funeral; she was never held in high esteem due to her reputation as a misanthropic cynic. However, her friends lived extraordinary lives with great jobs and loving families. Many came to their memorials, for they were fond of many. And so, while the girl's simple prayer was answered dutifully by whatever force listened; she lost her pleasant jovialness and, most of all, friendship.

Analysis of "The Girl Who Had It All and Then Lost Everything"

What I tried to express in my story was the importance of friendship. In my opinion, friends are the only people that actually care about each other and friends can boost self confidence. In my story, the girl (the main character) feels that her friends for being are judging her in regular courses rather than Honors or AAP. However, in the story, the precise wording used is, "she noticed her friends weren't as nice as they had acted before." The key-word here is "noticed," which implies that perhaps her friends had been just as teasing before as they are now, but the girl had not realized it until now. Also, I use the word "teasing" because of this excerpt from the story: "How are you in Geometry?" her friends would teasingly ask." This means that all that the girl's friends were doing was teasing the girl. In the opinion of the author (which is me), teasing is different from bullying or being mean. In my opinion, I think teasing is an important way to learn to face judgment, especially when friends do it.

Later in the story, the girl prays for a "better brain." She doesn't ask to be more intelligent; she asks the general question of having a "better brain." As we find out later in the story, she gets high grades in a prestigious university, but she ends up living an unfulfilling and lonely life. This is because the mystical being that answered her prayer was aware of such a poorly-phrased prayer; the being gave her what she wanted and nothing more. When the girl is accepted into the university, the language is somewhat sophisticated and longer words are used. When describing the girl's friends' colleges, the wording is simple. This represents the "intellectual" and "smarter" reputation of the university; the public college is simpler and has a lesser reputation.

The last paragraph of the story offers an ironic twist in a similar vein as a fairy tale. The protagonist's foolish naiveté leads her to a fateful and inevitable doom. The last statement of the story ("she lost her pleasant jovialness and, most of all, friendship.") features my belief and idea behind the story. Friendship is a crucial thing in life and without it, life would be a lot less fun. Lastly, the main idea in my story is that while having a great education can further your career, friendship will make you happier.