

Start all over

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My name is Rachel. I was 25 years old. I was not single. I lived with my boyfriend for 3 years at that time. My goal in life was to be in charge of a popular clothes company. Sadly, I was far from that. Actually, I was an assistant...of another assistant. Like I told you, very far from my dream job. But still at a clothes company. I consider myself like an ordinary girl. I'm not a model but I'm not so bad. I have brown hair and brown eyes and I'm very tall. Enough about me. My life was just boring and repetitive, everyday was the same routine. But it all changed that day. The 3rd of July 1990.

Even if it's was a beautiful hot and sunny day with a blue sky, I had a bad day. I split coffee all over me. My boss humiliated me and as if that was not enough a car splashed water on me. A very bad day! When I got home, I'd stopped in the central park. (I live in New York). I sat on the park bench and I watched a couple played with their kids. I wished so bad that I had that life. They seemed so happy. I felt very depressed that day. And then I saw a little boy. He was wearing white. He looked like an angel. It made me smile. The first smile of my day. This little boy, let's call him Alex, show lots of peace and happiness. I looked at him and he looked at me. Alex gets near me. I didn't even see his foot move. In three point five second he was right beside me.

- Hi, miss.
- Hi, little gentlemen. What are you doing?
- I saw you, you look sad. I thought to myself...
- What did you think of?
- Can I ask you one question miss?
- Ha-ha, you're so cute of course you can.
- If you could make three wishes what would it be?
- Ohm... I don't really know. Tell me yours before.
- Oh ok. I wish that I could play with my parents like them – he watched the same family as I was watching before- I also wish that I would have learned how to swim and my last one is to have the biggest toy in the world!

- I hope it will all come true, honey. Me...ohm... it's impossible but I wish I had more money, to be rich, very rich. Also, I would like to be the boss of a clothes company. That's all I'm wishing for.
 - It will all come true miss, you'll see.
 - Thanks but like I said it's impossible. We can't have everything we want in life.
 - Oh I think yes! I have to go, see you later miss.
 - Ha-ha, have a good day. Bye my dear.
- I was smiling. It made my day. When I looked at him again he was not there anymore. What? That was weird...

I continued my life, forgot about our little conversation that we had in the park and went to work every day. Two weeks later I found a lottery ticket on the street. For curiosity, I checked it at the convenience store near me. I could not believe. I won 26 million. 26 million!!! What is happening? All I wished and told the little boy has come true. Was it coincidence? I didn't know at that time.

I quit my job. I enjoyed my money every day. No more ugly clothes. Prada, Chanel, Yves Saint-Laurent, all the designer brands. I changed completely my life. And I had the money to start my own clothes company. I was on the top and I had the power. But I did a huge mistake. I became superficial and mean. I was not the same person anymore. My friends, family and boyfriend were not my priority. It was money, money, money. Power, power, power.

When I got home one day, I saw a suitcase...

- Nathan? What is that?
- I'm leaving, Rachel. It's enough. When was the last time that we hanged out together, uh?
- Honey, you know I'm stuck with my business.
- Ya, I know. And you don't have the time for me, I get it. You'll regret it later. Bye Rachel...

He kissed my cheek and left. I felt horrible. But I thought to myself that he did not understand me and was not happy for me that I realized my biggest dream. But I was wrong. Even my friends and some family members started being distant. I was alone and regretted. Because even if I had lots of money and everything I always wish of, it was not enough. I wanted to share all of it with my loved ones.

And then I thought. It all happens because of Alex. I told him two wishes and both happened in the next month. It was not coincidence. He was not human. He was more than that. I am sure. And I realized that I told him only two wishes. If I find Alex again I would ask him one last thing.

That night, I went back to central park and here he was. Sitting at the same park bench as the other time, again wearing all white.

- Wow, you are here!
- Yes, I'm here I knew that you'll need me.
- Is it you that realized all my wishes?
- Maybe, miss...
- Do you want to know what my third wish is?
- Oh yes!
- I want to go in the past to erase my mistakes. Is it possible?
- If you believe it with all your heart, it's possible.

And you know what? Like my other two wishes, it happened. It's incredible. Four years later, I still cannot believe it. I'm still with Nathan but we are married now and we have one girl, named Maria. I'm working at the same clothes company but I'm now the assistant of my boss. I have everything that I wished: a beautiful family and love. For the rest, I learned that it is not that important. You should think like me. Don't do the same mistakes as I did. I'm sure you'll never find a little boy that will give you the chance to start all over. Alex was an angel.

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