



The Show Must Go On

Part 1

Teacher Reads The night of the talent show has finally arrived. Now it's time to find out if Jasmin's and Marcus's hard work has paid off.

Marcus and Jasmin were sitting in the kitchen in Marcus's
10 apartment. They were discussing the final plans for tonight's
19 talent show. Marcus said, "Jasmin, you have been frowning
28 for two days now. Relax, will you? We have things under
39 control. My friends agreed to take care of all the things on
51 your list. I wish I knew what you are so concerned about."

63 "It's hard to explain, Marcus," Jasmin said. "I just have this
74 feeling. Several things could go wrong, you know."

82 "Things might go wrong or they might go right," Marcus
92 said. "It's silly to waste your time thinking about what might
103 happen. If you keep thinking about what might go wrong,
113 you will never enjoy the show. Let's check your list again.
124 That should help."



Part 2

Teacher Reads Plans for the talent show seem to be going smoothly, so there shouldn't be any problems.

127 Later that day, Jasmin got a phone call. It was Ms. Brown,
139 the school nurse. "I'm afraid I have some bad news, Jasmin,"
150 Ms. Brown said. "I can't come and judge the talent show
161 tonight. My little boy is sick, and I can't leave him alone."
173 Jasmin heard sneezing in the background on the phone call
183 as Ms. Brown went on, "I am sure you can find someone
195 to take my place." Jasmin told Ms. Brown she would and
206 thanked her for calling. Then Jasmin called Marcus, and
215 he heard the panic in her voice right away.

224 Marcus said, "Don't have a meltdown, Jasmin! You know
233 you can count on me. I will find someone. You just meet me
246 at school around 6:00 like we planned, and I'll have the new
258 judge with me." When Jasmin heard how confident Marcus
267 sounded, she relaxed just a little bit.

Part 3

Teacher Reads Marcus has promised to come to the rescue. He seems to have everything under control, but read on to see if he will be able to find a new judge in time for the talent show.

274 At 6:15 that night, Jasmin still had not seen Marcus.
284 She was upset and concerned. Then, Jasmin saw Marcus
293 walk in with a tall woman in a brown coat. "Jasmin,"
304 Marcus said, "this is Ms. Powers from Comics Plus, and
314 she has agreed to fill in as a judge. Will you show her where
328 the judges sit?" he asked. Jasmin did, and then walked back
339 to talk with Marcus.

343 "Thanks for all your help, Marcus. I should have known
353 you would not let me down. Just look at the turnout for the
366 show! We should feel proud of all **our** hard work. Now let's
378 sit down and enjoy the show with the crowd." Jasmin was
389 smiling at last. In fact, she smiled all night because the talent
401 show was a big **success** and a lot of money was raised for the
415 jazz band.

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