

The Talent Show

By Ana Cuesta

Peter was in school when he found out about the talent show. Leaflets announcing it were all around. Subscribing would give you the unique chance to show off how much talent you had. At the end, the judges would vote. At first, Peter was unsure about signing-up, so he didn't.

However, he did spend a lot of time thinking about it, but the problem was, he did not consider himself to have any true talent. Nevertheless, in the end, he subscribed after all because surely, he must have had at least one hidden talent.

He tried painting, basketball, writing and even pottery...nothing, no nothing was quite right. The thing that Peter felt he did worst of all was painting. Every time he tried to paint or draw something, he ended up with a piece of art that looked abstract. It was not very nice indeed.

Peter was disappointed in himself because the show was approaching, and he still hadn't discovered any real talent of his own. He was beginning to feel stressed about the possibility of a bad audition. One evening, as he looked over his artwork, he suddenly had an idea.

When the day finally arrived, he was convinced that his idea might just work. The huge auditorium was packed with more people than he could have ever imagined. Teachers, children and parents had all come to see the performances.

During the show, he saw many children with different talents. There was one boy that could play the piano with his toes. Whilst the men backstage carried on the big, heavy piano, the young boy removed his shoes and began playing as quickly as possible. Incredible.

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One girl was great at gymnastics. Again, the men from backstage appeared, this time carrying a school bag which they left in the middle of the stage. Unexpectedly, a leg appeared from inside, then another. The judges appeared very surprised. She could fit perfectly inside the bag. "Amazing!" they cheered. Peter felt, it was going to be hard to win.

On top of all of that, one boy grabbed a pen and pushed it inside his ear only for it appear out the other side. They were all very weird and quite extraordinary.

Now it was Peter's turn. He took a piece of paper and drew as badly as he possibly could. He explained to everyone that it was abstract art. It was full of mixed colours and crayons. He also told everyone that it had a hidden message. Like a lot of famous abstract paintings, this one was no different. He continued to explain that only the smartest people who know all about art could possibly understand it.

The thing is, people want to think they are smart, clever and experts who know lots of great things, so unsurprisingly they all voted for him and he won! Peter won not because he was talented but because he was smart and that differentiated him from all the other kids on the stage.

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