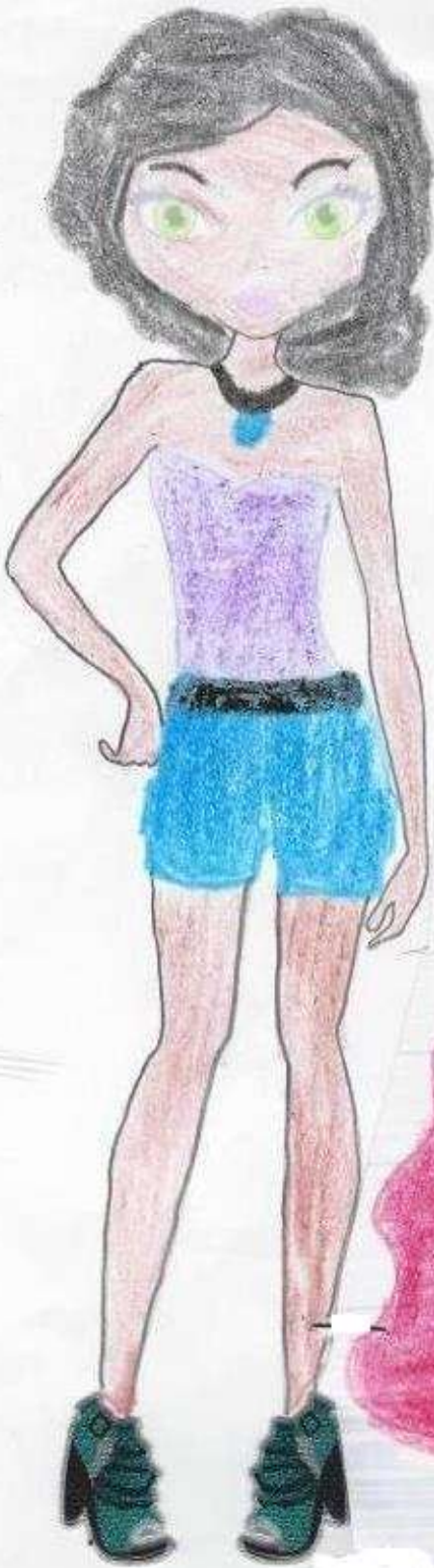


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Do you have a dream? This is a story about a girl named Bell that had a dream that come true. She was a lonely girl in Detroit. She read all about famous people. Oh how she wished to be like them, so famous.

She had just been done with high school. She was working in a local book store with her parents. But she felt like she can do more.

Bell said to her mom, "I want to do more than work in a book store."

Bell's mom, Amy, said, "Well then, go get your dream. What is your dream?"

Bell said, "I want to be a performer in New York."

Amy was so shocked by that answer. So Amy said, "What a performer and New York of all the places in the world? Why?"

"Because it is a lovely place with all different kinds of stuff in New York."

Amy said, "Like what kind of cool stuff?"

"There's the Statue of Liberty, there's great schools and cafes in New York too."

“Well I just thought you gave that dream up a long time ago and would have picked something better than a performer in New York.”

“Well,” said Bell, “I’m going to New York I know and I’m going now. I’m going to the house to pack my stuff.”

Amy said, “That’s so funny. Can you stack the books over there?”

“No I’m telling you I want to go to New York now and I am.”

Amy said, “You can’t be telling me you are really going to New York. “

“I’m Leaving today I’m going home to pack.”

Bell walked out of the shop door. Thinking it was still a joke, her mom waited a couple of minutes. Bell did not return. Amy drove home to find Bella packing.

A little shocked, Bell’s parents said, “I think this is a mistake. But if you need to find that out on your own, then you are welcome back home when you do.”

They said their good byes and she got in her car and drove to New York. The first thing she did was get a hotel room. The next thing was she found out Funny Girl was the show being cast on Broadway. Bell signed up and got the last audition. Bell was auditioning for Fanny Brice. She was so happy to even

audition. Her audition was the next morning at 6:40 and she couldn't wait to audition.

She went to the hotel to take a nap. But she couldn't go to sleep until 7:30 PM. When she was asleep, she had a great dream about her on Broadway as Fanny Brice. She got a standing ovation as she walked off stage. She woke up at 5:15 in the morning. She got dressed and put her make-up on. Then, she took the subway to the Studio.

Five girls were in front of Bell. Some were really good and some were really bad. Then it was Bell's turn. Bell was very scared. Being Fanny Brice was her dream since she was two years old. So Bell sang her favorite song since she was five, Don't Rain on My Parade.

The judges said, "Ms. Bell, that was wonderful. Tell us why do you want to play Fanny?"

Bell said, "Ever since I was a little girl, I loved this song. So it was just so wonderful to sing it for you today."

The judges said, "We will let you know. Thank you Ms. Bell."

Bell said, "Thank you very much. Good bye."

Bell got back to the hotel. She sat on one of the chairs and waited for the news from the judges. She waited for three days. Bell was beginning to worry if she had enough money to stay much longer.

Then she got a call. It was one of the judges.

He said, "Ms. Bell you did one of the best performances that I saw out of all the girls. And that's why you are getting a call back to play Fanny Brice. Does Monday work for you?"

Bell said, "Yes, yes, thank you so much. Monday will work for me just fine."

The judge said, "Ok, well good bye."

Bell said, "Good bye."

Bell was so happy she ran to the mall to get a new dress. She was running so fast that she almost didn't notice an old friend named Ava walking by her.

Ava asked, "Bell what are you doing here?"

"Ava? It is so nice to see you again," Bell said. "I was going to the mall to buy a dress because I have call back for Funny Girl."

Ava said, "Oh really, congratulations. You've always wanted to the lead in Funny Girl. Good job."

Bell asked, "What are you doing here?"

"Well I work at the mall. Oh, I saw the most beautiful dress and its only \$20. Do you want to get it?"

Bell said, "Oh yes. Let's go. Which way is the mall?"

Ava and Bell laughed and laughed.

Then Ava said, "Come on."

They ran to the mall and got to the shop. Bell got the dress and got new shoes that matched her new dress.

Ava walked Bell to the hotel.

Bell said, "I can't afford to spend one more night at the hotel."

"Bell you can stay with me."

"Like for really? Thank you so much Ava."

Ava said, "No problem. I have an extra room in my apartment. You can stay in the extra room."

Bell and Ava walked to Ava's apartment. When they got to the apartment, it was 6:30 PM.

Bell said, "Well I better get some sleep so I can do well on my call back."

Ava said, "Ok I'm going to bed too. I have to get to the mall early for work."

"Ok good night Ava."

"Good night Bell. Sleep well."

Then Bell was woken up by the smell of muffins.

Bell asked, "Ava did you make muffins?"

"Yes it's not every day that your BFF gets a call back on Broadway to be Fanny. I'm so happy for you."

"That's so kind of you to do that. Thank you so much."

Ava said, "You better finish. It's almost time for your audition. Well I got to go to work. Bye Bell, good luck."

"Thanks for the muffins. Oh, have a good day at work. Bye!" Bell finished her muffins.

Then she went to Broadway. She was the last one to do her call back and she sang Firework.

Three weeks passed. She was getting nervous and helped her friend with lots of cleaning and cooking. The wait was driving Bell crazy.

Then one of the judges called and said, "Ms. Bell you are going to play Fanny in the show Funny Girl."

Bell asked, "Are you telling the truth?"

The judge said, "Yes, you are playing Fanny."

Bell said, "Thank you so much. I won't let you down."

For two weeks she went to rehearsals. It was hard work. But she did well.

On the opening night of Fanny, her friends and her parents came. Bell sang like a star on Broadway.