

Granny dilemma

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The day dawned bright and sunny. Posey stretched, yawned and leapt out of bed with a spring in her step. Today was her birthday! Tonight was her party! She could hardly contain her excitement as she rushed to the cupboard to sort through her party dresses. She needed to wear something spectacular!

'Yikes,' she cried, as her cat Whiskers slithered past, 'Shoo, off you go!'

Granny called from the kitchen. Posey skipped down the hallway with a grin as big as a Cheshire cat.

'Happy birthday, Posey. I've bought you a lovely present,' said Granny.

'Thank you so much, Granny,' replied Posey excitedly as she tore the wrapping from her birthday present.

But as Posey unwrapped her present, her Cheshire cat-like grin was replaced with a perplexed expression.

'Oh, you shouldn't have, Granny,' she cried, trying to smother her horror.

Posey wordlessly appealed to Whiskers for help, and thought, 'You really shouldn't have, Granny, this is a **terrible** dress!'

'You'll have to wear it to the party tonight,' said Granny with glee.

'Oh, no! What am I going to do?' thought Posey. 'I don't want to wear this dress, but I don't want to upset Granny either. Granny is all I have and I'm all Granny has.'

So Posey began to hatch a grand plan to let Granny know she appreciated her thoughtful gift, but still manage to look spectacular.

Posey and Granny worked all day to get ready for the party. Baking, cleaning, tidying and putting up the decorations.

'You had better go and put on your new party frock,' suggested Granny. 'The guests will be here soon.'

Posey pranced like a princess down the hall to set her plan into action.

The guests arrived and congregated in the lounge. Posey's best friend Sally's outfit was resplendent, and she had a brand new hairstyle that made Granny gasp.

'Oh my, Sally, that is an interesting new hairdo,' was Granny's polite comment.

All of Posey's friends were there, including Jack and Jill from Jimboomba.

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The party was in full swing when Posey made her entrance.

‘Well here goes,’ Posey bravely thought to herself.

As she entered, a sudden hush fell on the room. She hesitated on the threshold to the room, waiting in anticipation for the party crowd’s reaction. The party crowd gasped in unison.

‘Umm … hi everybody … ’ Posey paused ponderously.

‘Wow!’ exclaimed the party crowd, who then cheered energetically.

Posey had accessorised her new party dress with hot pink shades, a vibrant floral belt and her favourite pink suede boots. She looked fashionable and original.

Sally, however, was not cheering. She did not like Posey’s new outfit and struggled to hide her horror from her best friend.

‘What do you think, Sally?’ asked Posey, who nervously waited for her friend’s approval. ‘It was a present from Granny,’ she quickly added.

‘Well that makes all the difference,’ replied Sally. ‘If it is a present from your Granny, you will always love it.’

‘I’m not sure about your accessories, Posey, but I’m so glad you wore the dress I bought you!’ exclaimed Granny.

Posey had saved the day. She was a hit at her own birthday party and she had not disappointed Granny. She smiled a winning grin and then winked at Whiskers. The party was a huge success!

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