Tell this story:

She applied healing spells and bandages with far too much enthusiasm.

A young person learns that she can make any person happy by just pointing at them. Any person... but herself.

John saw more than he ever let on. That day, he saw too much.

He stepped out of the blast zone with it still in his hands.

Write a list of things that make you smile and create a story that involves each one.

Create a 26-line story where each line begins with a new letter in alphabetical order, A-Z.

"Leapers" are rare people born in a leap year, on the 29th of February, who age four times slower than everyone else..."

Make a list of some things you'll never do again. Write about one of those things.

<u>Dialogue</u>

"If I'm the brains of this operation, we are in some SERIOUS trouble!"

"Please stop putting things in my microwave."

"My shield is glowing. Why is my shield glowing?"

"I always knew that one day I would die, but I guess someone lied."

"I don't want tomatoes, I want to go home!"

"Well, you're no fun."

"You're like a blister, you only turn up when the hard work is done."

"So... what are you thinking?"

"How I'm going to take over the world."

"How many times have I died for you? And you STILL question my loyalty..."

"One day we peeked in that window and saw the headmistress calmly sewing her arm back on."

Things I will never do again:

- 1. Wait until Christmas Eve to wrap all the gifts and wrap all the stocking stuffers and stuff the stockings and-- you get it.
- 2. Ride on the back of a motorcycle without taking at least a sweatshirt along—I don't care how warm it is outside.
- 3. Think that I am better than someone else—older, wiser, snarkier and more self-righteous, but never better.
- 4. Wait until the last day to order something I really need or sign up for a class I really want to take or make reservations at the place I really want to stay or buy something I know I need.
- 5. Hug my sister.
- 6. Drive to California without checking the tires first.
- 7. Forget my PIN number at the grocery store
- 8. Write a check without knowing my bank balance
- 9. Get a parking ticket in downtown Salem.

Expansion on #9:

I used to get a lot of parking tickets, and I was always late to things and the two things are absolutely related. Here's the deal: when you are late you have to hurry and when you have to hurry you do not have time to drive around looking for a parking space that won't give you a ticket after a time limit and when you don't have time to find that parking space in Salem, which is ridiculous because there is a huge abundance of free on non-time-restricted parking in Salem, Oregon, then you end up taking a space where you know the meter will run out and or taking a 30 minute space when you know your class or appointment is for an hour and you wind up getting a ticket after you come out. Okay.

Back in the day when I was getting all of these tickets I was attending Willamette University, which also offers free, onsite parking.

However, if you don't get there early in the day or not willing to wait for someone to pull out or to park in a lot a great walk from the building you have your class in, then you are vulnerable to the temptation called, "Maybe they won't notice." This is the way you justify parking in a space that you know will get you ticketed because you are able to make yourself believe that, at least on this day at this time and in this universe, the parking police will not drive by while you are illegally parked there.