

Meeting Mr. Barnum

Josephine lived in an apartment with eleven people. Her family was utterly poor. Even potatoes and beans were luxury for them. One of her dream was meeting Mr. P. T. Barnum herself. Mr. Barnum had been poor like them. But at that time he was the person who had a good deal of fortunes. He had been rich as a king. Josephine wanted to ask him how he had made it.

It's a stormy Monday morning. Josephine woke up from the warming bed on a draft of cold air. Then she heard that her neighbor Totonno came back from American. And he brought good news for Josephine that Mr. Barnum's circus was on the way to the city here. In the spot, Josephine was determined to meet Mr. Barnum even though there was snowing strong outside.

After persuading her mom, Josephine and her brother, Angelo, set off immediately. While them opening the front door, a gust rushed in and blew on their face. The snow was so high that their knees were soaked. Because of the storm, they needed to raise their voice to make them confirm each other. They had a hard time finding elevated train station. In the road, Angelo found a frozen sparrow. He felt it was a bad omen. But Josephine thought it was nothing than a stupid bird. Nothing could shake her determination to meeting Mr. Barnum.

They finally squeezed through the crowd and got into the train. Just then a high whistle pierced the air. The train departed. There was crowd on the train. Josephine was disappointed. The trip was not as exciting as her imagination. She was jammed so tightly that it was impossible not to be bumped and jostled. What's the worst? Because of the ice on the track, they were forced to stop to wait for it melts. Two hours passed away, their worry became frustration. "I've had enough," Josephine shouted.

At that moment, someone pounded the door. Luckily, the boy in the street had a ladder. They climbed down the ladder quickly. Then they needed to cross two blocks to Fourth Avenue and Twenty-Fourth Street. In the storm, it felt like miles for them. Along the way, they saw lots of poster with a man on it. The man has a large balding head with waves of hair as white as snow. Apparently, he was Mr. Barnum himself.

They entered the circus as soon as possible. Josephine and Angelo watched a lot of special performances. But Josephine's mind was not on there. She was thinking about Mr. Barnum all over her head. Suddenly, a carriage rolled into the stage. Josephine held her breath and almost cried out. Stopping in front of them, the man asked, "are you having a good time?"

It was Mr. Barnum. He then leaned down to shake Angelo and Josephine's hands. Face to face with Mr. P. T. Barnum, Josephine shocked down. Angelo jeered her, "think what we went through. And you say nothing." Josephine tried to forget her shame. She was disappointed.

After the circus, their dad was waiting for them. He was upset that they went out on a storm day for a circus. Hearing what happened on them, Dad said, "only you and Mr. Barnum would think to go out on a day like today." Josephine was warmed by Dad's words. It didn't matter that she hadn't asked Mr. Barnum her question. The only thing she thought was that she was just like Mr. Barnum.