

Instructions

Writers have 24 hours to craft an original 100-word story in their assigned genre, with the assigned action taking place and incorporating the assigned word.

Assignments

GENRE: Romantic Comedy

ACTION: Cleaning glass

WORD: sent

Story

A Fortuitous Spill

Bubblegum pop beckoned from the adjacent rink. Alice resented her early completion of closing chores being the thing now keeping her late. One oblivious kid, one freshly mopped floor, one handspun shake splattered across the front window. Alice grumbled. As she squeegeed, a smiling face appeared- chestnut eyes aglow and skates slung 'round his neck.

Alice startled, pulse quickening. Chase, the gap-toothed miscreant who moved away 5 years ago and returned last month with neat cornrows, biceps and effortless humor. She turned towards the bell, now chiming above the door. Her luck, she realized, extended past dodging a liability lawsuit.

Result

Honorable Mention