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Lila is a young lady. She lives in a small town called Sunnyville. The town is quiet and green. Lila is nineteen years old. She has long brown hair and bright blue eyes. Lila is kind and loves to smile. Every day, she dreams of being an actress in Hollywood. She wants to be in big movies. She imagines her name on a bright sign. "Lila Star," she says, smiling at the mirror.

Lila is watching movies every night. She sits on her couch with popcorn. She loves movies about adventure and love. Her favorite actress is Emma Bright. Emma is famous in Hollywood. Lila watches Emma's movies and practices her lines. She is standing in front of her mirror and acting. "I am a brave princess!" she says. She moves her hands and makes big faces. Lila is good at acting.

In Sunnyville, Lila is working at a small café. She serves coffee and cake. The people in the café are nice. They smile and talk to Lila. But Lila is thinking about Hollywood. She is saving money every day. She puts coins in a jar. The jar is for her big dream. "One day, I am in Hollywood," she says to her friend Mia.

Mia is Lila's best friend. Mia is cheerful and loves to laugh. She is listening to Lila's dreams. "You are a great actress, Lila," Mia says. "You are going to Hollywood!" Lila is happy when Mia says this. She is dreaming of big stages and bright lights. But Sunnyville is far from Hollywood. Lila is worried. "How do I get there?" she asks Mia.

One day, Lila is reading a newspaper. She sees an ad. The ad says, "Acting Contest in Big City! Win a trip to Hollywood!" Lila is excited. Her heart is beating fast. She is running to Mia's house. "Mia, look!" she says, showing the ad. "This is my chance!" Mia is smiling. "You are doing this, Lila!" she says.

Lila is preparing for the contest. She practices every day. She is learning lines from a play. The play is about a girl who saves her town. Lila is acting in her room. She is wearing a long dress and pretending to be the girl. She is speaking loudly. "I am saving my people!" she says. Her cat, Whiskers, is watching. Whiskers is meowing. Lila laughs. "You are my audience, Whiskers," she says.

The contest is in one month. Lila is nervous but excited. She is practicing every night. She is also working at the café. Her boss, Mr. Tom, is kind. He knows about Lila's dream. "You are a star, Lila," he says. Lila is smiling. She is saving more money for the trip to Big City. The jar is getting full.

Lila is talking to her mom. Her mom is supportive. "You are brave, Lila," she says. "Go to the contest and show them your talent." Lila is hugging her mom. She is feeling strong. She is ready to try. But she is also scared. "What if I fail?" she asks. Her mom is smiling. "You are not failing. You are trying," she says. Lila is nodding. She is feeling better.

The day of the contest is coming. Lila is packing a small bag. She puts in her dress and her script. She is taking a bus to Big City. The bus is big and noisy. Lila is sitting by the

window. She is looking at the trees and houses. She is thinking about Hollywood. "I am going to win," she says to herself.

In Big City, Lila is amazed. The buildings are tall. The streets are busy. People are walking fast. Lila is walking to the contest. It is in a big theater. The theater is old and beautiful. Lila is looking at the stage. It is big and has red curtains. She is imagining herself on the stage. She is smiling.

Lila is signing up for the contest. A lady at the desk is kind. "Good luck, Lila," she says. Lila is nervous. She sees other actresses and actors. They are practicing lines. Some are singing. Some are dancing. Lila is feeling small. "They are so good," she thinks. But she is remembering her mom's words. "I am trying," she says.

Lila is waiting for her turn. She is sitting in a chair. Her hands are shaking. She is breathing deeply. "I am ready," she says. Her name is called. "Lila Star!" a man says. Lila is walking to the stage. The lights are bright. The audience is big. Lila is standing tall. She is starting her scene.

Lila is acting. She is the girl from the play. She speaks loudly. "I am saving my people!" she says. Her voice is strong. She moves her hands and walks across the stage. The audience is watching. Lila is feeling alive. She is not nervous anymore. She is acting with all her heart. She finishes her scene. The audience is clapping. Lila is bowing. She is smiling.

After the contest, Lila is waiting. The judges are talking. They are choosing the winner. Lila is sitting with other contestants. They are nice. One boy, Jake, is talking to Lila. "You are great," he says. Lila is blushing. "Thank you," she says. Jake is an actor too. He wants to be in Hollywood. "Maybe we are in a movie together one day," he says. Lila is laughing.

The judges are ready. They call the winners. Lila is listening. Her heart is beating fast. "Third place, Jake Miller!" they say. Jake is smiling. He goes to the stage. "Second place, Anna Lee!" a girl goes up. Lila is nervous. "First place, Lila Star!" the judge says. Lila is shocked. She is standing up. The audience is clapping. Lila is walking to the stage. She is holding a trophy. The prize is a trip to Hollywood!

Lila is crying happy tears. She is hugging the trophy. The judges are smiling. "You are a star, Lila," one says. Lila is thanking them. She is thinking about her dream. "I am going to Hollywood!" she says.

Lila is going back to Sunnyville. She is on the bus. She is holding her trophy. She is smiling all the way. When she arrives, Mia is waiting. "Lila, you win!" Mia says. They are hugging. Lila is telling Mia everything. "The stage is big, and the lights are bright," she says. Mia is listening with big eyes. "You are an actress now!" Mia says. Lila is laughing. "Not yet, but I am going to Hollywood," she says.

Lila is preparing for her trip. The contest gives her a ticket to Hollywood. She is packing her bag. She puts in her favorite dresses and shoes. She is also bringing her script.

"Maybe I am in a movie," she thinks. Her mom is helping her pack. "You are my star," her mom says. Lila is hugging her mom. She is excited but nervous.

Lila is flying to Hollywood. The plane is big. She is looking out the window. The clouds are white and fluffy. Lila is imagining Hollywood. She sees big signs and tall buildings in her mind. She is landing in Los Angeles. The city is huge! Lila is taking a taxi to her hotel. The hotel is nice. Lila is looking at the pool and the palm trees. "This is Hollywood," she says.

In Hollywood, Lila is meeting a movie director. The contest prize includes a meeting with him. His name is Mr. Lee. He is kind and has glasses. "Lila, you are talented," he says. Lila is blushing. "Thankwarden Thank you," she says. Mr. Lee is smiling. "I am making a new movie. Do you want to audition?" he asks. Lila is shocked. "Yes!" she says.

Lila is auditioning the next day. She is nervous. She is standing in a big room. Mr. Lee and other people are watching. Lila is acting her scene. She is pretending to be a brave girl in a movie. She speaks loudly and moves with grace. Mr. Lee is smiling. "You are good, Lila," he says. Lila is happy. "Thank you," she says.

Mr. Lee is talking to Lila after the audition. "You are not in the movie yet," he says. "But I am giving you a small role." Lila is jumping with joy. "A role?" she asks. "Yes," Mr. Lee says. "You are starting small, but you are a star." Lila is crying happy tears again. She is thanking Mr. Lee.

Lila is staying in Hollywood for a week. She is filming her small role. It is a scene in a big movie. She is wearing a beautiful dress. The cameras are big. The lights are bright. Lila is acting with other actresses and actors. She is saying her lines perfectly. The director is happy. "Good job, Lila," he says. Lila is smiling.

Lila is walking around Hollywood. She sees the big Hollywood sign. She is taking pictures. She is visiting movie studios. She is learning about acting. She meets other actresses. They are nice. One actress, Sarah, is famous. "You are new?" Sarah asks. "Yes," Lila says. "I am from Sunnyville." Sarah is smiling. "Keep working. You are good," she says. Lila is happy.

Lila is going home after a week. She is sad to leave Hollywood, but she is excited. She is holding her plane ticket and her script. She is thinking about her future. "I am coming back," she says. On the plane, she is writing in a notebook. She is writing about her dreams. She wants to be a big actress.

When Lila is arriving in Sunnyville, Mia is waiting. "Tell me everything!" Mia says. They are sitting in the café. Lila is telling her story. "Hollywood is big and shiny," she says. "I am in a movie!" Mia is clapping. "You are a star!" she says. Lila is smiling. "I am just starting," she says.

Lila is back at the café. She is working and saving money. She is practicing acting every day. She is sending letters to Mr. Lee. He is writing back. "Come back to Hollywood," he says. Lila is planning her next trip. She is dreaming of big movies. She is happy.

Lila is looking at the stars at night. She is thinking about Hollywood. "I am an actress," she says. "I am going to shine." She is smiling at the sky. Her dream is coming true. Lila is ready for her next adventure.

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