

The Night Boy

A Story Where A Girl Changes Her Ways

Raven Crosby only hung out with people that were like her. She hates people that were different. Then she comes across a person that changes her life.

One day, Raven sat at her desk trying to focus on her art project for school when she heard noises outside. "Raven!" called her mom, "Come! We have new neighbors!" "Yeah, come and meet them!" yelled Marisa, her older sister. "I'm busy!" Raven yelled back. Raven got into a lot of trouble but fortunately (to her) she didn't have to meet the new neighbors.

One night, Raven woke up to the strange noises coming from outside. *What could it be?* wondered Raven. *I'll go look.* So Raven crept to her window and saw a boy. She almost screamed. *I'm probably just seeing things,* she thought. *I'll just go back to sleep.*

The next morning at breakfast, her dad mentioned going to see a movie together called *Ghost Finders*. That reminded her about what she had seen outside last night. "Hey Mom and Dad, would you know why I saw a boy wandering in the dark last night?" "Where was he?" Dad asked her. "Oh, around the neighbor's yard," replied Raven. "Honey," Mom said gently. "There's a boy who is unfortunate enough to have a disability where he can't be out in the sun." *Ha!* thought Raven. *I can't wait to tease him about it.*

That night, Raven sneaked out of the house at 12:00 a.m. She felt that strange pull that she always felt right when she was about to bully someone. Oddly the pull wasn't pulling to her next victim, but pulling her in the other direction. She ignored the pull and crept out into the darkness. She flashed her flashlight in the direction of the boy and said, "Hey Mr. I can't see sunlight." "Hey, stop it. It's unkind. What if I said Hey Miss I'm normal, there's nothing special about me, how would you feel?" asked the boy. "I don't care. Bad night Mr. Night-no sun," replied Raven.

The next day Raven told her friends Gwen and Gianna about her encounter with the boy last night. "How about we all go and taunt him tonight?" suggested Gwen. "Sure!" said Raven and Gianna excitedly.

That night at 11:30 p.m., Gwen and Gianna met Raven in the bushes beside her house. "He'll come out at 12:00 a.m.," Raven told Gwen and Gianna. Sure enough at 12:00 a.m., the boy came out. "On the count of three we go out and taunt him. 1,2,3," Gianna told Gwen and Raven. The girls jumped out and started taunting him. All of a sudden, the boy yelled for his parents. Raven, Gwen, and Gianna froze. His parents came rushing out. The boy told his parents what had happened. Raven finally got the nerve to tell Gwen and Gianna to run.

The next morning, Raven's mom told Raven that after last night the boy's mom told her about what had happened. "Raven, we signed you up for a class with a nice man named Mr. Brummel to help you become able to tolerate others differences. *Ugh!* thought Raven. *I don't like how people are trying to change me. I like who I am.*

That afternoon, Raven went to Mr. Brummel's room. "Hello?" she asked. "Hi Raven, come on in," said Mr. Brummel. "I've heard you're a bit of a bully." *How am I supposed to respond to that?* "Okay," said Mr. Brummel. "Let's think how would you feel if someone treated you differently just because you were different." As the conversation went on, it seemed as though Raven finally understood what she was doing. At the end of the session, Raven thanked Mr. Brummel. "You really helped me realize what I was doing," she said.

That night, Raven went out and saw the boy she had teased. "I'm sorry about being mean to you," she said hanging her head down. "I forgive you," replied the boy. "By the way, my name is Edwin." "Mine's Raven," Raven told him. "Would you like to play with me?" asked Edwin. "Sure!" replied Raven. "Let's be friends."

The next day at school, she helped Gwen and Gianna realize what they were doing when they were bullying people. Raven realized that anybody can change their ways to become a better person.

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