THE HUNDRED DRESSES

 

 “The hundred dresses”is a very touching story as it is a sensitive account of how a poor young girl judged by her classmates. Wanda Petronski is a young polish girl who goes to school with American children in an American town. These other children see Wanda as an innocent girl who has to tolerate insults from her friends because she is a poor girl who cannot afford to come to school in a variety of dresses like other girls of her class .



Her friends Peggy and Maddie often made fun of her poverty. In order to counter their taunts and sarcastic remarks she often told them that she had hundred dresses in her closet which made them all the more sarcastic. Wanda won a painting contest in which she displayed hundred dresses all in different colors and designs which won the heart of the judges. That contest and the beautiful drawings of the dresses made her classmates regret for making fun of such a creative girl. Wanda was adjudged the best designer as she had stretched a hundred dresses, all beautiful and different. But she could not come to school to receive the medal.



Her father wrote a letter to Miss Mason that Wanda would not come to school as they were moving to a new city. The mischievous girls Peggy and Maddie feel sorry for teasing Wanda for her hundred dresses and her unusual name. Maddie personally feels sad and tense for being a party to Peggy in teasing Wanda.



Both of them decided to write a letter to Wanda who was responded to by Wanda by writing a loving letter to Miss Mason and she requested her to gift the beautiful dresses to Peggy and Maddie. On seeing the beautiful pictures both of them become emotional. Finally, they change their opinion about Wanda and regret for teasing their cute friend.