

A Surprise Package in the Mailbox

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Flop. Flop. Flop. Ella glided to the door to get her Saturday Sales Flyers. She walked across her home's threshold and opened the mailbox. Unexpectedly, she found an envelope with her name instead. She opened the envelope and noticed a 100 million dollars check along with a letter. She read the letter which apparently stated that she had won the Publisher's Clearing House Contest. She then suddenly remembered that she randomly wrote a story and entered the contest months ago. During her wait, she forgot all about it since it had been a long time.

Ella snapped right after she reminisced about the past. Then, she remembered the situation again and she yelled, "Oh My Gosh! I won the competition! I won the contest!" She hurtled to her home phone and called all her kin to explain about the wild story. Then, she asked for ideas about what to do with the immense amount of money. Her father had suggested that she should distribute all the money between the whole family. However, Ella felt greedy to give all the money to her family, while there were still poor people out in this world.

When Ella was still pondering about this situation, she accidentally turned on the television to the news channel. The news at that moment reported about the catastrophe caused by Hurricane Irma. Ella astonished by the title, and she got absorbed in the rest of the report. She mourned and felt sympathetic to the people that lived in the Caribbean. Head over heels by the story, she searched online and attained more information. Apparently, British Virgin, St. Martin, and Barbuda islands were hit the most deleterious.

With the subject in her heart and mind, she remembered her 100 million dollars prize. She started to be determined that she was going to help out the three islands. First, Ella bought 5000 liters of water for drinking and cleansing from Walmart. Next, she purchased 2500 tons of instant food for hunger from Target. Thirdly, Ella bartered 10,000 trash bags to clean up the debris from Costco. All the supplies were sent to each island with 3 booked flights to transfer cargo.

One week later, Ella gazed at the news on her laptop and noticed that the islands had recovered. Also, the islands cleared the debris much quicker due to the donation of trash bags, and many lives were saved. In addition, the reporter added that the mysterious donor was not found, but would be thanked. Ella thought to herself, maybe giving was more important than getting.