Halloween was approaching. Everyone was preparing and looking forward to this holiday. Spiders and cobwebs were hung on every street. When you walked beside them, they made some scary sounds. On some streets, you would notice costumes of famous monsters. It was dark, scary and creepy like you were in a scene of a horror movie. I heard thunder. Bats were flying everywhere. The only light was from the scary pumpkins. Treat or trick was echoing in the air. But, in front of every house that celebrated this holiday there was a Jack-o'-lantern, and next to it a bowl of sweets. People prepared and organized events and parties for Halloween. The most famous attraction every year was the escape room. It was in several locations, but the ticket was very expensive, so not everyone could afford to go. This year, instead of the mysterious Escape Room, we had Dr. Myers' circus. The circus was intended for children from 5 to 15 years of age. The only requirement to visit the circus was to come in a mask. Because there was a competition for the best mask. It was Halloween Eve. All the children were happy and excited about this event and asked their parents for a permission to go there. Iris and Ella did the same.

They asked their mother: - Mom, can we go to the circus? - they both shouted at the same time.

- Of course, you can replied the mother.
- Thank you, mom, and they thanked her with a kiss for the permission and hugged her over and over again. They were very thrilled and excited. They were looking forward to the morning.

The next day they got up very fast and prepared for the evening circus. After a few hours they found themselves in front of the circus. They went to the ticket office and bought tickets. They saw around them that all the spectators are masked. They were surprised, but it didn't matter to them. When they took the first step in the circus, someone shouted:

- Wait, where are you going?
- We want to enter the circus answered the two girls confused.
- You can't enter shouted the man.
- But why? We have the tickets explained the girls.
- But you are not wearing a costume answered the man and pointed at them angrily.

The girls were disappointed and moved away from the entrance. Fortunately, Iris came up with a genius idea, but she didn't tell her sister. Because she thought that way the plan would be better implemented. And the plan was to make a mess of their hair and put some mud on their hair, face and clothes in that way, they could be ready for the circus. Suddenly, Iris started to pull her sister's hair. Ella started to do the same to her sister. Iris found some mud in a puddle from yesterday's rain, so she covered parts of her sister's face and clothes with mud. After a while, Ella joined in and Iris was covered in mud. Both stopped at the same time. Ella was angry. All in tears, she asked Iris:

- What is happening?

Iris told the plan to Ella. When she heard it, she calmed down and was no longer angry, so she sat down. Their masks were ready, they just needed a little blood. When they fixed that, they looked very scary. All

of them bloody and muddy, they headed towards the entrance. They looked like real zombies. This time no one answered and they entered. When they entered, it was already approaching the end of the circus. Now the best mask was going to be chosen. All the participants stood in a line, including Iris and Ella. And the winners were Iris and Ella.

- WOOW- they shouted.

They were confused and surprised. They were also sad because they missed the show, but for the first time they were really happy because they won. When they asked:

- How did you make the mask and what is the secret of the mask?
- They answered simultaneously. A few little packets of ketchup leftover from our dinner.

The judges were stunned by the response and they clapped them with pleasure. The next question was:

- How long did it take you to prepare the mask?
- Only seven minutes was their answer.

The judges gave them a medal for the cup and congratulated them. They proudly returned home, and when they told all this to their mother, she was proud of her children too. And they also received a well-deserved prize. The prize was a basket of sweets and new scary costumes for the next year.

Sometimes little things and smart ideas can change your life. Be creative, funny and dream with open eyes because sometimes dreams come true. Happy Belated Halloween!

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