

# *THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN SCHOOL*

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Jim and John were best friends. Over the years, they came to know each other very well. They went on camping trips and they went to the zoo together. They had overnights at each other's houses where they slept outside under the stars. They had done just about everything two friends can do.

However, their friendship was about to get the biggest test ever. They did not expect it, but when it happened, it was the worst time in their lives.

They had been in the same school since the first grade, and now they were in going to go to same middle school. Even though they were not in any classes together, they were able to walk to and from school every day.

As the boys walked into the building, on the first day of school, they both saw the most amazing thing they had ever seen in their lives. They were both speechless. They did not know what to say or what to do. There in front of them was the most beautiful girl they had ever seen. They both fell in love. She did not even notice them as she walked past them to go to her first class.

All Jim and John could do was stare at her as she walked by. She was so beautiful with long black hair, sparkling green eyes, and long legs. She was wearing a pink blouse with a blue skirt. She looked perfect to them. After she walked away, the boys looked at each other in amazement.

“Who was that?!” they said at the same time.

During the morning, they each asked the other students who that girl in the pink

blouse was. Nobody really knew who she was because she was new to the town.

In Jim's second period class, just before the bell rang, in walked the girl in the pink blouse. She sat in the desk right in front of him.

During attendance, he found out her name was Melissa King.

"What a beautiful name," he thought, and then he began to daydream.

When John got to his fourth period class, he ended up sitting next to the beautiful girl in pink.

"WOW", he thought to himself. "How do I even talk to her?"

He also learned that her name was Melissa King.

After school, as the boys walked home, there was no conversation. Each one was quiet deep in thought.

The next morning, Jim admitted that he had found his perfect love at school the day before.

"Really?" asked John. "That's strange because so did I."

Jim answered, "Well my girl is much prettier than yours."

"No way!" answered John.

"So, what's her name?" asked Jim.

"No, you tell me first," responded John.

"Let's say our girlfriends' name together," Jim suggested

"OK," replied John.

"One, two, three..... Melissa King!" they said at the same time.

"WHAT?! You've got to be kidding," they said to each other.

"She's my girlfriend," John said.

Then Jim said, "No, mine!"

They started to argue and then they began to fight. They had never had a fight before. They rolled around on the ground and got their school clothes all dirty. They finally got tired and agreed to finish the fight after school.

At school, the boys both looked terrible. They were dirty, had cuts, their clothes

were torn, and they were angry.

The other students looked at them and asked, “What happened to you?”

They ignored the questions and went to their classes.

In second period, when Melissa came to class, she noticed how bad Jim looked.

She asked him, “What happened to you?”

At first, it was exciting for him to have Melissa ask him a question, but then he realized it was because of her that he had gotten into the fight.

He just replied “Nothing, just an argument.”

“That must have been some argument. What was it about?” she questioned him.

“Nothing,” he responded back.

Just then, Tom Harmon, the most popular boy in the school, walked in and gave Melissa a hug, and then asked her what she was doing after school.

Jim just slumped in his chair and hid his face.

When fourth period came around, Melissa saw John, and how dirty he was. She asked John, “What happened to you? You look just like Jim!”

“Nothing,” John replied.

“Did you and Jim get into a fight?” she asked.

“Kind of like that,” John said shyly.

“What did you fight about?” she asked.

“Nothing important,” John said.

Just then, Tom Harmon walked up to Melissa and gave her a hug, Then he told her he would be waiting for her after school.

John slumped in his chair and hid his face.

After school, Jim went a different way home to avoid seeing John. John also took a different road to his house. Unfortunately, they chose the same path and ended up seeing each other. John was afraid that Jim still wanted to fight. Jim was afraid that John wanted to fight, so when they saw each other, they just they avoided each other.

For two weeks, they did not speak to each other or even walk to school together.

They did not eat lunch together, they did do any of the things they used to do.

The kids in the school kept asking them what was wrong, but they never answered. Jim and John had always been best friends and everyone knew it.

Finally, John's mom was concerned.

"Why hasn't Jim been over? It has been two weeks since he's been here. Is there something wrong?" she asked.

"No, everything's fine. We just had a little argument. We'll be okay," John replied.

A month passed and the two boys were still avoiding each other. They took different ways to school, and ate by themselves in the cafeteria. People would always ask them why they were not friends anymore.

They would just say, "Never mind."

One day, John's mother asked him if he wanted to go to the park to play with his sister. John really did not want to play with his sister, but it was better than being at home doing nothing and being bored.

When they got to the park, John saw Jim with his little brother playing in the park.

John said to his mother, "I want to go home!"

His mother said, "No, it's time for you and Jim to be friends again."

She told him he had to get out of the car and talk to Jim. Then she left him with his sister in the park.

John came up to Jim and told him what his mother had said, "My mom says that we have to be friends again, or she's going to be very mad."

They sat down and told their stories about Melissa and Tom Harmon. They were amazed that the same thing had had happened to them.

Melissa King was not worth fighting over and neither would any other girl. They decided that they had to be friends to the end.

**VOCABULARY** (*Match the word to its definition*)

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| 1. camping _____    | a. sleep over at a friend's house |
| 2. overnights _____ | b. not clean                      |
| 3. amazing _____    | c. well liked                     |
| 4. speechless _____ | d. tired, no energy               |
| 5. argue _____      | e. evade, sidestep                |
| 6. dirty _____      | f. place to play outside          |
| 7. popular _____    | g. remarkable, wonderful          |
| 8. avoid _____      | h. unable to speak                |
| 9. park _____       | i. sleep outside in the forest    |
| 10. bored _____     | j. quarrel, disagree, fight       |

**TRUE / FALSE**

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| 1. Jim and John were brothers.                   | T / F |
| 2. Melissa King was beautiful.                   | T / F |
| 3. The boys fought over a game they had played.  | T / F |
| 4. Jim has a sister.                             | T / F |
| 5. John's mother took him to the park.           | T / F |
| 6. Jim and John were best friends.               | T / F |
| 7. They never became friends again.              | T / F |
| 8. Tom Harmon was Melissa's brother.             | T / F |
| 9. Jim and John had many classes together.       | T / F |
| 10. They saw Melissa on the first day of school. | T / F |

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. How long had Jim and John known each other? \_\_\_\_
  - a) two years
  - b) all of their lives
  - c) since the first-grade school
  - d) since the first day of middle school
  
2. What did the boys do on their way to school? \_\_\_\_
  - a) they had a big fight
  - b) they walked home
  - c) they played in the park
  - d) they went to the store
  
3. Who was Melissa's boyfriend? \_\_\_\_
  - a) Tom Jones
  - b) Tom Harmon
  - c) Jim
  - d) John
  
4. How many classes did the boys have together in middle school? \_\_\_\_
  - a) two
  - b) three
  - c) all
  - d) none

**COMPREHENSION:** *(Write a complete sentence to answer the question.)*

1. Why did the two boys fight?

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2. What was the name of the Melissa's boyfriend?

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3. How long did the boys stay away from each other?

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4. Who made the boys meet at the park?

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5. What was the name of the beautiful girl?

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6. What did the girl ask Jim and John in class?

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7. What kind of school did the boys attend?

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8. When did the boys fight?

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9. What period class did Jim have with Melissa?

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10. What color eyes did Melissa have?

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