

Susan and Ann whispered in the lunchroom. They were talking about going to the mall on Friday night. All of the kids at Wilson Middle School went to the mall on Friday night. The kids liked to walk through the mall. They would look at the clothes in the windows. They would go to the movies as soon as the mall closed.

Susan's parents would never let her go to the mall. They said the kids were too rough. They said that they did not want her out late at night. Susan was unhappy that her parents would not let her go to the mall. Susan decided that she would disobey her parents tonight. Whether her parents liked it or not, she was going to the mall.

Susan and Ann planned how Susan would sneak out of the house. They decided that Susan should pretend to have a headache when she got home from school. As soon as Susan said that she had a headache, her mother would make her go to bed. Susan would pretend to be sleeping when her parents came in to check on her. Later that evening, Susan would sneak out of her window. Susan would run down the road to Ann's house. Ann's mother would drive the two girls to the mall. Ann's mother would never know that Susan had slipped out of her house.

That afternoon, everything went according to plan. When Susan got home, she said that she had a headache. Her mother made her go to her room to rest. When her mother checked in on her later, Susan pretended to be fast asleep. As the sky grew dark, Susan's mother checked in on her again. Again, Susan pretended to be asleep. When Susan heard the door close, she got out of bed. She slipped on her clothes. She stuffed pillows under the covers to look like she was still in the bed. Then she crept to the window and opened it up.

Suddenly, the door opened and the light switched on! There in the doorway stood Susan's mother and father. "Where do you think you're going, young lady?" asked Susan's father. Susan knew that she could not lie. She told her parents how much she wanted to go to the mall. She told her parents how much she wanted to do things that the other kids did.

Susan's mother and father sat down on the bed beside her. They talked to her for a long time. They did not realize how much this meant to Susan. They told her that she could go to the mall as long as she was home by 9:00. They told her that Susan would have to behave. Susan was happy. She was glad that her parents were going to let her go to the mall with her friends.

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