

Anxious

April awoke... her mouth was dry and her eyes were crusty. April yawned and then her eyes widened. The nerves were already kicking in. She brushed off her blankets, but didn't get out of bed. The sleepy girl just lay there in an uneasy feeling. Finally, April's mum stepped into the room and asked, "April are you ready for your dance competition?" April whined in reply. She finally had the courage to get out of bed. Eventually, April pulled up her body and slowly changed into her costume. She staggered into her bathroom with a shiver where she tied up her hair into a tight bun.

"April! It's time to go!" The car ride was quiet. April's thoughts took over as she stared out the window. The trip there felt never ending. The car made a sudden stop. April had a cold sweat knowing she had to get out of the car. She opened the car door and stepped out of the vehicle with her head facing down; the cold breeze gave her goosebumps.

April was backstage perfecting her look. She found it difficult to use her hands because they were trembling so much. There will be so many people watching. You are going to mess up! You're just going to embarrass yourself, said the voice inside her head. She felt sick. Just as April stood up to find her mum, her dance teacher came running over. "April! Mandy has injured herself during rehearsal, you are going to need to fill in for her." April froze. Mandy was the lead role. April's heart was racing and her breath became heavier. Her body felt boiled. April gave a slight nod to her dance teacher. She then stood up, she was dizzy, but she knew it was time. April was seconds from going on stage when, from a distance she noticed her mum smiling and clapping in the audience, she felt comforted. All of a sudden, the music began, and the crowd was cheering. April's dance teacher gave her a nudge. As soon as she was on stage, every worry went away. It was her time to shine. The next thing she knew, the audience and judges were applauding. April's cheeks ached from smiling so much!

"And first place goes to!.. Act 150!" April and her team sprung up. April was handed a huge golden trophy that sparkled in the light. She hugged her teammates and sprinted from the stage squealing in excitement. April couldn't wait to tell everyone about her astonishing performance and went home with rosy cheeks and a smile. From that moment on, April was confident in herself and followed her dreams, even when she's the last minute lead role.