

HOW DO YOU RETURN?



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In New Zealand, a rich family lives happily. The house is very large and has many rooms and has a large hot spring and a large swimming pool and has many cooks and servants and some luxurious-model cars and private drivers and has a lot of country houses around the world. The members of the family are you and your parents. You are a selfish girl and don't have a friend but you have many owls and the owls are your only friends. You like owls and you don't like human's life.

One day, you are presented a strange taste candy by a neighbor African boy and you eat it behind your family's back at night. Next morning, you notice that you changed into an owl when you wake up. You are very surprised and don't know what to do at first. You try to call your parents for help but you can't speak. You changed only your form and your brain was not changed. You think what way to tell your parents what happened to you. However if you don't tell your parents about your change, you must think what you should do from now on by yourself. You fear that you will be an owl forever and begin to think how to return to human.

Suddenly you hear the noise that someone goes upstairs and your parents open the door of your room. They come to your room because you didn't come down the kitchen and they worried about you.

If they notice your change, go to page 4,
if they don't notice your change, go to page 11.

You decide to choose the man with gold hair, Bob, because you think you will be able to believe his candor. You doubt the man with black hair, Tom. The reason is that you saw his shady smile when you went out of their room. You write a letter to Bob. He answers soon.

"I'll try to do my best to answer the expectation, but I need more time to find the way to return you into human. Please give me time to study it. Our study group will go to America. If you want to talk to me, please phone to me. Phone#: 035-8614-9553," his letter says.

You have waited for 3 months, and at last, a letter from Bob comes to you. Soon you go to his room in the zoo. You met Tom who becomes a person who has only bones and skin.

"I did my best, but I couldn't find the way to return to human, I'm really sorry..." Tom says, "I suggest you work at this zoo and become a star of this zoo. How do you think? Of course, I will continue my studying."

You think Tom is doing his best, so you decide to try to work at the zoo.

"Ok, I'll try it. Thank you for your effort." you say.

Soon you become a star of the zoo. A lot of people go to see you as a wise owl, so the zoo can get much money. You also are paid a lot of money, and you become very rich! You spend a great time as an owl.

The End

You land on the ground and rest yourself. Then you see some figures. You approach them slowly, and you know that they are a group of Maori. You have heard that there is Maori who is former inhabitant in New Zealand from your mother. In addition, it is said that Maori have their own lifestyle that is wrapped in mystery. Therefore you think that perhaps they know how to return you to human. You decide to ask for help to them. You try to make eye contact with them, and appeal to them for help. At first, they see you curiously, but after the long eye contact, they seem to read your thought in your eyes, and lead you to the elder of Maori. You tell him this mysterious course in owl's words, and somehow he can understand what you said. Suddenly he begins to recite a charm. When he spells abracadabra, you lose all feeling in your body. The next moment you change into human. You thank them and leave for your home. As you walk in the forest, you meet a police officer.

"What is your name? What are you doing?" the police officer says.

"My name is Eris. I'm on the way to home," you answer.

"Eris!? We are just looking for you!" he says and takes you home in the patrol car.

Your parents are very pleased at meeting you, but you don't talk this mysterious experience to them. You decide to keep it only in the back of your mind.

The End

Suddenly you have a good idea. You come up your computer and turn on the switch of it by your beak. You try to push the keyboard.

"I am your daughter. I changed this!! Please help me," your parents see your action and read it and cry at one time.

"Are you Eris? Unbelievable!!"

"But why did Eris change like this? I never heard the story that a human changes into an owl. How do we do to return her to human?" your father says.

"I don't know. Perhaps, Eris will be an owl forever..." your mother says and begins to cry.

"Don't say silly things! I will return her to human surely. Any way, let's go down and think it over, having a breakfast. We will have a good idea soon!!" your father says. You agree it and you go down and go to the kitchen. You father starts to read a newspaper.

"Look!! This is an article about two famous fanciers in a zoo. Shall you go there and ask them about Eris?" suddenly he cries.

"Really? But I have a friend who is a famous scientist around here. Shall we go there and ask him?" you mother says.

If they take you to a zoo, go to page 8,
if they take you to a great scientist's house, go to page 10.

Your parents leave the decision to you, but you can't choose soon.

"I'm afraid of taking a different one. If I will never be able to be human..."

You decide that you will choose after going back home. You and your parents go back home.

"Eris, I think we are tired and you need enough time to think. We are going to sleep now. Think all night and you should try tomorrow. Good night." Your father and mother go bedroom.

Before going to bed, you look around your room and find a teddy bear with a pink ribbon. It is a present your old friend gave to you. You haven't contacted with her because of a slight argument, but you still like her very much. You remember happy memories with her by this teddy bear. Then, you decide to choose the pink tablet. You go to bed.

The next morning, you call your parents and try to take it in the face of them. When you take it, you feel some pains and you are surrounded by white light. At the moment, your leg, head, hands, arm and neck grow, and you get eyes, mouth and all your body! You return to human!

Soon, you go to your friend's house and say sorry to her. She also regrets to fight with you. You can make up with her and become friendly again.

The End

Your mother feeds you the earthworms everyday because all of owls like the earthworms and actually, you fed your owls them. Other owls eat them with relish, but you can't eat them anyway. After 2 weeks, you become weak by hunger. You try to eat them many times, but you can't do it even though you are very hungry.

"I know I would die if I don't eat them," you say.

"You must eat them. Please eat them. You are an owl now, and you are same as us, so you can eat them. I'm sure." all owls say.

You close your eyes and open your mouth. One owl puts one earthworm in your mouth. You shake from unpleasantness. You chew it and you are surprised at its deliciousness. It is sweet and its crisp is very good. Then you eat a lot of earthworms and you become very healthy. When you become healthy, you want to fly in the big sky. You talk to the owls about it and you plan to escape from the cage. One day, when your mother opens the cage to put your meal in the feeder, you and other owls escape from it all at once. You can be free but you should separate from your parents. You are sad but you can't live in the cage. You and your owls go to the forest. There are a lot of earthworms and warm beds. You decide to live as an owl for a lifetime. Sometimes you visit your parents even though they treat you as an owl, but you can feel happiness. You live with your friend owls happily.

The End

Your parents decide to keep your owls because the owls are her treasures and they think if there aren't the owls when you come back, you would be sad, so you should live in the cage with your owls. It is very good for you to be able to understand what your owls speak. Your owls are very kind. All your owls love you and are worried about you.

"Do you know why you changed into an owl?" an owl asks.

"I don't know. Do you know how to return to human?" you say.

"I'm sorry, but we don't know, but we all want to help you. We love you because you were very kind to us."

You are very glad to hear their words, but you can't be happy at bottom. You want to walk, watch TV, eat dinner, take a bath and sleep on your bed.

"I want to return to human. I can't live as an owl!"

Suddenly, your room's door opens and your mother comes in.

"Your meal is ready!!"

She puts the owls' meal in the feeder, and you are surprised because the owls' meal is the earthworms. In fact, you hate all kinds of worms. You take the shape of an owl but your brain is still human. You feel very bad, but you should eat them to live as the owl. If you don't eat them, you might die from starvation.

If you can eat the earthworms, go to page 6,
if you can't eat the earthworms, go to page 13.

You and your parents decide to go to the zoo soon. The zoo is far from here. It takes 2 days to go there by ship and bus. You get seasick because of a voyage. However, you can manage to arrive the zoo after 2 days later. You go to the information center of the zoo, and explain your condition.

"We want to meet famous fanciers who are written in the article of a newspaper," your father says to a front desk clerk.

The front desk clerk calls two fanciers. They approve to meet you, so you go to the room where they are. They are twin brothers. Their appearances are similar to each other, but their characters are not alike at all with each other. A man with black hair is an older brother. A man with gold hair is a younger brother. They have quarreled for 10 years.

"I want to help you, but you must choose one of us. I do not want to cooperate with him," pointing to the man with gold hair, the man with black hair says to you.

"If you choose me, I will study what we should do," the man with gold hair also says to you.

"We go back home once, and we consider which person we must choose," my father says to them. Then we go back home.

If you choose a man with black hair, go to page 12,
if you choose a man with gold hair, turn to page 2.

You fly for a clear day, and the day is drawing to an end. You feel exhaustion on the way to Africa. You swirl and fall in the ground.

You can't see anything in the dark forest. You close your eyes, leaning against the tree. When you are getting to sleep, you hear a low sound. You wake up with a start, and look around, and strain your ears for the sound. The sound seems to be made from the bushes. You stare at the bushes, and see something shimmering, at the same time something long and thick bursts from the bushes.

It is a cobra!! The cobra is about 2 meters long. Then it raises its forehead upright and extends its hood as threat. You are surprised at seeing the cobra, and scream. Then the cobra wriggles toward you slowly. The cobra seems to be hungry, and it is just about to gnash. You try to fly away from it, but you are tired, so you can't do. You can just walk with your two thin foot. Meanwhile, the cobra comes up beside to you. You are in a serious crisis! You think that you will be eaten by the cobra visibly. You wish to return to human strongly. However you don't get your wish.

In less than no time, you are swallowed by the cobra. You visualize the face of your family and owls that you have in the cobra's body. You feel that you lose your consciousness gradually.

The End

Your mother says, her friend, George has stayed near here for three days for a meeting of the New Zealand Chemical Society. Your father agrees with your mother, so they call him to ask to invent a medicine. George answers the phone, and your parents tell this trouble to him.

“Maybe you can’t believe what I say, but my daughter changed to an owl. We want to try to return her to human, but we can do nothing. Could you invent the medicine to return Eris to human?”

“Is it true!? Even if it is so, it is very difficult to invent that medicine. I can’t help you.”

George refuses, but your parents never give up and give a large sum of money to him. At first, he hesitates, but after he takes this money, he decides to try to invent the medicine. Soon, he starts to invent it. He remembers that he once challenged experimentation like this, so he gathers lots of kinds of fruits and nuts and chemical fertilizers and liquids, and mixes and heats them in many combinations. In the end, he makes two tablets. One is pink, another is blue. He says to your parents.

“I made two tablets, but I didn’t have enough time and to test them, so I don’t know which tablet can return Eris to human. Try both.”

If your parents choose the pink tablet first, go to page 5,
if your parents choose the blue tablet first, go to page 15.

"Oh, where is Eris? She disappeared!" your mother says.

"She might be kidnapped for ransom. Let's call the police for searching for her!!" your father says and they go down.

They don't notice your change. Many police cars stop in front of your house. Your neighbors stand in front of your house and they chat about what happened to your house. But they can't find you that day or any clues.

That night, your parents fall asleep because of exhaustion. You want your parents to notice that you have changed into the owl, so you cry out to them for help.

"Hoot, hoot..." you continue to cry for three hours.

"Because those owls cry loudly, I can't sleep. Why do they cry loudly? They never did like this before," your mother wake up and says.

"I think because they must be hungry. Don't worry," your father says.

"We have had those owls because Eris wanted to have them but now Eris isn't here. We don't have to have them from now on, do we? Let's set them off!!" your mother says.

"Are you kidding? They are Eris's treasures. We must not do that!" your father says.

If they set your owls free, go to page 14,
if they keep your owls, go to page 7.

You decide to choose the man with black hair, Tom, because you go through both of them and you find Tom did a great task. You call Tom and ask to help you. He delights with your decision. You look forward to returning to human.

One week later, Tom calls you and asks you to come to his room in the zoo. You think Tom can find a great method, and you are so happy. You arrive at the zoo. When you enter his room, Tom is talking with strangers and handshaking with them. You can know they are a TV crew because of their belongings. You think why there is a TV crew. After they talk to Tom, they go out of the room.

"Please sit on a sofa, I want to talk with you," Tom says to you. You sit down and feel so happy. However, he breaks your happy feelings.

"I suggest that you should be on TV. If you come on a documentary program, you can get a sum of money! It is interesting isn't it? You like money, don't you? I have already accepted this nice proposal from some TV companies. You can't refuse it!" he says to you and hands over you to his co-workers who wear black suits suddenly.

Tom is a man obsessed with money! Your father and mother are shot by Tom because of trying to help you. You lose your family and you are forced to come out many TV program. You are so tired. At last, you die from stress.

The End

You can't eat the earthworms for 1 week. You become very weak because of hunger. You try to eat them many times but you can't eat them. All your owls are worried about you.

"You should eat them, otherwise you will die. All of us love them and you also are an owl so you can eat them," an owl says.

"I have tried to eat them but I couldn't do it. I can put them in my mouth, but I can't swallow them," you say.

You don't eat the earthworms for 1 month. You become weaker and weaker and finally you can't move anymore. Your parents notice something unusual. You are in the hospital.

"I'm sorry but it is too late. She can live only for 1 week," say the doctor.

Your parents and your owls are very sad. They try to make you eat the earthworms but you can't open your mouth any more. You regret for eating them, and you feel that you can eat them by now, but it is too late. You have no choice but to wait for dieing. After 1 week, you die and when you die, your body changes into human. Your parents are very surprised and notice the owl is you. They regret that they should feed you meal which people eat. However, it is no use regretting that because you won't come back to them forever.

The End

As you hear the footstep, you are happy and cry more loudly, as if to say you are here. Then your parents come in your room from their bedroom angrily.

"Because these owls cry loudly, I can't sleep. Let's set them free," your mother glares at you and says.

"I agree with your idea. We will have the neighbors complaining, so it is better to set them free. We wish these owls to bring our daughter back home," your father says unwillingly.

Then they open the window widely. You feel sad and give up asking for help to your parents, and try to follow after other owls to the night sky. When you fly away, you are confused at flying, but somehow you have known how to fly by owl's instinct. At first, you fly uncouthly, but shortly you become accustomed to fly. You forget the worry whether you can return to human or not, and enjoy flying in the night sky. When you fly for 3 hours or so, you reach the forest far removed from your city, and there you go your separate ways. You are a little tired from the long flying, but you recall that you should look for someone who knows how to return you to human, so you drop into deep thought. Now you remember that there is a famous zoologist who is a specialist in owls in Africa.

If you choose to land in the forest and rest for a spell, go to page 3,
if you choose to keep going toward Africa, go to page 9.

Your parents can't choose, so your father hides the tablets each hand.

"Eris, choose which one."

When you are thinking, you find a beautiful and brilliant ruby ring on middle finger of his right hand. You come to want this ring and you also decide if you can return to human, you will ask your parents to give it and buy many sweets and clothes for you. Then, you ride on your father's right hand. He opens his hand. There is the blue tablet. You take it. Suddenly, you get a heat and headache. You can't see anything and fall down. The next moment you find your surrounding scenery become very big!

"What's happen!?" you yell aloud and look around. When you look in the mirror, you find you change to an amoeba!

Your parents look for you, but you are so small that they can't find you. After a while, they give up finding you. You cry for a long time. After that, you feel drying yourself, so you want to go to the wet place. You are very small so you can't move so far, therefore, you go to the restroom. You feel drying more, so you jump in a toilet. You feel good, but someone come in the restroom. Your father! You try to escape from toilet, but your father sits down and excretes, and drains water! You are flown with water, and go out the river.

The End

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