

The Missing Mask of Sellasville

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Once upon a time, in a town by the sea called Sellasville, Mayor Alice came home from her shopping and found an empty display case in her living room. Usually, there was a mask in the case. The mask had gray feathers and glittering sequins. That mask was special because of the Sellasville Ball. Every year, the people voted for the couple who would dance at the ball. The girl chosen wears the mask, and Mayor Alice wore it as a young woman. It was the day before the ball, and if there was no mask, there was no ball.

Mayor Alice looked everywhere in her house for the mask, but she couldn't find it. She went to the police station and saw Officer Ramone, who was the man chosen to dance at the ball. She told him the mask was stolen, so he said, "I'll see what I can do."

He went to Mayor Alice's house and all he found was a little piece of feather and glitter on the living room rug. Then, he went outside and saw footprints in a mud puddle. He followed those footprints, and they led to a gate. He opened the gate and the footprints stopped. He decided to walk around town to see if there were any other clues.

As he walks downtown, he sees more feathers and glitter. He follows the feathers and glitter to the town mill. He sees Felicity outside, the girl chosen to wear the mask for the ball. He sees a gray feather stuck to her dress. He arrests her, but a wig falls off her head, and Officer Ramone saw it wasn't Felicity, it was Ed, the miller.

Officer Ramone asked Ed why he took the mask. Ed said he likes the ball, but he was never chosen to be the man who dances with the girl. Ed loves to dance. He had locked up Felicity and bought a wig and dress so he could dress up as her and no one would know she was missing.

Officer Ramone forced Ed to take him to her. Ed unlocks Felicity and gives back the mask. Officer Ramone takes it to Mayor Alice. Officer Ramone asked her if Ed could be considered to be put on the list for next year because of how much he loves the ball.

She has an idea. Everyone in the town should get to dance, not just the chosen couple. At the ball, Felicity still wears the mask and dances with Officer Ramone, and Ed dances with Mayor Alice until dawn.

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