

The Winning Web

Once upon a time there was a spider named, Rocky. Rocky went on a walk and saw a poster in the park that said, "Best Spider Web Contest. The spider said, "Oh boy, I'm the best at spider webs!" He decided to immediately enter the contest. I better get to work he thought. He took the poster and headed off to practice.

He was so excited. He drew sketches and more sketches until he found a web design that he loved. It looked like a sun with swirls in the middle. Rocky started to practice day after day. It took him forever to get the swirls done. He timed himself so; he would know how long he would need to complete his web design. It would take Rocky seven hours to get it all done.

The next day, he went to the store to get glue and supplies. He was going to glue gems on his finished web. Rocky wanted his web to sparkle just like the sun!

Finally it was the day of the contest. Rocky was so nervous. He got a table and set up. First, he spread out his sketch to review his design. Next, he put out his sparkles and glue. The judges told everyone to get ready. The contest would begin in one minute. Rocky was ready! A judge made the official announcement and told everyone to begin spinning their webs!

Rocky spun and spun. He made sure to follow his design just like his sketch. After the sixth hour had passed, he was almost done. Just add the sparkles he thought and I am finished. Rocky heard the judge say, "30 minutes left." He added his last sparkle before the time was up. Everyone that was watching him spin his web cheered when he completed his design. They all cheered his name. A few minutes later a judge came by to review his web design. She said, "Hi, what did you create Rocky?" Rocky said, "A winning web!" The judge wrote down notes. Then, she thanked Rocky before moving on to the next person. Rocky stopped the judge before she walked away. He asked her for suggestions on ways he could improve his web. The judge told him his web sparkled just like the sun. He said to himself, I tried my best and that's what matters. At least, that is what his mom always said. When the judge got on the stage, she said, "You all did a fantastic job! "It was hard to pick just one winner, but I did." The judge started with third place, next was second, and then first place. Rocky listened. In third place, Wendy. The audience clapped. In second place Jax. The audience clapped again. Now, Rocky was crossing his legs for good luck. And, in first place, we have, Rocky! "YES," Rocky yelled! Then, the judge said, "for his prize Rocky will be in the newspaper and gets to keep his spider web in the park for everyone to enjoy." Rocky was so happy.

After that year, Rocky still entered the contest. Some years he won, but others he didn't. He always knew though, his webs were winners because he tried his best.

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