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ong time ago, on a cute town, in a cold December day. There were born 2 little girls called Mercedes and Ana, they both were given birth at the same hospital, but... They were from a different family and social class,



Mercedes family was humble, while Ana family was wealthy.







Even when they were both of a different social class.



Mercedes's parents did everything they could to pay for their daughter's studies, no matter what it cost them, Mercedes's future meant a lot to them.

Both at the age of 8 began to study, being a small town both studied in the same school.



During those 8 years, both had been educated in different ways







Mercedes had been brought up as a humble girl, who had no whims, never wanting more than her parents could give her.



Despite the "few resources" her family had, she was always an excellent and a very intelligent girl.



For her, her family was the most important thing, they shared a lot of time together, therefore they were a very close family.





While Ana was educated as any wealthy girl, she had what she wanted, her whims were satisfied when she wanted.



However, she was a smart girl, also of good heart, although she did not have the chance to share with her parents very often, whenever she could be with them, she enjoyed it as if there was no tomorrow.







It was the first day of school, and both were very excited to begin.



Mercedes in part because she wanted to start learning all the new things that the school would give her.



While Ana was excited that she was finally going to have friends to share with, and not feel so alone because of her parents small absence.





Once in school, Mercedes with her ruffled brown hair, her white skin, her cute little stockings, and her motherweaved purse, ran happily all over the yard. \*\*



While Ana, with her spasmodic stance, her smooth red hair, her white stockings, and her pink brandy bag, watched her run, while a small smile on her face as she thought

- ("She is crazy")





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The doorbell rings and it was time to enter the classroom. Ana was one of the first to enter, even though she wanted to make friends, she was a bit shy, so she sat in one of the back seats. While Mercedes, being distracted playing and running in the yard was late, therefore had to sit in one of the back seats also, since there were no more seats.

Ana, saw Mercedes, then looked away quickly, While Mercedes smiled happily at her, saying:

- Hello







Ana was silent, the bell rang again and went to recess, Mercedes came to Ana and said:

M: Hello, my name is Mercedes

A: Hello, my name is Ana



M: Nice to meet you Ana, do you want to be my friend? We can play together A: Of course, I would love to.



Since that moment, their friendship grew and grew, day by day they played and they shared together



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They always drew, made drawings of dresses, clothes, women wearing those dresses that both drew, always dreamed of being fashion designers.

So the years went by, with a growing friendship, even though they were friends, they still did not know what life and family was like.

However, Ana saw how Mercedes's father took her to school every day, gave her a hug and left, while Ana was paid a taxi to take her to school every day.





Part of that, Ana had a little jealousy, and questioned her, because if her father was so wealthy, he could not pay someone to do his job, so he could share time with her



While they were growing up, and both were going through the teenage years, Ana was feeling little by little how the happiness of Mercedes, despite not being so wealthy, was much happier than she.

Those little jealousy, made Ana reject her friend Mercedes.







Mercedes never understood the reason why her friend did that, why he rejected her lately, why he left her alone, why he did not talk to her, or why they simply did not draw their dreams together anymore.



Ana started to be a rebellious girl, did not want to study, or went wrong in her classes, even though she was no longer a Mercedes friend, Mercedes cared about her.







Shortly after, they had finished high school, Mercedes had been admitted to a fashion school, while Ana, because she had lowered her performance, her parents had to pay a private university so she could study.



Some years went by, each one made her life separately, each one took a different road, although both studied the same, Ana had gone to another city to study, whereas Mercedes had stayed in the central university of its town.





After a few years, while Ana studied the 3rd year of her career, her father suffered an accident and lost his life. Ana.

Despite being away. Apparently nothing had mattered to her, after the news of her father, She was still behaving the same, because apparently that pain she had in her childhood of not being able to share with him, had marked her too much.







Ana's disconsolate mother called her, and she did not answer her calls, because she wanted to be alone, after all, so she had decided to make her life in that way



Ana, managed to finish his university career, like Mercedes, although a year later, I did it, but still. He did not have the monetary support he had before, he did not have enough funds to set up her own design company.









was December 14, Ana and It Mercedes's birthday was missing for a week, Ana was alone, without work, and without a home, because even though she had a house, she did not have a family or people to share with, It was a rainy afternoon, she walked very cold through the streets of the city, watching in the shops pictures of gifts, and began to think of all those gifts she had as a child, all the gifts that her father gave her









She began to think that even though her old friend Mercedes was happy with her family, Ana had never questioned herself, whether Christmas or even Mercedes' birthdays had been the same as hers.



Ana broke down in tears, she ran to get home, when she came home, she tried to call her mother, but the call ended always on the answering machine







While she was crying, she lay down on her bed, and gradually fell asleep, amidst her father's memories, and perhaps how badly she acted and how she treated her friend Mercedes, who nonetheless always gave her A nice friendship

The next day, Ana was walking in her city, while she saw an offer of work which was very close to her village, the job offer was in fashion company. "ECHO Styles" Just opened, and needed all available staff, due That the demand for Christmas was very great.









Without hesitation, Ana took her things and went to look for that job offer, when she got there, there were some girls waiting for the interview, each and every one of the girls was to be interviewed by the owner of the company \*\*

At last, it was Ana's turn, I went into the office, the owner of the office was back, while I looked out the window on the cold day.

Ana, I saw a woman with ruffled brown hair, with a hand-knitted hat, and a simple blouse.





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Ana wondered to herself, she is the owner of this business?, and nervously said:

- Good morning.

The woman who saw through the window raised her gaze, and gradually turned, because she recognized this sweet and soft voice, when she turned, could not believe what she saw, was nothing more and nothing less than her great Friend, Ana







Ana very excited saw her, and without hesitation, ran out to hug her, then very sorry she said

A: I'm sorry



M: You do not have to worry, I missed your many hugs.

A: No, I'm sorry for everything I did to you, the way I treat you, my life has changed a lot, I've lost the people I love the most, and you were one of them.







M: You never lost my friendship, I was always the same with you, I knew that you yourself would realize your mistakes.

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A: So many things have happened, you really have no idea what I have to tell you.

M: I know, we'll have a long talk, let's go for a coffee, you tell me a little A: Okay







As they walked to the store, Ana told Mercedes about her father, and how bad she behaved at the time, and the way she had ignored the calls of his mother, to which Mercedes replied,

M: You know, I never understood the reason why you treated me like this, you always had what you wanted.

At It's because I was jealous, jealous that you were happy with your family, and I was not.





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M: But you had me, I was like your sister, like your family, and I know that although you had everything and the material is not the most important, your parents always worked hard, to give you the best, and what You always wanted

M: I must confess that I also felt a little jealous when I saw you with all your things, but you know what? You were my friend, and I was happy to see how you had the joy of having everything.





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A: Mercedes, I want us to be friends again, I want us to become the friends we used to be before

M: Of course Ana, let's be together, and let's draw our dreams together, as before. You will work with me in "ECHO Styles".

A: Nothing would make me happier, while I manage to establish myself in the city, it would be good to work at your side.



M: establish yourself? What do you mean?

A: I lost the money support I had from my parents, and I have almost nothing, my mother does not respond to calls.

M: Well, you will stay in my house, our birthday is in 5 days, Christmas is in 8 You are my sister, you are my family, and you are welcome in my house. I wont let you be alone in these times that are to share with loved ones.







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A: No Mercedes, I do not deserve it, after everything I did. \*\*

M: Well, it's not a question, it's an order!, we're going to take your stuff to my house

A: Seriously Cedes, you have no idea how grateful I am for all this, Thanks for everything

M: No Problem, for that is friendship, to surpass the material, and the hatred or jealousy that may exist, love and friendship can overcome and pass well above all those bad feelings.





After that, Ana spent some time with Mercedes, until she managed to get her own house, until today, they are still the great friends, inseparable, as they had dreamed and even drawn.



This story shows us how the material is not everything, and as jealousy do not lead us to anything, we must always learn from the good things that life gives us.

THE END.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Always remember to give without receiving.

With love.

Sara.

(Rhenea, Falene, Dhena)