

One Pompom Away to Kindness

“We’re open!” said Tess as she opened the door to her aunt’s flower shop called The Enchanted Florist. Tess had moved from Idaho to New York. She was 15 and needed a job, so she moved into her Aunt Sarah’s apartment above the shop. Tess’s mother wanted Tess to be gone anyway. She had started complaining about how old Tess was and she should do something. So, Tess moved. Tess had 12 siblings and it had been hard. One thing that was similar to caring for 12 kids is that you must work and Tess worked hard. Tess wanted to get into Harvard. That morning at the shop they had just come back from a snow week and people were rushing in and out for flowers since it was February 9th. The Enchanted Florist was selling chocolate boxes with pretty roses. Tess was the only worker at The Enchanted Florist besides Sarah. Everyday Tess worked at the cash register or helped customers pick the perfect flowers. That day she was working at the cash register when an old man came in and ordered 2,500 valentine specials. “Wow that’s a lot of flowers.” Tess exclaimed. “Yes, I am ordering flowers for the army. I organized an event where families order them and I pay.” Said the man. Tess thought the man was very kind to do that and she told him he could pick up the flowers the next day. That night Tess kept pondering the man’s act of kindness. She thought that it was really kind to spend money on someone you don’t even know. She went to sleep asking herself the question, “ Could I be that kind?” The next day the man didn’t come. It worried Tess, she kept looking out the store window. Finally, the man came and picked up the flowers and said, “Happy Valentines Day” and “Goodbye” Later that day, a woman and about 12 girls including one in a wheelchair came in and the woman asked, “Hello, I’m Stacey and these are my girls. We are in a cheer team and we have a competition on the 13th. We need some flowers to decorate for our party after.” “Okay, I can do that, how many do you need?” said Tess. Then she thought of a wonderful idea. A smile came across her face. She offered to be the girls’ charity! Stacey started leaping for joy and then she said, “we also need special equipment for Maddie because she is in a wheelchair and she is a flyer.” Tess was happy to help them. She even bought the girls extra pompoms. Tess had a day off so she had a shopping spree. The next day was the competition. Tess hadn’t planned on going, but now she wanted to surprise them. When she got there, she saw the girls performing. She waved at Maddie and that made Maddie’s day. All because of an old man.