

## The Queen's Good Deed

The Queen turned up her collar and slipped out of the palace by the side door for the third time that week. She disguised herself so that when she visited the homeless people who spend their nights cold and lonely on the streets by the palace, they wouldn't know who she really was.

There were so many beautiful dresses, food and drink that she just had to get away from it all. She would usually take the spare food she was testing for the Jubilee parties to the homeless people. She couldn't tell anyone such as her security guards, because she would never be allowed out on her own – after all, she IS the Queen!

The homeless people just thought she was a kind lady that liked to cook, and maybe had a big family with lots of children who had grown out of their clothes and that's why she had so many to give away. They thought she might be quite wealthy because of all the lovely things she had brought, but they had no idea she was the Queen of England, who was having her Jubilee this year. They knew about the Jubilee because they had watched it on televisions whilst hiding in doorways of shops, or on the newspapers they had used to cover themselves with on freezing nights.

A few days later the Jubilee parade was on one of the televisions in a shop near where a homeless person called Eleanor was curled up keeping warm. It was raining heavily and the windows of the electrical shop were steaming up. But through the blurry glass she could see the Queen in a bright red raincoat and wished she had that raincoat right now to keep her warm.

When Eleanor woke up the next day it was sunny but cold, and today's newspapers were already blowing around the streets. Pictures of the Queen standing with her family and waving, wearing the long, red raincoat were spilling out of dustbins in the street. She grabbed one as a blanket. She then sensed someone standing over her and, as she looked up, she spotted an old lady. She handed Eleanor a large paper bag which she opened slowly, her face lighting up with the shiny scarlet piece of material she was pulling up out of the bag. It was a coat and just like the one that the Queen was wearing at the Jubilee parade only yesterday! How could this be? Eleanor looked up in amazement now at the old lady.

Surely it couldn't be....could it?

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