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# Acting the Part

By Kelly Hashway

Hadley rushed off the bus and raced to the senior center, glancing back several times to make sure no one saw her. She loved spending her afternoons with her great uncle and the other seniors, but she didn't think her friends would understand.

"Good afternoon, Hadley," Mr. Matthews said, greeting her at the door. "If you keep coming here to entertain our residents, we're going to have to put you on the payroll." He laughed at his joke and held the door open for her.



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"Very."

Hadley tensed up at the sound of her best friend Tyler's voice. Even though they'd grown up together and were next-door neighbors, Hadley had managed to keep her performances at the senior center a secret.

"What are you doing here?" she asked him.

"I was just going to ask you the same thing. I followed you from the bus."

"I didn't see you on the bus. I thought you had baseball after school." Hadley gulped,

not sure she was ready to tell Tyler what she'd been doing. No one knew she wanted to be an actress when she grew up.

"It was cancelled because the coach is sick."

"Oh. Well, I was just here visiting Uncle Albert."

Uncle Albert cocked his head. "I thought you were performing Rapunzel for us."

"Rapunzel? Are you putting on shows for the residents?" Tyler asked.

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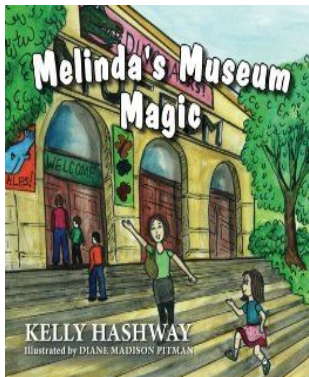
"I thought you'd think it was silly."

"No way. You might be in movies some day if you keep practicing. That's really cool."

Tyler looked around. "Got a costume for me?"

Hadley smiled. "I think we can find you one."

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *Melinda's Museum Magic*, is now available!

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2. Describe the costume Hadley brought for her performance.

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3. Which is not a reason why Hadley performs at the senior center?

- a. She thinks acting is fun.
- b. The people at the senior center like to watch her perform.

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5. Think about the following sentence from the story and answer the question.

*"Good afternoon, Hadley," Mr. Matthews said, "If you keep coming here to entertain the residents, we're going to have to put you on the payroll."*

In the quote above, Mr. Matthews...

- a. was worried that Hadley came too often.
- b. was trying to get Hadley to accept money for her performances.
- c. was asking Hadley to come more often.
- d. was making a joke.

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ raced

a. perform for someone; amuse someone

2. \_\_\_\_\_ entertain

b. clothes worn by someone who is trying to look like someone else

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_



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5. \_\_\_\_\_ velvet

e. hurried

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Rapunzel

f. fairy tale about a girl with long hair

7. \_\_\_\_\_ costume

g. list of people who receive paychecks

8. \_\_\_\_\_ actress

h. very soft material used to make clothes

❖ **Now try this:** Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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In the story, "Acting the Part," Hadley wants to be an actress when she grows up. She performs plays at the senior center because she enjoys acting and because she wants to entertain the residents who live there.

Tell what you might want to be when you grow up. Describe the job and tell why it sounds interesting to you.



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