

The Extreme Make-Over Duckling

a fractured fairy tale scene by Devin G, sixth grade writer

I was minding my own business down at Duck Mall last week. Not that I need to mind my own business since I'm so unpleasant looking that EVERYONE just leaves me alone. But I was minding my own business, and that's the story I am sticking to.

Anyway, suddenly I feel a tap on my shoulder, and I turn around, and there's all these cameras and lights pointed at me. "WHAT?!?!" I yelled.

"Are you Ugly Duckling?" a man in a suit with a microphone asked me. "If you are, we have a wonderful prize for you."

Well, OF COURSE, I have to lie. There's a wonderful prize? I wanted that prize...even though I am not **the** Ugly Duckling. The Ugly Duckling is my cousin, who lives on the other side of town. My name is Unpleasant Duckling, but I wasn't going to tell him that. "Sure," I said, "you got me. I AM the Ugly Duckling. What's my prize?"

"Well, Miss," the man with the microphone says, "our new reality show—Extreme Make-Over for the Animal Kingdom—starts in two weeks, and you've been chosen to be the first contestant. You will receive a week's free treatment at Duck Spa, where you'll be transformed into the PRETTIEST DUCK IN ALL POND CITY! Are you excited?"

YES! "That sounds pretty good," I replied nonchalantly, knowing my cousin would kill me when she found out I took her prize. I smiled at the cameras and said, "Watch out, drakes. I'm about to go super-model!"

Assignment checklist How did Devin do?

For this assignment, Devin was asked to:

- _____ Change the name of an actual fairy tale to inspire a fractured fairy tale.
- _____ Write the story in first-person point of view.
- _____ Use dialogue in the story.
- _____ Use emphasis techniques in the narration.
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- _____ Write a scene that might later be turned into a longer, more complete story.

With a partner or with your class, discuss how Devin did following this assignment's requirements.