

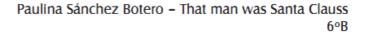








DOLL DREAMS





Once upon a time in a far away kingdom called Spain, Barcelona, something very important was happening in 1912, a new toy company was being opened and its first line of dolls was being launched to the public.

These dolls were taken to many parts of the world. Some of them were taken to the United States, and then they were taken to many states. Some of these dolls were taken to a little toy store called, ``CARL'S TOYS`` and when they were taking out the dolls of the truck one of those dolls fell down and it was broken. This doll was called Mary.

When they started to sell the dolls, they sold out in just two hours, except for one doll, that was Mary.

Thirty years later, in 1942, Mary was still in the same shop waiting for her to be bought, but nobody wanted a broken doll, and she was very old, and girls wanted new toys, not thirty-year old dolls.

One day a little girl called Emily went to the store to choose a doll as her birthday present, Emily was Carl's (the owner of the store who was dead by now) granddaughter and her mother (Carl's daughter) was the new boss of the store so she could give Emily a toy for free.





After she searched a lot to find a beautiful doll, she found Mary, and she told her mother that she wanted that doll. But Caroline (Emily's mother) did not want Emily to have that old and broken doll, so she told her to find another thing, so she bought a doll house.

Mary was very sad because she wanted to have a family, as well as Emily who wanted to have Mary as a doll.

Mary stayed a long time in the shop, she was very sad, she had no friends and she did not have a family.

While Mary was in the shop she had just one friend. This was a teddy bear and his name was Howard. Some months later while Mary was sleeping they bought Howard so Mary was alone again.

The same year on Christmas eve' Mary was alone in the shop because all the other toys were sold. Suddenly someone very fat and with a long white beard caught Mary and put her in a red bag.

The next day Mary saw she was inside a box and she was very scared because she did not know where she was or who that strange fat man was.

Suddenly, Mary heard some children laughing and shouting and she saw through the box that they were opening presents, and finally they opened the present where Mary was, and Mary saw the girl was Emily and Emily saw the present was a doll, and it was Mary!!

Mary was very happy because she finally found a home, as well as Emily because she wanted that doll!!

Right away Emily started to play with Mary and Mary saw that Emily was the girl who bought Howard because he was on Emily's room!!