

Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Owl and The Wizard

The skunk Sal was very sad because no one wanted to play with him. "You smell very bad" they all said. He would have tears in his eyes and would go back home every day.

One day on his way back home, he met an owl named Oleg. "Why are you crying?" asked the Owl. "I smell very bad, so no one wants to play with me" said Sal. Oleg pointed down a street and said, "There is a wizard down that road who can help you. But you will have to give me 6 pennies first." Sal agreed, but he had only 3 pennies with him. "What should I do now?" Sal asked. "Go to the well and turn 3 times to get 3 pennies" Oleg answered. Sal went to the well and turned thrice. To his surprise he got 3 pennies, which he gave to Oleg.

He walked down the road and saw a white house with a purple and pink roof. He knocked on the door. Out came an old Wizard with a long grey beard. The wizard asked, "How may I help you?" Sal told the wizard his problem and the wizard agreed to help.

"Abracadabra, hookus-pookus poo!" chanted the wizard. Suddenly, Sal started smelling like flowers. He went home, very happy. His mother asked, "Yuck! What is that horrible smell?" Sal told her the story. To his surprise she said, "You will go to the wizard and tell him to change you back." "Why?" asked Sal. He did what was asked.

For years Sal didn't get an answer to his question. But today he knows why. Everybody is different in their own way. Everybody is beautiful in their own way. Nobody should change themselves for others.

Today Sal has many friends, who accept him for who he is. He is very happy and loves his mother, who always loved him for who he was.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why was Sal always sad?

2. What did Oleg tell Sal to do?

3. How did the Old wizard help Sal?

4. What was Sal's mother's reaction?

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