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The Push to Broadway

Rob always had the dream of starring in a Broadway production, ever since the age of eight. When he was a kid, his parents used to take him to many Broadway shows and he absolutely loved them. When he turned 18, he moved to New York City in an attempt to get into a Broadway show. He did not care specifically which show he got into, just getting into one is what mattered to him. Rob began by auditioning for any show he could find that had openings.

For two months, Rob auditioned for every show that had an opening. Every single time, he got rejected. That did not stop him. Rob continued to audition for every show. He would spend hours at home researching what shows had openings, and he would go there the next day. However, he started to become frustrated. Rob was upset about the fact that he has now spent 2 months auditioning for every show out there and got rejected every single time. He really wanted to pursue his dream.

At this point, Rob was starting to get very stressed out. He looked at his struggles and considered just giving up. He thought if he did, he would not be as stressed out at being rejected every time. However, he got the feeling that he should not give up. He felt that if he did, he would feel worse with carrying the regret of giving up than not getting on to a show. Little did Rob know, that someone in Times Square was about to change his life.

Rob decided to take a stroll in Times Square. As he walked around, he looked at the flashing billboards of some of the popular Broadway shows currently playing. As he was admiring them, a man approached him. “Hello there...” said the man. The man’s name was Cameron Smith. He was a production manager for one of the Broadway theater companies. He said, “What are you looking at?” “Just looking at the billboards of the Broadway shows, I really want to get into one. I have spent the last two months auditioning for every show with an opening, and have not had any luck...” “I see...” said Mr. Smith. “I admire your determination. I’ll tell you what. I’ll give you a chance at one of the shows that my company is producing. How does that sound?” Rob froze in place after hearing those words. “You really mean it?” he said.” “Yes.” Rob immediately took the offer and was to meet him the next morning at his theater.

Rob met Mr. Smith the next morning at his theater for his audition. Rob gave it his all throughout the audition. Once it was over, he nervously waited in the waiting area to find out if he made it or not. 30 minutes later, he was called to see Mr. Smith in his office. As Rob entered his office looking like a nervous wreck, Mr. Smith had a big smile on his face. As Rob sat down, he said “Congratulations Rob! You made it!” Hearing these words, Rob broke down into tears of enormous joy. He has just accomplished his dream and is relieved that all of his hard work has finally paid off. If you want something, go for it. Never give up. If you give up, you may never get what you want.