

Charlie's Choice

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The story has a typical structure. At the beginning of the story, the main character, Charlie, is sitting in front of a piano and thinking. It means that music is important to him.

Then, we find that Charlie has a dilemma. He has to choose between two beautiful women who love him. One is rich enough to meet his material needs but she isn't interested in music. The other woman is poor, but she loves music, sings well and what's more, she's a talented violinist – violin is Charlie's favourite musical instrument. Then the resolution of the story is that Charlie follows the advice of his teacher, Maestro Giovanni, and choose the rich woman because he feels he can't live without money.

If I were the writer of this story, I would include Charlie's family conditions and more details about his interactions with the two women so that readers can learn more about their lives and empathize more with the characters.

I would also change the ending of the story. To be honest, it seems that the story has no clear meaning that we can learn from. It just lets me feel money is more important than any other things. I'd like to change Charlie's choice. After listening to what Maestro Giovanni said, Charlie thought for a long time. He thought about his feelings with the two women separately. The rich woman was not interested in what he was passionate about at all. Would it really be possible to be happy if he lived with her? Music was as important as his life, and he felt happy when he talked about it with the poor woman. Finally, Charlie chose the poor woman to be the one to spend his life with.

In the past, I was puzzled as to whether I should donate money to help people in need or save money to buy nice clothes. I was in a dilemma. The clothes I wanted to buy were unnecessary to me, but the money to spend on them could be a lifeline to people in need. So, I decided to donate money to help the disadvantaged. Although I didn't get the clothes in the end, I was glad that I had done a meaningful thing to help the needy.

The story describes a common life experience in which we have to make choices between things we long for. I hope when I face such a situation, I can make the right decision.