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The Common World Princess

By Sidney Patrick

Once upon a time there was a frail high school girl that did everything that the world wanted her to do. If the world asked her to play sports, she did. If the world told her to make all A's, she said yes ma'am. The girl always did what the world wanted instead of following her heart, which made her grow weak. At this point, the audience is probably expecting some Prince Charming to sweep the basic girl off her feet and make her wildest dreams come true – no this is a real-world story. Days and then weeks went by as the gloomy girl felt like she was wasting her life pleasing the world instead of her heart.

One day, she saw the rebellious teens gathering around the dumpster, lighting trash on fire. The young, wild, and careless essence that the gothic kids gave off made the tidy young girl envy them. She too wanted to light things on fire and parade around how she wanted to. The only problem was, she was so used to doing what the world wanted, she was very realistic about her future. Throughout her whole life, the world had told her that there was one way to be successful and it was that way or the highway. Deep down the girl wanted to experience being a teenager but feared ending up as a lost adult. Remember, this is a real-world story, so who is going to save this young girl without the help of Prince Charming or Fairy God Mothers?

College. As high school ended and summer began, the young girl began to slowly take the reigns of her life and have fun. She began planning her college future and looking forward to trying new things. She felt as if she had a second chance on life. At times, the girl worried she could not handle making decisions without the world, but deep down she knew it would all work out. Alas, move-in day has arrived and the young, frail high school girl has developed from a caterpillar to a butterfly and is ready to take on the world.

