

What a Wedding!

What can a bride do when the happiest day of her life turns into a nightmare?

Barbara Wright, a 26 years old American, was determined to get married on the day she had been waiting so long, but it got more and more difficult.

Barbara's happiest day began like an action film, with a series of disastrous events. When she woke up on that happy morning, she found her pet cat sitting comfortably on her wedding gown. She had to work very hard to remove the stains from the white dress. Then, on her way to the wedding, her limousine broke down.

Barbara and her mother were forced to stand in the pouring rain and watch the limousine burn because of a problem with the engine. Obviously, by the time they finally arrived at the wedding hall, they were both soaked to the skin.

However, the worst was yet to come. Not only was it unbearably cold in the wedding hall because the heater was not working, but apparently one of the musicians had just died of a heart attack. Then, on top of everything, she was told that Andy, her groom, had not yet arrived.

Barbara and the 200 guests were waiting anxiously for Andy to arrive when he called and told the bride not to wait for him because he had already gotten married to another woman the day before.

Barbara was so soaked and humiliated that she turned to her guests and asked in tears, "Is there any volunteer who is willing to marry me?"

To her complete surprise, six of the men volunteered. Barbara chose one of them and the wedding proceeded quite happily.

"I was totally crushed after everything that had happened to me that day. So I decided right then and there that I had to get married," Barbara said remembering that moment. "I must say, I didn't know what to expect. I was surprised when so many men offered their hand in marriage on such short notice. I chose Steven Wilson because I looked into his eyes and it felt right".

Barbara and Steven have been happily married since that day.

It has turned out the Steven has been a much better choice than Andy, the groom Barbara intended to marry.

Answer:

1. Which, in your opinion, was the worst event that happened to Barbara on her wedding day? Explain.

2. In your opinion, which of the events wasn't so disastrous? Explain.

3. What made Barbara's wedding day "like an action film" (line 6)? Answer according to lines 6-15.

The fact that _____

4. One of the events in the text didn't appear in the original story. Which event? Explain why you think so.

5. Do you think Barbara did the right thing in choosing a stranger for a husband? Explain your opinion.

6. Write the events in the correct order (1-6):

___ One of the musicians died.

___ Barbara got married.

___ Andy, the groom, got married.

___ Barbara got wet.

___ Her pet cat almost ruined her wedding gown.

___ Andy phoned Barbara.

___ Barbara asked for a volunteer.