



[swɪtʃ]

* switch off
“關掉”

Oh, my god, I overslept again!

Switching off my alarm clock, I prepared myself for school as fast as possible and got on my bicycle. **Somehow**, I **lost my balance** and fell. Just when I was thinking that I **must have got up on the wrong side of the bed**, **at a distance**, a few boys shouted **in my direction**,

“不知怎地”[səmhaʊ]

[ˈdɪstəns]

* at a distance
“在不遠處”

[ˈkjʊtɪ](正妹)

“美麗動人的”

[ˈgɔːdʒəs]

[sliːk](滑順的)

“Hello, **cutie**.”

“She is **gorgeous**.”

“Look how **sleek** her hair is.”

Hearing these **complimentary remarks** put me in a **brighter mood**. I felt especially delighted to see them **jostling and shoving** to get a better view of me. I **was not used to** being **flattered** in such a way. But anyone would **take that as a compliment**, and I **was no exception**.

[kəmpləˈmentəri]

(恭維之詞)[rɪˈmɑːk]

(推來擠去)[dʒɔːsllɪŋ]

* be used to+N/Ving
“習慣於..”

“更快樂的心情”

[ˈbrɑːtə][mʊd]

[ˈflætə](諂媚)

[kəmpləmənt](稱讚)

I **was about to favor them with a smile** when I **had another sweet surprise**. Those boys started **running over to me**! **In that instant**, I **was overwhelmed with** happiness and **well-being**. I was completely at a loss.

“不例外”[ɪkˈsepʃən]

“賜給微笑”[ˈfevə]

[ˈɪnstənt]

* in that instant
“在那一瞬間”

[welˈbiːŋ]“幸福”

“被..淹沒”

[ˌɒvəˈhweɪlɪd]

* take one's
breath away
“使..大吃一驚”

What happened next, **however**, really **took my breath away**.

Those boys **stormed past me** and **chased after** an **elegant** girl riding **along on** her pink bicycle. Now I realized that they **had been complimenting HER**, not ME! Well, they were right **anyway**. I was not the kind of girl who **attracted much attention**.

[ˈstɔːm]“猛衝”

[tʃeɪs] * chase after
“追趕”

[ˈeləɡənt]“優雅的”

