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English 100

Narrative Project

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Too Tired

For this assignment I took my draft #1 and changed it to make it present tense and third person point of view. I talk about a time when Nicole was unbearably tired and made a decision that impacted her life negatively. Using this story I also added an alternative ending to change it up.

Driving down the street with the windows down as the cold fall night wind blows outside. It's 11 o'clock and Nicole's gas tank light is blinking 10 miles till empty. She is seemed exhausted after finishing a double shift at work and knew that home was only 3 miles and she could wait to fill her tank in the morning. Her body took over as she found herself pulling into the gas station up the road from her house. Nicole is an owner of a fairly brand new drivers license had only filled her tank a few times before. She realizing she had no cash so she took out her debit card and quickly swiped it clearly in a hurry since she couldn't wait to go home take a shower and go to bed.

Nicole removed the nozzle from the stand and began to place it into her gas tank realizing it wasn't fitting into it. As tired as she was Nicole shoved it into the gas tank and started to fill her car up. After about 5\$ into filling the tank she looked down and quickly realized that the nozzle was green which she had never seen before. She looked on the stand where the nozzle was taken out and frantically saw that that type of gas was different then the usual gas and was labeled "Diesel". She ripped it out of the tank and put it back on the stand. Standing there looking worried and panicked she picked up her phone and started googling "what happens if you put diesel into a normal car tank" and the answers that were popping up did not seem like what she wanted to hear. Answers popped up saying things like "Stop your car and have it towed back home" "Depending on the damage it can cost \$500 to up to \$1000 to get this fixed" and "Your car might be totalled". She started to not look tired anymore and now began to look scared and nervous about what she had just done and looked as if she was going to cry. She picked up her phone after hesitation and called her brother.

"Hello" he said as he answered the call.

"HELP! Diesel, car, ruined!!" she cried on the phone.

"Where are you? What happened?" he asked frantically now.

Nicole took a second and caught her breathe and explain to him what she had done.

“Stay put and don’t move a muscle near the car!” he said before hanging up quickly.

After about 5 minutes a car came rolling into the gas station. It was her brother. He rolled down the window and quickly yelled out.

“Do NOT turn on the car!” he said.

Just as he yelled that out it was too late. She had already had pushed the start engine button and the car had already started up. By the time she understood what he said she turned the engine off. He ran over with his hands on his head now clearly in disbelief.

“Well the car is ruined” he said shakily.

She got out of the car crying as she couldn’t believe what she had done.

“All because I didn’t go straight home and wait to get gas” she said disappointed.

