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Fairies in the Land of Dreams

“The most magical place on Earth,” “where dreams come true,” Disney Land. Every day, thousands of people go there to watch the loud and colorful parades, watch exciting shows, and ride the scariest rides. Someday, I will work there and make countless people happy, as one of the most important cast members there is.

What kind of cast member, you ask? Well, I’ m going to be part of the cleaning staff!

Just a minute! I’ m sure most of us here think that cleaning jobs are boring and un-cool, but not at all! Please let me convince you that Disney’ s cleaning staff are cool and important, and that they help you enjoy your visit even more.

I’ ve always wanted to work in Disney Land. One day, I found a book called “Disney: The Important Things That the Cleaning Guru Taught Me,” at my local Tsutaya. “Wow! I want this!” I thought. Before I knew it, I found a “whole new world” that few people know about.

According to the book, in Disney Lands all over the world, everything is given a special name. Employees are “cast members.” Visitors are “guests.” And uniforms are “costumes.” These are all words used in theater, and were chosen because they help not only visitors, but also employees to feel the magic of Disney.

By the way, please don’ t say “janitor.” It’ s “custodial.” It’ s much cooler, right?

The title of the book is about Mr. Chuck Boyajian, head of the first Disney Land’ s custodial services. He trained the first custodial staff of Tokyo Disney Resorts, telling them right before the grand opening: “I want you to keep the grounds so clean, that you can eat off the floor.” Those words shocked me the first time I read them. Slowly, I realized that it’ s exactly because the custodial staff keep everything clean, that we can really lose ourselves in the fun and excitement inside the parks.

It’ s not just that. I went to Tokyo Disney Land one time. It was raining the day before, so there was water on the streets. As I was walking around, one of the custodial staff called me, and started doing something. He took some water from a puddle, and drew a picture of Minnie Mouse on the ground! Everyone started to gather around him, smiling and taking pictures. Isn’ t it amazing? That’ s the kind of job I want to do!

In a world where it’ s easy to think only of yourself and ignore the feelings of others, nothing is cooler and more important than people who care, and who work hard to put smiles on people’ s faces every day.

I thought about what it takes to be a custodial staff worthy of Disney and Mr. Boyajian. Then, I thought of my school’s daily cleaning time in the morning. I have always done my best, but only when it’ s time to clean. Usually, I ignore trash in the hallways, thinking somebody else will pick it up later, maybe tomorrow. I should have stopped to think, “This may bother other people. I should pick it up.”

Being a custodial cast member means that you have to always think of others. Cleaning isn’t just a job, but also kindness and consideration toward other people. To achieve my dream, I need to be a more kind and considerate person, who picks up trash even if it’ s not cleaning time, even if it’ s not mine.

I want to make people around me happy. To make this dream come true, I will work hard to change myself, and become a good custodial cast member, by becoming a good person first.

Like invisible fairies who help us when we need it, Disney’s cleaning staff play a silent, but essential role in keeping the magic alive. Someday, I will become the very best among them. See you in Disney Land!

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