Love Potion Commotion

A **Cause and Effect** Spooky Story

All things happen for a reason—even spooky scary things. The **effect** is the thing that happens. The **cause** is the reason for the effect. See how it works in this story.

The moral of this story is always to finish your homework before you go out to have fun. So if you’re doing homework right now, for goodness’ sake, finish it before you start this story! What happened was this: A young man named Greg was working on his

science-fair project. Now, this wasn’t just any old science project. That would be too dull for Greg. He was the kind of person who always wanted to do something totally different.

“Actually, I’m making a love potion,” Greg explained to his best friend Jeff.

“Why a love potion?” Jeff asked.

“Do you want to fall in love?”

“Not really,” Greg said. “I made some hate potion. But it seemed too nasty. So I switched to love potion. I call it Love Potion Number 5.”

“Fascinating!” exclaimed Jeff. “So, now that you’re finished, let’s do something really interesting. Let’s go to Fun Land. “Fun Land was an amusement park that had lots of rides and costume-wearing characters.

Greg put the potion safely in his jacket pocket and off they went. When they got to Fun Land, the first thing they did was go on the Super Looper, the world’s most loopy roller coaster. “Whoa!“ Greg screamed, as they went completely upside down.

Little did he know that the love potion in his pocket had become uncorked and was spraying down on Fun Land below. When Greg and Jeff got off the ride, they saw all of the princesses, pixies, swans, and other costumed characters looking oddly at them.

“Hey, honey,” the Magic Princess said to Greg.

“You’re a doll!”

“Huh?” Greg said.

“Greg, honey,” called the Queen of the Swans.

“Come on over here, sweetheart.”

“What?” Greg said. Then all of the other princesses, pixies, swans, and others came running up.

“They’re after us!” cried Greg.

“Not us,” said Jeff. “They’re after you!”

And with that, Jeff, not such a loyal best friend, hightailed it out of there. That left Greg to fend for himself against the horde of love-struck admirers.

“Help!” Greg cried, and ran to the first ride he could find. It turned out to be the

Tunnel of Love! Quickly, Greg jumped into a Love Boat with his admirers chasing hotly behind. It was then that he realized he still had a bottle of his original science-fair project—the hate potion—in his other pocket. If he sprinkled a little of the hate potion on his admirers, maybe that would block the effects of the love potion.

To do this, he needed to get high above them all. So, like a swashbuckling hero, Greg got out of his car and climbed high above the Tunnel of Love.

“Oh, look!” his adorers cried. “He’s climbing up there!”

“He’s so handsome!” they swooned.

He’s such a hero!” they pined.

“I love him!” they declared.

And then, *P-H-H-H-T-T!* Greg sprayed the hate potion down below. Suddenly, the admirers found that their love had cooled.

“What are we doing here?” they asked.

“He’s not really so handsome,” they declared.

“He’s actually sort of creepy,” one of them said.

And with that, Greg made his escape. He went directly home and finished his homework. Except, instead of making a love potion for his science-fair project, he did a dull old plant experiment instead—and he was glad he did!

1. **EFFECT: Greg made love potion.**

**CAUSE:**

**A.** Greg wanted to have an unusual project

for the science fair.

**B.** Greg was in love with a girl at school.

**C.** Jeff was in love with a girl at school.

**D.** Greg wanted to get rich.

2. **CAUSE: Greg went upside down in the**

**Super Looper.**

**EFFECT:**

**A.** Greg felt like he was going to throw up.

**B.** Greg fell in love with the Magic Princess.

**C.** The characters fell in love with Greg

and Jeff.

**D.** The love potion spilled.

3. **CAUSE: The love potion splashed on the**

**Magic Princess.**

**EFFECT:**

**A.** She fell in love with Jeff.

**B.** Greg fell in love with her.

**C.** She fell in love with Greg.

**D.** Her gown was ruined.

4. **EFFECT: The costumed characters**

**chased after Greg.**

**CAUSE:**

**A.** The characters wanted some love potion.

**B.** Greg forgot that the love potion was

in his pocket.

**C.** The characters were in love with Greg.

**D.** The characters were angry with Greg.

5. **CAUSE: Jeff wasn’t a very loyal friend.**

**EFFECT:**

**A.** Jeff left Greg at the amusement

park to fend for himself.

**B.** Greg left Jeff at the amusement

park to fend for himself.

**C.** Jeff helped Greg escape from the

characters who were chasing him.

**D.** Jeff copied Greg’s science-fair project.

6. **EFFECT: Greg sprayed hate potion on the**

**characters who were chasing him.**

**CAUSE:**

**A.** He wanted them to hate each other.

**B.** He wanted them to stop being in

love with him.

**C.** He hated them.

**D.** Greg went upside down in the

roller coaster.

7. **EFFECT: The characters fell out of love**

**with Greg.**

**CAUSE:**

**A.** The love potion canceled out the

effects of the hate potion.

**B.** The hate potion was not effective.

**C.** The hate potion canceled out the

effects of the love potion.

**D.** The love potion wore off on its own.

**You’re a magazine ad writer. On a separate**

**sheet of paper, write an ad for Love Potion**

**Number 5. Be sure to describe the potion’s**

**effects, and the things that would make a**

**person to want to buy it. Include pictures if**

**you like.**