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A Dream Come True

Dance had always been a very important part of my life. It has special opportunities that I never could have gotten anywhere else. A year ago, I had the opportunity to have my dreams come true. In dance, there are many steps that you can take to get to a professional level. One of these achievements and stepping stones in this sport is getting on pointe. Pointe shoes are a special type of shoe in ballet where you are able to dance on your toes. It takes an extreme amount of strength and takes years of practice until you can make it. I knew that the teachers would accept dancers to go on pointe around March, and at that time, we were already going to April. I was starting to lose hope. But one day, when I came back home from ballet, I heard my mom rushing down the stairs, her footsteps echoing off the walls. The door opened in a blink of an eye.

“Alisa...” She took a few breaths, my heart was beating fast.

“You got on pointe!!” It felt like time had stopped, I could just imagine the sound of a clock ticking every second in the background. My mouth went dry, there’s not a single word that can explain how excited I was at that moment. To some people, getting accepted to go on pointe might seem like no big deal. But to me, it was one of the best things that happened to me. At first, I was the shy girl standing in the back, I needed the extra push to move forward. But pointe taught me to be proud of myself, I may be the youngest or the shortest, but I’ve come this far, and no one can take that pride away from me.