

Bill's New Frock

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A really awful start

When Bill Simpson woke up on Monday morning, he found he was a girl. He was still standing staring at himself in the mirror, quite baffled, when his mother swept in. "Why don't you wear this pretty pink dress?" she said.

"I *never* wear dresses," Bill burst out.

"I know," his mother said. "It's such a pity."

And, to his amazement, before he could even begin to argue, she had dropped the dress over his head and zipped up the back.

"I'll leave you to do up the shell buttons," she said. "They're a bit fiddly and I'm late for work." And she swept out, leaving him staring in dismay at the mirror.