**Three Dolls**

SETTING: A toy shop near a school

CHARACTERS: Narrator

Alan – The shopkeeper

Kitty –The most popular doll

Kero –The most expensive doll

Alice – The doll with a well-shaped body

Sally – A customer

**Narrator:** The three dolls, Kitty, Kero and Alice, are sitting in the shop window of a small toy shop near a school. A student is looking at them, choosing which one to buy.

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| **Sally:** | [She is undecided. Her eyes rest on one of the dolls but her head moves to another one.] They all are very lovely. Which one should I choose? Kero is cute but many of my friends love Kitty. And Alice looks best. Oh! I want to buy all of them, but I do not have enough money. |
| **Kero:** | There is a girl choosing us, who do you think she will pick? [She is thinking of herself.] |
| **Alice:** | She will definitely choose me. I’m prettier than both of you. In my opinion, it’s the figure that counts. I guess she thinks in the same way. You heard her say that I look best. [She looks at herself admiringly.] So, I am the best doll in the world. And I think she will choose me. |
| **Kitty:** | No. You’re wrong. Who do you think you are? A model? Everyone in our world knows that it’s not the figure that counts, but popularity. Since I am the most popular, I am the best doll in the world. And the girl will choose me. |
| **Kero:** | (Proudly) What nonsense are you both talking about! Alice, you may have the best figure, but what is the stuff inside you? Nylon! Kitty, you’re popular and so you can be seen everywhere, but that means cheap. The rich and famous knows that brand name goods worth the money. [She’s thinking herself to be one of them.] I’m the most expensive and my name is more renowned than either of yours. I’m therefore the best doll in the world. |

**Narrator:** Before the girl makes up her mind, they start fighting and scratching one another’s face. Kitty’s whiskers are gone and there are holes in her face. Kero’s big round eyes pop out like those of a golden fish. Alice’s dress is torn and old nylon shreds burst out.

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| **Sally:** | (Shocked, thinking that she is in a dream) Where am I? Oh, stop it! I don’t want any of you now! [She shouts loudly in tears and runs away.] | |
| **Alan:** | [He rushes out on hearing her shout.]: Hey! What’s the matter? [He looks at the shop window.] What happened? How come? No one will buy them or even want them for free. I’d rather donate the dolls to the children in the refugee camp. | |
| **Kitty:**  **Kero:**  **Alice:** | [All scream at the same time.] NO! | |
| **Kitty:** | All because of you, Kero, you started it. | |
| **Kero:** | No, Alice thought she was the best. | |
| **Alice:** | You two also thought in that way. | |
| **Kitty:** | I don’t like poor children. They smell… | |
| **Alice:** | They are boring… | |
| **Kero:** | I’d rather bury myself in the rubbish dump than having anyone know how poor I’m going to be. | |
| **Kitty:**  **Kero:**  **Alice:** | Let me go!  [Between the shopkeeper’s fingers, they plead loudly.] Oh, no!  Help! |

**Narrator:**  The shopkeeper can’t hear them. He gives the three dolls to the poor children in a refugee camp. The three dolls hate that because they always dream of living in a big house.

**Narrator:** In the end, the three dolls live unhappily ever after.

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