

THE GAME OF THE LIGHTS

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The day light had started to brighten the street. There was noone around. This street was, in fact, one of the most crowded streets of the city. At this time of the day, only the traffic lights organizing the turn of the pedestrians and the vehicles drew attention. However, these lights were not of those that we know. All of a sudden the green light opened its eyes and called out to its friends "Good Morninnng!..." The yellow light heard the green light's voice and opened its eyes, too. The red light also woke up hearing the noise.

It was another new day just starting for the traffic lights. "Hey, Red, let us play a game" said the green light to red light. "No" said the red light, "The street will get busy soon". The green light insisted: "Come on, it will take hours before the street gets crowded, nothing will happen." The red light had to admit their wish because they both wanted to play. However, they had not yet decided what game to play. They were not able move anywhere. They thought for a while. It was green light who found a game at last. "Let us play place shifting game!" Although the red light said it would not be safe to play such a game, the other two convinced the red light to play.

The red light moved to green light's place. The green light was at the top now. "Woow... I can see everywhere from here" it said. Red light replied "Everything looks clearer from below". They all changed their places and went on playing the game. All three were having so much fun. The game went on for so long and none of the lights realized that the street was getting crowded.

The traffic in the street started to get disorganized when the red, green and the yellow light kept on playing their game. The vehicle drivers were getting mad at the pedestrians crossing the street when red light was on and the pedestrians had to stop in the middle of the street. Everyone was confused and did not know what to do. The order of the street was messed up already. They all waited at green light, stopped at yellow light and crossed at red light. The vehicle horns got mixed with human voices.

All of a sudden, a child waiting on the edge of the street shouted: "Look, the traffic lights have changed their place. The red one has to be on the top, the

yellow one in the middle and the green one at the bottom!” The lights startled with the child’s voice. They took a break and looking at the street they realized how jammed the traffic had become. Immediately, they all moved back to their own paces. The red light went to the top; the cars stopped. The green light turned on and pedestrians crossed the street. The yellow light reminded all vehicles that they had to wait.

The traffic became organized again when the traffic lights went to their own places. The lights realized what a dangerous game they had been playing. Now they were all in their exact place. When the rush hours were over, the red, yellow and green lights had decided long before not to play this game again.

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