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Mama's gown

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When I wear my mother's dress, I look at myself in all the mirrors in the house. I make faces and talk as if I were someone else. It's great fun.

Abstract

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I love it when my parents dress for parties. They look different, like people I don't know. They look at themselves in the mirror, very seriously. They do their hair. They put on make-up. They say: "We mustn't be late!" After they've left, the house smells of perfume.

Mummy has lovely dress she only wears to parties. It's shiny, like a dress for playing make-believe games. She keeps it under a see-through plastic cover. She looks very nice in it. After wearing it, she takes it to a place where they remove dirt without using any water. I told my friends about these machines but they didn't believe me.

The fabric has some coloured stones on it. They look like sweets. They are very, very tiny. Sweets for ants. They're stuck on the dress with magic. They aren't fastened with a thread. How do they stay on? I don't know. I've never seen anything like it.

I try to imagine some other clothes made out of fabric like this. Capes for warriors. Football shirts. Uniforms. Lots of clothes made of the magic fabric of Mummy's dress.