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With my heart beating rapidly in excitement, I tried to look past the sea of people and see through the large glass windows of the department store. Every person waiting ^{outside} had the same goal as mine - to take advantage of the huge sales the shop was offering. I had arrived early in the morning hoping to be close to the doors. However, many other customers had beaten me to the task. Therefore, I stood slightly farther away from the entrance ^{than I had planned}, but that did not put out my ambition to purchase as many items as possible. The constant chatter around me became impatient as time trickled by. Suddenly, the glass doors burst open. I watched as men and women in front of me flooded into the store. All around me, people pushed each other, eager to get in. We were like sardines in a box as we crammed through the narrow doors. As a result of being too preoccupied to notice my surroundings, I tripped on the edge of the carpet. To my disappointment,

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I found myself sprawled on the floor, watching as people grabbed goods off the shelves. My ankle ^{was} sprained, ^{and} it was as though all my waiting had gone to waste. Even worse, no one even stopped to help me up.

Limping around the store, I could not get to the discounted items fast enough. Although I had arrived earlier than most, my carelessness had resulted in a disadvantage. I saw a number of products snatched up by quicker hands, and watched as other people filled up carts and baskets. Consequently, my former excitement faded away, and was replaced by regret. How I wish I had not come! Having given up hope, I slowly made my way to the exit, my hands empty and my wallet full. Stepping out the glass doors, I noticed in the corner of my eye several people holding out signs. Curious, I went to check it out. It was a charity for stray dogs and they had brought puppies with them. I couldn't resist the urge to caress the canines' heads. Wagging their tails enthusiastically, they licked my palms. I giggled, all my disappointment dissolved like salt in water. After playing with them for a while, I pulled out my purse and donated all the money I had planned to spend. At the end of the day, I did go home with my purse empty. However, instead of products, I had a cute puppy in my hands. What a wonderful day it had been.

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