

Everything to Nothing

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He had everything a person could want: a beautiful, loyal girlfriend, a high-paying job as the only spokesman for Microsoft, fame, and hair without a strand of gray. He was worth a fortune, too. Then he lost it all in one dreadful, unspeakable day. This is the story of that day.

Joseph, 64, woke up at half past noon, like any other day, and was simply happy to be alive. He was having a spot of trouble getting through his “morning” routine, though. He chuckled as he thought to himself, “Maybe I might actually encounter a bad day!” He had no idea how right he really was.

He said goodbye to his wife and left for work. Work was uneventful, like all days when Microsoft hadn’t released anything new—it all happened on his way home from work. He got a call from his broker.

“Hey Joseph,” the broker said, “I invested all your money allotted to me in a company that looked stable, but it crashed under the weight of the poor economy.” This caused Joseph to kick the nearest thing, which just so happened to be a scaffold where workers were painting. The vibrations caused a bucket of green, Benjamin Moore paint to fall on his hair, turning it green, permanently.

When he got home, his wife was waiting for him.

“What happened to you?” she asked.

“Just shut up, Cindy! Can’t you give me five minutes to think?!” Joseph retorted angrily. This caused Cindy to run out of the house crying. One more thing for Joseph to be upset about. He had lost his hair, his money, his wife, and surely Gates would fire him if he went to work with either green hair or a shaved head. Now the only thing he would ever be famous for was his green hair.