

THE WOOLWORTHS MANAGERESS

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The local Woolworth's manager is called Sharon. She is known as Cruella de Ville after the evil woman in the film 101 Dalmatians. How she got the job as a manageress in Woolworths I will never know.

My friend, Jack, applied for a job at this store and sent his CV and references. He had a reply that these documents had been received and he was offered an appointment for an interview. Had he known it was to be with Cruella, he might not have gone. But he did.

She was arrogant and frosty. She spoke constantly about her virtues and asked Jack questions but always interrupted him before he finished his answers. Then she asked him about his hobbies and activities. In his reply he said he went to church twice on Sundays.

“Why?” he was asked.

“Because I am a Christian,” he answered.

She pointed him to the door. She did not get up but said, “I’ll let you know!”

Jack received a letter from Cruella saying that his application had failed and that his ideology was incompatible with that of Woolworths.

In short, he was not appointed because he was a Christian.

I went into that store on the day that Jack received his rejection letter. Cruella was talking to an assistant and saying, “I could not employ him. He is bloody religious and he is a bloke! Two major disadvantages!”

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