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Everyone Clapped for Ravi



A Picture of Pip

Mira had drawn the best picture of Pip ever. Fluffy white fur, one brown ear, and a wagging tail. "I'm going to show everyone," she said. On the weather board, the red heart hung on the sun.





Boing!

Just then, Ravi bent his knees. He wobbled. And BOING! He jumped with both feet off the floor, for the very first time. "Ravi jumped!" cried Dadu, and he clapped and clapped. Pip barked.

Nobody Looked

Everyone clapped for Ravi, again and again. "Again, Ravi! Jump again!" Mira stood holding her picture. Nobody looked at it. Mira felt left out. And a little bit jealous.





Prickly and Small

Inside, Mira felt prickly, like a cactus. She felt small, too, as small as a pea. Her eyes went hot. She hid her picture behind her back. Pip tipped his head to one side and looked at her.

A Grey Cloud

Mira stomped to the weather board and hung the red heart on the raincloud. Then she flopped onto the sofa and pulled a cushion over her face. Dadu noticed. "Hmm," he said softly. "I see a grey cloud."





Say It in Words

Dadu sat beside her. "Can you tell me about the cloud?" Mira peeked out. "I wanted everyone to clap for me too," she said. "Nobody looked at my picture." "Thank you for telling me," said Dadu. "Wanting to be seen is okay."

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The Old Photo

Dadu fetched the old photo album. He turned the pages, and there it was: a photo of baby Mira, taking her very first steps. "Look," said Dadu. "When you did this, everyone clapped for you too. Me loudest of all."





The Cloud Drifts Away

Mira looked at the photo for a long time. The prickles went soft. She did not feel small any more. The grey cloud drifted away, just like real clouds do.

Mira's Turn

"Now," said Dadu, "show us your picture." Mira held it up high. Dadu clapped. Pip wagged. And Ravi clapped his chubby hands. "Mimi! Doggy!"





Jump Together

Then Mira took Ravi's hands. "Let's jump together!" BOING! BOING! This time Mira clapped for Ravi, and Ravi clapped for Mira. The red heart went back on the sun. Who do you want to clap for you?

THE END

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