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Two Feelings at Once



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A Party for Noor

Mira and Dadu hung paper chains in the mango tree. Red, yellow, purple. Today there was a party in the garden for Noor, Mira's best friend. Mira hummed as she worked.





Hop Around the Tree

Noor came through the gate in her purple headscarf, and the two friends ran straight to their favourite game: hop around the mango tree, three times, without stopping! They laughed until they fell on the grass.

Far Away

Then Noor sat up. "Tomorrow we go in the big truck to our new house," she said. "Far, far away." Mira's smile slipped. She felt happy, because of the party. And she felt sad, because of the goodbye. Two feelings at once.





Fizzy and Tight

Her tummy was warm and fizzy from the party. But her eyes stung, and her throat felt tight. She wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. Even Pip looked mixed up: his tail wagged, but his ears hung low.

Which Peg?

Mira ran inside to the weather board. She held up the red heart. Sun? Rain? It would not fit on just one. "Dadu," she said, "I am sunny and rainy." "Maybe," said Dadu, "it can be both."





One Heart, Two Feelings

"Two feelings can share one heart," said Dadu. "Like sun and rain on the same day." Mira thought. Then she had an idea. "I will make Noor a goodbye drawing. A happy one and a sad one."

The Goodbye Drawing

Mira drew Noor and herself, holding hands under the mango tree. She drew a sun on one side and rain on the other. Then she gave it to Noor. Noor hugged it. Then she hugged Mira.





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Goodbye, Noor

At the end of the party, Noor waved from the gate, holding her drawing. Mira waved back. A tear rolled down her cheek, and she smiled at the very same time. Slowly, the big tangle of feelings settled.

Sun and Rain

Just then, a little rain began to fall, while the sun was still shining. "Look!" said Mira. Over Jasmine Lane, a rainbow stretched across the sky. "Sun and rain together," said Dadu, "make a rainbow."





A Rainbow Peg

That evening, Dadu painted a little rainbow and hung it between the sun and the raincloud. Mira hung the red heart on the rainbow. Ravi pointed. "Pretty!" "It's my feeling," said Mira. Have you ever felt two things at once?

THE END

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