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Dara Stays Up for Yalda Night



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The Longest Night

"Tonight is Yalda," said Grandma. "The longest, darkest night of the year. We stay up late together, to welcome back the light." Dara puffed out his chest. "I am going to stay up all night!"





A Red Table

Dara helped set the table. Shiny red pomegranates. A big slice of watermelon. Nuts and dried fruit in little dishes. Grandpa lit two candles. "Red like the sunrise," said Grandma.

Squirt!

Grandma cut open a pomegranate. Inside were hundreds of seeds, shining like red jewels. Dara pressed one with his finger. Squirt! Red juice landed right on his nose. Everybody laughed, and Dara laughed most of all.





Watermelon in Winter

"Why do we eat watermelon in winter?" asked Dara. Grandpa smiled. "A summer fruit on the longest night," he said, "reminds us that warm, bright days will come again."

A Knock at the Door

Knock, knock! It was Lin, with a covered bowl. "Tangyuan for Dongzhi," she said. "It's our longest night too!" Dara gave her a dish of pomegranate seeds to take home.





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A Wish and a Poem

Then Grandpa held up his old book of poems by Hafez. "Make a wish," he said. Dara closed his eyes. "I wish to see the sun come up." Grandpa opened the book and read a poem out loud, slow and musical.

Stories and Yawns

Grandma told stories, Grandpa cracked nuts, and the night went on and on. Dara yawned. "I'm not sleepy," he said. Then he yawned again, even bigger.





Fast Asleep

Soon Dara was fast asleep on the cushions. Grandma tucked a soft blanket round him. "We will wake you," she whispered.

The Sun Comes Back

"Dara," whispered Grandpa. "Look." Through the window, the sky was turning pink and gold. The sun was coming up over the rooftops. "I saw it," said Dara. "The light came back." And each day now would be a little bit longer.



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