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Ethan stood on a busy city street, gazing longingly at a sleek, silver sports car parked by the curb. He believed that owning such a machine was the ultimate sign of success and the only way to prove his worth to the world.



An elderly man named Mr. Miller approached Ethan, noticing his fascination with the car. Mr. Miller didn't look wealthy in his simple sweater and worn shoes, but he carried an air of quiet confidence and unhurried peace that Ethan couldn't explain.



Mr. Miller took Ethan to a quiet garden and pointed to a massive oak tree that had stood for a century. He explained that wealth is like this tree, built through the invisible power of compounding and patience rather than sudden bursts of luck.



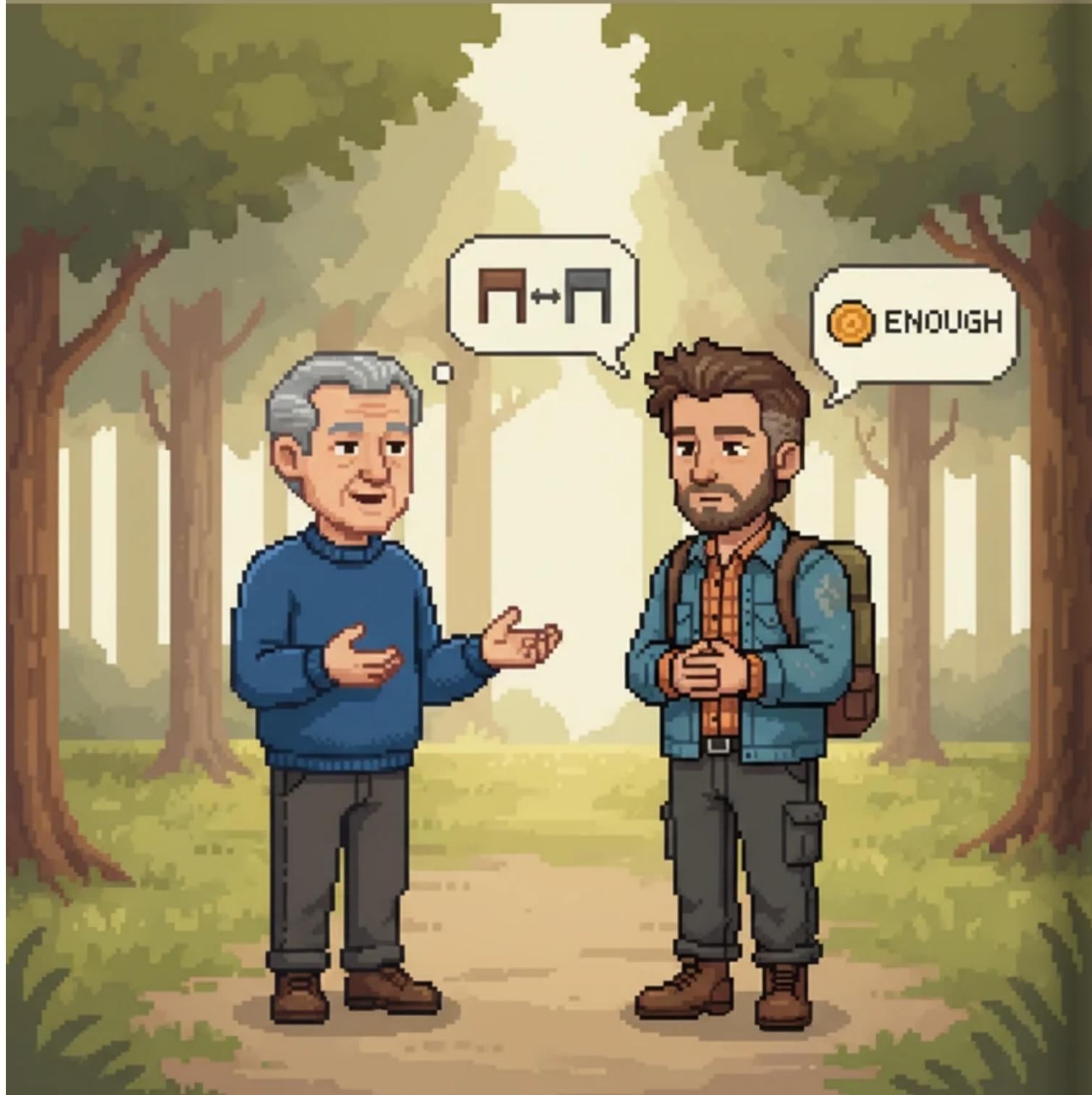
They sat on a bench as Mr. Miller spoke about the difference between being rich and being wealthy. He explained that being rich is about current income and visible spending, while wealth is the money not spent, providing options and future freedom.



Ethan learned about the Man in the Car Paradox, realizing that people rarely admire the driver of a fancy car as much as the driver thinks. Instead, they only imagine themselves in the driver's seat, proving that spending to impress others is a losing game.



A sudden storm rolled through the city, symbolizing a market crash that left many people in a state of panic and fear. Because Ethan had started saving a small margin of safety, he felt a sense of calm and security that he had never known before.



Mr. Miller warned Ethan about the danger of moving goalposts, where the constant desire for more prevents us from ever enjoying what we have. Ethan began to understand that 'enough' is the most powerful word in the vocabulary of money.



Ethan started to change his habits, choosing to save for his independence rather than to impress strangers he didn't even like. He felt a new sense of power, realizing that the greatest dividend money pays is the ability to control his own time.



Years later, Ethan stood in his own garden, looking at a sapling he had planted when he first met Mr. Miller. He was no longer chasing the flashiest things, but instead enjoying the quiet luxury of a morning spent exactly how he chose.



Ethan met a young person looking at a luxury shop window and smiled, ready to share the lessons of the heart and the wallet. He knew now that true wealth is the ability to wake up every morning and say, 'I can do whatever I want today.'