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In a peaceful valley, Teacher Sophia taught in a school where the walls were covered with words from every language in the world. She spent her days teaching children how to say hello, thank you, and please, surrounding them with the beauty of human speech.



Two invisible spirits watched over the school: Love, who had a warm voice and open arms, and Boundaries, who carried a small flashlight to light the right path. While Love offered comfort and warmth, Boundaries showed the children where the road was safe and where it was not.



Over time, the people of the valley began to call only for Love, asking her to hug and forgive the children for every mistake they made. Love would come quickly, stroking their hair and comforting them, even when their actions were selfish or unkind.



When Boundaries tried to help, the people pushed her away and told her not to be so strict because children should just be children. Boundaries stood quietly at the edge of the schoolyard, her flashlight dimming as the adults ignored her vital guidance.



Without the light of Boundaries, the children began to confuse being free with doing whatever they wanted without thinking of others. The school grew loud and chaotic, and the gentle atmosphere of the valley started to transform into something harsh and unruly.



Sophia continued to write words like Respect and Kindness on her chalkboard, hoping the children would understand their importance. However, some children began to laugh and make fun of the lessons, raising their voices in ways that hurt those around them.



Love stood by Sophia and whispered that the children were still small and didn't mean any harm by their behavior. But Boundaries watched from the doorway, warning that if they didn't learn limits now, they would forget how to truly value and respect others.



The days passed, and the beautiful words on the chalkboard seemed to vanish faster than Sophia could write them. The children's jokes became sharper and their words became like thorns, leaving Sophia feeling deeply exhausted and heartbroken.



One day, Sophia's heart could take no more, and a heavy silence fell over the entire valley as she stopped teaching. Love turned to Boundaries with tears in her eyes, finally realizing that her kindness alone was not enough to keep the children's hearts safe and good.



The people finally understood that Love without Boundaries becomes weak, and Boundaries without Love becomes cold. On the old chalkboard, a single sentence remained forever: The bravest word is respect, teaching every child that empathy is the most powerful language in the world.