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Nick, a young dwarf in his adolescent years, whispers a quiet prayer for hope as he looks out over a world scarred by ancient wars. Though the gods have faded into memory, he refuses to let the shadows of the past extinguish the small light remaining in his heart.



The majestic Castle Mizen stands tall at the center of the kingdom, its ancient stone walls reflecting in the deep blue waters of a revitalized river. After the Great War, this fortress has become a sanctuary where life begins to flourish once more, signaling a new era for the dwarven people.



As the morning sun filters through the vibrant forest canopy, Nick wakes up in his sturdy oak bed, feeling the lingering joy of last night's festivities. The air is crisp and full of promise, a stark contrast to the dark history that the world is slowly trying to forget.



Nick's heart aches with a secret love for the Elven King's daughter, a being of celestial beauty with hair like the sky and eyes like spring grass. He knows the deep-seated prejudices of the Elves make their union impossible, yet he cannot help but dream of a world without such divisions.



Preparation for the tenth anniversary of the Great War's end is in full swing, with the dwarves proudly hosting creatures from all corners of the land. Amidst the banners and music, Nick ponders the ancient roots of hatred and the choices that lead creatures toward either darkness or light.



Johnny the giant, a gentle soul despite his towering four-meter height, works diligently with his woodworking tools to craft benches for the coming celebration. Nick watches his friend with a mix of pride and envy, still searching for his own unique talent in a world that values craftsmanship and song.



In their cozy home, Nick and his sister Ewelina share a hearty breakfast of eggs and bacon, filled with laughter and playful sibling rivalry. These small moments of domestic peace are the foundation of their resilience, proving that happiness can exist even when the world feels broken.



Looking out at the horizon, Nick recalls the tales of the ice age and the fires that once consumed the earth, leaving behind a legacy of fear. He understands that trust is a fragile thing, easily broken by the weight of the past, yet he chooses to face the future with optimism.



Nick hitches a ride on Johnny's massive shoulders, and the pair sets off down a winding forest path toward the outskirts of their village. With Johnny's long strides carrying them forward, they head toward a mysterious meeting that could change the course of their evening.



They arrive at the secluded home of the ancient gardener, a figure of myth who is said to cultivate the very essence of happiness in his hidden soil. As the gardener's dogs bark a wary welcome, Nick and Johnny stand ready to seek the wisdom and magic needed for the festival ahead.