



The Secret of N-Bus

Lorelai Gilmore



A young boy looks up at the yellow school bus with wide eyes, asking Miss Bonnie if it is truly magic. The bus sits quietly in the schoolyard, its large googly eyes staring back with a mysterious, silent wisdom.



Miss Bonnie looks back on the day she found the bus in a dusty, dark junkyard. The vehicle was trembling and shaking as if it were alive, waiting for someone with a kind heart to rescue it from the scrap heap.



In a quiet moment, Miss Bonnie tells the children about the people who built the bus to be a weapon. The bus remains perfectly still, secretly remembering the cold laboratories and the people who never understood that he needed a friend, not a commander.



The children gather around to give their bus a special name, finally settling on N-Bus for Nifty and Nice. In response, the bus sends a puff of warm air through the vents, a cozy mechanical version of a grateful smile.



Little Lizzie leans close to the steering wheel and whispers the word Boss so only the bus can hear. She promises that their secret is safe and that they will always protect his true identity from the rest of the world.



Miss Bonnie turns the key, and instead of a roar, the bus gives a deep, powerful hum that vibrates through the floorboards. The kids scramble into their seats with excitement, wondering if this journey will take them to the stars or a spooky haunted mansion.



The bus doesn't need to fly to Mars to show its magic; instead, it hums a soothing melody when a child is feeling sad. It senses when the air grows chilly and wraps the students in a blanket of gentle, golden heat.



N-Bus carries the class to a sparkling, sun-drenched beach where the waves lap gently against the shore. It is a place of peace and breathing room, far away from anyone who would ever want to turn a teacher into a tool of war.



Miss Bonnie gently pats the dashboard, whispering a promise that N-Bus is finally home and safe from harm. The bus responds with a soft, rhythmic vibration, a secret language that says he will protect his new family forever.



The children huddle together to recite the rules of the Bus Crew, vowing to keep their undercover mission a total secret. As the sun sets, the yellow bus drives away, carrying a legendary hero who is perfectly happy just being their friend.