ELIO'S LITTLE DISCOVERIES

The Birthday Question

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Tomorrow was Mum’s birthday. While she was out in the garden, Elio pulled Bori into the kitchen. “I have a plan,” he whispered. “We wake her early with a song, and breakfast is already waiting.”



Bori tilted her head. “What if she does not want to wake up early? We could just ask her what she would like.” “Then it is not a surprise,” said Elio. “A surprise has to be a secret.”



“I like surprises as well,” said Bori. “But last winter someone gave me a knitted hat as a surprise. I never wear hats. It is still in a drawer, and I feel a little bad every time I see it.”



Elio thought about the hat in the drawer. “But if we ask her straight out, she will know. I want to watch her face when she finds the surprise.” Both of them had a good reason. “Then we ask without saying why,” said Bori.



When Mum came in with the washing, Bori asked, “What is the best kind of morning?” Mum laughed. “A slow one. I wake up by myself, nobody needs anything, and I sit by the window with my book.”



That evening, Elio sat on the floor by the armchair. “My song would wake her up,” he said quietly. “And a big breakfast means a big mess. My plan is the opposite of a slow morning.”



“She did not ask for a present,” said Bori. “She told us about a morning. Maybe the morning can be the present.” Elio sat up. “And it can still be a secret. She will not know until she walks in.”



Early the next day, Bori crept in by the back door. Elio swept on tiptoe and set out three plates. Together they slid the armchair over to the sunny window and put Mum’s book on its arm.



Then they waited. The kitchen grew brighter. The bread sat ready under a cloth. Elio wanted to knock on her door so badly that he sat on his paws. A slow morning was hard work for the ones who were waiting.



At last the bedroom door opened. Mum stood still and looked: the clean floor, the plates, her chair by the bright window. Nobody sang. Nobody needed anything. “How did you know?” she asked softly.



“It was Bori who asked about mornings, not presents,” said Elio, “and I kept the secret.” Mum sat down in her armchair. “So I got the slow morning I wanted,” she said, “and a surprise I did not expect. That makes two presents.”



They ate bread and jam by the window. “Next year,” said Elio, “I will ask you a question first, but I will not tell you why.” Mum laughed. “Then I promise not to guess.”

함께 발견해요

읽기 전

표지의 부엌과 창가 의자를 함께 보고, 깜짝 선물을 받아 본 기억이나 준비해 본 기억을 하나씩 이야기해 봐요.

함께 읽을 때

엘리오와 보리가 각자의 생각을 말하는 장면에서 '왜 그렇게 생각했을까?'를 짚어 봐요. 보리가 선물이 아니라 아침에 대해 묻는 장면에서 잠깐 멈춰도 좋아요.

생각 나누기

엄마가 말한 '두 가지 선물'은 무엇이었나요? 각각 누구의 생각에서 나왔는지 원문에서 찾아봐요. 어느 한쪽이 틀렸다고 정하지 않아요.

생활에서

가족이 좋아하는 '느린 아침'이나 쉬는 시간이 어떤 모습인지 물어봐요. 무엇을 준비하라는 약속이 아니라 서로를 알아 가는 이야기로 나눠요.

관점과 근거를 비교하는 긴 함께 읽기 원고 초안이에요. 독립 읽기 인증이나 관점 이해 평가가 아니에요.

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