Hana and the Moving Appointment

A changed plan can still have a place.



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Hana put a paper star on Thursday. That was the day Grandpa would visit. She counted the empty calendar squares between Monday and the shining star.



On Tuesday, Grandpa called. The train workers needed to repair the track. He could come on Saturday instead. Hana looked at Thursday. It still had her star.



"But the calendar says Thursday," she told Mum. "The star shows our plan," Mum said. "A plan can change, even when we hoped it would stay."



Hana did not want to move it. She had chosen Thursday's storybook, Thursday's biscuits and Thursday's place for Grandpa's slippers. Saturday felt much too far away.



Mum sat with her for a while. Then Hana asked, "Can I keep the things I planned?" They put the book and slippers together in a basket.



The biscuits would wait in their closed tin. Hana lifted the star carefully. It left a pale mark on Thursday. She could still see where it had been.



She placed it on Saturday. Under Thursday, she drew a small telephone. Grandpa had promised a call. That was not a visit, but it was something real.



On Thursday, Hana showed Grandpa the basket through the screen. "Your slippers are very patient," she said. Grandpa wiggled his toes. "Mine are getting impatient."



After the call, Hana went to her usual swimming lesson. Friday brought school, a game and a book. Waiting had other things inside it, she noticed.



On Saturday, the doorbell rang. Grandpa stood outside with his bag. Hana checked the calendar, just once, then ran to bring him the patient slippers.



They read Thursday's story on Saturday's sofa. The biscuits tasted exactly as she had hoped. Hana rested her head against Grandpa's sleeve and turned a page.



Before bed, she added a tiny picture beside the star: Grandpa wearing both slippers. The calendar could not make a visit happen. But it could help her remember one.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

What could Hana keep from her first plan?

What helped her while she waited?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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