Ishan and the Invisible Message

A surprise needs a way to be seen.



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Ishan wanted to make Nana a message without saying a word. He chose a folded white card and the smoothest white crayon in the tin.



He drew a great looping heart. Then he drew twelve small dots around it. The crayon slid over the paper with a satisfying, slippery whisper.



When Nana came back, Ishan placed the card beside her cup. She lifted it, turned it towards the window, and looked at the other side.



"Is this a card for us to make together?" she asked. Ishan's tail drooped. "I have already made it." His wonderful message had almost disappeared.



Nana found a scrap of paper. Ishan drew two more white dots. They could see them when the light caught the wax, but only just.



"Let's try some watercolour on this scrap," Nana suggested. Ishan swept a pale blue wash over it. Two white dots shone through the blue.



"The paint is moving away from the wax!" Ishan said. He touched the dry edge of his card. Perhaps his heart was still waiting there.



With Nana beside him, he brushed blue across the card. A white curve appeared. Then another. His whole heart came back, surrounded by twelve bright dots.



Nana leaned close. "Now I can see your message." Ishan leaned close too. The white lines looked like little paths across a summer sky.



They left the wet card flat on newspaper. While it dried, Ishan cut large paper leaves with his child-safe scissors. Nana helped with a tricky corner.



He glued the leaves along the outside edge. This time, he checked that the card could still open. Inside, Nana helped him write his name.



Nana stood the card on her shelf. Ishan wrapped his paws around her. Some messages needed paint. This one, at last, also needed a hug.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

Why did Nana have trouble seeing the first picture?

What did the scrap of paper help Ishan discover?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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