Marnie and the Soundless Applause

A celebration can make room for everyone.



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Marnie practised a juggling trick with three soft scarves. Her friend Willa practised reading a poem. They planned a tiny show for their families in the community room.



At rehearsal, the clapping startled Willa. She covered her ears. "I like knowing people enjoyed it," she said, "but sudden loud applause is hard for me."



Marnie had an idea immediately. "We can clap quietly!" Willa shook her head. "Could we find something without the sudden sound?" Marnie sat beside her and listened.



They tried waving their hands in the air. Fingers fluttered like leaves. Willa watched, smiling. "That works for me." Marnie liked how the whole room seemed to sparkle.



The teacher helped them make a sign explaining their choice. They also told the families before the show began, so nobody had to guess what the waving meant.



Marnie worried that her juggling would feel less exciting without claps. She practised once more. Willa waved both hands when the last scarf landed safely in Marnie's paws.



The bright movement felt like a little celebration. Marnie bowed. Then it was her turn to listen while Willa read. She waited until the poem was finished.



On show day, the families settled into their chairs. The teacher explained the hand waves. A few people practised, and the room filled with quiet, flickering fingers.



Marnie dropped one scarf during her trick. She picked it up and finished. The audience waved. She could see their smiles, even without a burst of sound.



Willa read her poem clearly. At the end, she looked up. Hands waved from every row. Her shoulders relaxed. She took a slow, pleased bow.



Afterwards, the families told them what they had enjoyed. One liked the scarves. Another remembered a line about a pear tree. The praise had many different shapes.



Marnie folded the sign for next time. They had not made a smaller celebration. They had found a way for their friend to be comfortable inside it.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

How did the friends choose a comfortable way to celebrate?

Why did they explain it before the show?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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