Nuri and the Extra Ticket

One small mistake at the puppet booth.



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Nuri had enough tokens for one puppet show. He slid them across the booth's little counter. The ticket seller counted them while a gust rattled her paper signs.



She tore off a ticket, handed it over and reached for a fallen sign. Nuri stepped away. Two tickets were stuck together in his paw.



His cousin Bex had no ticket. Nuri imagined surprising her with the spare one. It would be lovely to sit together in the front row.



He looked back at the busy booth. The seller had meant to give him one. Nuri knew that, even though nobody had noticed the second ticket.



"I think these got stuck," he said, returning to the counter. The seller gently separated them. "Thank you for bringing it back. Our tickets are a bit damp."



Nuri watched her place the extra ticket on the stack. She did not offer him a prize. He still had one ticket, exactly as he had paid for.



Bex met him by the puppet tent. Nuri explained what had happened. "I wanted us both to go," he said. Bex nodded. "Me too. Maybe next time."



They looked at the fair's programme together. Before the ticketed show, there was a free puppet-making table. Bex pointed to it. Nuri's ears lifted.



They made two paper puppets. Nuri's had a long nose. Bex's had enormous eyebrows. Their puppets bowed, argued over a pretend pear, and bowed again.



When the bell rang, Nuri went into the show. Bex stayed with her dad. Nuri enjoyed the puppets, but he saved his best description for afterwards.



He told Bex how the smallest puppet had fooled a very grand king. Bex made her paper puppet look astonished. Those enormous eyebrows were perfect for it.



On the way home, they planned their own show. They needed two puppets, one curtain and absolutely no tickets. Nuri carried his single ticket as a bookmark.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

Why was returning the ticket difficult?

Did Nuri need a reward for putting the mistake right?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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