Giraffe's Sideways Picture



A long neck finds a different view.

A short story to enjoy together

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Giraffe wanted to paint a picture of himself. He set a tall sheet of paper on his easel and began with his ears.

Next came his eyes, his nose, and the top of his long neck.

Then he reached the bottom of the paper.

"Oh," he said. "I have run out of picture."

Rabbit came to look. "You could use another sheet."

Giraffe fetched one. Now his neck fitted, but there was no room for his feet.

He fetched a third sheet. The picture grew so tall that Rabbit had to walk backwards to see the top.

Giraffe put down his brush. "I wanted one picture I could hang above my chair."

Rabbit turned a spare sheet sideways.

"What if you showed yourself doing something?"

Giraffe looked through the window. A small flower grew beside the path. He bent his long neck to smell it. His head made a gentle curve through the air.

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Rabbit smiled. "Like that!"

Giraffe took a fresh, wide sheet. He painted himself leaning towards the flower. His neck curved across the paper. His feet stood together at one end. His nose reached the blossom at the other.

There was even room for Rabbit beside him.

When the paint was dry, they hung the picture above the chair.

"All of me," Giraffe said, "and something I like doing."

Rabbit climbed onto the cushion for a better look.

Giraffe sat beside the picture and stretched his neck towards the real flower outside.

It smelled just as lovely as he remembered.

THE END

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What changed when Giraffe showed himself doing something? What would you be doing in your picture?

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