The Chain Around the Room



Every little person adds something different.

A short story to enjoy together

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Ms Kim unfolded a strip of paper. Out stepped one paper person, then another, then another. Their hands stayed joined all along the strip.

"They look exactly the same," said Ada.

"For now," said Ms Kim.

She gave each child a section to decorate. Ada drew curly hair. Theo chose a green shirt. Zola made a bright skirt with tiny yellow dots.

Soon the table was covered with crayons. The paper people began to look different from one another.

Ada gave one person glasses like her dad's. Theo drew a striped hat like his neighbour's. Zola added a small purple bag because she liked carrying treasures.

When they lifted the chain, one person's arm tore away from the next.

"Oh no," Ada said. "Our line has a gap."

Ms Kim brought a small piece of tape. The children placed it carefully behind the join. Then they pressed it flat together.

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The two paper hands met again.

Their chain was not long enough to go around the whole room. Other children brought their finished strips, and Ms Kim helped join them.

The chain passed the window. It turned the corner. It travelled above the bookcase and almost reached the door.

"One more person," Theo said.

Together they decorated the final shape. It had curls, a green shirt, a dotted bag, and a very splendid hat.

Ms Kim fixed it at the end. The two ends met.

The children stood in the middle and looked around.

All those different little people were holding hands, all the way around their room.

THE END

LET'S TALK

What made each paper person different? Which details would you add to yours?

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