The Rhino's Tiny Shop Window

Big ideas can fit in a small display.

A short story to enjoy together



Read slowly. Pause to enjoy the pictures and the words.

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READ TOGETHER

Rhino built a pretend furniture shop from a shoebox. He cut a broad window with an adult's help and made three paper chairs. Unfortunately, his large paws hid the whole shop while he arranged them.

Mouse offered to help. "Tell me where you want each chair." Rhino described his plan. One by the window, one beside the table, one facing the tiny paper lamp.

Mouse placed them carefully, but the last chair blocked the doorway. Rhino leaned down until one eye filled the window. "Our customers couldn't get in," he said.

They moved the chair to the back wall. Now the room had a clear path. Mouse walked two fingers through the doorway to test it. Rhino made the sound of a tiny doorbell.

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A friend admired the shop and asked who had made it. "We both did," Rhino said. "I planned and built the box. Mouse helped arrange the small pieces. Then we changed the plan together."

They put a sign above the window: Chairs of Every Size. Next to the shoebox, Rhino placed his own full-sized stool. It made the little chairs look even smaller.

Mouse sat on the edge of the stool. Rhino sat on the floor. Their shop had room for different kinds of furniture and, more importantly, different kinds of helpful paws.

LET'S TALK

How did Rhino and Mouse use their different strengths?

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