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Once upon a time there was a little boy, a Little Prince. He was from a different planet. He was from Asteroid B-612.

The Little Prince was the only person on his planet. He was lonely. There were no people on his planet, so he had no friends. There was no one to talk to, so the Little Prince lived in silence.



His planet was very small. There was no space for trees. One time, trees took over his planet. The planet was too small for the enormous trees!

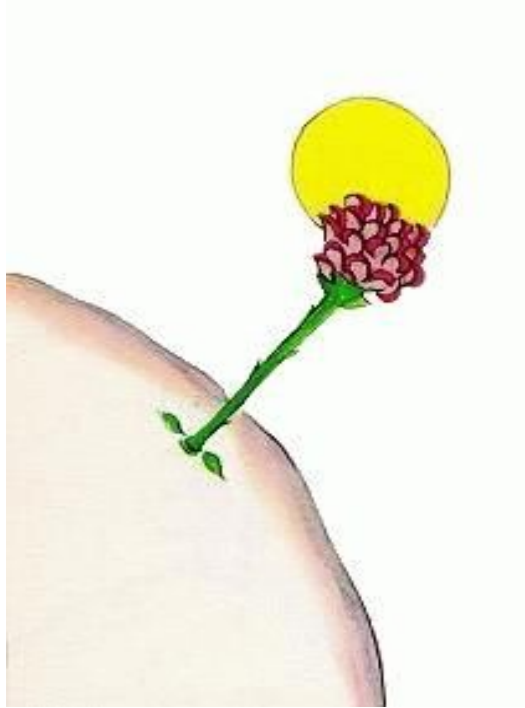
It took a lot of time, but the Little Prince pulled up the trees. It was a lot of work for a little boy. The Little Prince worked a lot. He loved his planet. He felt responsible for it.



Day after day, the Little Prince worked. It was hard work.

One day, he saw a plant. It was not an ordinary plant. It was special. The plant was graceful and elegant.

The Little Prince was fascinated by its brilliant color: red. It was different from all the other plants. It was a rose.



The Prince was curious so he went up to the rose. He wanted to admire its red petals. He admired its beautiful smell.

Suddenly, the rose said "hello." The Little Prince was very surprised! This rose was very special. It was able to talk. The Little Prince was very happy. Quickly, he said, "Hello! My name is Little Prince. I am a boy. Who are you? "

"I am a rose," she replied.



The Little Prince talked and talked with the Rose. He spent a lot of time with the Rose. He liked their conversations. Finally, the Little Prince had a friend! The Little Prince was very happy.

But the Rose was not happy. One day, it was very hot. Rose said, "I'm hot!"

Quickly, the Little Prince gave the Rose some water. She did not say "Thank you."



Day after day, the Little Prince had long conversations with the Rose. In the past, the Rose had a difficult life. She was tormented and attacked.

The Little Prince took pity on the Rose. He said to himself, "Oh no! This plant is delicate. I am responsible for it. She is very special."

The Little Prince worked hard to make his Rose comfortable. He gave the Rose his full attention.



One day, the Rose said, "I'm not comfortable."

"Oh no," said the Little Prince. "Are you hot?"

"No, I'm cold. The air is frigid," said the Rose. Then, she coughed intentionally. She wanted the Little Prince's attention.

The Little Prince thought for a minute. Then he had an idea. He gave the Rose a screen. He said, "Here's a screen. With the screen, you will be comfortable. It will block the cold air."





But the Rose was not satisfied.

The Rose said to the Little Prince, "I am very, very cold. I have a cough!" She coughed intentionally. The Little Prince took pity on the delicate rose.

Quickly, he had another idea. He gave the Rose a glass dome. The dome gave the Rose a lot of protection. Yet, the Rose was not satisfied. She coughed a lot. She was not comfortable.



The Little Prince had another idea. He went to a volcano. The volcano was hot. It was like a small chimney.

The Little Prince stirred the volcano. The small volcano warmed the Rose. Finally, the temperature was perfect. The Rose was not hot; she was not cold. She was a very comfortable temperature.

But the Rose pretended to be uncomfortable. She coughed and coughed.



The Little Prince was frustrated. He had given the Rose a screen and a dome. He gave the Rose water. He talked with the Rose. He gave the Rose all his attention.

Yet, he was not able to satisfy the Rose. She was never satisfied. The Little Prince said to himself, "To love a rose is not easy."

One day, The Little Prince made a sad decision. He decided to leave the Rose. He was very sad. He loved his Rose, but she made the Little Prince sad.



The Little Prince left the planet. He visited many other planets. On the other planets, the Little Prince had many adventures.

There were many distractions, but the Little Prince kept thinking about the Rose. He liked his adventures, but he loved his Rose.





The Little Prince arrived at many planets. Eventually, he arrived on a big planet, Earth. The Little Prince was in Africa. In fact, he was in the Sahara Desert. In the Sahara, it was very hot and there was no water.

The Little Prince was surprised at how hot it was. He thought, “Oh dear, it is so hot on this planet. My Rose would not like this planet at all!”



The Little Prince looked and looked for water to drink. He looked a long time. The Little Prince was soon very sad. He thought, “I do not like this sad, hot Earth. I like my planet and my Rose much more.”

The Earth was very different from his planet. In the Sahara, there were not many plants. The Little Prince loved his plants. Above all, he loved his Rose. He looked around the Sahara, and he thought about how special his Rose was.

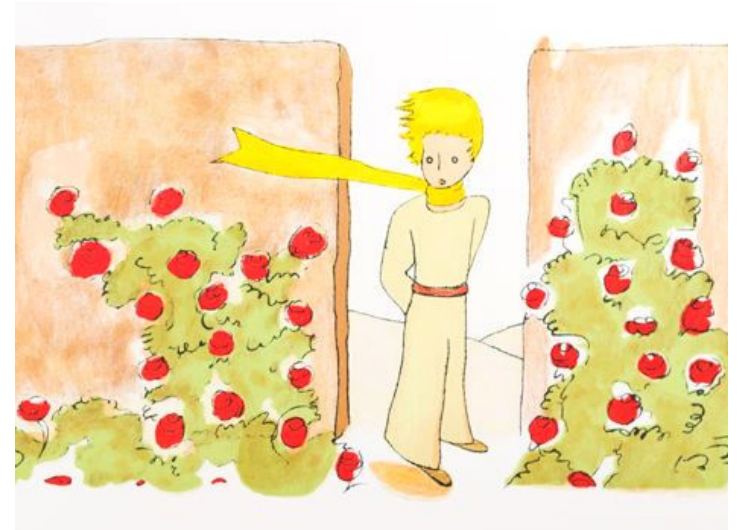


Suddenly, the Little Prince saw an animal. Surprised, he said, “Hello! I am the Little Prince. Who are you?”

“I'm a snake. Have you never seen a snake?” said the animal.

“No, there are no snakes on my planet,” he explained. “I am from Asteroid B-612.”

The Little Prince talked about his planet. The snake was fascinated. He liked talking with the Little Prince.



The snake took pity on the boy. He said, “I like you, Little Prince. I will not touch you... not yet. But if you decide to leave this planet, I will help you.”

The Little Prince said goodbye to the snake. He continued to explore. He saw many interesting things.

Suddenly, the Little Prince arrived at an oasis. There, in the oasis, the Little Prince was very surprised! There were many, many roses. The roses were identical to the Little Prince's Rose.

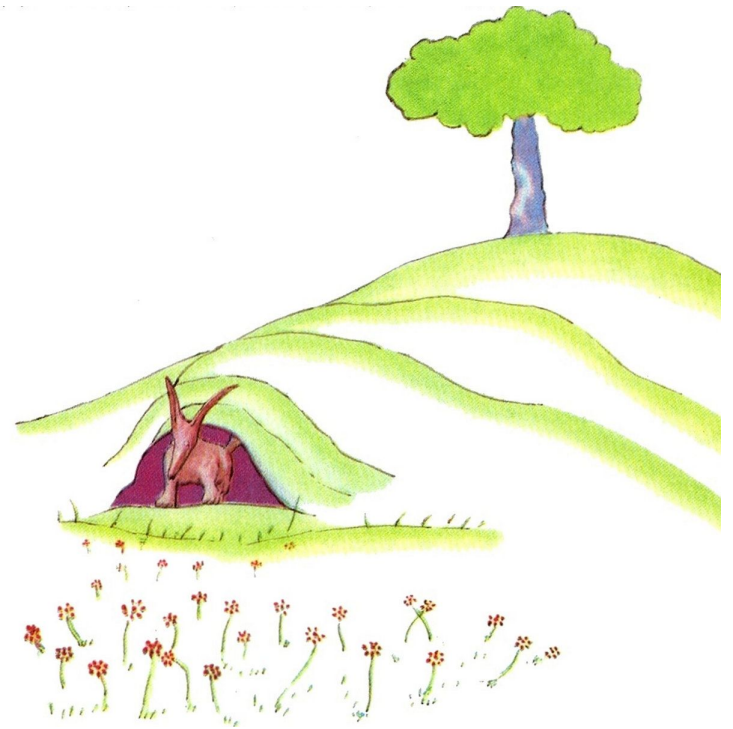


The Little Prince said to himself, “Here are a million roses! My rose is not special.” The Little Prince was very sad.

At that moment, the Little Prince saw an animal in the distance. The animal was red like the Rose. Curious, he said, “Hello! Who are you?”

The animal said, “I am a fox.” The fox was very intelligent. Quickly, he saw that the Little Prince was sad. “What is the problem, little one?”

The Little Prince said sadly, “I thought my Rose was special, but she is not special. There are a million roses here on the Earth.”



The fox said, “You love your Rose, so she is special for you.”

The Little Prince loved his rose, but it was complicated. He said, “I love my Rose. I try to make her happy, but she was never satisfied.”

The intelligent fox said, “Yes, loving a rose is a great responsibility. When you love a rose, you are responsible for it.”



The Little Prince spent a lot of time with the Fox. He thought about his words. He thought, "I love my Rose, so I'm responsible for my Rose." So, the Little Prince decided to return to his planet.

One day, the Little Prince said, "I decided to leave Earth. I'm returning to my planet."

The Fox was sad, but it was a good decision. He said, "Yes, go to your Rose. It's very important. It's essential."

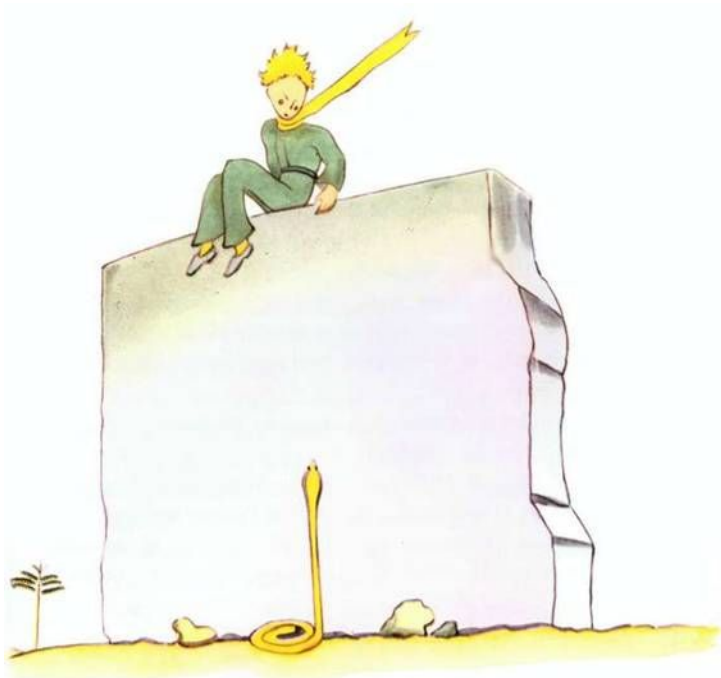
"Essential? What does 'essential' mean?" said the boy.



"What is essential is invisible. You can't see it with your eyes. You can only see it with your heart," said the Fox. The Fox had a sincere heart.

Sadly, the Little Prince said goodbye. He went looking for a way to return to his planet. The Asteroid B-612 was a long way from Earth. He had no way to go back to his planet.

The Little Prince thought about his planet and his Rose. He was very sad. Suddenly, a voice said, "Hello, Little Prince."



The Little Prince was very surprised. Then, he saw the snake. He liked the snake, and the snake liked the Little Prince.

The boy said, "Hello, Snake. I'm happy to see you. I was a little sad. I want to go back to my planet."

For a minute, the snake thought about the problem. The boy was very sad. So the snake told him, "Life on this planet is difficult."



The Little Prince said, "Yes, and I want to leave this planet. I want to return to my planet. I love my Rose, and I'm responsible for her."

The snake said, "If you want to leave this planet, I'll help you."

The Little Prince accepted. He approached the snake. Then he fell. The Little Prince left the Earth.