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Growing Bigger Hearts

Qamar and the magic doors

In a peaceful town lived a little girl named Qamar. She loved visiting Adel, the carpenter, with her dad because he made beautiful doors that were magical.

One door had the scent of fresh lemons, another let in a cool winter breeze. And in one door, the laughter of the children could be heard.

Adel's door was always
open, exactly like his heart.
He welcomed everyone,
especially Qamar who helped
him add the final touch
to every door.

But Sameer, Adel's son, didn't like having people around. "Why should we always welcome guests and offer them drinks, food, and rest?" he asked.

So, his father replied, "My son, a door is more than just an entrance to one's house. It's the door to one's heart."

One day, Adel had to travel so he left his son in charge. As soon as his father left, Sameer stopped welcoming people in.

The next day, a man stood at Sameer's door saying, "I heard you make magical doors, I want a new door please!"

Sameer accepted the job but didn't offer the man any food or drink, even though he looked tired.

Sameer focused and worked very hard on the door, but all alone in his shop.

When he was done, he was surprised that it was just a normal door with no special sound or scent!

He felt very sad and started carving door after door, with no result. Where did his father get the magic from?

Qamar couldn't see him unhappy anymore and decided to help him because she knew the secret of the doors. So, she decided to invite him to her house.

Her father welcomed him in. Her mother offered him food and drinks, and her brother Rami sat beside him. Sameer felt really happy and felt the warmth of their hospitality.

He thanked them, and left inspired and feeling closer to understanding what he was missing.

The next day, Sameer remembered what he felt at Qamar's house.

So, he opened his door and
started welcoming everybody.

He offered drinks and food to them all. The more welcoming he was, the more magical his doors became.

Adel returned while Sameer and Qamar were finishing up a new door. Seeing them, and the shop full of people, made Adel feel so happy and proud of his son.

Sameer, surprised to see his father, rushed to hug and thank him for trusting him with the shop.

Adel smiled at his son and said to him, "I am happy that you discovered the importance of hospitality, especially when it comes from the heart."

The End

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