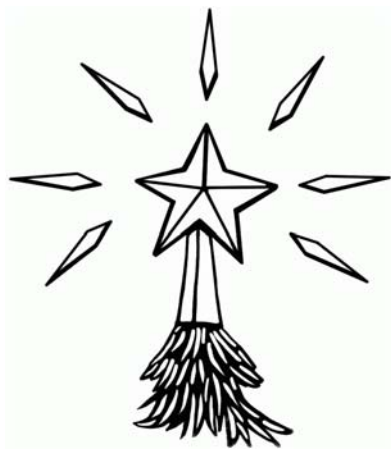


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The Mystery of the Stolen Star

In the quiet town of Starville, there was a beautiful park called Starlight Park. Every night, the park was lit up by a magnificent star-shaped lantern that hung from the tallest tree. This lantern was special because it glowed brighter than any other light in the town, and it was a symbol of hope and happiness for everyone.

One sunny morning, Stella and her best friend Steven went to Starlight Park to play. They loved to play under the shade of the tall tree and gaze at the star-shaped lantern. But when they arrived, they noticed something strange. The lantern was missing! "Where could it be?" Steven asked, puzzled.

"I don't know, but we need to find it!" Stella exclaimed. "Let's start by looking for clues." The two friends started their investigation. They searched the park, looking under benches, behind bushes, and even in the fountain. Suddenly, Stella spotted something shiny on the ground. It was a small piece of glass from the lantern.

"Look, Steven! A clue!" Stella said, holding up the glass.

"Great! Let's keep looking," Steven replied.

They followed the trail of small glass pieces that led them to the back of the park. There, they found a strange set of footprints. The footprints were different from anything they had seen before. They decided to follow the footprints, which led them to an old, abandoned storage shed.

Inside the shed, they found the star-shaped lantern, hidden under a dusty old blanket. Stella and Steven were overjoyed to have found the lantern, but they were also curious about who had taken it.

Just then, they heard a rustling sound. A small, stray cat emerged from behind some boxes. The cat looked up at them with big, innocent eyes. "It must have been the cat!" Steven exclaimed. "It probably knocked the lantern down and dragged it here." Stella gently picked up the cat and petted it. "Let's take the lantern back to the park and hang it up again," she said.

The two friends carefully carried the lantern back to the tall tree and hung it up. As soon as they did, the star-shaped lantern began to glow brightly once more. The townspeople gathered around, cheering for Stella and Steven. "Thank you for finding our star!" the mayor said. "You two are real heroes."

Stella and Steven smiled proudly, happy to have restored the light to Starlight Park. The mystery of the stolen star was solved, and the park was bright and beautiful once again.

