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A New Perspective

Stanley Lambchop had always been an ordinary boy—until one morning when he woke up flat! A heavy bulletin board had fallen on him during the night, pressing him as thin as a pancake. At first, Stanley was shocked. His parents and his brother, Arthur, were just as surprised. But soon, Stanley realized that being flat had some unusual advantages.

Stanley could now slide under doors, making hide-and-seek the easiest game ever. He could fit into tight spaces that no other child could. When his mother accidentally dropped her ring down a drain, Stanley simply slipped through the grate and retrieved it. His flatness even allowed him to help catch a group of art thieves—by disguising himself as a painting in a museum!

Not everything about being flat was exciting, though. At school, some kids made fun of him, calling him “Flatty” and “Paper Boy.” He missed being able to run and jump like before. Arthur tried to help by flying Stanley like a kite, but even that wasn’t the same as playing like a normal boy.

The most surprising adventure came when Stanley’s family realized he could travel by mail. Instead of taking a long, expensive trip, Stanley was folded into a big envelope and sent across the country to visit a friend. It was thrilling—he got to see new places without needing a ticket or a suitcase!

Despite these adventures, Stanley sometimes felt different in a way that made him lonely. He wished he could return to his original shape. Luckily, Arthur had an idea. He grabbed a bicycle pump and carefully puffed air into Stanley. Slowly, Stanley filled out until he was back to normal.

Though he was glad to be himself again, Stanley never forgot what he had learned. Being flat had helped him see the world in a different way. He realized that challenges could turn into opportunities and that being different wasn’t always bad—it just meant seeing life from a new perspective.