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Breaking Rules

Duncan loved to draw, and like most kids, he followed the usual rules of coloring. The sky was always blue, fire trucks were always red, and the sun was always yellow. But one day, when he opened his crayon box, he was surprised to find letters instead of crayons!

Each crayon had written to him, and they were not happy. Red Crayon complained about being overworked, saying, "Fire trucks, apples, hearts—I

never get a break!" Blue Crayon had the same problem, explaining, "You color the whole sky and ocean with me, and now I'm just a tiny stub!"

Meanwhile, some crayons felt ignored. "You barely use me," Pink Crayon wrote. "Why do you think I can only be for princess dresses? I can be a dinosaur or a monster too!" Black Crayon was also frustrated. "I only get used for outlines. Why can't I color in something big for once?"

Yellow and Orange Crayon had been fighting for years. "I AM the real color of the sun!" Yellow insisted. "No, I AM!" Orange argued.

As Duncan read through the letters, he realized something: why should colors only be used in one way? Who decided that skies had to be blue or that dinosaurs couldn't be pink? If crayons had feelings, they would all want to be included, not stuck doing the same thing over and over.

So, Duncan decided to break the rules of coloring. He drew a pink dinosaur, a black sun, and a blue tree. He colored an orange ocean and a yellow sky. He even mixed Yellow and Orange together so they could both be the sun.

When he finished, his drawing looked different from anything he had ever made before. It was wild, colorful, and fun! The crayons were finally happy, and Duncan realized something important: just because something has always been done a certain way doesn't mean it's the only way. Creativity means thinking outside the lines and using imagination to try something new.

Through his new artwork, Duncan showed that rules—especially in art—are meant to be challenged. There is no one "right" way to do things, and sometimes, the best ideas come from daring to be different.