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Different but Brave

When Stanley Lambchop woke up one morning and discovered he was completely flat, he wasn't sure how the world would react. At first, his family was surprised, but they quickly accepted his new shape. His parents measured him and tried to help him adjust to life as a flat boy. His younger brother, Arthur, thought it was exciting and even flew Stanley like a kite for fun.

However, not everyone treated Stanley kindly. At school, some of his classmates whispered about him in the hallways. Others laughed and called him names like "Flatty" and "Paper Boy." Stanley felt embarrassed and hurt. He hadn't changed as a person, but suddenly, people treated him differently.

Even though he was teased, Stanley also found that some people admired his unique abilities. When his mother lost her ring down a narrow drain, only Stanley could slip through the opening and retrieve it. When his father struggled to reach under heavy furniture, Stanley was able to squeeze underneath and help. Over time, he realized that being different wasn't always a bad thing—it allowed him to do things others couldn't.

Stanley's biggest adventure came when he helped catch art thieves at the local museum. He had an idea—he could disguise himself as a painting and catch the criminals in the act! When the thieves arrived that night, Stanley stayed perfectly still in his frame. Just as they tried to steal him, he sprang to life, startling them and allowing the police to capture them. The town called him a hero, and for the first time, Stanley felt truly proud of being different.

Even with all his success, Stanley still longed to be his normal self. His brother Arthur noticed this and came up with a plan. Using a bicycle pump, he carefully pumped air into Stanley until he regained his original shape. While Stanley was happy to be back to normal, he never forgot what he had learned.

Stanley's journey reflected how people react to those who are different. Some people teased him, some ignored him, but others saw the value in his uniqueness. In the end, he realized that being different isn't about being better or worse—it's about embracing who you are and using your strengths to make a difference.