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Family Reactions

One morning, Stanley Lambchop woke up feeling strange. As he sat up in bed, he realized something was very wrong—he was completely flat! A large bulletin board had fallen on him during the night, pressing him as thin as a piece of paper. Shocked, he called out to his parents and his brother, Arthur.

When Mrs. Lambchop saw Stanley, she gasped and put a hand over her mouth. “Oh my goodness, dear! You’re so... flat!”

she said, trying to stay calm. Mr. Lambchop, on the other hand, examined Stanley thoughtfully. “Well,” he said, “this is certainly unexpected, but I don’t see why we can’t make the best of it.”

Arthur, Stanley’s younger brother, was amazed. “Wow! That’s so cool!” he exclaimed. “Can you slide under doors? Can you fly like a kite?” Arthur’s excitement made Stanley feel a little better.

Stanley’s parents did their best to help him adjust. His mother made him special clothes so they wouldn’t hang too loosely. His father found creative ways for Stanley to travel, even sending him in an envelope to visit a friend across the country. But while his parents were supportive, they also treated him like everything was normal, which sometimes frustrated Stanley. He wished they would understand how strange and lonely he felt.

Arthur, on the other hand, had mixed feelings. At first, he thought Stanley’s flatness was fun. He even flew Stanley like a kite in the park! But as time passed, Arthur started to feel jealous. Everyone paid extra attention to Stanley because he was different. Arthur missed things being normal, too.

One evening, Stanley admitted, “I just want to be regular again.” Arthur looked at him and got an idea. “What if we try to pump you back up?” With their parents’ approval, Arthur used a bicycle pump to carefully fill Stanley with air. Slowly, Stanley returned to his normal shape.

Through it all, the Lambchops showed their love in different ways. Mr. and Mrs. Lambchop stayed practical and supportive, while Arthur showed a mix of excitement and jealousy. In the end, their bond helped Stanley through his unusual experience, proving that family is there no matter what.