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Laughing Letters

Duncan loved to draw, but one day, when he opened his crayon box, something was different. Instead of crayons, he found a stack of letters—each written by a different crayon! It turned out that his crayons had complaints, and they weren't shy about sharing them.

Red Crayon was first. "I work too hard!" it whined. "Fire trucks, apples, strawberries—do you ever take a break from using me? Even on holidays, I'm stuck coloring Santa's suit and Valentine's Day hearts!"

Blue Crayon had a different problem. "I may be your favorite, but I'm too short! Oceans, skies, lakes—I've been used so much, I'm just a tiny stub! Soon, I'll be too small to hold. Then what will you do, Duncan?"

Some crayons were just frustrated with their roles. Black Crayon was tired of always outlining. "Why can't I color things in?" it complained. "How about a black rainbow? Or a black beach?"

Pink Crayon, on the other hand, was barely used at all. "Excuse me," it wrote, "but I exist! Just because I'm pink doesn't mean I can only color princess dresses and bunny ears. I'm just as good as Red or Blue, you know!"

Then there were the arguing crayons—Yellow and Orange. "I AM the color of the sun!" Yellow declared. "No, I AM!" Orange countered. Their fight had been going on for so long that even Duncan wasn't sure which one was right.

Even Beige Crayon felt left out. "I'm stuck coloring boring wheat and old sand," it moaned. "Brown gets all the cool stuff—bears, puppies, and trees. No one gets excited to use Beige."

Duncan couldn't help but laugh as he read each letter. The crayons weren't just upset—they were hilarious! They each had their own dramatic way of complaining, which made their problems sound silly but also very real.

Instead of ignoring them, Duncan came up with a creative solution. He drew in a completely new way. He made a pink dinosaur, a black sun, and an orange and yellow mix for the sky. His drawing was wacky, fun, and totally different.

By using humor, the author showed that even complaints can be funny. Through the crayons' exaggerated voices and silly problems, the story teaches an important lesson: listening to others (even crayons!) can lead to creative and unexpected solutions.

