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Chapter 1

On his way home, the Little Prince saw some rainbows and bright colours among the stars. Curious, he decides to step by, and this was the seventh planet that he visited. The whole planet was covered in beautiful flowers, waterfalls, colourful birds, and crystal-clear lakes. He was surrounded by beautiful sounds and white swans were all around him. The weather was picture perfect and he immediately felt happy and peaceful. Because of the beauty of it, he decided to explore this marvellous planet. There he met THE ANGRY ADMINISTARTOR.



The Little Prince knew that grown-ups usually tend to look angry, but this lady looked even more outraged. She was dressed all in black, from head to toe, and that made the prince ask himself why someone would be dressed like that at the planet like this?! She looked like a black hole sucking all the happiness around her. When she saw him, she immediately looked bothered and told him that she doesn't have the time for "weird little creatures like him", because she is extremely busy.

-Hey you! -The woman said angrily. - Who let you in here? What do you want from me, I am extremely busy, you know?

The Little Prince, surprised by this reaction, replied:

- I was on my way home, and when I saw a planet beautiful like this, I wanted to step by. But I was just wondering: I don't see you doing anything.

-How dare you say that I am not doing anything? I am administrating! – she yelled at him.

-Administrating what? - Little Prince asked.

She paused, thinking about what he said, and replied:

-I am busy, and I don't have the time for stupid questions like that!

-Can I help you? Since you are extremely busy, maybe I can assist you? - Said the Little Prince.

Handling some papers, she responded angrily:

-But you wouldn't know how to help me, this is a very difficult job! You don't know how hard I work!!!!

Then she turned around and left.

Astonished, Little Prince decided that he is going to explore the planet for a while. He was enjoying himself so much that even the Angry Administrator saw the positive side of her planet through his eyes. She was lurking behind the shadows, watching him fully enjoying her planet, and that almost lighten up something new, something positive within herself.

After a while, the Little Prince decided that he wanted to continue his way back home, but before his departure, he picked up the most beautiful flower that he could find in an entire planet and went to find the angry lady.

He found her surrounded by a pile of documents, swearing and mumbling to herself. He approached her, handing her a flower. She looked at him, eyes wide open in surprise.

-I wanted to give you this beautiful flower, so every time you see it, you will be reminded that you have a lot of beautiful things around you to be grateful for.



She took the flower, silently looking at him leaving in a slow pace. She went back to her office, looked at herself in the mirror, and for the first time in her entire life, a smile showed up on her face. She took the flower, smelled it, and put it behind her ear, finally looking more like she belonged to her planet.

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Chapter 2

After being bitten by the snake the Little Prince found himself on an unfamiliar planet which was not his. At first, he was confused and his head was spinning.

“Ah! Where is my rose and the volcanos? Must have been a severe confusion with the destination, because this is certainly not my home,” thought the Little Prince.

He started wondering around and exploring his surroundings. This planet reminded him a lot to Earth. In front of him there was an empty playground with a swing, a faded red slide and a broken see-saw. The Little Prince wanted to play but everything seemed to be damaged for that.

He noted an enormous white, ivy building behind the playground. The Little Prince having no fear, went into the building. It was very dark inside and everything covered in dust and spider web. The Little Prince started to go up the old stairs, turned left and found a half opened grey door. It was making cracking noises. He decided to enter the room because he heard a clicking sound of a pan.

“Are you the teacher?” Asked a teenage looking girl sitting at an empty table.

And then she thought: “Seems too young for that”.

“I am not a teacher, who are you?” answered the little prince.

The girl did not seem to notice the question, and decided to make one herself.

“Are you my new classmate?”

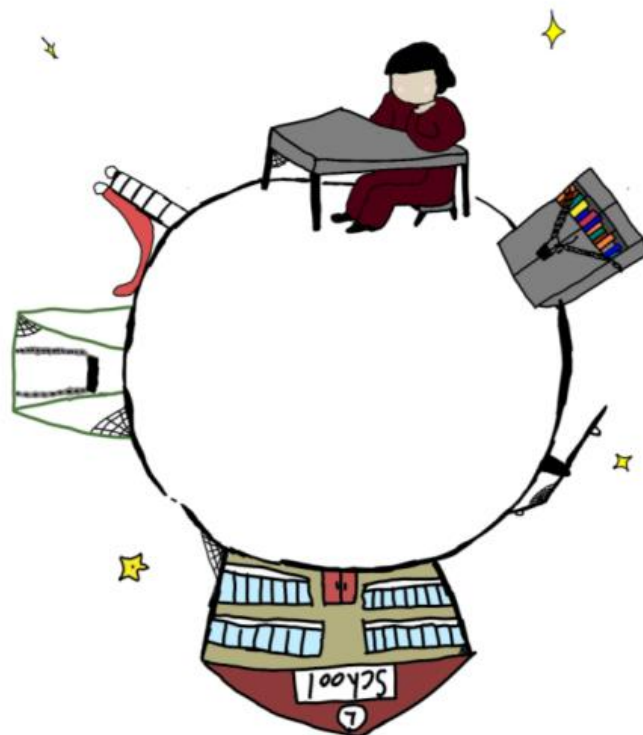
“I am on my way home, do you know where my planet is?”

“I will know if you tell me. Do you want to teach me?”

“How could I teach if I am lost myself?!”

The girl pointed to a bookshelf full of books standing in the corner.

The Little Prince started walking towards it, but the access to the bookshelf was restricted by a thick old chain with a lock around it.





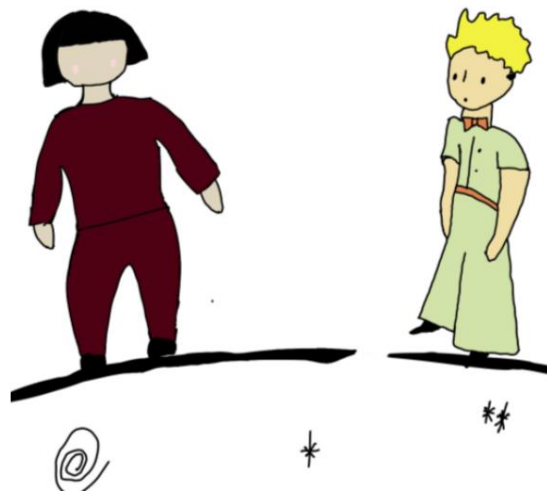
“But this is locked, who has the key?”

“The teacher has it” answered the girl.

“Then where is the teacher?”

“There is no teacher, I am still waiting for them.”

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This is all the little prince told me in his letter. Making me realize that even though I wanted to become a painter, instead of a pilot, I was lucky to have access to learn. I hope one day this girl is going to find a teacher.



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Chapter 3

The Little Prince, on his way back, arrived on the cleanest planet he had ever seen. The planet, much as his own, was only the size of a house. And just like in a house, it was all covered in carpeting.

As soon as he stepped on the ground, a maid, the only inhabitant of the planet, greeted him.

"I'm so sorry!", she exclaims. " I was not prepared for a guest. Everything's a mess, I'm so bad at cleaning. I should have at least vacuumed the carpet!"

The Little Prince started walking around and checking the surroundings. He noticed a table, shining under the moonlight, and a sofa next to it, covered with a sheet of plastic.

"Don't worry", The Little Prince said. "I also have things that I clean everyday. On my planet, I have three volcanoes, so I know how difficult it is to maintain. Your planet looks very clean."

But the maid immediately started following him and cleaning.

"Oh no no no, don't go walking like that. Your shoes are full of stardust. You will spread it around! Do you know how hard it is to clean stardust? Could you please just sit down on the couch and not move?"



The Little Prince sat down on the plastic-covered sofa. But the maid kept running around, polishing the fancy candle holder, swiping dust off the table, brushing his footsteps off the carpet.

"Years ago," she said while straightening out a pile of papers. "When I arrived, the planet was a complete mess. It's taking me forever to clean it. I cannot stay on a planet that is dirty. I feel so lonely, but I cannot go visiting around, I have to keep my planet tidy..."

"I was lonely too, but I met some friends. I have a friend, a fox."

"Oh no," interrupted the maid. "I could not be friends with a fox...they would leave their fur everywhere!" she said with shock in her eyes.

"When you are done cleaning, what would you do?"

"That would be so nice! I'm so tired! If only I were better at cleaning, I could finally go and see other planets."

"But your planet is already so clean! You could rest or travel."

"Oh, you're just being nice, but yes, it would be wonderful to travel."

"What planet would you visit?", But before The Little Prince could finish his question, the maid started ushering him away.

"Could you please move? I'm trying to clean here!" she said.

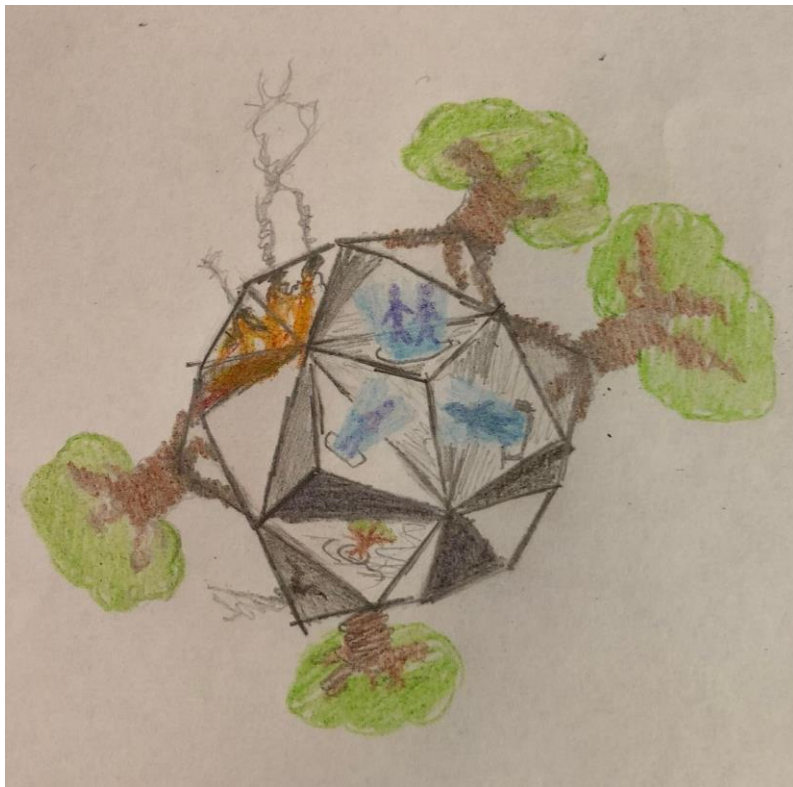
As the Little Prince was leaving, he thought: "Adults are weird. It is important to keep your planet tidy. But I would never spend a lifetime just cleaning."

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Chapter 4

While being guided by the stars, the little prince came across a weirdly shaped planet. The planet itself had corners and edges, with a metallic feel to it, cold and grey all around. The little prince was also surprised to see an active volcano far in the distance, and baobab trees surrounding it.



When the little prince walked around for a bit, he saw that there were many people scattered around, all of them looking slightly blue.

“There’s so many people around!”, he remarked with excitement. The closer he got to them, the more he realized they weren’t people at all – his hands could pierce right through their bodies. “Who are these people? They look see-through when I get close.”. The little prince tried talking to them, but he got no response back. They were silent, staring blankly.

“Don’t be afraid. They are friends.”, said a voice, from a distance. The little prince turned to the sound, and noticed a figure approaching.

He could see this person moving in an unfamiliar way, and the closer he got, the more he noticed some interesting details. This person had cables and metal connected to their body, with some parts being completely made of metal. The little prince even noticed that their right leg was letting off a bit of steam, which was very unusual.

“You are new. Where your friends are?”

The little prince looked puzzled. “Why do you have steam coming out of your leg?”

“My leg is gone. This is new model, steam makes it move.”

“What happened to your old leg?”

“It went, stopped working, I was helping my friends, and not noticed the leg hurting.”

“Your friends? You mean the blue people?”

“Yes. Friends. I made new one now.” And the insta-man took something out of his pocket, a shiny rectangle. After touching it in what the little prince thought were random movements, a new blue person appeared near them. “This one is new too, so many friends.”



The little prince was very confused. “Do the friends talk to you? They didn’t talk to me before, I don’t think they can hear us.”

“They talk, here”, and pointed to the shiny rectangle. “All are funny, and talk very much.”

“I saw the volcano and the trees, I have those in my planet too. It’s good to have friends to help you take care of all of that.”

“They help, here”, and once again pointed at the shiny rectangle.

“There, they help not. There it not matters. Only here.”

The little prince thought that nothing about the blue friends made any sense. If they don't help with the baobab trees and the volcanoes, and they don't talk when he is here, they don't feel like friends at all.

The little prince asked, before leaving the planet, “Do you and your friends want to watch the sunset? It's almost time.”

“We will. Right here”. And he kept staring at his rectangle until the prince left.

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Chapter 5

The Little Prince was on the way to his planet, he spent too much time in the last planet. It took 12 hours for travelling from one planet to another. Suddenly the engine rope signal screen started to light. Little Prince opened the airplane manual book of the shuttle that he was driving and read the instructions:

“Rope of the engine has to be changed, immediately” - he read. In the Navigation system he found out the closest planet is “Dark Planet”.



However, it took too much time and efforts to see that planet in the Galaxy as it was so dark. After the most difficult landing during his whole life he went to find out the best rope market on that planet.

Little Prince was feeling excited after landing down as he expected to discover new traditions in the planet. He dreamed about being lucky while making new friends.

Finally, he reached the Rope Market where he could buy the rope for fixing his airplane. The automated doors of the Rope Market opened and the Little Prince went inside, the first difference which he experienced there, the seller didn't say "Hi" to him. The seller was looking so tired and ill. The darkness of the planet was in his face, even if the light was on in the market.

The Little Prince saw that shelves are empty and there is only one "packed rope". The Little Prince started the conversation first:

- Good afternoon, is there only one package of rope left?
- As you see! - Said the seller.

- I need to buy it, how much does it cost?
- First, show me the permission.



Little Prince get a bit confused and asked with surprise.

- What kind of permission?
- Seems that you are not local, - said the seller. - In our planet we need to have permission to buy rope and other items that could be used in suicide. On this planet we care about how our inhabitants feel.

The Little Prince was confused a bit and didn't know what to do. He found out that one needs to spend 6 months in this planet for getting this permission and for passing few examinations.

Sadness came to his heart and the darkness to his face, in additional he started to think why it is so complicated.

Seller with his sad voice told to the Little Prince.

“It is not common, I understand your confusion. If people are not well, our planet cannot function, so we take precautions with suicide, because sometimes it happens”.

The Little Prince thought about what he had been told, remained silent for a few seconds, then said:

- It's true, without people the planet doesn't work.

- Don't be sad my friend, - said the seller - This last rope in the market is for me, I will buy it after my shift. However, not far from here, there is planet called “Light Planet”, because people don't talk about uncomfortable emotions, maybe... I think so... And our planet is called Dark, because we focus too much on those emotions and we are overthinking people...

You can buy whatever you want on “Light Planet” and not need any permission.

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Chapter 6

The prince came upon a planet made entirely of mirrors and broken glass. He waved at his reflections and they all waved back. He jumped and they all jumped with him. He laughed at the reflections, who had to do whatever he wanted them to do.



Then thoughts began to enter his head. What if he is the reflection? What makes him the original and them the copies?

These thoughts made him uncomfortable, he suddenly felt the need to talk to somebody, anybody. He would even be grateful to have the king or the conceited man back.

He began walking, in search of something other than himself. He noticed a girl, sitting next to a river, blindfolded.

"Hello" said the prince

The girl did not react.

"Hello?" he said again

Still no reaction.



The little prince began to get frustrated, he tapped her, not particularly gently, on the shoulder.

"Are you me?" Asked the girl.

What a strange question thought the prince.

"No. I am me" he replied.

"Am I me" asked the girl.

"Yes, you are you" said the prince, trying not to show his confusion

"So you are me and I am you?" asked the girl.

The prince did not know how to answer this. He did not like being asked so many questions.

"I am the little prince" he said, "you are not"

"Why am I not you" she asked.

"Well, you are taller than me and have long hair, as black as coal. Your skin is fair and you are rather thin. And you are very strange"

"Strange?"

'Yes. I do not understand why someone would choose not to see"

"There is nothing to see here besides that person that follows me everywhere. I grew tired of seeing them"

"But that is you"

"Me?"

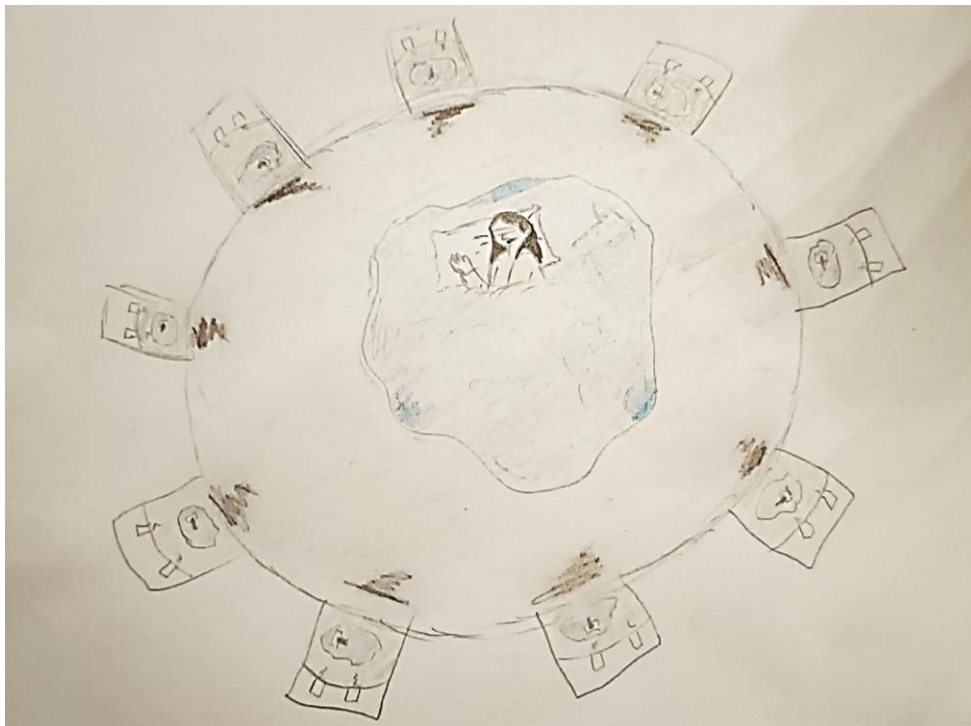


"You are very beautiful, but so unsure of yourself. You remind me of my rose that I value above all else. Though nothing is as beautiful as her. You should remove your blindfold"

He reached out and placed her hand in his. He was not entirely sure why but it felt like the right thing to do. The girl thought for a few seconds then remove the blindfold. They stood together surrounded by their reflections. The little Prince did not feel the same uneasiness as before. His reflection was his.

"I must leave soon" said the Prince, "My flower is waiting for me."

"Can I come with you?"



"No, my Rose will get jealous. There are many other planets though. Many of them have strange people like you on them. There is so much beauty that you can go out and see"

"I have never left this place"

"Don't worry, a part of your reflection will follow you wherever you go" said the Prince, pointing at her shadow

As he continued on his way, the little Prince felt hopeful that the girl would find her way.

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