

THE LITTLE STAR WHO WAS AFRAID TO SHINE ✨



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High up in the night sky lived a tiny star named Lumi. All around her, big bright stars twinkled proudly. Lumi looked at herself and felt very small. "I'm too little," she whispered sadly. "Nobody will notice me if I shine." So night after night, Lumi dimmed her light. She hid behind the bigger stars. The moon noticed and asked, "Why don't you shine, little one?" Lumi sighed. "I'm afraid I'm not bright enough." The moon smiled gently but said nothing more.



Down on Earth, a little girl named Maya sat by her window. She gazed up at the dark sky filled with big bright stars. "They're all so beautiful," Maya said, "but I wish I could see just one little star. A little star that's just for me." Her words floated up into the night sky. Lumi heard them and felt something warm in her heart. "Someone wants to see a little star?" Lumi wondered. "Maybe... maybe that could be me!" For the first time, Lumi felt a tiny spark of courage.



Lumi's light flickered nervously. "What if I'm not good enough?" she worried. But then she remembered Maya's wish. "That little girl needs me," Lumi thought. She took a deep breath of stardust and began to glow. Softly at first, then a bit brighter. Her gentle light reached down through the darkness. It touched Maya's window like a silver ribbon. "There you are!" Maya exclaimed with joy. "My very own little star!" Lumi's heart swelled with happiness. She had done it! She was shining!



Every night after that, Lumi shined proudly in her special spot. Maya always looked for her friend in the sky. "Goodnight, Lumi!" she would call. "Goodnight, Maya!" Lumi would twinkle back. The other stars noticed Lumi's beautiful glow. "You shine wonderfully," they said kindly. Lumi learned that being small didn't mean being less special. Her little light made one girl very happy, and that was everything. Now Lumi knew the truth: every star, big or small, has someone who needs their light.



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