MY ABUELITO Y YO



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Aurora sat on a cozy rug, surrounded by crayons and paper. Her Abuelito knelt beside her, holding a big, blank poster. 'Today, we draw our family tree, mija,' he said with a warm smile. Aurora clapped her tiny hands and grabbed a green crayon. Abuelito drew a strong trunk at the center of the page. 'This trunk is our family, strong and tall,' he explained. Aurora pointed at the paper and babbled happily. Abuelito laughed and kissed her forehead. 'Each branch will tell a story,' he said softly. He picked up a photo of himself as a little boy. Aurora stared at it, curious and amazed. Together, they taped the photo onto the very first branch.



Abuelito pointed to the photo again. 'I grew up on a small farm,' he told Aurora. 'Every morning, roosters crowed before the sun rose.' Aurora giggled and tried to copy the sound. 'Cock-a-doodle-doo!' she shouted. Abuelito laughed and clapped his hands. 'I fed chickens and milked cows every day,' he said. He remembered carrying heavy buckets of water across the muddy yard. Aurora handed him a toy cow from her basket. 'For you, Abuelito!' she said proudly. He took it gently and placed it on the new branch they drew. 'This is our farm branch,' he said, smiling.



On the next page, Abuelito drew a round soccer ball. 'I loved playing soccer with my friends,' he said. 'We played every afternoon until the sun went down.' Aurora bounced on her knees, excited. 'Goal!' she shouted, waving her arms. Abuelito chuckled and nodded his head. 'Yes, just like that! I scored many goals,' he said proudly. He described running across dusty fields, laughing with teammates. Aurora found a small ball sticker and pressed it onto the branch. 'Your goal, Abuelito!' she said happily. He hugged her tight, feeling proud of her joy.



Abuelito turned the page and smiled softly. 'One night, I went to a dance,' he said. 'Music played, and everyone twirled happily.' Aurora stood up and spun in a circle, wobbling cutely. Abuelito laughed and steadied her gently. 'That is where I met someone very special,' he said warmly. 'She later became your abuela.' Aurora tilted her head, curious about the story. Abuelito described colorful lights and cheerful laughter filling the room. He drew a small heart on the new branch. Aurora pressed a sparkly sticker beside it, giggling with delight.



Abuelito pointed to another photo, this one showing a tiny baby. 'This is your papa when he was born,' he said softly. Aurora touched the photo with her small finger. 'Baby papa!' she said, giggling loudly. Abuelito nodded, his eyes shining with pride. 'I held him just like I hold you now,' he said, lifting Aurora gently. She snuggled into his arms, feeling warm and safe. He described sleepless nights and happy mornings watching his son grow. Aurora yawned and rested her head on his shoulder. 'I love being your Abuelito,' he whispered softly.



The next day, Abuelito showed Aurora his old tools. 'I worked as a carpenter,' he said, holding a small wooden hammer. 'I built tables, chairs, and even toy boats.' Aurora reached for a tiny wooden boat on the shelf. 'Boat!' she said, floating it in the air. Abuelito smiled and nodded his head. 'I made that one for your papa long ago,' he said. He described sawdust floating in sunlight and the smell of fresh wood. Aurora placed the boat sticker on their tree. 'Your boat, Abuelito!' she said proudly.



Outside, Abuelito showed Aurora his garden full of colorful flowers. 'I planted these when I was young,' he said, kneeling beside a rose bush. Aurora sniffed a flower and sneezed loudly. 'Bless you!' Abuelito laughed, patting her back gently. He explained how he watered the plants every morning and watched them bloom. Aurora picked a small daisy and handed it to him. 'For the tree!' she said happily. Abuelito pressed the daisy onto their paper, smiling warmly. 'Now our tree has flowers too,' he said.



One sunny afternoon, Abuelito told Aurora about fishing by the river. 'I caught my very first fish there,' he said, grinning widely. Aurora pretended to cast an invisible fishing rod. 'Fish, fish!' she shouted happily. Abuelito laughed and mimicked reeling it in. 'It wiggled so much, I almost fell in the water!' he said. Aurora giggled loudly at the funny memory. He described the cool breeze and splashing water on hot summer days. Aurora found a fish sticker and pressed it onto their tree. 'Your fish, Abuelito!' she said proudly.



In the kitchen, Abuelito showed Aurora how to make pan dulce. 'My mother taught me this recipe,' he said, sprinkling sugar on the dough. Aurora reached up, trying to help knead it. 'Sticky!' she giggled, covered in flour. Abuelito laughed and wiped her hands gently. He described the sweet smell filling their old kitchen every morning. Aurora tasted a tiny piece and smiled widely. 'Yummy, Abuelito!' she said happily. They drew a small bread loaf on the newest branch. Aurora pressed a sugar sticker beside it, clapping with joy.



That evening, they sat outside watching the stars twinkle above. Abuelito pointed upward and said, 'My papa taught me the names of stars.' Aurora looked up, eyes wide with wonder. 'Stars!' she whispered softly. Abuelito told her stories his father once told him, long ago under similar skies. Aurora snuggled closer, listening carefully to his gentle voice. He described campfires, crickets singing, and quiet, peaceful nights. Aurora yawned sleepily but smiled at him. 'More stories, Abuelito,' she murmured softly. He hugged her close and continued, happy to share each memory.



The next morning, only one empty branch remained on their tree. 'This branch is for you, Aurora,' Abuelito said warmly. She looked at the blank space, curious and excited. Abuelito handed her a crayon and guided her tiny hand. Together, they drew a small smiling sun above the branch. 'This is just the beginning of your story,' he said softly. Aurora pressed her handprint proudly beside the drawing. 'My branch!' she said happily, grinning widely. Abuelito kissed her forehead, feeling proud and full of love.



Finally, their family tree was complete, covered in photos, stickers, and drawings. Abuelito held Aurora up to see the whole poster. 'Look how far our story travels,' he said proudly. Aurora pointed at each branch, babbling happily about every memory. Abuelito laughed, kissing her cheek gently. 'From the farm to right here with you,' he said softly. They hung the tree on the wall together, admiring their hard work. Aurora yawned and rested her head on his shoulder sleepily. 'I love you, Abuelito,' she whispered quietly. He smiled warmly, holding her close. 'I love you too, mi Aurora,' he said.



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