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King Waffle was jolly, proud, and a little impulsive. He had warm golden-brown skin, curly honey-blond hair, and bright amber eyes that sparkled when he smiled. His red velvet cape with gold trim swished as he walked. On his head sat a tall golden crown topped with a tiny waffle. He loved waffles more than anything in the whole wide world.



One sunny morning, King Waffle had a wonderful, wobbly idea. 'I will build a castle made entirely of waffles!' he declared. 'It will be the tastiest castle in the land!' He called his royal bakers and his royal builders. They scratched their heads and whispered, but they agreed to help. Soon the air smelled of warm batter and sweet syrup.



The waffle castle rose high and golden. Its walls were crisp and square, its towers were stacked like pancakes, and its gate was a giant waffle with a syrup moat. King Waffle danced a little jig. 'Perfect!' he cried. 'Now everyone will want to visit!' He sent invitations far and wide, promising a castle you could smell from miles away.



Soon hungry visitors arrived. They came from villages near and far, their tummies rumbling. A small boy named Little Pip skipped ahead. He had messy orange hair, big blue eyes, and a missing front tooth. He carried a little wooden fork tucked in his belt. 'Wow!' Pip gasped. 'A castle I can eat!' He reached out and nibbled a corner.



At first, King Waffle laughed. 'Nibble away!' he said. 'There is plenty!' But the nibbling did not stop. Visitors nibbled the walls, the towers, and even the drawbridge. Every day the castle grew a little smaller and a little crunchier. King Waffle's rosy cheeks turned pale. 'Oh dear,' he mumbled. 'My beautiful castle is disappearing!'



King Waffle tried to guard the walls himself. He stood by the gate with a spoon, but visitors just smiled and nibbled around him. 'Please don't eat the castle!' he begged. But they were hungry, and the waffles smelled so good. The king grew more and more worried. 'I need help,' he sighed. 'I need someone clever and careful.'



He called for Architect Syrup and Architect Butters. Syrup was tall and slim, with sharp green eyes, thin rectangular glasses, and a yellow measuring tape around his neck. Butters was sturdy and energetic, with deep brown skin, black hair in two round buns, and an orange hard hat shaped like a waffle. They hurried to the castle at once.



'Your Majesty,' said Architect Syrup, adjusting his glasses, 'your castle is delicious, but it is not sturdy. We must plan a new design.' Architect Butters nodded and pulled a wooden spoon from her tool belt. 'Stronger waffles!' she said. 'And decorations that are not so easy to eat!' King Waffle blinked. 'Can you make it safe and still beautiful?' he asked.



The architects set to work. They measured every wall and drew plans on big sheets of paper. Little Pip watched with wide eyes. 'Can I help?' he asked. Syrup smiled. 'Yes, you can test our ideas.' Butters showed him a thick, crunchy waffle brick. 'This one is extra strong,' she said. 'Try to nibble it!' Pip tried and tried, but the brick was too hard for his little teeth.



Next, they planned the decorations. Instead of soft, sweet waffles, they used crispy waffle cones, hard candy windows, and shiny syrup swirls that were pretty to look at but tricky to bite. 'These will keep the castle whole,' said Architect Syrup. 'And they will still look tasty!' added Butters. King Waffle clapped his hands. 'Wonderful! Let's build it!'



The new castle rose even grander than before. Its walls were made of thick, sturdy waffles that held together beautifully. The towers were tall and strong, and the gate was a masterpiece of crunchy design. Tasty decorations sparkled in the sun, but they were not easy to eat. King Waffle beamed. 'It's perfect!' he said. 'And this time, it will last!'



Visitors arrived again, but now they could not nibble the walls. They admired the castle instead. Little Pip ran up to the gate and tried to nibble a corner. 'Ouch!' he giggled. 'Too crunchy!' Everyone laughed. King Waffle welcomed them all and gave them delicious waffle snacks from the royal kitchen. The castle stayed beautiful and whole, and everyone had plenty to eat.



King Waffle learned a big lesson. 'Planning ahead prevents avoidable problems,' he said wisely. He thanked Architect Syrup and Architect Butters with golden medals shaped like waffles. Little Pip got a special wooden fork award for his help. The kingdom celebrated with a grand waffle feast, and the castle stood proud and strong for everyone to enjoy.



From that day on, King Waffle always asked his clever architects before starting a new project. Architect Syrup kept his measuring tape handy, and Architect Butters wore her waffle hard hat with pride. Little Pip visited often, not to nibble, but to admire the castle and share waffles with the king. And the waffle castle remained the happiest, sturdiest, and most delicious castle in the land.



The people of the kingdom remembered the waffle castle for years. They told stories about the king who loved waffles, the architects who planned ahead, and the little boy who helped test the walls. And whenever someone had a big idea, they remembered to plan first, so that everyone could enjoy the results together, safe and sound.



King Waffle looked out from his sturdy tower and smiled. The sun shone on the golden waffle walls, and the sweet smell of syrup drifted through the air. 'A little planning makes a big difference,' he said. And everyone in the kingdom agreed. The end.