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In a cozy castle at the edge of the village lived a young king named Flurry. He was only eight years old and had fluffy white hair that looked like a snow cloud. His bright blue eyes sparkled with mischief, and tiny snowflake freckles dotted his rosy cheeks. He wore a royal blue winter coat with silver snowflake buttons and a small gold crown with a snowflake jewel. Flurry loved winter more than anything else in the world.



King Flurry had a special secret: he could make snow fall from the sky. When he wiggled his fingers, tiny snowflakes swirled around his hands like dancing stars. The villagers smiled when the first gentle snow dusted their rooftops. "Just a little sprinkle," Flurry would whisper, and the snow would drift softly down. The village looked like a picture postcard, and everyone was happy.



But Flurry's excitement often got the better of him. One chilly morning, he woke up and saw the gray sky. "Time for the first big snowfall!" he shouted, jumping out of bed. He ran to the castle window and waved his hands wildly. Snowflakes began to fall faster and faster. Flurry laughed with delight, not noticing how quickly the snow was piling up.



The snow fell all day and all night. Flurry kept waving his hands, thrilled by the swirling white world. "More snow! More snow!" he cried, dancing around his room. But outside, the snow grew deeper and deeper. It covered the roads, buried the fences, and piled up against the doors of the village houses. By morning, the village was hidden under a thick white blanket.



When Flurry finally looked out the window, he gasped. The roads had vanished! The village square was a giant snowdrift. People were stuck inside their homes, and the animals couldn't find any food. A small red fox with a floppy ear and an acorn necklace wandered through the deep snow, looking lost and hungry. Flurry's heart sank. What had he done?



King Flurry ran outside, his red mittens flapping. The snow was taller than he was! He tried to walk but sank up to his waist. "Oh no, oh no," he mumbled. He saw the fox kit shivering behind a bush. "I'm sorry," Flurry said softly. "I didn't mean to make such a mess." The fox looked at him with big amber eyes and whimpered. Flurry knew he needed help.



Just then, Gran Milla appeared, her wooden walking stick tapping through the snow. She wore a thick mustard-yellow shawl and a green knitted hat, and her kind wrinkled face smiled at Flurry. "Looks like you've made quite a snowstorm, young king," she said gently. "But don't worry. We can fix this together." Flurry nodded, feeling a little better. "What should I do?" he asked.



Gran Milla pointed toward the village. "First, we need to ask for help. People are stuck, and the animals need food. Let's gather everyone." She led Flurry to the village square, where a tall boy named Tobin was already shoveling snow with a big grin. He wore a red pompom hat and an orange scarf. "Wow, that's a lot of snow!" Tobin said. "I'm ready to dig!" Flurry smiled. "Me too!"



Flurry climbed onto a snowbank and called out, "Friends! I'm sorry for the huge snow. Please help me clear the roads and find the animals!" Doors opened, and villagers came out with shovels and brooms. Tobin organized a shoveling crew. "Let's start with the main road!" he shouted. Everyone worked together, laughing and scooping. Flurry used his magic gently now, making tiny puffs of snow to keep the path clear.



The fox kit, whose name was Pip, led Flurry to where the animals were hiding. "The rabbits are trapped in their burrow!" Pip squeaked. Flurry and Tobin dug a tunnel to the burrow and left carrots and hay. They cleared a path to the forest so the deer could find food. They built cozy shelters from branches and snow. The animals peeked out, their eyes bright with thanks.



As they worked, Flurry noticed something important. When he used his snow magic gently, it helped instead of hurting. He made small snowflakes to cool the workers and light dustings to mark safe paths. "This is much better," he said to Gran Milla. She nodded wisely. "Power is like snow," she said. "A little brings joy, but too much buries everything. Use it with care." Flurry promised to remember that.



By afternoon, the roads were clear and the village was safe. The animals had food and warm spots. Pip the fox gave Flurry a happy nuzzle. "Thank you, King Flurry!" he yipped. Tobin clapped Flurry on the back. "You're a good king," he said. "You fixed your mistake and helped everyone." Flurry blushed, his snowflake freckles glowing. He felt proud and grateful for his new friends.



That evening, the villagers gathered in the square for a celebration. They built a big bonfire and served hot cocoa with marshmallows. Flurry sipped his cocoa, feeling warm inside. Gran Milla raised her cup. "To King Flurry, who learned that gentle snow is best!" Everyone cheered. Pip curled up by the fire, and Tobin told funny stories. The village glowed with happiness.



Flurry looked around at the smiling faces and the cozy snow-covered houses. He realized that being king wasn't about making big snowstorms. It was about caring for his people and using his power to help. He promised himself to always ask before making snow and to listen to others. The village had never felt more like home.



From that day on, King Flurry made only gentle snowfalls. He and Tobin became best friends, and Pip visited the castle often. Whenever the village needed snow for sledding or building snowmen, Flurry would create just the right amount. And when the first snowfall of winter came, everyone would cheer, "Thank you, King Flurry!" and he would smile, knowing he had used his power wisely.



And so, the Frost King learned a valuable lesson: power requires moderation. A little snow brings joy, but too much causes trouble. With teamwork and kindness, any problem can be solved. The village celebrated many happy snow days, and King Flurry always remembered to use his magic gently, for the good of all. The end.