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High on a green hill stood the strangest castle in all the land. Its walls were made of shimmering jelly, and they wobbled and wobbled all day long. Inside lived King Wiggle, a short, round king with bushy white hair and a jolly wide smile. He wore a purple velvet crown and a red coat with shiny gold buttons. Every time someone laughed, the whole castle shook like a happy pudding.



King Wiggle loved to laugh, and he laughed a lot. His blue eyes twinkled as he bounced along the wobbly halls. In the kitchen, tiny Granny Gelatina stirred a pot with her wooden spoon. She wore round glasses and a pink shawl, and her apron was covered in jelly stains. 'Careful, Your Majesty,' she said. 'Too much laughing makes the walls jiggle!' But the king just giggled louder.



Down in the courtyard, a young girl named Daisy was busy drawing plans. She had light brown skin, two bouncy hair buns, and a red tool belt full of pencils. Daisy was an architect, and she loved figuring out how things worked. She tapped a wobbly wall with her finger. 'Interesting,' she said. 'This castle bounces, but can it stand up straight?' She grinned and wrote a note in her notebook.



One morning, King Wiggle made a big announcement. 'My birthday is coming!' he cheered, waving his arms. 'I shall invite everyone in the kingdom for the grandest party ever!' The castle shook with excitement, and the walls wobbled harder than ever. Plates rattled. Spoons clattered. A painting swung sideways on its nail. Daisy looked up from her plans and frowned.



Just then, Sir Wobble came clanking down the hall. He was a tall guard with a pale green jelly body and big orange eyes. His silver armour wobbled with every step. 'Your Majesty!' he gasped. 'The east tower is leaning! The floors are shaking! If the party makes everyone laugh, the castle might fall down!' The king's smile faded into a worried little wobble.



King Wiggle called a meeting in the great hall. Everyone sat on cushions because the chairs kept sliding. 'We need a plan,' said the king. 'I want my party, but I don't want my castle in a puddle.' Sir Wobble raised a wobbly hand. 'We could make the walls stiff,' he said. But when they tested it, the walls stopped wobbling and lost their bounce. Everyone felt sad.



Daisy stepped forward and unrolled her plans. 'What if we keep the bounce but add support?' she said. 'We can build jelly pillars and stretchy ropes to hold the walls steady.' King Wiggle clapped his hands. 'A clever idea!' he cheered. 'But will it work?' Daisy smiled her cheerful grin. 'Let's test it together. I need helpers, and I need someone brave.'



Sir Wobble gulped, but he nodded. He was nervous, yet he wanted to help. Daisy tied a rope around a jelly pillar and asked him to pull. 'Now, laugh!' she said. Sir Wobble let out a tiny giggle, and the wall wobbled gently. The rope held tight. 'It works!' cried Daisy. But when the king laughed loudly, the pillar wobbled too much and the rope slipped loose.



Daisy sat down and tapped her pencil on her knee. Something was missing. She needed a stronger, stretchier idea. She went to Granny Gelatina in the kitchen, where pots bubbled and smelled sweet. 'Granny,' she asked, 'what makes jelly hold together?' Granny smiled and stirred her pot. 'Ah,' she said, 'the secret is a little stretch and a little strength, mixed just right.'



Granny Gelatina pulled out an old recipe book. 'My grandmother used seaweed and honey to make jelly that bends but never breaks,' she said. Daisy's green eyes went wide. 'That's it!' she cried. 'We need bendy ropes made of stretchy jelly, tied around strong pillars. Then the castle can wobble and stay up.' She drew her new plan on a napkin with a pencil from behind her ear.



The whole castle joined the building team. Sir Wobble carried jelly bricks in his wobbly arms. Granny Gelatina mixed stretchy jelly ropes with honey and seaweed. King Wiggle held the ladder and tried not to laugh too hard. Daisy measured everything twice and tied the ropes in careful knots. 'Teamwork!' she shouted. 'Everyone push and pull together!' The walls wobbled, but they held.



By sunset, the castle was ready. New jelly pillars stood in every corner, wrapped in shiny stretchy ropes. The walls still wiggled, but now they wiggled safely. King Wiggle laughed a big, booming laugh, and the castle shook like a happy dance. Nothing fell down. Nothing cracked. Sir Wobble spun around in his armour and cheered. 'It holds! It holds!'



The birthday party was the most fun royal celebration ever. Guests bounced on the wobbly floors and slid down jelly slides. Everyone laughed, and the castle wobbled with joy, but the stretchy ropes kept every wall safe. King Wiggle wore his purple crown and danced with Granny Gelatina. Daisy grinned as she watched. 'Being bendy and strong at the same time,' she said, 'is the best way to be.'



When the party ended, King Wiggle gave Daisy a golden medal shaped like a jelly. 'You saved my castle,' he said warmly. 'And you saved my party!' Daisy shook her head. 'We saved it together,' she said. 'Sir Wobble pulled, Granny mixed, and you held the ladder. Nobody can build alone.' The whole castle wobbled in agreement.



From that day on, the jelly castle stood tall and bouncy. Kids came from all over to see its wobbly walls and stretchy ropes. Daisy kept her notebook full of new ideas, always ready to help. King Wiggle still laughed every day, and the castle still shook. But now everyone knew that a little wobble, a little stretch, and a lot of teamwork made everything better.



And if you ever visit that green hill, listen closely. You might hear a jolly laugh and a soft, silly wobble. That's King Wiggle's castle, bouncing happily. Because being flexible and working together can solve even the trickiest problems, and that is the sweetest jelly of all.