




Story Time

THE PROUD ROSE AND THE SAINTLY CACTUS

It was a beautiful spring day. A proud red rose blossomed in a garden. Everyone who saw it admired its beauty, fragrance and softness! Right next to the rose was a cactus that didn't look as good as the rose and also had many thorns. No one dared to touch the cactus!

The rose started making fun of the cactus. "You are so ugly! Your thorns hurt others. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"







The sunflower
heard this and said,
“You should not be so rude,
dear rose.” The rose was too
proud to care and said, “Why
shouldn’t I? After all, this
cactus is such a useless
plant!”

The cactus did not upset and said, “God did
not create any form of life without a purpose.”

Soon, it was summer. It became very hot and the rose started
to wilt. It became too weak to insult the cactus, which, on
the other hand, looked healthy as usual. One day, the rose
saw that birds and bees would come to the cactus, suck water
out of it and leave. The rose felt ashamed - it had learned its
lesson. Even though the cactus was not beautiful, it served an
important function in the plant world by providing water to
birds and bees in the hot, scorching summers.





The sunflower raised its yellow head and said, “Yes, you can also drink from the cactus. The sparrow can bring water to you if you ask the cactus for help.”

The rose apologized to the cactus and humbly asked for help. The cactus happily agreed and the birds filled their beaks with water to pour it at the rose plant’s roots.



Lesson

Never criticize others.

Everybody is unique in their own way.

