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In a cozy little town with winding streets and tall green trees, there lived a boy named Max. Max had warm light-brown skin, messy black hair, and freckles across both cheeks. He loved to explore and find new things. Every day after school, he put on his bright red t-shirt, blue overalls, and white sneakers with red stripes, and went on adventures. His yellow backpack was always ready for surprises.



One sunny morning, Max skipped into the meadow behind his house. The grass was soft, and flowers nodded in the breeze. He heard a tiny giggle from behind a bush. Max peeked around and gasped. There sat a small, fluffy rabbit with long ears, a blue ribbon tied around one ear, and big shiny amber eyes. But this rabbit was not just any color—its fur was bright purple!



Max blinked and rubbed his eyes. The rabbit's fur shimmered and turned blue! Then green! The rabbit looked at Max and said, "Why did the carrot go to the doctor? Because it wasn't feeling well!" Max burst out laughing. The rabbit's fur turned purple again. "Wow!" said Max. "Your fur changes color when you tell jokes!" The rabbit nodded shyly. "I'm Joke," he said. "And I love making friends laugh."



Max sat down in the grass, and Joke hopped onto a flat rock. "Tell me another joke!" Max said. Joke's ears wiggled. "What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny!" His fur turned bright green. Max giggled so hard his belly hurt. "That's so funny!" he shouted. Joke's fur turned blue. "I'm glad you think so," Joke said. "My colors change when I feel happy inside."



Max and Joke spent the whole morning telling jokes. Joke told a joke about a banana, and his fur turned yellow for a second. Max laughed. Then Joke told a joke about a snowman, and his fur turned white. Max clapped. "You're amazing!" he said. Joke blushed, and his fur turned pink. "I can't help it," Joke said. "Jokes make me happy, and happy makes me change color." Max thought that was the best thing ever.



As they sat together, Max asked, "Do you ever wish you were one color like other rabbits?" Joke's ears drooped a little. "Sometimes," he said. "Other rabbits think I'm strange. They don't want to play with me because I'm different." Max felt a tug at his heart. "I think you're wonderful," he said. "Your colors are like a rainbow surprise!" Joke's fur turned a soft purple. "You really think so?" he whispered.



Max nodded. "Of course! Being different is what makes you special." Joke smiled. "Then I'll tell you more jokes!" He took a deep breath. "Why did the cookie go to the doctor? Because it felt crummy!" His fur turned bright green. Max rolled on the grass laughing. "That's the best one yet!" he shouted. Joke's fur turned blue with happiness. They laughed until their sides ached.



Just then, a group of rabbits hopped by. They stared at Joke and whispered. "Look at that weird rabbit!" one said. "He's all purple and blue!" Joke's ears flattened, and his fur turned a dull gray. Max stood up. "Don't be mean," he said. "Joke is my friend. His colors are amazing!" The rabbits looked surprised. One of them stepped forward. "Really? Can you show us?"



Joke looked at Max, who nodded encouragingly. Joke told a joke: "What do you call a rabbit who tells jokes? A funny bunny!" His fur turned bright purple. The rabbits giggled. Then Joke told another: "Why did the rabbit cross the road? To get to the other side!" His fur turned green. The rabbits laughed out loud. Soon they were all laughing and asking for more jokes. Joke's fur flashed purple, blue, and green with joy.



Max smiled as he watched his new friend surrounded by laughing rabbits. He realized that Joke's color changes were not strange at all—they were like a special gift. "You see?" Max said to the other rabbits. "Joke's colors show how happy he is. And he makes us happy too!" The rabbits nodded. "We're sorry we said you were weird," one said. "You're actually really cool!" Joke's fur turned a warm, glowing purple.



From that day on, Max and Joke were best friends. They met in the meadow every afternoon. Joke told jokes, and Max laughed. Sometimes Joke's fur turned purple, sometimes blue, sometimes green—and sometimes all three at once! Max loved every color. He learned that friendship is not about being the same. It's about enjoying each other's differences and sharing lots of laughter.



One day, Joke asked, "Max, why do you like me even though I'm different?" Max thought for a moment. "Because your differences make you fun," he said. "I never know what color you'll be next! And your jokes make me happy." Joke's eyes sparkled. "You make me happy too," he said. "When I'm with you, I feel like I can be myself." His fur turned a deep, happy purple. "And that's the best feeling in the world."



Max and Joke decided to share their friendship with everyone. They invited the other rabbits to join them. They told jokes and laughed together. Joke's fur changed color so many times that the meadow looked like a rainbow. The other rabbits tried to tell jokes too, and even though their fur didn't change, they felt happy inside. Max realized that everyone has something special—you just have to look for it.



As the sun began to set, Max and Joke sat on a hill. "I'm glad I met you," Max said. "Me too," said Joke. "You taught me that being different is okay." Max smiled. "And you taught me that jokes are better when shared with a friend." Joke's fur turned a soft pink. "Will you come back tomorrow?" he asked. "Of course!" said Max. "We have more jokes to tell!"



Max walked home with a big smile on his face. He thought about Joke and all the colors he had seen. He couldn't wait to tell his family about his new friend. "Mom!" he called as he ran inside. "I met a rabbit who changes color when he tells jokes!" His mom smiled. "That sounds wonderful, Max. It's nice to have friends who are different." Max nodded. "The best friends are the ones who make you laugh!"



And so, Max and Joke remained the best of friends. They learned that differences make friendships interesting. Every day was filled with laughter and color. Joke's fur still changed whenever he told a joke—purple, blue, green, and everything in between. And Max loved him just the way he was. Because being different is what makes each of us special, and friendship is the most colorful adventure of all.