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Zana, the young boy with an unwavering passion for trains, resided in a quaint village near Erbil. His love for locomotives was so profound that he would occasionally venture out of his abode, stealthily making his way to the nearby train station. There, he would stand in awe, observing the majestic machines in motion, pondering the intricacies of their inner workings. Despite being an only child, Zana was far from idle. He resided on a farm not too distant from Erbil, where he wholeheartedly assisted his father in tending to the land, and his mother in the completion of various household tasks. Alongside his diligent work ethic, Zana also attended a nearby school, eagerly absorbing knowledge and impressing his teachers with his astuteness and self-assured demeanor.

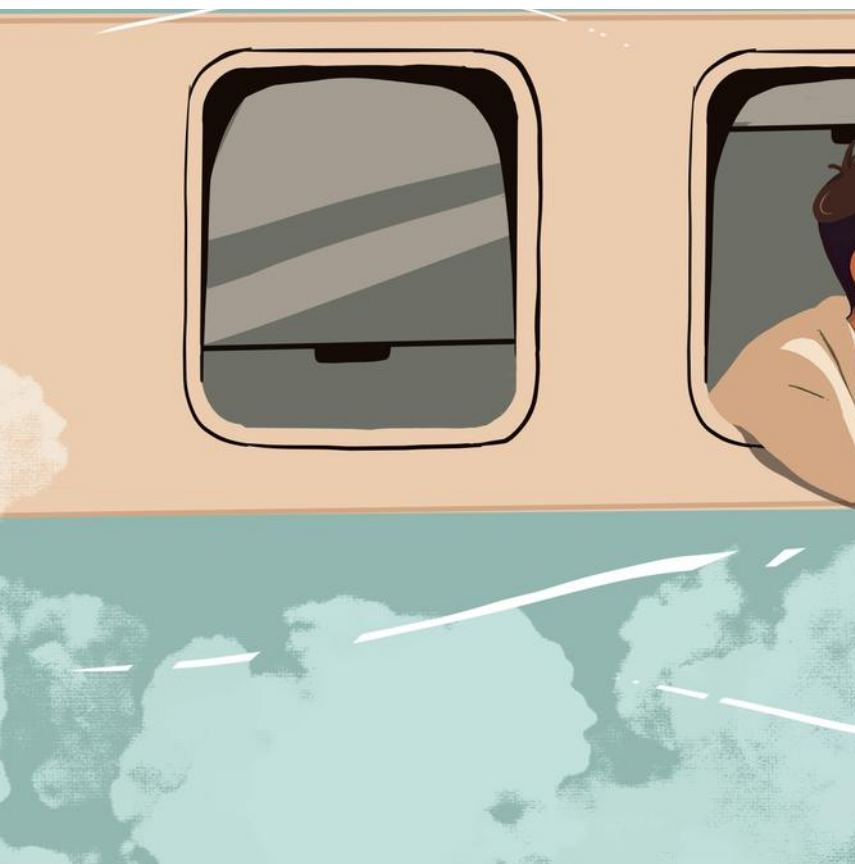
Zana's infatuation with trains and his burning desire to become a successful train driver consumed his every thought. However, his father held a different vision for his future, hoping that Zana would follow in his footsteps as a farmer. Yet, Zana's heart remained steadfast in his pursuit of the rails. He yearned to embark on a journey that would transport him to a world where trains reigned supreme.

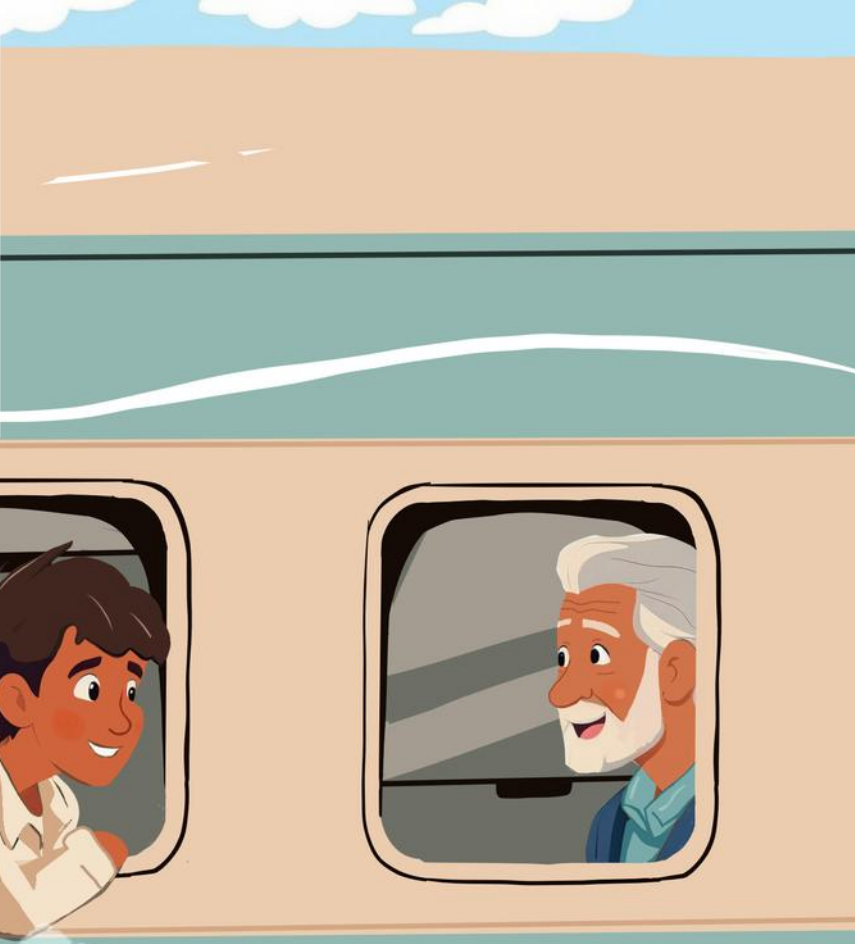


As fate would have it, an opportunity presented itself when Zana learned that his father would be traveling to Erbil. Overwhelmed with hope, he pleaded with his father to accompany him on this adventure. To Zana's delight, his father consented, and a surge of joy surged through his veins like never before.



Finally, the day arrived when Zana found himself aboard a train, his heart pounding with anticipation. The sensation of the locomotive's rhythmic vibrations beneath his feet filled him with an exhilaration that words could not capture. Peering out of the window, he caught a glimpse of Erbil in the





distance, a city teeming with promise and excitement. After a brief journey, they reached their destination, and Zana's eagerness to explore Erbil grew with every passing moment.



Although the inner workings of the train remained a mystery beyond his grasp, Zana and his father strolled through the enchanting streets of Erbil, marveling at the architectural wonders and historical landmarks that adorned the city. The Erbil Citadel stood tall, a



testament to the city's rich heritage. Inquisitive and thirsty for knowledge, Zana ventured into a library, seeking to quench his thirst for understanding the intricacies of trains. There, he acquired a book that delved into the mechanics and wonders of locomotives.

Returning home, Zana eagerly delved into the pages of the book he had procured, immersing himself in a world of gears, pistons, and tracks. As he absorbed the knowledge within its pages, his dreams of becoming a train driver burned brighter than ever before.



Zana's days were filled with a deep passion for trains. He would read the book about trains during his school breaks and even at home. It became his constant companion, fueling his knowledge about the engines and mechanics of trains. Zana's dedication was unwavering, as he would often visit the train station to meet train drivers and ask them insightful questions. Their valuable answers only fueled his passion further. Zana's determination to make his dream a reality was truly inspiring.



One night, as Zana immersed himself in the world of trains, his father overheard him and realized just how passionate he was about becoming a train driver. This revelation changed his father's perspective, and he no longer insisted on Zana becoming a farmer.

Every day, Zana's routine consisted of going to school, work, and reading his book, constantly seeking new information about trains. Years passed, and unfortunately, Zana's father was diagnosed with heart problems, causing him to tire easily. Despite their modest means, his father continued to work tirelessly to support his wife and Zana, firmly believing that his son would achieve something great and make them proud.





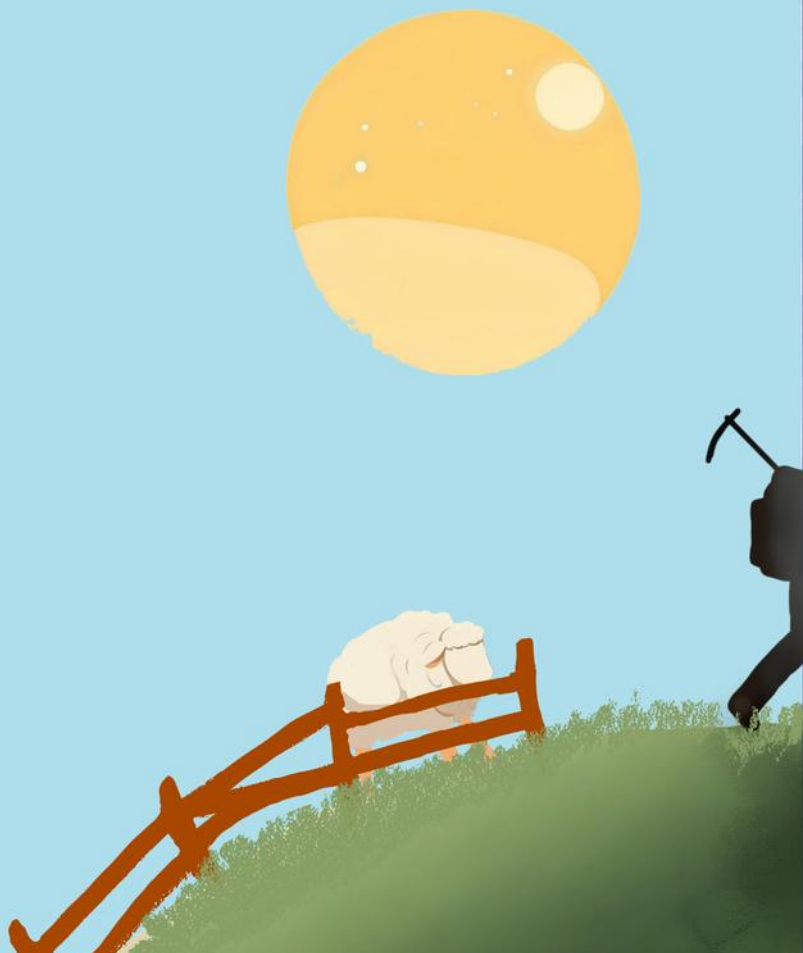
However, as his father's condition worsened, he could no longer work or even walk. Zana received this news with great sadness, prompting him to make a difficult decision. He temporarily suspended his education, opting to work and raise money for his father's treatment. Although Zana didn't want to leave school, he knew it was





the best course of action for his father. Unbeknownst to Zana, his father had actually come to accept the idea of him becoming a train driver, so Zana believed he would eventually become a farmer. But for now, his focus was on working tirelessly to help his father recover.

Despite the challenges, Zana dedicated himself to working day and night for his family. He pushed through exhaustion and worry for his father's well-being. One day, as he was about to head off to work, his father



called out to him. When Zana approached, his father urged him to rest and stop working. However, Zana's determination prevailed, and he refused to rest, continuing on his path to work.



While the journey was far from easy, Zana's love for his family and his unwavering dedication fueled his efforts. He was determined to do whatever it took to ensure his father's recovery and well-being.



Zana's determination to work hard paid off as he was able to support his parents and provide medicine for his father. His father was incredibly grateful to have such a dedicated son. Zana's mother also contributed by working to help with his father's recovery.



During his work, Zana faced some challenges with classmates and schoolmates teasing him, but he brushed off their comments and remained focused on his responsibilities. Some of Zana's friends expressed concern and offered to help him with his family and work.



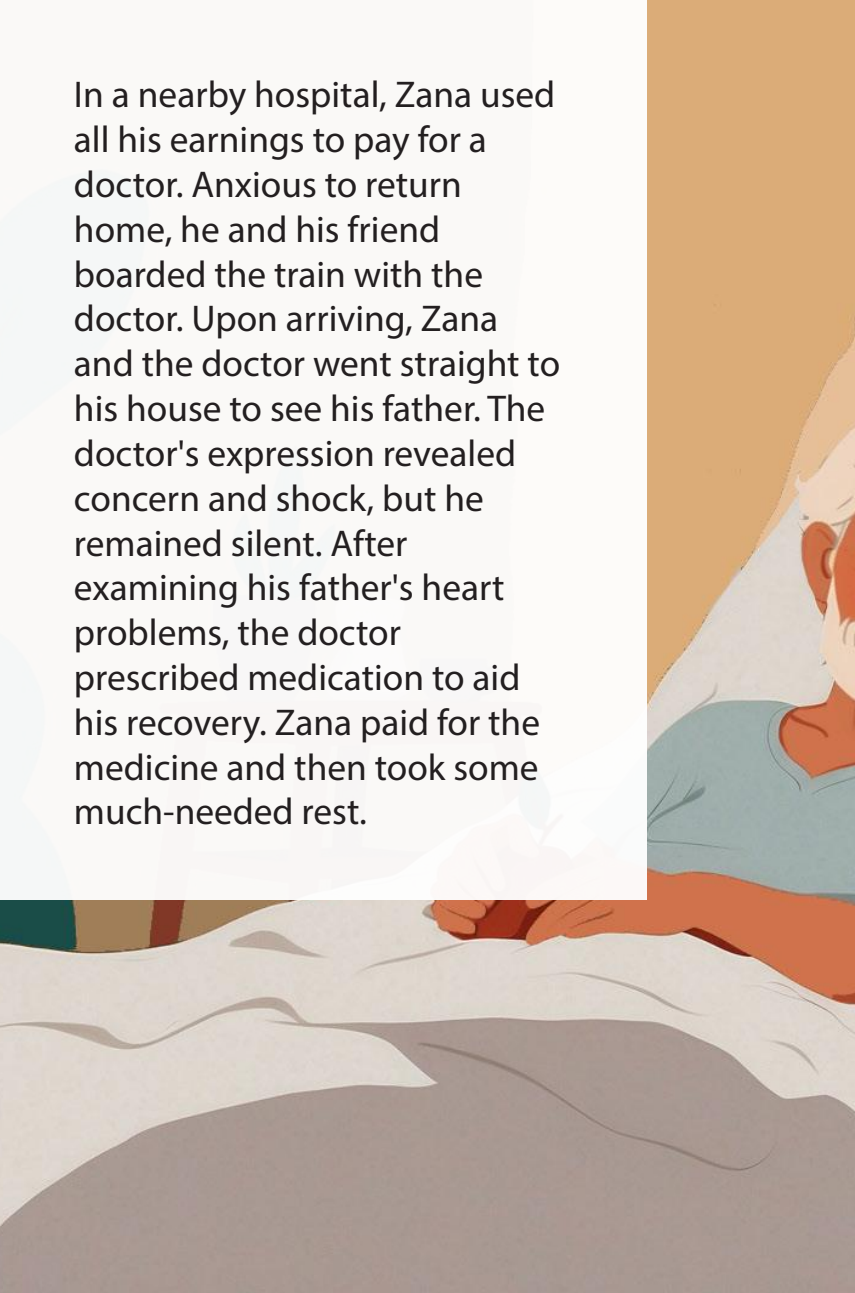


As time passed, Zana's father's health deteriorated, and Zana made the difficult decision to travel to the city in search of a doctor. Although trains were no longer on his mind, finding a doctor for his father became his sole focus. Accompanied by a friend, Zana journeyed to Erbil and urgently sought medical assistance for his father.



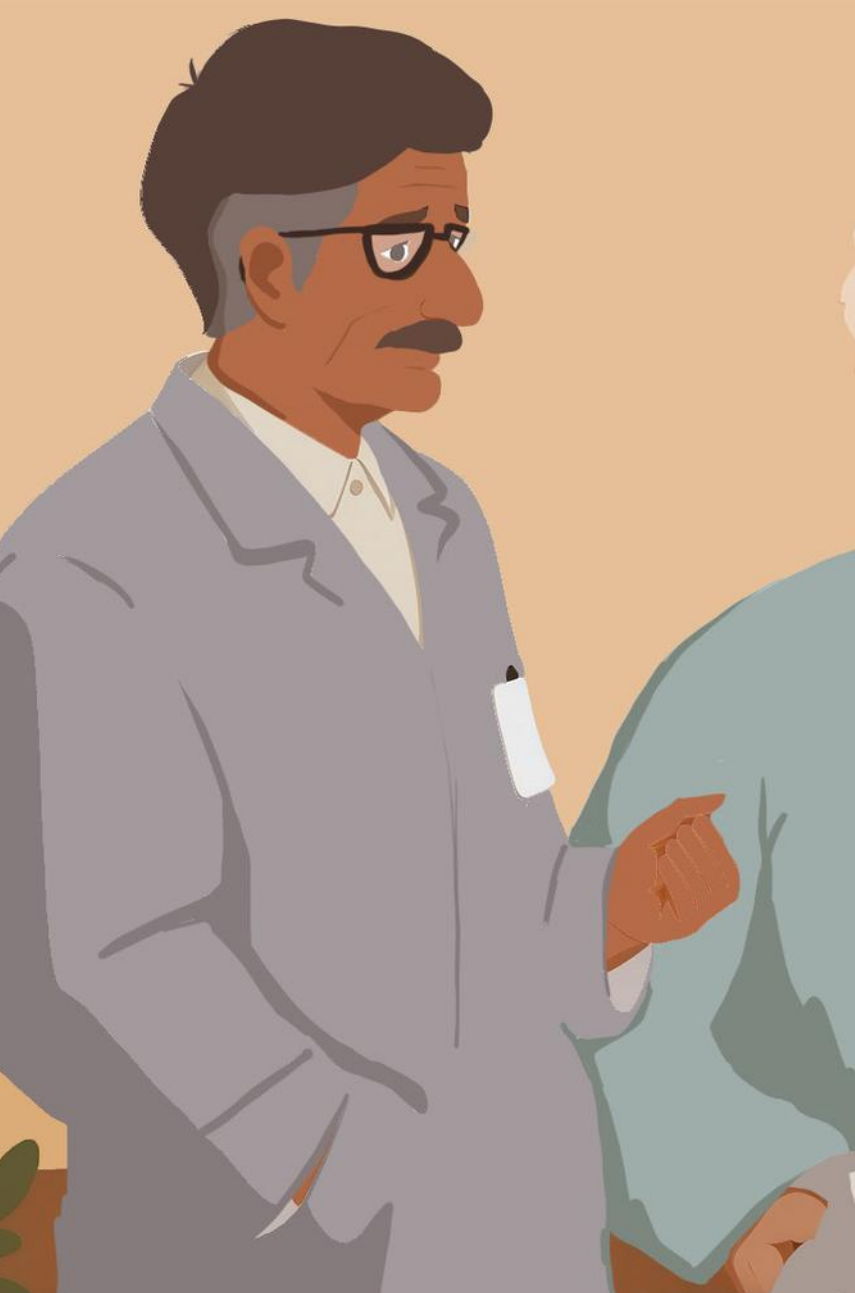


In a nearby hospital, Zana used all his earnings to pay for a doctor. Anxious to return home, he and his friend boarded the train with the doctor. Upon arriving, Zana and the doctor went straight to his house to see his father. The doctor's expression revealed concern and shock, but he remained silent. After examining his father's heart problems, the doctor prescribed medication to aid his recovery. Zana paid for the medicine and then took some much-needed rest.





Zana's unwavering dedication and love for his family were evident throughout his journey, and his efforts to find a solution for his father's health were truly remarkable.





Some days passed, and Zana went to work for a few hours. During that time, his father's doctor arrived for a check-up, as usual. After examining his father, the doctor delivered some devastating news - there were no treatments available, and his father's time was limited. Zana's father remained composed, not showing any signs of distress. When Zana's mother came in and saw his sad expression, she became concerned and asked what had happened. Upon learning the situation, she broke down, sobbing uncontrollably. Zana, unaware of the emotional scene, was out working. Before leaving, the doctor left a letter for Zana on the table.

When Zana returned home, exhausted and ready for bed, he discovered the letter left by the doctor. Opening it, he found an envelope containing some money along with a heartfelt message. The letter expressed the doctor's hope that Zana would care for his parents, pursue his goals, and help those in need. Reading those encouraging words brought happiness and gratitude to Zana's heart. Touched by the doctor's kindness, Zana felt inspired to keep moving forward.









Zana's hardworking life continued for years and months until one day, when he returned home from work, his father called him over. Worried and sad, his father was lying in bed. Zana questioned his father about his emotions, but his father remained silent. Zana persisted and his father finally opened up, revealing that his illness was worsening and there were no treatments available to cure him. Zana was shocked and devastated.



His father urged him to focus on his studies and stop working day and night. He wanted Zana to promise that he would make his parents proud. Zana couldn't believe what he was hearing. His father also mentioned Zana's



dream of becoming a train driver, which he fully supported. Despite not wanting to lose his father, Zana remained silent. Eventually, he mustered the courage to tell his father that he would become a successful train driver and engineer.

His father smiled, but in that very moment, Zana witnessed his father passing away before his eyes. Zana cried out in anguish, unable to hold back his tears. His mother



rushed to his side, only to find her husband lying lifeless on the bed. Both Zana and his mother were consumed by grief and sorrow.





And then, Zana woke up from bed! Confused about the events of the past hours, he realized it was all just a dream. The intensity of the emotions he experienced during the dream must have been overwhelming. Dreams can be incredibly vivid, can't they? They have a way of playing with our emotions and making us question what's real.

Was this all just a dream after all?

It turns out, Zana was in a deep sleep and had dreamt about his father. When he woke up, he felt a mix of sadness and gratitude. He was sad because his father was actually gone, but he was grateful for his mother's support. Zana shared his dream with his mother, who understood his aspirations and promised to work hard to support his education. Zana was overjoyed and thanked his mother for her unwavering support.

Zana's journey wasn't an easy one. He worked tirelessly day and night, sacrificing sleep to excel in his studies. His hard work paid off as he achieved top grades in both school and university, becoming a successful engineer. However, his dream of trains was still incomplete. Erbil didn't have any train stations or trains. Undeterred, Zana took it upon himself to build the first-ever train in Erbil, driven by his passion and determination.

Was this all just a dream after all? Building trains was no easy task. It required years of hard work and dedication. But Zana persevered, and after many years, he proudly completed the construction of the first-ever train in Erbil. It was a remarkable achievement, and Zana's dream had become a reality.

It was an exciting new experience for everyone in Erbil. People were filled with enthusiasm to ride the train that Zana had built. While Zana didn't become a train driver as he had initially dreamed, he still had the opportunity to drive it



sometimes. The people of Erbil were grateful for his incredible work and expressed their appreciation. It's amazing how hard work and determination can make a difference in achieving our goals and turning them into reality. This story reminds us to stay persistent, work hard, and believe in ourselves. Have you ever had a goal that you worked hard to achieve?



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Join Zana on an extraordinary train journey that takes him from the depths of his dreams to the thrilling reality of becoming a train driver. Fueled by his unwavering determination, Zana overcomes countless obstacles and embraces the power of perseverance. This inspiring tale showcases the transformative journey of a dreamer turned doer, reminding us all that with passion and resilience, anything is possible. Get ready to embark on an adventure filled with hope, determination, and the magic of chasing your dreams. All aboard!

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