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THE LEGEND OF MULAN

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Once upon a time in China, there lived a young girl named Mulan. She was a kind and loving daughter who lived with her parents in a peaceful village. But one day, a terrible war threatened the kingdom that must sent a man to join the army.

When Mulan heard the announcement, her heart sank. Her father was old and weak. Then, she said "Oh, Father...You are too old to fight. I cannot let you go!" But her father replied, "My daughter, a man must honor his country. If the Emperor calls, I must go." Mulan lowered her head. She could not bear the thought of losing him.

In one night, while everyone was asleep, Mulan quietly entered her father's room. She looked at his armor and sword. Without hesitation, Mulan disguised herself as her father and prepared to become a fighter.

Before the sun could rise, she finally reached the army camp. At first, the training was difficult. And sometimes, she wondered if she could ever succeed. But Mulan never gave up. Whenever she felt exhausted, she remembered her father. "I must be strong…I must protect my family!" Day after day, she trained harder. And slowly, the young girl who had once lived peacefully in a village became a brave and respected warrior.

Then, the war began! The war broke out in the snowy mountains, Mulan fought a dark witch named Xian Lang. The witch made Mulan realize she could never unleash her true strength while living a lie.

"You are hiding yourself. Your lie will destroy your power!" said the witch.

Mulan was startled, then closed her eyes, trying to calm herself down. Then, Mulan took off her helmet, choosing to fight as a woman.

Knew about this, her commander was furious when he found out she was a woman. "How dare you!!! You lied to all of us! Leave now and never return!" shouted him. Mulan was heartbroken. But suddenly, she discovered that the enemy was secretly heading to kill the Emperor. Despite being exiled, Mulan rushed back to her army. She fought fiercely against the enemy leader, Bori Khan.

During the war, her father's sword fell into the fire, Mulan did not give up. Using her speed, power, and courage, she defeated Bori Khan and saved the Emperor! The Emperor thanked Mulan in front of the whole kingdom.

"Thank you, Mulan. You have saved our land. Will you join my guard?" asked the Emperor

"Thank you for the honor, Your Majesty. But I only wish to go home." Answered Mulan.

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The Emperor granted Mulan's wish. When Mulan arrived at her village, she knelt before her father with tears in her eyes, "I am sorry, Father. I lost your favorite sword..."

Mulan's father was hugging her tight because he thought that the greatest honor was having his daughter home safely.

And from that day forward, Mulan was remembered not merely as a soldier, but as a daughter who became a hero. And they all lived with honor and happily ever after.

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