



Title: Maplewood: A Tale of Unity and Potatoes

In the cozy town of Maplewood, the annual Thanksgiving potluck was a cherished tradition. Each family contributed a dish to share, creating a feast that brought the community together. However, this year, a mix-up occurred with the sign-up sheet, resulting in three families preparing mashed potatoes.

As the families discovered the error, tension filled the air. The Smiths, Johnsons, and Parkers all wanted their mashed potatoes to shine at the potluck. The town was abuzz with whispers of the "potato predicament."

Mrs. Thompson, the town's wise and beloved elder, stepped in to resolve the conflict. She suggested turning the mishap into an opportunity for creativity. The families could each add a unique twist to their mashed potatoes, creating a friendly competition at the potluck.

Inspired by Mrs. Thompson's idea, the families embraced the challenge. The Smiths added roasted garlic, the Johnsons incorporated cheddar cheese, and the Parkers infused theirs with herbs. The potluck turned into a festive celebration of diverse mashed potato creations.

As the community sampled the dishes, laughter and joy replaced the earlier tension. The "Great Mashed Potato Mix-Up" became a highlight of the Thanksgiving potluck, and Maplewood learned that even a simple mistake could lead to a delicious and memorable solution.



I. Questions: Answer the following questions related to the story.

1. What was the cherished tradition in the town of Maplewood?
2. Describe the conflict that arose in the story.
3. Who played a key role in resolving the conflict, and what was her suggestion?
4. How did the families turn the mix-up with mashed potatoes into a positive experience?
5. What were the unique twists that each family added to their mashed potatoes?
6. How did the community respond to the diverse mashed potato creations at the potluck?
7. What lesson did the town of Maplewood learn from the "Great Mashed Potato Mix-Up"?
8. In what way did Mrs. Thompson contribute to the community's response to the conflict?
9. What atmosphere replaced the initial tension in the story?
10. Why was the potluck described as a "festive celebration" in the resolution of the story?

