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The War with Grandpa

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Peter’s younger sister Jenny told him a secret. Their Grandpa Jack is moving from Florida to live with them. Grandma died.
Grandpa Jack is very sad. They will try to make him happy. Grandpa will take Peter’s room. Peter has to move to the 3rd floor guest room.
Peter was not happy. He did NOT want to move out of his room. He loved his room. He had lived there his whole life. He knew where all of his things were. He was not scared when he was in his room. He felt safe there.
Peter did not want to give up his bedroom. He told his mom and dad that it was not fair. He ran to his room and cried.
They moved Peter’s things to his new room on the top floor. Peter was scared to sleep in his new room. It was old and dark. The stairs made noises. Peter wanted to get his room back.
Grandpa Jack got to their house. He looked sad. His leg hurt him. Dad told Peter not to tell Grandpa he was mad about his room. Grandpa would feel bad if he knew.
Peter wanted his room back.

Peter had a plan. He wrote Grandpa a note.
The note said:

Dear Grandpa,

I want my room back.

You have 24 hours to move out of my room. If you do not move out, I will start a war with you!

Peter

P.S. Do not tell my mom or dad!
Peter put the note on Grandpa's bed. He wondered what Grandpa would do.
Days went by. Grandpa did not say anything to Peter about the note.

Peter wrote another note to Grandpa.

Peter told Grandpa that he stole his room. He said, "I love you". "But the war is still on!" Peter said.

"Watch out. I will get you again."
Peter stole Grandpa's slippers.

He left another note. Grandpa asked for his slippers.

"What slippers?" Peter asked.

Grandpa found his slippers in Peter's closet. Grandpa asked Peter to stop the war. Peter said, "No! Not until you give me my room back!"
Peter's friends Steve and Billy came over. They played Monopoly in Peter's new room. Peter opened the Monopoly box. Everything was gone!
Peter found a note in the box.

It said:

Two can play at this game.

From Grandpa.

Grandpa stole the pieces to his game.
Peter tiptoed into Grandpa Jack's room that night. Peter stole Grandpa's watch.
Grandpa asked Peter for his watch back. It was very special to him. Grandma gave it to him.

Grandpa told Peter, "Watch out!"
Peter woke up late the next day.

It was a school day. His slippers were gone.
Peter went into the bathroom.

His toothbrush was gone. There was a note. It said:

use your finger.
Peter's socks were gone. His shirt was turned inside out. His belt was gone. His shoelaces were gone.

He was late for school. He was mad.
Peter wanted the war to end.

Grandpa wanted the war to end too.

They gave each other a hug. They came up with a plan for Peter to get his room back.
Grandpa wanted to make his own little room in the basement. Grandpa asked Peter to help him. It was done in six weeks. Grandpa moved to the basement. Peter moved back to his old room. Peter was so happy! He gave Grandpa a hug and said thank you.