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In a cozy house at the end of a quiet street lived a small boy with warm light-brown skin and short wavy black hair. He had large dark-brown eyes that noticed everything, especially in his garden. One warm night, he pulled on his blue pyjama top with white stars and tiptoed outside. The moon was round and bright, and the garden whispered with secret sounds.

The boy's name was Sam, and he loved his garden more than anything. During the day, it was full of buzzing bees and bright flowers. But at night, it became a different world. Sam held his small red watering can and wondered what happened when everyone went to sleep. He crept past the tall sunflowers and the sleepy roses.

Suddenly, something tiny fluttered past his nose. It was a little moth, no bigger than his thumbnail! Its wings were soft pale-gold with faint crescent markings, and its fuzzy cream body looked like a tiny teddy bear. It had feathery antennae and round black eyes. The moth landed on a white flower and seemed to smile at Sam.

"Hello, little moth," Sam whispered. The moth wiggled its antennae and flew to another flower. Sam followed, his gardening gloves still on his hands. The moth dipped its fuzzy head into the flower and came out with a dusting of yellow pollen. Then it flew to the next flower and left some pollen behind. Sam's eyes grew wide.

Just then, Mama came out with a warm smile. Her black hair was in a loose bun, and her mustard-yellow cardigan glowed in the moonlight. "What are you watching, Sam?" she asked. Sam pointed at the little moth. "It's moving pollen from flower to flower!" Mama nodded. "That's called pollination. Moths do it at night, just like bees do in the day."

Sam's mouth dropped open. "Moths help flowers grow?" he asked. Mama knelt beside him, her silver moon necklace catching the light. "Yes, many flowers need moths to carry pollen so they can make seeds. Without moths, some flowers would disappear." Sam looked at the tiny moth with new respect. "So even the smallest creatures matter," he said softly.

The next morning, Sam ran to Grandpa's house. Grandpa was in the garden, wearing his straw hat and brown suspenders. His round glasses sparkled as he listened to Sam's story. "Moths are night gardeners," Grandpa said with a chuckle. "But they need the right flowers—ones that bloom at night and smell sweet." Sam's eyes lit up. "Can we plant some?"

Grandpa nodded and pulled a packet of seeds from his pocket. "These are moonflowers," he said. "They open at dusk and glow white in the moonlight. Moths love them." Sam put on his green gardening gloves and helped Grandpa dig small holes. He carefully dropped a seed into each one. "Will the little moth come back?" Sam asked. "If we make the garden welcome," Grandpa said.

Every evening, Sam watered the seeds with his red watering can. He watched the soil, waiting for green shoots. Mama helped him choose more night-blooming flowers: evening primrose, night phlox, and sweet tobacco. "These will feed moths all summer," she said. Sam imagined the little moth and its friends feasting on sweet nectar. He could hardly wait.

One night, the first moonflower opened. It was big and white and glowed like a tiny moon. Sam gasped. Then he saw a familiar flutter. The little moth was back! It landed on the moonflower and drank deeply. Soon, more moths arrived—pale, soft, and busy. They danced from flower to flower, carrying pollen like tiny night gardeners. Sam clapped his hands with joy.

Grandpa came to see the garden. "You've made a moth paradise," he said, leaning on his wooden walking stick. "Look how busy they are!" Sam watched the moths pollinating the flowers. He felt proud. "I didn't know the night could be so full of life," he said. Grandpa smiled. "The night is full of wonders, if you know where to look."

Sam decided to make the garden even more welcoming. He added a small stone path and a shallow dish of water for the moths to drink. He planted more night flowers along the fence. Mama helped him hang a tiny sign that said "Night Garden." The moths seemed to thank him with their silent, fluttering dance. Sam felt happy and useful.

Word spread among the neighborhood children. They came to see the glowing garden and the busy moths. Sam explained pollination to them, just like Mama had. "Moths are important," he said. "They help flowers grow, and they need our help too." The children promised to plant night flowers in their own gardens. Sam beamed with pride.

Summer nights became a magical time. The garden glowed with moonlit blossoms, and moths fluttered everywhere. Sam's little moth was always there, a pale-gold friend in the dark. It would rest on Sam's finger sometimes, feathery antennae twitching. Sam felt a special bond with the tiny creature. He knew that even small creatures could make a big difference.

One evening, Mama and Grandpa sat with Sam in the garden. "You've created something beautiful," Mama said. "You saw a need and filled it with kindness." Grandpa nodded. "The night is full of life, thanks to you." Sam looked at the moths dancing among the flowers. He felt warm inside. "I think the moths are the real heroes," he said. "They just needed a little help."

As the moon rose high, Sam whispered goodnight to the little moth. He knew that tomorrow and every night, the garden would be full of life and wonder. Even the smallest creatures matter, and the night can be a friendly, glowing place. Sam went to bed with a happy heart, dreaming of moonflowers and feathery wings.