





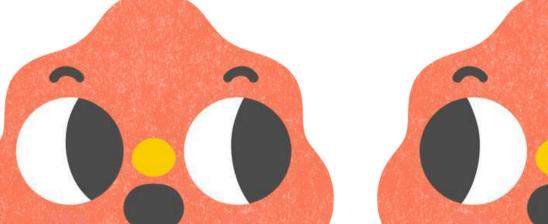
One day, in a heavily crowded place, a young man began shouting. "People, look at me. I have the most beautiful heart in the world."

Many people looked at him and were stunned to see his beautiful heart in a perfect shape, without any flaw. It looked quite amazing. Most of the people who saw his heart were mesmerized by the beauty of his heart, and praised him.

However, there came an old man who challenged the young man, "No my son, I have got the most beautiful heart in the world!"

The young man asked him, "Show me your heart, then!"

the old man showed his heart to him. It was very rough, uneven, and had scars all over. In addition, the heart was not in shape; it appeared like bits and pieces joined in various colours. There were some rough edges; some parts were removed, and fitted with other pieces.















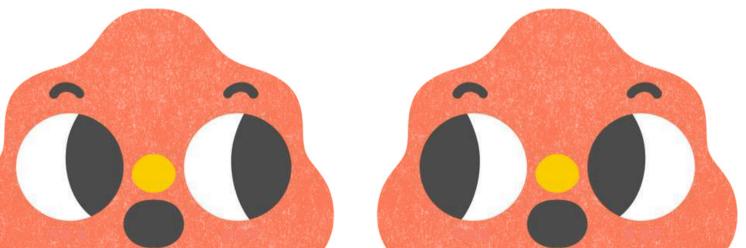
the young man started laughing, and said, "My dear old man, are you mad? See, my heart! How beautiful and flawless it is. You cannot find even a bit of imperfection in my heart. See, yours? It is full of scars, wounds, and blemishes. How can you say your heart is beautiful?"

"Dear boy, my heart is just as beautiful as your heart is. Did you see the scars? Each scar represents the love I shared with a person. I share a piece of my heart with others when I share love, and in return I get a piece of heart, which I fix at the place from where I have torn a piece!" said the old man.

the young man was shocked.

the old man continued, "Since the pieces of heart I shared were neither equal nor in the same shape or size, my heart is full of uneven edges and bits and pieces. My heart is not in shape because sometimes I do not get love in return from those to whom I gave it. Your heart that looks fresh and full with no scars indicates that you never shared love with anybody. Isn't that true?"

the young man stood still and did not speak a word. Tears rolled down his cheeks. He walked to the old man, tore a piece of his heart and gave the piece to the old man.













TAKEAWAY FROM THE STORY

TAKEAWAY FOR CLASS 1,2,3

this story teaches us that showing love to others is what makes our heart beautiful. The young man thought his perfect heart was the best, but the old man showed him that scars from love make the heart truly special. Loving others, even when it's hard, makes our hearts shine brighter than anything else.

TAKEAWAY FOR CLASS 4.5.6

the story of the young man and the old man shows that a beautiful heart is not about being flawless. The old man's heart, filled with scars, showed his experiences of giving love to others, even when it wasn't returned. True beauty comes from sharing love and accepting imperfections, not from being perfect on the outside.

TAKEAWAY FOR CLASS 7,8,9

the lesson from the story is that a beautiful heart is one that is generous, empathetic, and willing to endure the scars of love. The young man, initially proud of his flawless heart, realized that the old man's heart, marked with the scars of past loves, was far more beautiful. It teaches us that true beauty lies in our ability to love selflessly and to accept imperfections in ourselves and others.





3 FUN FACTS:

- 1. the human heart beats about 100,000 times a day!
- 2. Your heart is about the size of your fist, and it beats faster when you are excited or scared.
- 3. The heart can pump enough blood in one day to fill a swimming pool!





QUIZ TIME!

QUIZ FOR CLASS 1,2,3

- What was special about the young man's heart?
 What did the old man's heart
- 2. What did the old man's heart look like?
- 3. What did the young man do at the end of the story?

QUIZ FOR CLASS 4,5,6

- 1. Why did the old man's heart have scars and rough edges?
- 2. What lesson did the young man learn from the old man's heart?
- 3. How did the young man show his understanding of the old man's wisdom?

QUIZ FOR CLASS 7,8,9

- I. What does the story teach us about perfection and imperfection?
- 2. How is the concept of a "scarred heart" symbolic in the story?
- 3. Why did the young man's actions at the end of the story show his change in perspective?











