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In a sunny savanna, where acacia trees spread wide and soft grass tickled the ground, lived a big, round elephant named Eldon. His warm grey skin was full of gentle wrinkles, and his big floppy ears flapped like sails when he walked. He wore a simple red neck scarf tied loosely, and his small dark eyes twinkled with kindness. Eldon loved to make things with his trunk and his big, careful feet.



Eldon's best friend was Milo, a tiny meerkat with sandy tan fur and bright brown eyes. Milo wore a little blue cap that matched the sky, and his long thin tail wiggled when he was excited. Milo was eager, curious, and brave, though he was very small next to Eldon. The two friends did everything together, and they always looked out for each other.



One breezy morning, Eldon decided to make a surprise for Milo. He gathered sticks, string, and a big roll of bright blue paper. 'A kite!' he trumpeted happily. 'Milo will love it!' He worked all day, tying and gluing and cutting. The kite grew bigger and bigger, until it was as big as a small boat. Eldon smiled, proud of his work.



When Milo saw the kite, his eyes went wide. 'Wow! It's beautiful!' he squeaked, jumping up and down. The blue paper shone in the sun, and the long tail fluttered. Milo tried to lift it, but the kite was too heavy. He tugged and pulled, but it wouldn't budge. 'It's a bit big for me,' he said, a little sad.



Eldon chuckled gently. 'Don't worry, little friend. We can fix this together.' He lifted the kite with his trunk as if it were a feather. Milo watched, amazed at Eldon's strength. 'Let's see what we can do,' said Eldon. 'We'll make it just right for you.' Milo nodded, his tail twitching with hope.



They laid the kite on the soft grass and looked at it carefully. 'Maybe we can make it smaller,' said Milo. 'But how?' Eldon scratched his head with his trunk. 'We could fold the paper,' he suggested. 'Or cut it down.' Milo thought hard. 'Cutting might ruin the pretty shape,' he said. 'Folding could work!'



Eldon found some scissors and carefully cut along the edges, making the kite a little smaller. Milo helped by holding the paper steady. 'Not too much,' he said. 'We want it to still fly high.' Eldon nodded and snipped slowly. When they finished, the kite was smaller, but still too big for Milo to hold alone.



They tried again. Eldon folded the sides inward, making the kite narrower. Milo watched closely, his blue cap tilted. 'That's better!' he said. But when he tried to lift it, it was still too heavy. 'Hmm,' said Eldon. 'We need to make it lighter, too.' Milo's ears drooped a little, but he didn't give up.



Eldon had an idea. 'Let's use lighter sticks,' he said. They searched the savanna for thin, strong twigs. Milo found some perfect ones, and Eldon replaced the heavy frame. The kite felt lighter, but when Milo held it, the wind almost pulled him over. 'Whoa!' he cried. 'It's still too big for me to fly safely.'



Eldon patted Milo's head gently. 'You're right,' he said. 'We need to make it just right for you.' They looked at the kite and thought. 'Maybe we can make it even smaller,' said Milo. 'And add a longer tail for balance.' Eldon smiled. 'Good thinking, little friend. Let's try that.'



So they trimmed the blue paper again, making the kite the perfect size for Milo. They added a long, fluttery tail made of scraps. Milo held the kite and felt its weight. It was light and easy to hold. 'This feels just right!' he cheered. Eldon beamed. 'Let's test it!'



They went to the top of a small hill where the wind was steady. Milo held the string tightly, and Eldon gave the kite a gentle toss with his trunk. The blue kite rose into the sky, dancing and dipping. Milo laughed with joy. 'I'm flying it! I'm really flying it!' The kite soared high, a bright blue speck against the clouds.



Eldon watched with a warm heart. 'You did it, Milo!' he trumpeted. Milo's blue cap bobbed as he ran, guiding the kite. 'We did it together!' he called back. The kite tugged at the string, but Milo held on, feeling brave and happy. The wind sang through the tail, and the savanna seemed to smile.



After a while, Milo brought the kite down gently. He hugged Eldon's big leg. 'Thank you for making me such a wonderful kite,' he said. 'And for helping me.' Eldon wrapped his trunk around Milo in a soft hug. 'Friends help each other,' he said. 'And thoughtful friends think about what others need.'



From that day on, Milo flew his blue kite often, always with Eldon nearby. They learned that teamwork makes hard things easy, and kindness makes friendship strong. Milo's little blue cap and Eldon's red scarf fluttered in the breeze as they played. The savanna was full of laughter and blue sky.



And whenever Milo looked up at his kite, he remembered how Eldon had changed it just for him. Being thoughtful means thinking about what your friend needs, and working together makes everything better. The elephant and the meerkat stayed best friends, flying kites and sharing sunny days, with hearts as light as the wind.