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A Hero in the Night

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Why Don't We Go Outside?

It was a beautiful clear night outside, but Joey did not care. He was having fun playing a video game. Earlier in the day, Joey's dad decided to **purchase** a **telescope**. He wanted to give the telescope to Joey for a gift.

"Joey!" his dad called. Joey did not look up. "Why don't we go outside?" Dad asked.

Finally, Joey slowly looked up. He was not happy about his dad's idea. "I am winning at Monster Madness! It is the best game ever!"

"There are many interesting things outside," said Dad.

Joey **reluctantly** put the game down. "OK. But nothing is better than playing Monster Madness."

"We will see. After tonight, the sky will have a whole new look to you."



The Pattern in the Stars

There were a lot of stars in the sky. To Joey, it looked like every other night. “What is more interesting than Monster Madness? Not the stars,” Joey said.

“Do you see the **hero** in the sky?” Dad said.

“What?” Joey asked. “Where?”

“You need to know the story. Then you can see the **pattern** in the stars,” said Dad. “Patterns of stars are called constellations. This constellation that we are looking at is called Perseus.”







“Long ago, Greek sailors used the constellations to find their way home. The pattern and the **location** of the stars helped the sailors know which direction to go.”

“But Dad, there are so many stars in the sky. How could the sailors remember each constellation?” Joey asked.

“They told stories. The stories helped them remember the patterns,” Dad said.

“I see,” said Joey. Then he asked, “You asked me if I saw a hero in the sky, but where is the hero?”

“Right there,” said Dad pointing. “Perseus was a great fighter. He fought terrible monsters!”

“Really?” said Joey. “Maybe this could be interesting!”