

Touch of Affection

Once there was a girl named Rose who was 14 years old. She was a very cheerful and enthusiastic teenager. Her father was an animal trainer in the greatest circus of their city. So, from the childhood, Rose used to go to her father's circus and enjoy the shows very much. She used to be surprised seeing the animals doing different types of stunts. One day, she insisted her father to take her with him when he will go to train the animals as a part of his duty. Rose was very close to her father. So, he could not deny her proposal. He took her to the training center of the animals of the circus. Rose said to her father, "Dad, today I am very excited. I want to see how you teach the animals the stunts that they perform in the shows." Her father replied, "Sure dear. But at first you need to go to that corner and stand quietly. These animals don't know you, so they may attack you." Rose said, "Ok. Dad, I will keep that in mind." Rose went to a corner and stood quietly. Her father started the training. He began to teach the animals

the ways of performing the stunts. Rose was observing the training session with much excitement. Suddenly, Rose saw that while learning a new stunt a baby elephant was very scared and did not want to do the stunt. In that situation, her father beat the baby elephant very hardly with a whip. This incident touched the heart of the young girl like an arrow. While returning to home, Rose asked his father, "Dad, if someone hurts me by beating me with a whip then how would you feel?" Her father replied, "Dear, don't say such things. I can't even think about that, at my presence anyone can even touch you with the intention of hurting you." Rose remained silence for some time and again asked her father, "Dad, then why did you beat the baby elephant in front of her family?" This time her father couldn't say anything. "Dad, it is true that they are animals and much different from us. But they have the same sensation of pain like us, They have the same emotion towards their near ones just like we have. They are also living beings like us and they deserve love and affection from us." After hearing from Rose, her father could understand his mistake. He said to her daughter, "Dear, you are absolutely right. I have

made a great mistake. I should not have beat the baby elephant. But today, I promise you I will never ever beat the animals of my circus. I will teach them everything thinking that they are my own children." Rose smiled at her father and said, "Thank you, Dad, for understanding my words." Her father replied, "No Dear. Thank you for making me realise my mistake and changing my perspective towards animals."

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