

Khahari Discovers the Meaning of Autism

As soon as he heard the basketball bouncing, Khahari moved fast!

He jumped out of his bed, threw on his shoes, and ran out the door.

“Hey Omari, can I play?” Khahari asked.

He didn’t see the other boy standing under the hoop.

“Okay,” Omari said. “But please give my cousin Jaden a turn too.”

Khahari looked at Jaden and said, “Okay, I will.”

Omari threw the ball at the rim. It hit the backboard and rolled off the side.

Khahari yelled, “I got it! I got it!” Running toward the ball.

Jaden started running too. He and Khahari grabbed the ball at the same time.

But something happened. Jaden wouldn’t let go. Khahari wouldn’t let go either.

“My turn, my turn, my turn!” Jaden yelled frantically.

Khahari said, “It’s not your turn! I got the ball first.”

Then he ripped the ball out of Jaden’s arms and threw it at the hoop.

Jaden began crying.

Khahari was happy that he made the basket.

But Omari wasn’t. “Khahari, I told you to give him a turn and you said you would.”

“You made Jaden cry.”

“But he didn’t ask me to shoot the ball!” Khahari said.

Omari grabbed the ball and quickly gave it to Jaden.

Jaden took the ball, looked at Khahari, and said, “My TURN!”

“Why does he say ‘My turn’ like that?” Khahari asked.

Before Omari could answer, Jaden ran in the house with the ball.

“Where is he going?” Khahari asked.

“I’ll tell you later Khahari. I gotta go.” Omari said, shaking his head.

Authors Note:

There are three volumes in the Khahari Discovers series. Volume one, The Joy of Family, is a fun-filled, rhyming story about a family welcoming their new child to the world. Volume two, The Meaning of Autism, is a heartfelt story about a boy being accepted by a new friend. Volume three, The Brilliance of Janae, is a S.T.E.A.M inspired story, led by an intelligent black girl and her love of plants.

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