

## The Kite

One day, a father and his son went to a kite flying festival. When they arrived<sup>1</sup>, there were already<sup>2</sup> many adults<sup>3</sup> and their children playing in the park.

When the son saw the sky filled<sup>4</sup> with colorful kites in different shapes, he was excited<sup>5</sup> and wanted to get one, too.

His father agreed<sup>6</sup> to buy one for him, so they went to a kite shop and chose<sup>7</sup> a beautiful one.

With the string<sup>8</sup> in hand, the son started to fly the kite. Soon<sup>9</sup>, the kite was high up in the sky<sup>10</sup>.

After a while<sup>11</sup>, the son said, "Father, it seems<sup>12</sup> that the string is stopping the kite from flying higher. If we cut it, it will be free and fly even<sup>13</sup> higher. Can we cut it?"

The father didn't reply<sup>14</sup>, but just cut the string off the reel<sup>15</sup>. Suddenly<sup>16</sup>, the kite began<sup>17</sup> to go higher, which made the son much happier.

However<sup>18</sup>, to his surprise<sup>19</sup>, the kite was coming down. They waited for quite<sup>20</sup> some time. Slowly, it fell<sup>21</sup> onto the grass.

The son felt upset<sup>22</sup> and asked, "I thought that after cutting<sup>23</sup> the string, the kite would fly higher, why did it fall down?"

The father smiled and said, "The role<sup>24</sup> of the string was not stopping the kite from flying higher, but helping it stay<sup>25</sup> in the sky, because the kite itself can't fly up."

By using the string, you help the kite go up in the right direction<sup>26</sup>. When you cut the string, it could not support<sup>27</sup> the kite.

In our life, we may sometimes<sup>28</sup> feel like there are certain<sup>29</sup> things that are holding<sup>30</sup> us back and stopping us from growing<sup>31</sup>. But in fact<sup>32</sup>, these might be the things that support us most. We can really grow up and become<sup>33</sup> stronger by realizing<sup>34</sup> the importance<sup>35</sup> of these things.

1 arrive : v. 到达

2 already : adv. 已经

3 adult : n. 成年人

4 fill : v. 装满, 填满, 充满

5 excite : v. 使……兴奋

6 agree : v. 同意

7 choose : v. 选择

8 string : n. 线, 细绳

9 soon : adv. 不久

10 sky : n. 天空

11 while : n. 一会儿, 一段时间

12 seem : v. 好像

13 even : adv. 甚至

14 reply : v. 回答

15 reel : n. 卷轴

16 suddenly : adv. 忽然

17 begin : v. 开始

18 however : adv. 然而

19 surprise : n. 惊奇

20 quite : adv. 十分, 完全

21 fall : v. 降落

22 upset : adj. 心烦意乱的

23 cut : 剪

24 role : n. 作用, 角色

25 stay : v. 停留, 继续处于某种状态

26 direction : n. 方向

27 support : v. 支撑, 支持

28 sometimes : adv. 有时

29 certain : adj. 确定的, 无疑的

30 hold : v. 持有, 控制

31 grow : v. 生长, 成长

32 fact : n. 事实

33 become : v. 成为

34 realize : v. 了解, 认识到

35 importance : n. 重要性