English Version - SSSSB Story 101b: Daughter Vs Son [13+ yrs]



In a small family, there lived parents, son and daughter. Once, the son and daughter were talking.

The daughter said sadly, *"I don't think this is fair. Even though I'm older, you get more freedom than I do. Sometimes I wish that in my next life I could be son and you daughter, so you would understand how I feel."*

The son replied softly, *"And I wish I could be daughter. Mom and Dad give you so much attention and care. Sometimes I feel like I have to handle everything on my own."*

Their father, who had overheard the conversation, came and sat beside them. *"My dear children,"* he said, *"you both see only part of the picture."*

The son and daughter looked at him curiously.

"When a gardener cares for plants, he does not treat them all the same. Some need more water, some need more sunlight, and some need extra support. The gardener loves every plant equally, but gives each one what it needs to grow."

He continued, *"Your mother and I love both of you equally. But you are different individuals with different strengths, weaknesses, and lessons to learn. Sometimes one of you needs more freedom to become responsible. Sometimes the other needs more guidance to gain confidence. We try to give you what is best."*

The children thought quietly about their father's words.

Finally, the daughter smiled. *"Maybe Mom and Dad understand us better than we understand ourselves."*

The son nodded. *"And maybe instead of comparing, we should trust them more."*

Their father smiled warmly.

That day, they learned an important lesson: loving parents know what their children need. They treat each child according to what he or she needs to grow into a good, kind, and noble human being.

Question: Do you also feel that your parents treat you and your siblings differently?

Heart-Work**:** *When you feel something is unfair, pause and ask yourself: "What good quality might my parents be helping me develop through this situation?" Then act on that quality and share your experience.*

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