

## The Earth Day Parade

We always overlook electricity and often don't notice the tiny sparks that work together and make everything light up. This is the story of one little spark who made a big difference. In the small town of Earthville, Virginia, there was a long power line, often forgotten about, though, the little sparks who worked in the power line had a big job. As the sparks started gaining power for this big event, outside, you could see flyers being blown away by wind and you could smell the treats and the smell of paint being put on floats. Among all the sparks, there was one who stood out from all the others. One spark that was smaller than anyone else, but also gave off the most light. This was Sparky. What Sparky and everyone else didn't know was that an inexperienced worker was heading towards them. "I'm feeling supercharged!" Sparky exclaimed. The worker was attempting to move the power line then SNIP! All the sparks panicked, moving out of the way. Suddenly, the town went dark.

Sparky was so distracted charging up energy that he didn't notice that the powerline broke. When he finally saw, it was too late. All the sparks managed to get out of the way of the tear except Sparky. Nearby, there was a little girl all alone. She wasn't sad, she was used to not being noticed in the scout group. When Sparky landed, he was walking around trying to find his way back. When the little girl scout Mackenzie saw this strange light, she picked it up and put it in her pocket. "Help me!" Sparky exclaimed. Mackenzie heard this strange noise, and felt wiggling in her pocket. She took Sparky out.

"What are you?" she asked.

"Um-I'm a spark and I need help!" Sparky was jumping up and down, trying desperately to get the girl's attention. "I lost my family and I'm all alone!" Sparky cried.

"I'm used to being alone, nobody ever notices me."

"Can you help me get back to my family?" Sparky asked.

"Ok, but I need to get back to the parade soon," Mackenzie responded. Suddenly, Mackenzie's watch made a ringing sound. When Mackenzie opened her watch, her face fell. "The parade is canceled!" she cried. Sparky thought for a bit. He knew that the parade was closed because the power line broke.

"If you help me get to my parents, we can make the parade light up!" Sparky said.

"Ok!" Mackenzie smiled. Mackenzie picked up Sparky and they headed towards the power plant.

"My name is Sparky. What is your name?" Sparky asked.

"My name is Mackenzie. I'm a girl scout and I'm working on a float for the parade."

The two walked for awhile until they saw the plant. "There it is!" Sparky exclaimed. Mackenzie started running towards the power plant when She hit a rock and tripped! "Ow!" Mackenzie said.

"Are you ok ?" Sparky asked.

"No... I can't walk any more!" Mackenzie responded. Sparky jumped out of the pocket and looked around. He quickly pushed a bike toward her. "I don't know how to ride a bike..." Mackenzie explained. Even though she felt unsure, Mackenzie hopped on the bike with Sparky and tried to pedal. Then, she pedaled harder.

"We're going too fast!" Sparky yelled. "I can't stop!" The two approached the fence and BOOM they flew over! "Is that the wire?" Mackenzie asked as she got up. "Yep!" Sparky smiled. Mackenzie lifted Sparky up to the wire. All the other sparks rushed over to greet him. It was a wondrous sight. All the sparks were connecting and they were glowing very brightly. Then Mackenzie frowned. "Will I ever see you again?" she asked.

"I don't know..." Sparky responded. "I promise I will get a surprise for your float!" Then, Mackenzie looked at her watch. "I got to go, bye!" she said. She took the bike and tried to pedal back. When she finally made it, the float competition had begun. At last, it was Mackenzie's turn as soon as she started to present the float, it started glowing so brightly that the whole crowd started saying oohs and ahhs. All the scouts noticed what a great artist she was. Mackenzie knew that Sparky helped her. Electricity and kindness are equally beautiful.

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