**Kai Panda’s Dad Gets Sick**

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Kai Panda wanted his dad to play racecars with him.

But, he was too sick.

He was often sick, because he had cancer.

“I’ll play with you,” said Uncle Teddy.

But, it wasn’t the same.

Kai wanted his dad not to have cancer so they could play together.

So he drew a picture of he and his dad playing together.

When his dad woke up, Kai gave him the drawing.

“Your picture makes me feel happy,” said Kai’s dad.

“I love my Kai bear more than the stars in the sky.”

That made Kai feel a little bit better, too.

When he first got sick, his dad said the sickness was cancer.

“My doctors will give me a lot of strong medicine. Sometimes the medicine makes me feel really bad. And, it makes my fur fall out.”

Kai had asked, “Will I get cancer, too?”

His dad said, “No, it’s not contagious like a cold or the flu,” squeezed Kai tight and added, “I love my Kai bear more than the stars in the sky”

Sometimes when Kai’s dad went to the doctor, his mom went, too. Grammy came to play with Kai.

Kai loved seeing Grammy.

One day, Kai’s dad stayed at the hospital for a surgery.

He stayed for many days.

Kai missed his dad’s silly bedtime stories.

Kai missed his dad’s homemade pancakes.

Kai missed his dad saying, “I love my Kai bear more than the stars in the sky.”

When his dad had to stay longer in the hospital, Kai felt mad. He drew a volcano erupting lava.

Grammy took Kai to the hospital to see his dad. His mom was there but Kai felt nervous. He had never seen a hospital before.

At the hospital, Kai’s dad sat in a big chair and wore a blue dress. He smiled when he saw Kai.

“I love my Kai bear more than the stars in the sky”

Kai still felt nervous. His father wore different clothes and had medicine stuff around him.

While he was at the hospital, Kai drew monsters with big teeth and crocked frowns. He called them cancer monsters and gave the drawings to his dad.

When the doctor’s let Kai’s dad came home, Kai stayed very quiet so his dad could sleep. Kai wanted to help.

Sometimes Kai sat near his dad’s bed and played with his cars or drew pictures of monsters, volcanoes, or himself.

Kai realized that drawing made him feel better. It helped him feel not as sad and mad and nervous.

Kai loved when his dad woke up most of all.

“I love my Kai bear more than the stars in the sky” his dad would say.

Then his dad would use the drawing paper to make paper airplanes with Kai.

If Kai’s dad’s stomach hurt too much to sleep, Kai brought him tea with milk. And a new drawing. It always made his dad smile.

Then, one day Kai’s dad got out of bed for a long time. He played with Kai in the backyard and pushed him on the swings.

Kai’s dad was getting better.

Kai and Grammy were playing blocks one day when his mom and dad came home from the doctors.

“We have good news!” they said. His dad didn’t have cancer anymore.

Kai, his mom, Grammy and dad hugged and danced and hugged and danced.

Kai drew a picture to celebrate. It showed him with his mom and dad smiling and dancing under a bright yellow sun.

He gave the picture to his dad.

“I love my daddy bear more than the stars in the sky.”

And he did.