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They are like that. One must not hold it against them. Children should always show great forbearance toward grown-up people. But certainly, for us who understand life, figures are a matter of indifference. I should have liked to begin this story in the fashion of the fairy-tales. I should have like to say: "On
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ning all these familiar tasks seemed very precious to him. And when he watered the flower for the last time and prepared to place her under the shelter of her glass globe, he cause she had a cold. "I have been silly," she said to him, at la st. "I ask your forgiveness. Try to be happy ..." He was surprised by this ab n mid-air. He did not understand this quiet sweetness. "Of course I love you," the flower said to him. "It is my facult that you have no I don't want it any more." "But the wind—" "My cold is not so bad as all that ... The cool night air will do me good. I am a flow er." "But the wind—" "Well, I must endure the presence of the come that they are very heautiful. And if not the butterflies—and the caterpillars—who will call upon me? You will be far away.

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jestic. "Ah! Here is a subject," exclaimed the king, when he saw the little prince coming. And the little prince asked himself: "How could be recognize me when he had never seen me befored for kings. To them, all men are subjects. "Approach, so that I may see you better," said the king, who felt consumingly proud of bein g at last a king over somebody. The little prince re planet was crammed and obstructed by the king's magnificent ermine robe. So he remained standing upright, and, since he w as tired, he yawned. "It is contrary to etiquette to aid to him. "I forbid you to do so." "I can't help it. I can't stop myself," replied the little prince, thoroughly embarrassed. "I have come on a long journey, and I have had no sle o yawn. It is years since I have seen anyone yawning. Yawns, to me, are objects of curiosity. Come, now! Yawn again! It is an order. "That t frightens me ... I cannot, any completely abashed. "Hum! Hum!" replied the king. "Then I—I order you sometimes to yawn and sometimes to—"He sputtered a litt le, and seemed. For what need to change himself into a sea bird, and if the general did not obey me, that would not be the fau.
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eneral, he would say, by way of example, in Fordered a general to change films a sea bird, and if the general did not obey file, that "wo did not be the emy fault." "May I sit down?" came now a timid inquiry from the little prince. "I order you to do so," the king answered him, and majestically gathered in a fet. But the little prince was wondering ... The planet was tiny. Over what could this king really rule? "Sire," he said to him, "I beg that you will excuse my a "' I order you to ask me a question," the king hastened to assure him. "Sire—over what do you rule?" "Over everything," said the king, with ma "Over everything?" The king made a gesture, which took in his planet, the other planets, and all the stars. "Over all that?" asked the little prince. "King answered. For his rule was not only absolute: it was also universal. "And the stars obey you?" "Certainly they do," the king said. "They ob onot permit insubordination." Such power was a thing for the little prince to marvel at. If he had been master of such complete authority, he wo
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n able to watch the sunset, not forty-four times in one day, but seventy-two, or even a hundred, or even two hundred times, without ever having air. And because he felt a bit sad as he remembered his little planet which he had forsaken, he plucked up h like to see a sunset ... Do me that kindness ... Order the sun to set ..." "If I ordered a general to fly from one flower to another like a butterfl
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te a tragic drama, or to change himself into a sea bird, and if the general did not carry out the order that he had received, which one of us would rong?" the king demanded. "The general, or myself?" "You," said the little prince firmly. "Exactly. One must require from each one the duty was high
one can perform," the king went on. "Accepted authority rests first of all on reason. If you ordered your people to go and throw themselves in a, they would rise up in revolution. I have the right to require obedience because my orders are reasonable." "Then my sunset?" the little p ri
eminded him: for he never forgot a question once he had asked it. "You shall have your sunset. I shall command it. But, according to my s ci ce of government, I shall wait until conditions are favorable." "When will that be?" inquired the little prince. "Hum! Hum!" replied the kin
and before saying anything else he consulted a bulky almanac. "Hum! Hum! That will be about—about—that will be this evening about
wenty minutes to eight. And you will see how well I am obeyed!" The little prince yawned. He was regretting his lost sunset. And then, he was already beginning to be a little bored. "I have nothing more to do here," he said to the king. "So I shall set out on my way agai not go," said the king, who was very proud of having a subject. "Do not go. I will make you a Minister!" "Minister of what?" "Minster Justice!" "But there is nobody here to judge!" "We do not know that," the king said to him. "I have not yet made a complete tour of gdom. I am very old. There is no room here for a carriage. And it tires me to walk." "Oh, but I have looked already!" said the little p rince, turning around to give one more glance to the other side of the planet. On that side, as on this, there was nobody at all ... "T
hen you shall judge yourself," the king answered. "that is the most difficult thing of all. It is much more difficult to judge oneself t
han to judge others. If you succeed in judging yourself rightly, then you are indeed a man of true wisdom." "Yes," said the little prince, "but I can judge myself anywhere. I do not need to live on this planet. "Hum! Hum!" said the king. "I have good reason t
o believe that somewhere on my planet there is an old rat. I hear him at night. You can judge this old rat. From time to time you
will condemn him to death. Thus his life will depend on your justice. But you will pardon him on each occasion; for he must be treated thriftily. He is the only one we have." "I," replied the little prince, "do not like to condemn anyone to death. And now I think I will go on my way." "No," said the king. But the little prince, having now completed his preparations for departure, had no wish to grieve the old monarch. "If Your Majesty wishes to be promptly obeyed," he said, "he should be able to give me
a reasonable order. He should be able, for example, to order me to be gone by the end of one minute. It seems to me that con
tions are favorable ..." As the king made no answer, the little prince hesitated a moment. Then, with a sigh, he took his leave.
ake you my Ambassador," the king called out, hastily. He had a magnificent air of authority. "The grown-ups are very strange
tle prince said to himself, as he continued on his journey. Chapter 11 The second planet was inhabited by a conceited man. "
I am about to receive a visit from an admirer!" he exclaimed from afar, when he first saw the little prince coming. For, to conc
en, all other men are admirers. "Good morning," said the little prince. "That is a queer hat you are wearing." "It is a hat for sa
utes," the conceited man replied. "It is to raise in salute when people acclaim me. Unfortunately, nobody at all ever passes this way." "Yes?" said the little prince, who did not understand what the conceited man was talking about. "Clapeyour ha
nds, one against the other," the conceited man now directed him. The little prince clapped his hands. The conceite ´d man
raised his hat in a modest salute. "This is more entertaining than the visit to the king," the little prince said to himsel  f. And
he began again to clap his hands, one against the other. The conceited man again raised his hat in salute. After five m inut
es of this exercise the little prince grew tired of the game's monotony. "And what should one do to make the hat come d \, o
wn?" he asked. But the conceited man did not hear him. Conceited people never hear anything but praise. "Do you rea
Ily admire me very much?" he demanded of the little prince. "What does that mean—'admire'?" "To admire means t
at you regard me as the handsomest, the best-dressed, the richest, and the most intelligent man on this planet." "But you are the only man on your planet!" "Do me this kindness. Admire me just the same." "I admire you," said the little prince,
shrugging his shoulders slightly, "but what is there in that to interest you so ____much?" And the little prince went aw __ay.
"The grown-ups are certainly very odd," he said to himself, as he continued __on his journey. Chapter 12 The next pla_net wa
s inhabited by a tippler. This was a very short visit, but it plunged the little pr ince into deep dejection. "What are you doing t here?" he said to the tippler, whom he found settled down in silence before a collection of empty bottles and also a collection of full bottles. "I am drinking," replied the tippler, with a lugubrious air. "Why are you drinking?" demanded the little prince. "So t hat I may forget," replied the tippler. "Forget what?" inquired the little prince, who already was sorry for him. "Forget that I am an hamed," the tippler confessed, hanging his head. "Ashamed of what?" insisted the little prince, who wanted to hittle prince was a sorry for him. "Asham had a definition of the little prince, who wanted to hittle prince was a sorry for him. "Asham had a definition of the little prince who wanted to hit prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a definition of the little prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a definition of the little prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a definition of the little prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a definition of the little prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a definition of the little prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a definition of the little prince was a sorry for him." "Asham had a sorry for him to be a sorry for him." "Asham had a sorry for him to be a sorry for him." "Asham had a sorry for him to be a sorry for him." "Asham had a sorry for him to be a sorry for him." "Asham had a sorry for him to be a sorry for him to be a sorry for him to be a sorry for him." The sorry for him to be a sorry for him to
d of drinking!" The tipler brought his speech to an end, and shut himself up in an impregnable silence. And the little prince went a
ay, puzzled. "The grown-ups are certainly very, very odd," he said to himself, as he continued on his journey. Chapter 13 The fourth
anet belonged to a businessman. This man was so much occupied that he did not even raise his head at the little prince's arrival. "Go
morning," the little prince said to him. "Your cigarette has gone out." "Three and two make five. Five and seven make twelve. Twelve a
hree make fifteen. Good morning. Flfteen and seven make twenty-two. Twenty-two and six make twenty-eight. I haven't time to light it a
Twenty-six and five make thirty-one. Phew! Then that makes five-hundred-and-one million, six-hundred-twenty-two-thousand, seven-hun
                      " "Five hundred million what?" asked the little prince. "Eh? Are you still there? Five-hundred-and-oné million—l can't stop ... I ha
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uch to do! I am concerned with matters of consequence. I don't amuse myself with balderdash. Tw o and five make seven ..." "Five-hun one million what?" repeated the little prince, who never in his life had let go of a question once he
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id to himself, again: "That man is the only one of them all whom I could have made my friend. But his planet is indeed too small. There is no room on it for two people..." What the little prince did not dare confess was that he was sorry most of all to leave this planet, because it was blest every day with 1440
sunsets! Chapter 15 The sixth planet was ten times larger than the last one. It was inhabited by an old gentleman who wrote voluminous books. "Oh, look! Here is an explorer!" he exclaimed to himself when he saw the little prince coming. The little prince sat down on the table and panted a little. He had already traveled so much and so far! "Where do you come from?" the old gentleman said to him. "What is that big book?" said the little prince. "A geographer is a scholar who knows the location."
n of all the seas, rivers, towns, mountains, and deserts." "That is very interesting," said the little prince. "Here at last is a man who has a real profession!" And he cast a look around him at the planet of the geographer. It was the most magnificent and stately planet that he had ever seen. "Your planet is very beautiful," he said. "Has it any oceans?" "I couldn't tell you," said the geographer. "Ah!" The little prince was disappointed. "Has it any mountains?" "I couldn't tell you that, either." "But you are a geographer!" "Exactly," the geographer said. "But I am not an explorer roll a single explorer on my planet. It is not the geographer is much too important to go loading about. He does not leave his desk. But he received the said. "The geographer is much too important to go loading about. He does not leave his desk. But he received the said." "I couldn't tell you had said the geographer as the said." "But I am not an explorer roll when the said the geographer as the said." "The geographer is much too important to go loading about. He does not leave his desk. But he received the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about. He does not leave his desk. But he received the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about. He does not leave his desk. But he received the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about. He does not leave his desk. But he received the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about. The said the geographer is much too important to go loading about. The said the geographer is much too important to go loading about the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about the said the geographer is much too important to go loading about the said the said the little prince. What is the said the little prince. The geograp
es the explorers in his study. He asks them questions, and he notes down what they recall of their travels. And if the recollections of any one among them seem interesting to him, the geographer orders an inquiry into that explorer's moral character." "Why is that?" "Because an explorer who told lies would
d bring disaster on the books of the geographer. So would an explorer who drank too much." "Why is that?" asked the little prince. "Because intoxicated men see double. Then the geographer would note down two mountains in a place where there was only one." "I know some one," said the little prince, "who would make a bad explorer." "That is possible. Then, when the moral character of the explorer is shown to be good, an inquiry is ordered into his discovery." "One goes to see it?" "No. That would be too complicated. But one requires the explorer to furnish proofs. For example, if the discovery in question is that of a large mountain, one requires that large stones be brought back from it." The geographer was suddenly stirred to excitement. "But you—you come from far away! You are an explorer! You shall describe your planet to me!" And, having opened his big register, the geographer sharpened his pencil. The recitals of explorers are put down first in pencil. One waits until the explorer has furnished proofs, before putting them down in ink. "Well?" said the geographer. "I have three volcanoes. Two volcanoes are reactive and the other is extinct. But one never knows." "One never knows," said the geographer. "I have also a flower." "We do not record flower." "We do not reco
hemeral." "What does that mean—'ephemeral'?" "Geographies," said the geographer, "are the books which, of all books, are most concerned with matters of consequence. They never become old-fashioned. It is very rarely that a mountain changes its position. It is very rarely that an ocean empties itself of
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