

Rosa and the Napping Screen Dragon



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Rosa loved her tablet,
especially the bright games and funny videos.
One sunny afternoon, she sat
cross-legged on the rug and tapped
until the battery bar blinked red.



“Oh no,” Rosa whispered.
The screen went dark and
looked almost like a little
dragon curling up for a nap.



Rosa sighed and wanted to tap it awake again. But then she noticed her crayons, her box of blocks, and the back door shining with afternoon light.



She pointed to the timer on the shelf.
“I can give the screen a rest,”
she said softly, even though she still wanted
one more video.



When the timer dinged, Rosa built a castle from blocks. She added a paper bridge and drew a tiny flag on top.





The castle needed a brave explorer,
so Rosa stuffed a scarf into a backpack
and marched across the room.
The hallway became a forest, and
the chair became a mountain.

Then Mama called, 'Can you help stir the soup, Rosa?' Rosa did not feel like stopping, but she went to the kitchen anyway. The wooden spoon swirled the pot, and the soup smelled warm and good.



After that, Rosa missed the tablet less than she expected. Her arms felt lively, her mind felt full, and the little dragon seemed happy to sleep.



Later, Rosa had a few minutes left for a show, so she watched with calm eyes and then turned it off on time. She felt proud, because she had chosen more than one kind of fun.





That night, Rosa snuggled into bed and thought about the castle, the soup, and her adventure. She liked screens, and she liked the world outside them too.