

Each person who lived on Planet Lovedove was happy. Yes, that's right. Everyone, without exception. Why, even their houses looked like they were smiling, too. "How come everyone was so happy?" you might ask. I will tell you.

One day Uni-he was the Ruler of the Universe-was zooming around between the stars and planets, when he had a thought. He was so excited he cried aloud, "All this zooming around building planets and galaxies is making me tired. I need a planet of love to come home to after a hard day in the Universe!"

And so, in the time it takes for the Ruler of the Universe to say, "Let there be Lovedove!" the planet, with its billions of people, was born. And if the Ruler of the Universe didn't know how to create a planet where nobody complained, and *everyone* was happy all the time, well then, *who* did?

The children on planet Lovedove went to school, learned their lessons-lessons which focused on bringing out each child's innate talents-their natural gifts-to be enjoyed by everyone. The teachers on Lovedove knew how to do this, as they used their developed, inborn talents to ensure each child felt special enough to fully utilize-to put to good use-their natural abilities. Then, after a happy, productive day at school, each child went home to play and have fun.

Yes, you heard right. They didn't take their school work home with them. School was for fun and learning, and home was simply for fun and play. Any chores done at home for the parents was the homework.

And it must be said, schools on Lovedove were unlike most schools on other planets in the Universe. Remember, everything on Lovedove was created by Uni, Ruler of the Universe. And if *he* didn't know there was a time and a place for everything, well then, *who* did?

There were no starving people, no wars and no crime on Lovedove. I really didn't need to tell you that, did I? If everyone was happy, then obviously no one was starving or was robbed, tortured or murdered, were they?

“What did these people do all day?” you might ask. “What *do* people do all day if there are no wars to fight, no work to take home from school and no gossiping, or bullying, to hurt others?” I will tell you.

They focused on their own talents. Then they shared their talents, and enjoyed the talents of everyone else. Each of the Lovedovians was a part of the powerful Uni, yet each one was an individual.

Uni was the Ruler of the Universe. He could do anything. You name it, he could do it. And so it was that each of his people inherited a different talent, or two or three- and sometimes even *more*- from him!

Perhaps a better way to understand how the Lovedovians could all be the same, yet so very different, is to think of a tree. Make it the largest tree you can picture it to be. Then imagine the tree is Uni. Now cut the tree into pieces of wood of different sizes. We're only pretending, for the sake of the story, so I promise he won't feel

anything! And now all the pieces of wood can be made into different things. Whatever you like. And these items can be painted in different colors.

What did you make? A table and chairs? Maybe a beautiful, carved wooden ornament to look at and admire? A wooden ladder to use in a practical way? Or did you create a wooden doorstop? They're different, yet all are made from the same wood. You get the picture!

And this is how it was with the Lovedovians. They came in all shapes, sizes and colors. And they had different talents, too. But what they all had in common, with each other, and Uni, was their kind, loving, happy natures. Oh, and their ability to fly and never-ending life, too, of course!

If the Ruler of the Universe couldn't make something light enough to fly, that lasted forever, well then, *who* could?

Can you imagine if everyone on Lovedove had looked the same? If they all spoke the same way? If they all had the same talents? Nobody different to learn from. No new music to enjoy. Boring! Boring! Boring!

Who was going to do all the other jobs if *everyone* was a brain surgeon? You can see why there was even a holiday on Lovedove to celebrate, 'D.I.D. Day'. That's short for '*Difference Is Delightful Day!*'

If the Ruler of the Universe didn't know that difference is delightful, and needed to be celebrated, well then, *who* did?

Life on Lovedove continued the same until, one day, everything changed. If you're thinking the planet was invaded by beings from

another galaxy, then sorry, that's not true! Remember, Lovedove was a planet of happiness built by Uni, the Ruler of the Universe. If he didn't know that love *always* changed everything, well then, *who* did?

I'm getting ahead of myself. You want to know *how* love changed everything, don't you? I will tell you.