

ROUND SQUARE STORY

Hero chosen: **PROBLEM-SOLVING PAPRI**

PAPRI SAVES THE DAY!

Papri was known for being the problem solver in her school. Whether it was fixing a broken toy, helping a friend figure out a tough math problem, or coming up with a clever solution to a messy situation, Papri always had a way of making things work.

One day, her school announced the annual school fair, where each class would have to set up a booth. The theme this year was "Innovation and Creativity," and Papri's class was assigned the task of designing a game for the fair. Everyone was excited, but there was one big problem: they couldn't agree on what kind of game to create.

Some of her classmates wanted to build a giant maze, others wanted to make a quiz booth, and a few suggested a scavenger hunt. The class argued for hours, but no one could decide on a single idea. The teacher, Ms. Aria, noticed the frustration in the room and called Papri to the front.

"Papri, I know you're great at solving problems," Ms. Aria said with a smile. "Can you help your classmates come up with a solution?"

Papri thought for a moment. She knew that solving this problem wasn't just about picking the best idea—it was about finding a way to bring everyone together. She raised her hand and spoke confidently.

"What if we combine all the ideas into one?" Papri suggested. "We can create a fun event that has a little bit of everything! We could have a mini maze, a quiz corner, and a scavenger hunt—all in one big game."

Her classmates looked at each other, surprised. It was such a simple idea, but it was exactly what they needed. They could each contribute their favorite part of the project, and everyone would be happy.

Excitedly, they got to work. They set up the mini maze with cardboard boxes, where players had to find their way through a series of twists and turns. They created a quiz station, with questions about different subjects, where players could win small prizes for correct answers. Finally, they hid clues around the area for the scavenger hunt, where participants had to solve riddles to find hidden treasures.

As the day of the fair approached, there were still challenges. The maze was too narrow in some places, and the quiz station was missing some materials. But Papri stayed calm and organized. She helped her classmates think of quick fixes—like widening the maze and borrowing supplies from other classrooms. Whenever something went wrong, Papri calmly worked with her team to find a solution.

On the day of the fair, the booth was a huge hit! Students from other classes flocked to play the game, enjoying the combination of puzzles, challenges, and fun. Everyone was impressed by how creative and innovative the booth was, and it was all thanks to Papri's ability to solve problems.

At the end of the day, Ms. Aria gathered the class together. "I'm so proud of how you worked together," she said. "Papri, you've shown us that when we put our heads together, we can solve any problem—big or small."

Papri smiled. She knew that the key to solving problems wasn't just about coming up with the right answers—it was about listening to everyone's ideas and working together to make them work.



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