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The Kite Competition

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The moment she saw that sunny yellow flyer about the kite competition, Pepper Parker knew that she and Marcus Manwaring would enter. She and Marcus were kite enthusiasts. They had flown kites together for years! A competition would prove once and for all that Pepper was the better flyer of kites.

Marcus signed up for the competition, just as Pepper had known he would. Each decided to keep the choice of kite a secret from the other. After all, why give the other person the advantage of knowing what he or she would be competing against? However, Pepper secretly believed that Marcus would bring a delta. That kite, with its shape like that of a stingray, was his favorite.

As for her own choice, Pepper liked the traditional diamond-shaped kite the best. She had one that featured a red, blue, and silver fireworks pattern.

When the day of the competition arrived, Pepper was ready. She pulled a t-shirt over her head that featured red and white fireworks on a blue background. She even tied red, white, and blue ribbons in her hair! The judges would appreciate the way her outfit matched her kite.

The competition was set to begin soon. Pepper's eyes were shut as she lifted her face to the wind. As it caressed her cheeks, she knew it was a good wind for flying kites.

"Whatcha doing?"

Marcus's voice caused Pepper's eyes to fly wide open. She turned to look at him, and her jaw dropped.

Answer the following questions before you finish the story.

1. Why is Pepper so fond of flying kites?
