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This book is about a girl who is called Katya. She was a good girl. She helped her father to do different kinds of housework well. However, her sister, Ivanka wasn't a helpful daughter. She did not do anything and let her sister (Katya) do all the things. Ivanka was very mean. If there were some nice things, she would grab it quickly and never shared the things with Katya. Also, she would leave all the bad things for Katya to do to make her tired.

And one day, Katya went out and found firewood for light up the fire to keep them warm and more comfortable. And while she was picking the wood, she could see a poor old man that asking her for the wood sticks. Katya was absolutely great and so she gave all the wood to the man and he thanked her. Suddenly, the poor old man turned into a "Snow King" and he rewarded her with good food, and a fur cloak and boots. In fact, the snow king was disguised as a poor man. His purpose was to know Katya's characteristics. Katya was very happy and she brought all the things home. Ivanka was jealous that her sister could get a lot of goods and be rich. Therefore, Ivanka went out to find the Snow King. On the way, Ivanka saw the old man. Same as the last time, the poor man asked for the firewood again. However, Ivanka scolded the man loudly and rudely 'Hey! Stop disturbing me to find my dearest Snow King. I wouldn't give my firewood to you. It's so precious for me and the Snow King.' After it, Ivanka pushed the man away. Just the moment, the poor man turned into a Snow King. Ivanka was shocked. The Snow King was angry with Ivanka's bad behavior. The Snow King was so disappointed and so he wanted to give a lesson for Ivanka to

learn. And lastly, the Snow King turned Ivanka into an ice which would freeze forever. What a meaningful lesson! I have learnt many things in this story. Although it's not a difficult book, it's full of entertaining but educational elements.

I like this book because this plot is fantastic and the scenes are attractive. I have learnt that we should be kind and helpful. We should have a warm heart for everyone. We shouldn't be icy too. Helping people may bring us happiness too. Moreover, people may feel grateful for us. No one would like to help us if we don't help others. We need to be kind too. We shouldn't get hot-tempered whenever we make any mistakes. It may bring you that bad feeling. Being kind is basic. If I could be one of the characters, I would like to be the Snow King because I could see who is nicer and willing to help people cheerfully. Also, I can reward the good ones and punish the evil. I like Katya best as she is the most helpful girl. She always helps her father to do the housework well but her sister, Ivanka is not. Ivanka just daydreams of being rich and enjoying the unreliable life. But she never does anything. It's not a good way to reach our dreams. We should approach our goal with our hand instead of relying on others. Now, I also learnt the meaning of this saying "Plant melons and you get melons, soy beans and you get beans." This means that what you have done will sow seeds for your future harvest. So, we should be nice and friendly with others and we will have a wonderful and lovely life. This is the message of this book.

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