THE MAN AND THE CANE

"My freedom ends where yours begins".

(Martin Luther King)



An old man with a cane went walking merrily through the streets of the town. He was having great fun twirling and spinning his cane in circles. "I am the King of the road!"

He shouted.

Oh, what a jolly good time was he having and how he laughed upon seeing all the passersby running quickly from his sight. Until a brave young man suddenly interrupted his merry making.

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"Sir", said the young man, "Please pay attention. You could injure someone playing with your cane like that. You just hit my nose and almost blinded me!"

The old man, swollen with pride and arrogance, looked at the young man square in the eye.

"Pay attention? You mean... uh... to you?", he blurted harshly. "Well... I am in total disagreement with that, for I have the right to do as I please!" He exclaimed.



The young man replied kindly but firmly. "Yes, sir. You are free to do as you please, but your freedom ends where my nose begins!"

"Uh... that's right". Said the old man. He was sorry for not having paid attention to the other people on the streets, and quickly apologized.

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What a message! Let us not miss out on practicing these two values: Kindness and Respect! They help us cultivate good human relations with the result of receiving kindness and respect in return!