

There once was a little boy who hated to see petals falling from the trees. He did not like to see the peach tree lose its petals. On his street there was a park with a tree that was losing its petals. One spring he and his dog gathered up all the petals and put them into a barrel. Every morning and every evening he and his dog searched for petals. The neighbours were happy that they did not have to sweep outside their houses because of the little boy and dog. They laughed at the little boy when he said he would save the tree.

Eventually there was only one petal left on the tree and the little boy had no more petals to put in the barrel. He sat on the ground feeling very sad. He had saved the petals but he could not stop them from falling. His dog licked his face to cheer him up. The final petal fell from the tree and stuck to his cheek.

At that moment he realised he could save the petals. He worked through the night and the next morning the barrel was empty and the tree was full of petals again.

The neighbours were shocked when they woke and saw the tree on their way to work. They thought it was a miracle. Many people stopped to take pictures and were late to work. Soon word spread of this miracle tree throughout the prefecture and the country. Soon the street resembled a festival with many visitors and vendors arriving to serve snacks and memorabilia. American newspapers heard of the story and suggested it might be one of their moon trees. Moon trees are trees grown from 500 seeds taken into orbit around the Moon by Stuart Roosa during the Apollo 14 mission in 1971. They did not keep very good records so these moon trees are still being discovered today.

The little boy was interviewed by local TV station, everyone wanted to know what God or deity had he prayed to for this miracle. The little boy told everyone it was only him and his dog responsible for the peach tree being full of petals again, the interviewer thought the boy was confused. "Don't you mean the hybrid sakura/peach tree little boy?" said the interviewer. "No" said the little boy, "that's a peach tree". Everyone shook their heads and explained that it was a peach tree before but now it had both peach and cherry blossom petals on it. The little boy did not understand what they were talking about. Eventually someone asked him to smell the petals and that's when he realised they smelt like both Peach and Sakura.

That's when the crowd realised the little boy and dog were both colour blind. The interviewer asked the little boy "how did you put the petals on the tree?".

First, the boy explained he had tried to reattach them using string but that caused the petals to swing from the tree in the wind like little monkeys.

Second, the boy explained he had tried to reattach them using thumb tacks but that caused holes in the tree and made it look like it was covered in polkadots.

How do you think the little boy attached the petals? What do you think happened next?

Please draw anything inspired by this story or what you think happened next.

What did the little boy and dog look like? What did the vendors sell? How do you imagine Apollo 14 spaceship look like?

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