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This story is dedicated to every child who has ever said, 'I can't,' and then found a tiny brave yes inside.

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TINY TRY 01

Milo Had a Very Strong No

Milo knew one sentence better than any other sentence.

When something looked new, his arms folded. When something felt tricky, his eyebrows squeezed together.

'I don't want to try,' Milo said.

Mr. Paws sat beside him and made the same serious face. They were a very dramatic team.

Tiny try:

It is okay to feel nervous. The feeling is not the boss of you.



TINY TRY 02

The Bench Felt Safe

At the playground, children ran, climbed, laughed, and shouted, 'Come on!'

Milo watched from the bench. The bench was quiet. The bench did not ask him to run.

'Watching is fine,' Milo whispered. But his heart felt a little squished.

Tiny try:

Watching is a start, but joining can open a new door.



TINY TRY 03

Zara Asked with a Big Smile

Zara bounced across the soccer field with a ball under her arm.

'Milo! Want to play?' she asked.

Milo looked at the ball. Then he looked at the goal. Then he looked at his shoes.

'I don't want to try,' he said quickly.

Tiny try:

A friend can invite you. You still get to take one tiny step at a time.



TINY TRY 04

The Muddy Thought

In Milo's imagination, the soccer ball became enormous.

He tripped. He flew. He landed nose-first in the biggest mud puddle in the whole world.

SPLAT!

Milo blinked. 'Nope,' he said. 'Definitely not trying.'

Tiny try:

Your imagination can make mistakes look bigger than they really are.



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