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A little practice.

A good pass.

Room for one more.

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June was taking a soccer ball to the park.
Click put on his new athletic shoes.
He left both slippers by the door.
“I believe these will stay on better.”



At the park, Click studied the round ball.
“Which end goes first?”
June gave it a little roll.
“Either one!”



Dad set two cones on the grass.
June showed Click a gentle kick.
“Try sending it between those.”
Click looked at the ball, then at the cones.



He swung one long leg.
The ball bounced sideways,
rolled across their picnic blanket,
and plopped into the open basket.
“That is a rather small goal,” Click said.



Dad lifted the ball from the basket.
June brought it back to the grass.
“Let’s try a smaller kick.”
Click tucked his foot behind the ball.
“Smaller. Right.”



Tap. The ball rolled a little way.
Tap. Click followed it.
This time, his feet stayed close to the ball.
“Oh,” he said. “We’re going together.”



“Over here!” June called.
Click looked up and gave a gentle kick.
The ball rolled straight to her feet.
June sent it back.
“That one was meant for you,” he said.



A younger child stopped nearby to watch.

“Would you like a turn?” June asked.

The child nodded, then looked
at the space between the cones.

Click looked, too.



“We can make a little more room,” Click said.
He moved one cone farther out.
June rolled the ball to a closer starting place.
Dad stood nearby with an encouraging smile.



The child took a small step and kicked.
The ball rolled between the cones.
June cheered. Dad clapped.
Click lifted both hands.
“Exactly the right goal!”



Soon, the ball was going from June to Click,
from Click to their new friend,
and back again.

Sometimes it missed. They fetched it.
Then they kept playing.



Afterward, June sat beside Click on the bench.
“Did you enjoy soccer?”
“Very much,” said Click.
“Although the ball seems to have its own plans.”

A GOOD GAME HAS ROOM TO GROW.



The End

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