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(inspired by Starfish story)

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A young female English teacher, Ms. Hana Lee, was walking by a classroom and saw a more senior teacher, Mrs. Kyung-Ja Kim, tutoring a student.

Ms. Lee knew the student, Young-Hee, who was also in her class and was known to be falling behind. She had tried to help him and then gave up because he did not seem to make any progress. So she thought that she'd better pay more attention to the brighter students in her class. She said to herself, "It is a waste of my time. There is no way I could make a difference to this student; and there were many students like Young-Hee in the school".

The next day, she ran into Mrs. Kim in the corridor and said to her, 'Mrs. Kim, **I hope you don't mind me saying this, but I think you are** wasting your time. I know the student you are tutoring. He is hopeless and you're just wasting your time. Also there are so many students like Young-Hee in the school. You cannot possibly make a difference.'

The senior teacher listened patiently and then said calmly, "I know I cannot possibly make a difference to every student. But I can make a difference to Young-Hee, Ms. Hana Lee."

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