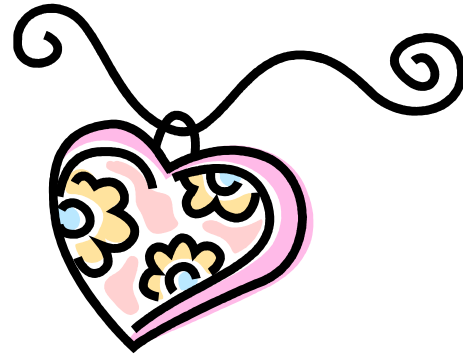


The Missing Necklace

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Bob was a boy who liked adventures. He also liked inventing things. He was always collecting bits and bobs from the ground to create his latest invention. One spring day when the daisies were still blooming and the sun shone brightly in the big blue sky, he did just that.



As Bob walked across the field, he saw in the distance a thick, grey wire with two connections (one at each end); it looked like a huge belt. He climbed over the fence, with an astonished expression on his face and he started to walk towards it. Next, in the rocks beside him, he saw a puppy bulldog coming out with a necklace being dragged along in its mouth. The puppy dropped the necklace in front of Bob and then ran up the rocky hill to a cottage on the top (when Bob was not looking). Bob picked up the gold, shiny necklace with its huge ruby pendant, ran home and showed it to his mum, who took no notice.



Then a news flash appeared on the TV.

“Breaking news flash! A kind, o... nice old man from Walderslade has lost his valuable necklace! It is worth £10,000!”

A photo of the necklace flashed up on the screen. Bob looked at the photo, then at the necklace and back at the TV.

“Oops!” he said, but his mum was oblivious.



Bob ran to the spot where the puppy had been but it was nowhere to be seen. A couple of minutes later, Bob went to look for the news man at the local TV studio. Leaving the studio, he saw the old man talking to a different reporter.

So Bob shouted out, "I've found your necklace!"

The old man took the necklace and said thank you. When Bob told the man where he lived, they decided to walk home together.



The man invited Bob in for tea and a piece of cake. Soon the pensioner stood up rather abruptly.

"Well," said the man, "I guess you should be going."

He said goodbye, led Bob to the door and slammed it behind him.

As Bob trotted back down the hill, he muttered to himself, "That could have gone better! I didn't even get a reward!" As he climbed back over the fence near his house, he saw the original wire. He slowly walked over to it and scooped it up from the stony path. "WOW!" he said, mesmerised by it...so mesmerised that he banged his head on the fence! He rubbed his head, clambered over the gate and ran home.



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"I've found an amazing wi..." Bob shouted out to his mum, "Sshhh!" said mum, pointing towards the TV.

"NASA have lost their Master Cable, which has fallen from the sky, out of their Space station," said the news reporter.

A picture of the wire appeared on the TV screen. Looking ashamed and gazing at the missing cable, Bob mumbled, "Oh No! You must be joking!"