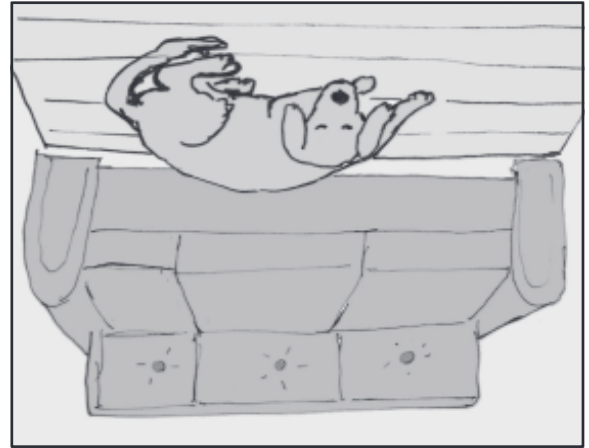


"Can we keep him?" ask the kids.  
 "No," says Dad. "Do you see a tag?"  
 "No tag," says Mom. "But he looks good. He must have a home and food to eat."  
 Time for lunch! The family goes inside. The dog goes, too. The dog lies down and takes a nap. They let the dog sleep. He sleeps for hours.



## The Sleepy Dog Mystery



Mom works in the garden. Dad helps Mom. The kids play ball.

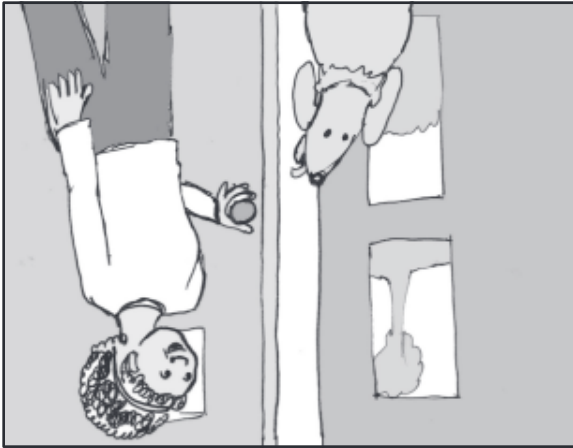
"Stop!" says Mom.

They stop. They see a dog. He is licking Mom's ear.

"Whose dog is this?" asks Dad.

Mom shrugs. She does not know.

The dog wakes up and goes to the front door.  
 "Out?" asks Mom. Mom opens the door. The dog goes out.  
 The dog comes the next day. He does the same thing again. He takes a nap and then leaves.  
 Soon, the dog comes every day. Where is the dog from? Where does the dog go?



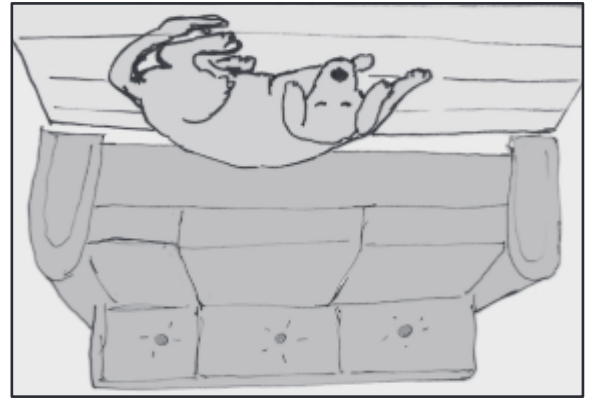
Mom writes a note. Mom puts it on the dog.

Who owns this dog? This dog comes over every day. The dog takes a nap. Then the dog goes away.

The dog comes the next day. The dog has a note.

This dog is our dog. He lives in our home with our six children. Our home is very loud and busy. Our dog wants a "quiet place" for a nap. Can I come with our dog tomorrow? I need quiet place and a nap, too.

"I don't know," says Mom.  
 "Check his collar," says Dad.  
 "It doesn't say anything," says Mom.  
 "But he is healthy. I'm sure he has a home. I'm sure he gets food."  
 The family goes inside when it is time for lunch. The dog follows them inside. He trots over to the sofa. He lies down and takes a nap.  
 "Does he think he lives here?" asks Dad. The family lets the dog sleep.



## The Sleepy Dog Mystery

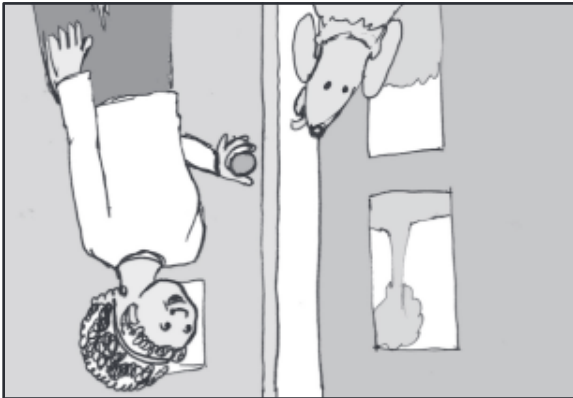


It is a lazy Sunday. Mom is working in the garden. Dad is helping. Hannah and Jay are playing catch.

"Hey, stop that!" says Mom. Everyone stops what they're doing and looks at Mom. A big yellow dog is busy licking Mom's ear.

"Where did he come from?" asks Dad.  
 "Can we keep him?" ask Hannah and Jay. They really want a dog.

The dog wakes up a few hours later. He goes to the door and cries.  
 "Do you want to go out?" asks Mom. She opens the door for him. The dog trots out.  
 The next day, the same thing happens. The dog follows Mom into the house. He naps for a few hours. Then he leaves. Soon, the yellow dog comes every day. Where does he come from? Where does he go?



Mom writes a note. She pins it to the dog's collar.

Who owns this nice dog? He comes to our house every day. He takes a nap for a few hours. Then he leaves.

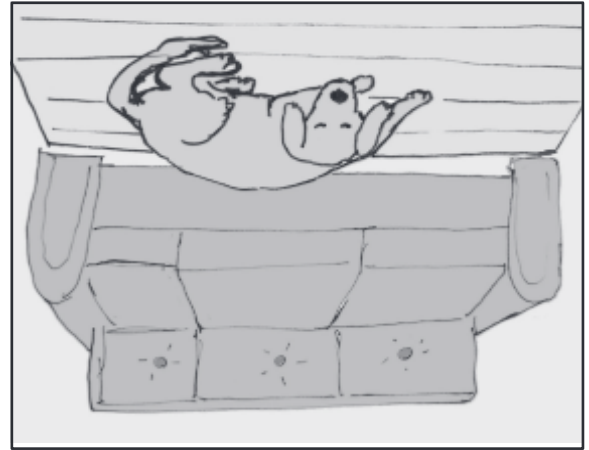
The dog comes the next day. He has a new note pinned to his collar.

This dog lives in a home with six children. It is very noisy and busy. He is looking for a "quiet place" to sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?

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"Does he think he lives here?" asks Dad. When it is time for lunch, the family goes inside. The dog follows them in, trots over to the sofa, and curls up to take a nap.

"It doesn't say anything," says Mom. "But I can tell that he's healthy and well-fed. I'm sure he belongs to someone."



## The Sleepy Dog Mystery



It is a lazy Sunday afternoon. Dad helps Mom in the garden while Hannah and Jay play catch nearby.

"Hey, stop that!" giggles Mom. Everyone stops what they're doing and looks at Mom. A big yellow dog is busy licking Mom's ear.

"Where did he come from?" asks Dad.

"Can we keep him?" beg Hannah and Jay.

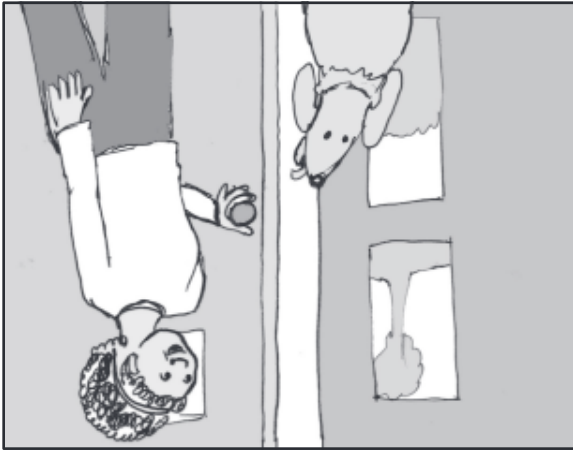
"I have no clue where he's from," says Mom. "And no, we can't keep him."

"Check his collar," suggests Dad.

After a few hours, the mystery dog wakes up, goes to the front door, and cries. "Do you want to go out?" Mom asks him. She opens the door and the dog trots out.

The next day, the big yellow dog returns. He naps for a few hours by the sofa, then whines by the front door when he wants to leave.

Soon, the yellow dog appears at their front door every day for a nap.



Curious, Mom writes a note to the dog's owners and pins it on his collar.

Who owns this nice dog? He comes into our house every day, takes a long nap, then leaves.

When he arrives the next day, the dog wears a new note pinned to his collar.

This dog lives in a home with six children. It is very noisy and busy. He is looking for a "quiet place" to sleep. I would like a nice, quiet place to sleep, too. Can I come with him tomorrow?