

Misguided Friendship

By Naina P.

It was a crisp October day, and Adam was stuck waiting for his punishment. He was used to getting in trouble, but this time he didn't know what he did. Adam was the loner, and for that reason he got bullied. All the distractions, made him fail his SAT and his driver's test. The only time his parents talked to him, was when they were screaming at him.

All he did was free a dog. In his mind, he was using his love of animals for a greater use. When he was allowed in the principal's office, he sat in the chair that was so familiar in the past years.

"I hope you understand that the dog you let escape was a service dog," said his principal. "A family paid a lot of money to train that dog. All of that was thrown out the window, when you let the dog escape."

Adam didn't even know he was a service dog. The dog wasn't wearing a vest or anything.

"Your punishment is that you will be Sarah's service "dog". Sarah is the girl who needs him. You will guide her to everywhere except the bathrooms or her house. Her phone number is 472-609-8823."

The next day he called Sarah expecting an obnoxious voice.

"Hello," said a calm voice, "Is this Adam? Please meet me at Judson Park." Then she ended the phone call.

When he visited her at the park, she was wearing shades even though it was shady and was wearing a flowery dress like it was spring.

"Hello Adam!" she said with excitement that she tried to hide, but couldn't.

"What's up?" he replied with no emotion whatsoever. "How did you know I was here if you are blind?"

"I have super hearing, I guess." Sarah replied with a giggle.

After that, they met every day at the park and gradually grew good friends. Until one day, Sarah got a letter. She couldn't read it, so she gave it to Adam to read.

"Dear Sarah, I have your service dog. You can have your dog a week from now on the next Thursday, but in return you have to find what was once mine. If you are up to the challenge, please write back immediately. If you contact the police, there will be consequences. Love, *****"

They walked to the post office dropped the letter that confirmed their curiosity, and walked home without a word. The next Saturday, they got a letter that said to go to the library and check out the book "The Magic Hour" by Crystal Allen. When they went to the library, they followed the instructions and found a note in the cover of the book.

"If you have found this, then you are perfect for this job. Just kidding. Look around you for a man in a blue hoodie and sperry shoes. He is there to deliver you a key. Go around the back and find a red BMW. Open the trunk with they keys and take out the back pack. In side it you will get the next note. The man is going to ask you a riddle. Good luck answering it!"

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“The nerve!” exclaimed Adam “They can’t just make us ask that dude what he wants and give it to him. But NO, they have to make it complicated.”

All he got in response from Sarah was silence. He turned around and she was already walking away even though she couldn’t see where she was going. Before she got hurt Adam rushed to help her. They accidentally bumped into the “blue hoodie man” and was given this riddle.

“What is it called when you carefully fight? What is it called when the moons shines in the dawn of night? Put them together and that word or words.... Is the answer you shall give for the keys in return.”

“What the snicker doodles??!!” shouted Sarah, and was immediately shushed by the librarians.

On the other side of her was Adam quiet as a mouse trying to figure out what the answer was. All he could think of was the words “elusive moonshine”.

“Is it elusive moonshine?” asked Adam. The man nodded, gave him the key, and walked away as if this never happened.

As they went to the back, Sarah kept thinking why Adam was so anxious to find the dog. She thought that they were friend, but he is trying so hard to find the dog that will make him leave me. As she hid her sadness, she couldn’t help but wonder on how she hated him when he lost her dog and now has grown to like him. Maybe love him.

They took out the backpack and read the next note which said “Look behind you!”

When Sarah heard what the note said she immediately felt useless and completely let out. Oddly enough, Adam picked Sarah up and put her on a chair.

“What are you doing?” Sarah shouted with a hint of crying in her voice.

“Surprise!” said a mixture of voices. Sarah was shocked, but she still didn’t know what was going on. Finally she felt something lick her hand.

“We found your dog three weeks ago, but Adam didn’t want to leave you so he made it into a adventure.” Said a voice she recognized as her father’s. Even though she couldn’t see it, she felt Adam blush.

At the end, she still was friends with Adam.