

The Way By Noor A.

“ARF!” This is a story about a husky, golden retriever, mutt mix boy puppy named Max who lived in an animal shelter! More than anything, he wants to have a trusting, kind, playful, smart owner. But sadly, Max can’t because every single person to adopt him from the shelter would eventually return him. They would complain like, “*this dog bit or scratched me yatta yatta yatta...*” it’s oh so annoying! One day, when Max was out with a worker whom was taking him out for his morning/noon walk Max knew this was his only chance, so he made a run for it! With the *WHOOSHING* wind in his hair, his head in the *CLEAR* sky, his ears flopping up the down like a roller coaster!

Without warning, Max tumbles on a twelve-year-old girl with brown hair. “GRRRR!” Max growls at her, and she steps back for a minute. Unexpectedly, she puts her hand out and sits down on the gray hard concrete as if to say to him “*Don’t worry I won’t hurt you...*” Max knew instantly that she was the one meant to be his owner! Suddenly to her surprise, Max jumps up on her lap! She instantly understood him, “Oh, My name’s Lily, what’s yours?” Lily asks. “Woof!” Her new puppy answers, that’s when she noticed that he had a collar on that read “Max” on it. “So, your name’s Max!?!?!?” she asks excitedly. “Arf!” he barks nodding his head a little. She starts rolling her hand down from Max’s head to his tail in awe. Her mom (who happens to love animals) yells from the house, “Lily, time’s a wastin’! It’s time for dinner!” “Ok coming, Mom!” She answers, but deep inside her thoughts were screaming *Oh no, oh no, what if i can’t keep Max or WORSE!?!?!?* She grabbed the little furious canine and started strolling to her big white/black house. When she was near, she put the little puppy behind her. Up the stairs of the front porch, standing in front of the door, heart racing, knocking on the door to let her family know she was here, door *CREAKING* to an open, hands shaking, **MOM AT THE DOOR!!!!** “Hey, just a few more minutes until brunch is ready. You can do whatever until,” her mother says smiling. “Ummm, ok I’ll be in my room on my phone,” was all she could reply without making her mom suspicious. She snuck to her room with her back facing the wall so no one could see the pup.

Steps away from her room, Lily’s stupid fifteen-year-old brother decides to join the party. “Hey sis, whatcha got behind you?” he asks, pulling her away from the wall to see little poor Max behind her whimpering. “Whoa, wait until mom hears about this!!!!” he exclaims! “STOP JACK, DON’T TELL MOM!!!!” Lily yells at him and luckily mom didn’t hear! “Money,” he says, “Give me fifty bucks and I won’t tell Mom,” he declares as if he’s King Arthur. “NO WAY,” Lily says coldly at him “Then I’ll tell mom.” He answers right back at Lily. “If you start to walk down and try to tell her, I’ll put Max down and tell him to bite you!” Lily said matter of factly. “Fine I WON’T!” he says “Kiddos, time for dinner!!!!” Their dad yells. “Ok dad!” Lily and Jack reply at the same time. “Should we ask mom to keep Max or keep him in the basement?” Jack asked worriedly. “Ummm lets just tell Mom, because if we keep max in the basement then she’ll find out

anyways," Lily answers unexpectedly. "Ok sis, BUT you have to tell mom." Jack says. "Ugh... fine!" Lily replies. Tumbling down the stairs, running into each other, sweat down their foreheads, sitting in the table chairs, "Mom... we need to tell you something," Lily says worriedly. "What... that you brought a puppy in the house named Max without telling me or dad?" she says like a Miss Know it all. "I heard you screaming at your brother and I saw the puppy," she answers matter of factly. "AND, before you say anything, I can't believe I'm saying this but, you can keep the puppy," she says "YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Lily and Jack scream! "BUT," *oh no here comes the bad part Lily says in her thoughts* "you have to take care of it and wash it, clean it, feed it, and EVERYTHING, ok?" she finishes. "YA SURE!!!!" Lily screams. *Now thinking that isn't so BAD hopefully...*

And since that day on Max was their trusty sidekick you could say! Now, remember to be nice, loyal, kind, not mean and good things shall happen to you like they did to Lily and Max!