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Fur Ever Friends

It was a dark and stormy night. There was a dark corner store and there Ryan was walking down the street with an umbrella. Ryan saw a cardboard box and under it was a furry tail. Ryan stopped and looked in the box. In the box was a puppy. The pup had no tag so, it didn't have an owner. The pup looked sad and hungry. Ryan could it through the pup's eyes. So, Ryan took the pup to his condo. When he got to his condo his mother was watching her favorite show, *"Who wants to be a Millionaire"*. Ryan didn't get what she saw in that show. *"Mom"* said Ryan. *"Look what I brought"*. Ryan opened the box and his mom saw the dog. His mom stared at him with her serious face on and said, *"Ryan, I know you didn't bring a dog into my house"*. *"But, Mom the poor thing was sitting there in the cold rain and I didn't want to leave him*

there". *"Wait how do you know it's a boy"* said Mom. *"It's totally obvious, can't you see"*. Mom replied in a high pitch voice, *"Sure. Anyway, you know I don't like dogs that much"*. Ryan grabbed the puppy and started doing the puppy eyes. Then, they started to stare at each other for two minutes. *"Fine he can stay but he's your responsibility"*. *"Ok, I promise I will take good care of him"* said Ryan. *"Make sure he doesn't chew up my stuff"*. Ryan talked to his mom with a confused look on his face, *"But, he didn't chew your stuff."* His mom was holding her favorite slipper that had been chewed up. *"Your pup was chewing it while you were talking."* *"Ok that won't happen again."* *"I know it won't happen because if it does I'm to have to take him to the pet shelter"*. Ryan moaned, *"But, Mom"*. *"No buts Ryan. Now go wash up its time for dinner."*

Ryan walked into the kitchen dramatically. After dinner, Ryan went to his room and made a tiny bed for the pup to sleep in. A loud knock was pounding in his room. It was just his mom

telling me to turn off the light. "Hey!" shouted Mom. "Are you guys doing all right?" "Yeah," groaned Ryan. "What are you going to call him?". Ryan scratching his head trying to answer the question. "Umm I don't know? How about Apollo". "Ok Apollo, I like it" smiled Mom. "Well, remember lights out in five minutes." "Ok Mom," Ryan groaned. Ryan playing Speed Play Soccer

4. Ryan grabbed Apollo and put him in his bed "Apollo don't worry about what my mom said, you're staying. Good night Apollo". Apollo was barking good night. It was as if he could understand Ryan.

The next morning, Ryan was almost late to school. When he woke up he saw that Apollo was not in his bed. Ryan was checking all over his room for Apollo and he wasn't there. Even though Ryan was freaked out about Apollo missing he still had to go to school. So, Ryan got ready for school. When he came downstairs he saw Apollo holding the mail in his mouth. He was so relieved that Apollo wasn't missing. Apollo spit out the mail and the mail was full of rips, tears and lots of slobber. "Really Apollo" Ryan groaned. His Mom came downstairs to get ready work. Ryan's mom Rita was an accounting manager at a consulting company. "Good morning Ryan". "Hi Mom" Ryan said. "Mom can you pick me up from soccer tryouts today". "Sure honey". "It's so great that you are trying out for soccer at a new school." Mom said excitedly. "Well, soccer is my favorite sport." Ryan was scratching all over Apollo's head. "You must really love that dog", said Mom. Ryan told his mother, "Actually he's got an itch. Oh...yeah, I do love him. Thanks again for letting Apollo stay here. At least we will have another family member." Ryan's dad Tobias died when Ryan was five. He died in a car accident. Ryan and his mom moved from Texas to California. This way, Ryan could get a fresh start. "Ryan, I know your still sad about what happened with dad, but you're not alone. You have Apollo and I." He and his mom started to look at Apollo. Apollo looked confused and stared back at them for a while.

"Thanks Mom." *"Your welcome honey"*. Ryan took the bus to school. He arrived at his new school he was trying to put a smile on his face, but deep down he felt tormented. He was scared at his new school, East High. He really missed his old friends, but he knew he had to get over it. He went to his first period, which was math with Mr. Cavalier. When he got in his classroom, all the seats were filled with students except one and that became his new seat. He walked to his new seat slowly and looked at the people that he'd be stuck with for the rest of the year. Mr. Cavalier was drinking his coffee and reading a newspaper. He was a white man with a big bald spot in his hair. *"Oh. I almost forgot. We have a new student here today,"* Mr. Cavalier said depressingly. *"Would you like to introduce yourself or whatever?"*. *"Um.. Sure. My name is Ryan Rodriguez-beep beep"*. That sound was coming from the phone on Mr. Cavalier's desk. Mr. Cavalier got the phone like he was ready to leave. He answered, *"Hello Ms. Katherine. What do you need? .Ok, I got it. I'll give it to him"*. Mr. Cavalier shouted, *"Ryan Rodriguez, Ms. Katherine needs to talk to you"*. Ryan stuttered, *"Ok"*. Ryan grabbed the phone from Mr. Cavalier. It was Ryan's mother on the phone saying, *"Ryan I am so sorry, but Apollo is missing"*.

What will Ryan do?