

01 No Dogs

Katie just finished school. Her mom was waiting at the gate with Jessie, the dog. “Can we go to the park with Jane, Mum?” asked Katie. “Alright, just for half an hour,” said Mum.

When they got to the park, Katie and Jane ran towards the swings. “Come on,” shouted Jane, “Let’s see how high we can go on the swings!” Jessie followed after and wanted to join them. “You can’t come in here,” shouted Katie. Mum took Jessie over to the bench and tied him to it. Half an hour later, “did you have a good time?” asked Mum. “Yes, it was brilliant! I went the highest” said Katie. “No! I went the highest!” said Jane. “Come on, we need to take you home,” said Mum.

That night Jessie couldn’t sleep. He was thinking about the park. Quietly, he got out of

the basket. He squeezed through the cat-flap. He was outside! He ran towards the park.

Soon Jessie was there. The gate was open. He went through and looked around... the playground was full of dogs! Jessie went up and down on the swing. “Wooooof!” barked Jessie. He went as high as he could on the swing. Soon, it was time to go, Jessie got off the swing, and walked back home. He squeezed through the cat-flap, and got into his basket. He looked at Katie. “I went the highest,” thought Jessie. And went to sleep.

02 The Jackal and the Lion

Once there was a big jungle, and the king of the jungle was a lion. Whenever Lion was hungry, he walked out of his cave and roared. All the smaller animals were terrified.

They rushed out of their holes and hiding places. Then Lion jumped on them and gobbled them up. Finally the only animal left in the jungle, except for Lion, was a small Jackal. Thin Jackal knew he couldn't run fast anymore; he would have to use his wits to fool Lion.

So the next time when Lion chased Jackal, he didn't run. Instead, he walked right up to Lion. Jackal bowed low and told Lion that a dreadful greater lion came out of the woods. Jackal led Lion to a round, deep well of clear water. He pointed into the well and told Lion that the creature in the water was the lion greater than him. Lion strutted over

and looked down into the water. He was shocked to see a lion's face staring back at him!

Lion roared! And the other lion roared! Lion shook his mane! And the other lion shook his mane! Lion showed his teeth! And the other lion showed his teeth! Lion was so furious that he leaped into the well to grab the other lion. Lion flipped and flopped in the well. Finally, he drowned.

Jackal, who was overjoyed, ran to spread the word. And soon other animals came to live in the jungle once again.

03 The Three Little Butterfly Brothers

There were once three little butterfly brothers, one white, one red, and one yellow. They played in the sunshine, and danced among the flowers, and they never grew tired because they were so happy.

One day there came a heavy rain, and it wet their wings. They flew home, but when they got there they found the door locked and the key gone. So they had to stay out of doors in the rain, and they grew wetter and wetter. By and by they flew to the red and yellow striped tulip, and said, "Friend Tulip, will you open your flower-cup and let us in till the storm is over?" The tulip answered, "The red and yellow butterflies may enter, because they are like me, but the white one may not come in."

But the red and yellow butterflies said, "If our white brother may not find shelter in your flower cup, then, we'll stay outside in the rain with him." So the butterflies flew away. But the sun, who was behind a cloud, heard it all, and he knew what good little brothers the butterflies were, and how they had held together in spite of the wet. So he pushed his face through the clouds, and shone brightly on the garden.

He dried the wings of the three little butterflies, and warmed their bodies. They ceased to sorrow, and danced among the flowers till evening, and then they flew home, and found the door wide open.