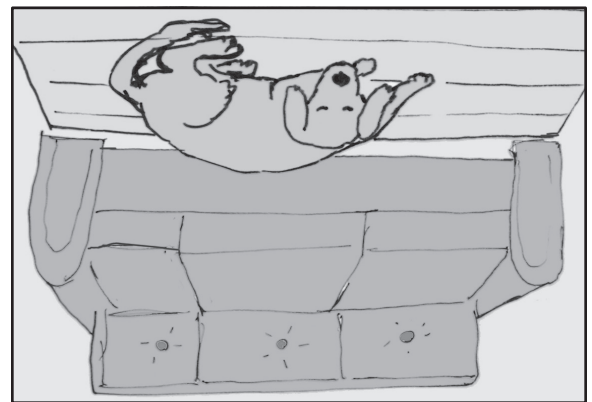
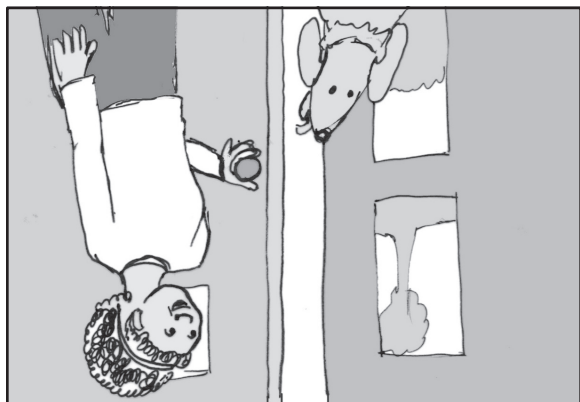


"I don't know," says Mom.
 "Check his collar," says Dad.
 "It doesn't say anything," says Mom.
 "But he is healthy. I'm sure he has a home. I'm sure he gets food."
 The family goes inside when it is time for lunch. The dog follows them inside. He trots over to the sofa. He lies down and takes a nap.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



The 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?



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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.

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?