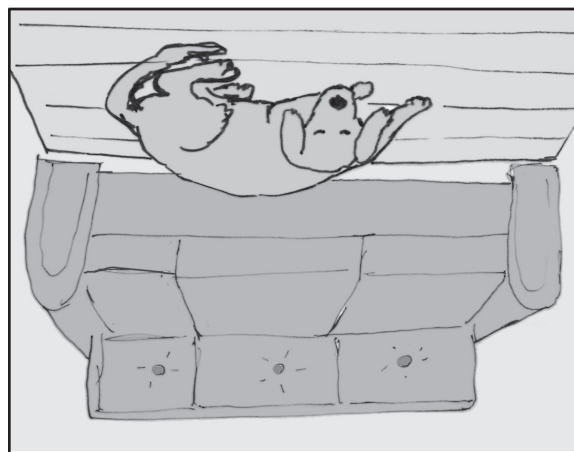


"It doesn't say anything," says Mom. "But I can tell that he's healthy and well-fed. I'm sure he belongs to someone."

When it is time for lunch, the family goes inside. The dog follows them in, trots over to the sofa, and curls up to take a nap.

"Does he think he lives here?" asks Dad. The family lets the strange dog sleep.



The Sleepy Dog Mystery



It is a lazy Sunday afternoon. Dad helps Mom in the garden while Hannah and Jay play catch nearby.

"Hey, stop that!" giggles 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?" beg Hannah and Jay.

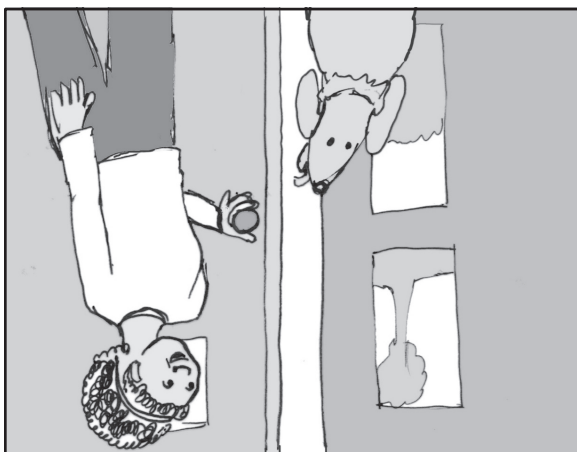
"I have no clue where he's from," says Mom. "And no, we can't keep him."

"Check his collar," suggests Dad.

After a few hours, the mystery dog wakes up, goes to the front door, and cries. "Do you want to go out?" Mom asks him. She opens the door and the dog trots out.

The next day, the big yellow dog returns. He naps for a few hours by the sofa, then whines by the front door when he wants to leave.

Soon, the yellow dog appears at their front door every day for a nap.



Curious, Mom writes a note to the dog's owners and pins it on his collar.

Who owns this nice dog? He comes into our house every day, takes a long nap, then leaves.

When he arrives the next day, the dog wears 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. I would like a nice, quiet place to sleep, too. Can I come with him tomorrow?