

A vibrant, magical forest scene. A large, gnarled tree trunk arches over a path, its branches adorned with pink blossoms and green leaves. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, a young girl with voluminous, curly red hair and large green eyes stands in a lush green field. She is wearing an orange dress and red shoes, with her hands clasped in front of her. A small, brown dog with floppy ears sits beside her. The background shows a bright blue sky and distant green hills.

LITTLE STEPS ON A MAGICAL JOURNEY "

*to Sophie's village
from the city*

Part 1



Hello, I am Sophie. I am living in a city. In city, we have busy and stressful days. Generally in summer and spring, we go beaches, outdoor concerts and touristic places. We usually go movies and theatres in winter and autumn. We can go somewhere difficultly because of traffic jam. Of course in a city, life is boring but in my neighborhood, buildings are so colorful and new because of this reason I think I am very lucky but I haven't got any friends to spend enjoyable time and share my secrets. If I have a friend in the city maybe the city can't be boring for me.

Then when I went outside I saw a dog. The dog was very cute, I want to buy it, can I? And he looked very hungry and in need of care. Then I found a name for my dog his name is Max, then I thought of taking Max on vacation. We decided to camp for a holiday. That would be great in the max. We were going to go in a camper trailer. I was very excited. I even prepared suitcase for max and we go the vacation.

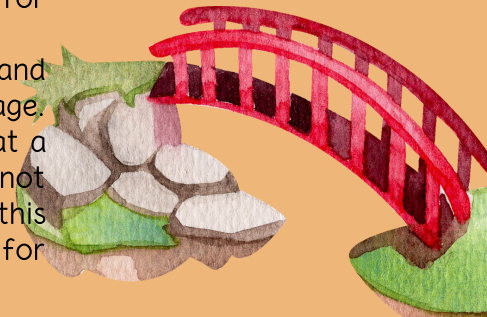
We had a lot of fun. We swam in the sea, we played with his favourite toy which is his ball, we lit a fire to get warm and we ate the food that we cooked. And then we slept.

It was fun to spend time in caravan. I had a lot of fun with Max.

When I woke up my dog, Max was lost and I and my mum went other village for find him and we start to scream like "Max Max".

On our way to the village, we entered a forest. We saw a stream and that stream took us to the village. I was too afraid for Max.

In the meantime, my father joined us. We came across a bridge, and thanks to this bridge, we crossed the stream and reached the village. The bridge was unlike the big bridges in the city where I live. What a beautiful village I thought. No buildings, no traffic, no noise. But not in the park for the children. I thought how are the children in this village. Then we went with my family into the village to search for Max. I started to see their beauties as well.



Part 2

The village was green and pretty cute. There were many different trees, flowers, animals. On our way to village center, we saw a dog next to a house. We approached the dog.

We saw it didn't look like Max. I was very disappointed when I realized the dog was not Max. I was upset. We continued to search without losing hope. We saw a big farm. In the farm, there were many cows, goats, dogs, ducks. The farm was very beautiful. I started to think that the people were very lucky living there. I would like to live there.

It was so beautiful that it was like heaven. We met the owner of the farm. He was very good and friendly person. His name was Alex. We chatted with Alex. Later, I asked him my dog, Max. I described it. Alex said he saw a dog. The dog passed in front of the farm.

We thanked Alex and decided to look for Max. We went where Alex pointed. We saw a stream. The stream was very clean and beautiful. A lot of people were having a picnic. I thought again "What a beautiful place".



I went to the people and told my dog Max was lost. And described my dog. One of the people said a few hours ago a child and dog passed here. I was very excited and worried. We were very thirsty we drank water from the stream. We thanked the people there and went on our way.

We saw a very cute school. Children were playing in the school garden. They all looked happy. We went near them. We met a girl. Her name was Giselle. I asked and described my dog. "Did you see a dog and a child?" Giselle said she saw them.

Giselle told me there was a little hunt in the trees. It was a secret hunt she said. She said the dog and the child might be there. We didn't lose our hope. We went to the direction Giselle showed. It was getting dark. Suddenly a wolf appeared in front of us.

Part 3



The wolf was scared of us too much. Giselle and I quickly ran away from there without looking back. Because it had red eyes, big ears, huge body and sharp teeth. It was looking like an evil. Then we hid behind trees. The wolf was keeping guard the hunt.

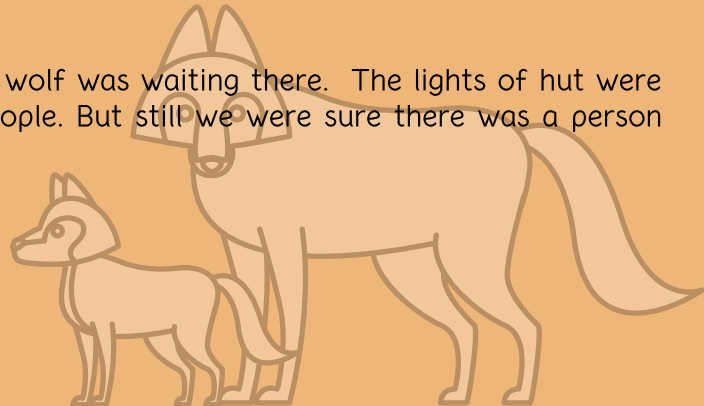
Then, we started watching what the wolf was doing. We made a plan. We would wait until it left , after that we would arrive the hut and we would see if our dog was there or not.

Unfortunately, the weather was getting dark . We wanted to turn back home but it was too late. We moved to another behind of tree which is further than this ground. Then , we started to wait. We were terrified and so tired. We were wanting to sleep, but we were supposed to not sleep.

We kept talking in a whisper. We thought that our family was curious about us. We couldn't call them because my phone didn't have any charge . Also we couldn't have any chance to reach our family . We hoped that a person would come and he could realize us Giselle and me .

We were so hungry and we were hearing strange sounds which are coming from our stomachs . We were so scaring about sounds. If it heard the sounds , it would realize us and if so we didn't know what we would do.

Meanwhile the weather was getting cold and the wolf was waiting there. The lights of hut were burned but there were any sounds of children or people. But still we were sure there was a person in the hut.





Part 4

It was a very rough night. Fear and cold kept us awake. We looked for red eyes in the night. Sounds in the forest are getting scarier. Or was our heart beating so fast? Animals of the night circle around us. We heard the sound of an owl overhead. Rustling in the bushes. Staying in the forest is not an option. Behind us we hear the howling of a wolf. It sounds terrifyingly close. It is too dangerous to stay in the woods. Cold and hungry we walked on. It was so dark that I tripped over a stump. My foot sprained and hurt. I cried out in pain. My scream is answered by the wolf's howl.

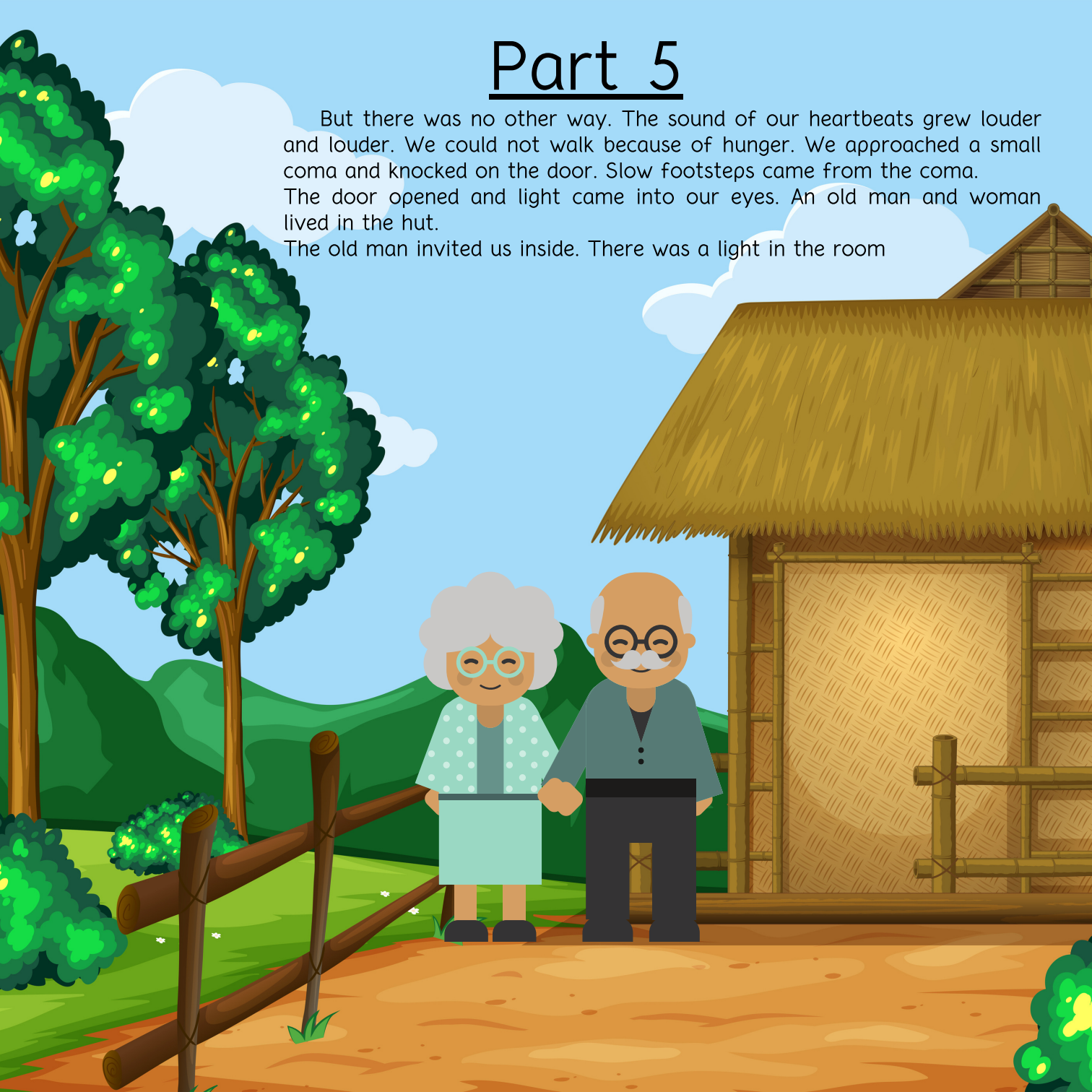
We are in a sweat of fear. We have to run. I stumble on my way. Suddenly we see the old hut in the woods. We have to get there as soon as possible. Behind us is the sound of more wolves. Hungry, dangerous wolves. We don't dare to look back. We don't have a moment to lose. A soft light comes out of the cabin. Who lives there all alone in the forest? Would it be safe there? The cabin looks spooky. The cabin is old and run down.

We would have preferred to have passed it. Behind us we hear the wolves approaching. There is no time to think further. We have to take this risk. We knock on the door and the door slowly opens. We look at each other. Maybe this was not such a good idea...

Part 5

But there was no other way. The sound of our heartbeats grew louder and louder. We could not walk because of hunger. We approached a small coma and knocked on the door. Slow footsteps came from the coma. The door opened and light came into our eyes. An old man and woman lived in the hut.

The old man invited us inside. There was a light in the room

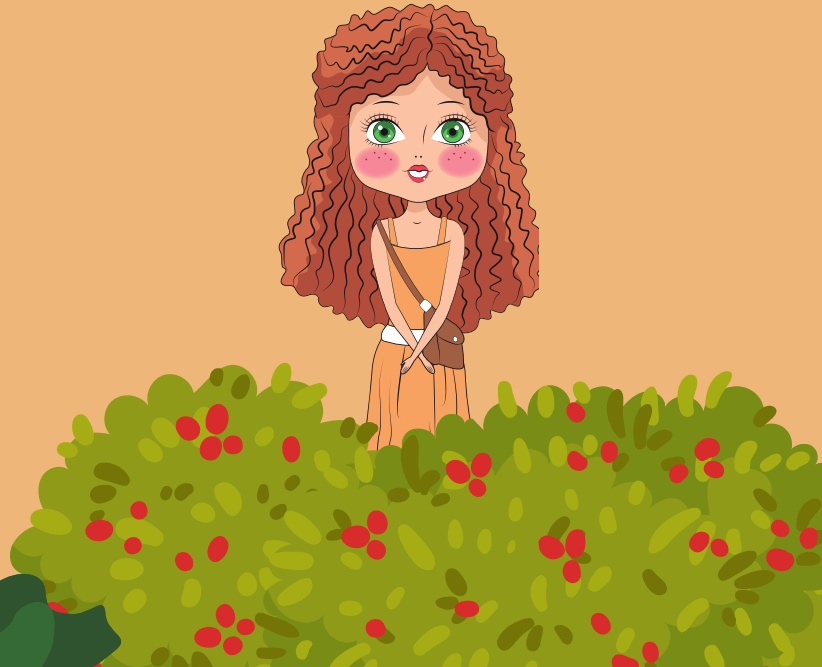


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The old man asked why we were in the forest at this time of night. We told what happened to us. By that time his wife had begun to cook us good food. The old uncle and his wife welcomed us very well, and they found it dangerous to return at dusk and hosted us that night. In the morning we set out again with the old uncle and aunt to find Max. A hunter appeared before us.

There were dogs around the hunter. Among all these dogs, maybe Max could have been. We described the dog we adopted the hunter. He told us that the yellow furry golden retriever dog was seven feet to the right and four feet north.



Part 7

Then I went to the direction that the hunter pointed. Thanks god I saw Max, it was sleeping under a tree. We took the dog and went down back the hill. We arrived the village, walking that much tired us, we never walk in the city. Thats why we were exhausted and very hungry. While we were sitting under a tree in the village, the owner of the tree came and asked us why we were sitting there. We told what happened and he invited us to his home.



We went to the house, The house was wooden, I have never seen a wooden house. We rested a while and had dinner. We ate an interesting vegetable in the dinner. I have never eaten that vegetable at home.

It was interesting that we didnt watch tv. We sat at the outside of the house. I have never seen the stars so much bright before. I heard birds tweetting and a strange noise coming from the field. They said they were wild boars. I scared a little but they said they always come to eat corns and fruits.

Anyway, we were very tired and went to our beds.

Part 8

The beds in the room was so different from my bed in our home at the city. They were all layed on the floor side by side and made of cotton. Actually when i saw the beds ,i was so suspicious if i could sleep well tonight.But as i lay in the bed all my doubts fly away from my head.This bed is much more comfortable and soft then my bed in our home.I was so tired and fell a deep sleep.

In the morning i woke up with the sunshine leaking in the room and with the voice of an animal i never saw before in city.I take a deep fresh breath and i was shocked as i checked my watch.It was only 6.30 am in the morning ! When i was in city i could hardly woke up at 8.00 am even using an alarm clock. Eventough i woke up earlier then i used to, i feel completely relaxed and full of energy.

As the thoughts are on my mind, nice smells come to my nose.When i get out of the room the host was making something in front of a thing like a firewall. As i get closer to her i saw warm village breads. They both seem and smell appetizing.

Then the little girl,Anna come closer to me and we both go to the garden to pick some fresh vegetables and eggs for breakfast.We first go to the chicken coop to pick eggs. As we get closer to the chicken coop i heard the same voice i heard when i woke up.The animal who is making that noise has gorgeous shinny feather.I asked her the name of it and learned that it was a cock.The male version of chicken.For the first time i saw a cock in my life.



Then we get some eggs,put them in our basket and walk the other side of the garden to pick some fresh vegetables. There are lots of fresh vegetables i have never seen before.It was such an extraordinary experience for me.The vegetables i saw in refrigerator has all different colours of flowers, leafs and heights. We pick some tomatoes,cucumbers,peppers and different kinds of fresh green vegetables for breakfast.It was fascinating and they all smell so beautiful.

As we turn back to home the breakfast was nearly ready.We wash the vegetables and slice them. Anna's mother cook the eggs with the butter of their own cows.And there it is the most fascinating and delicious breakfast i have ever seen and eaten.

Part 9

After the breakfast they all got out of the house. I was surprised and asked them what are they doing?

“Won’t we watch tv or play some computer games or surf the social media at a smart phone...?”

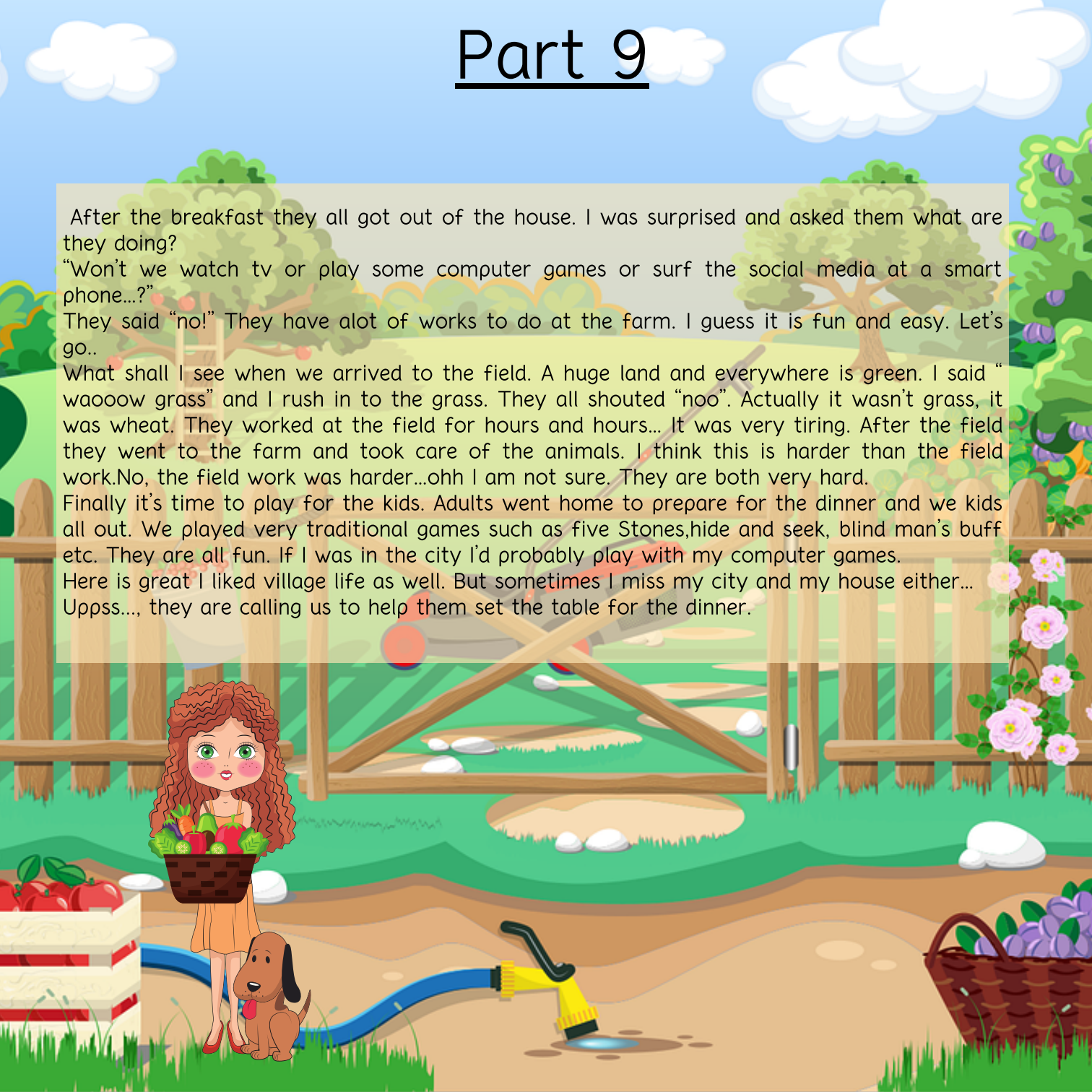
They said “no!” They have alot of works to do at the farm. I guess it is fun and easy. Let’s go..

What shall I see when we arrived to the field. A huge land and everywhere is green. I said “waoow grass” and I rush in to the grass. They all shouted “noo”. Actually it wasn’t grass, it was wheat. They worked at the field for hours and hours... It was very tiring. After the field they went to the farm and took care of the animals. I think this is harder than the field work.No, the field work was harder...ohh I am not sure. They are both very hard.

Finally it’s time to play for the kids. Adults went home to prepare for the dinner and we kids all out. We played very traditional games such as five Stones,hide and seek, blind man’s buff etc. They are all fun. If I was in the city I’d probably play with my computer games.

Here is great I liked village life as well. But sometimes I miss my city and my house either...

Upps...., they are calling us to help them set the table for the dinner.



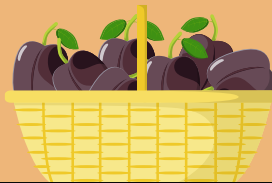
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Then we went inside and helped to prepare the dinner table. The dining table layout was different from that in the city. Everybody sat on the floor and ate their food. All the meals were very tasty. We ate our dinner with a nice conversation. We chatted and laughed so much while I was here that I remembered that we didn't talk that much in the city. I saw plum trees playing in the backyard. Plum trees start to bear fruit in this season and I love plums very much. After cleaning the dinner table and helping with the dishes, I asked the girls if I could go picking up plums. Anna bought a basket from the inside so that we could put the plums we collected in it. I was going to collect plums from the branch for the first time in my life. So I was pretty excited. When we got to the trees, Giselle and Anna climbed a plum tree. I have never climbed a tree before.

Anna: Hey Sofia come here please, you can climb and eat plumb here.

Sofia: Ooo Anna I would love to but I have never climbed a tree before. I actually want to try. For the first time to climb a tree I asked Anna's mother to shoot a video of me. I was afraid so I found the smallest tree and started climbing. It's a great feeling to be able to climb the branches of the tree. I climbed as I climbed without noticing that the branches I stepped on were getting thinner. And suddenly I found myself on the ground with a terrible pain.



Part 11



Dear Diary,

Now I am writing this at the hospital. Well...That was the story of my village adventure. I have never imagined village life like that. I always thought it was difficult and boring to live there as there arent any shopping centers, malls and playgrounds. But Now I know it is very funny to live there and it is full of life, adventure and fun. It is interesting that I didnt watch any tv show or play game on my phone. In that short time in the village I learnt how to milk cows, collecting eggs, picking vegetable, climbing trees. Well it is clear that I wasn't so good at climbing, lol. I know that Life in the city is beautiful, but now I know that life is beautiful in village too. Both living type have their own advantages and disadvantages, No matter where you live, it's up to you to enjoy life and be happy. So Life is beautiful, Everywhere!