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The Dog’s Master Won the Case

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A man once had a little dog he adored. The dog was so cute, with such a pretty face, that people on the street would say, “Did you ever see such a dear little dog?”

One day somebody who thought the dog would fetch a good price stole him. His master was heartbroken. He searched everywhere and put notices in the newspapers with a careful description.

Two days later he spotted his dog on the street, being led on a leash by a rather unpleasant-looking man toward a pet shop. With a bound the dog wrenched free and leapt into his master’s arms with the joy only a dog can show. The master hugged him, and the dog nestled down happily.

“How dare you take my dog?” snapped the unpleasant man.

“He seems to act as if he were mine, doesn’t he?” said the master calmly.

“He’s not! You probably waved a bone at him. That’s a clever trick, but it won’t work. I’ll take this to the judge!”

“Do,” said the master, who wasn’t a bit worried, now that he had his dog back.

At the courthouse, the unpleasant man talked better than the master. But the judge was wise. “The dog himself will prove who owns him,” he said. He had been holding the dog’s leash all this time. He patted the dog and said, “Now, you tell us who your master is,” and let go.

At that moment, the unpleasant man pulled an old bone from his pocket and held it out.

But the dog never even sniffed it. With a bound, he jumped straight into his real master’s arms.

“The dog has decided the case for me,” said the judge. “You may all go.”



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