

Max the Grouch

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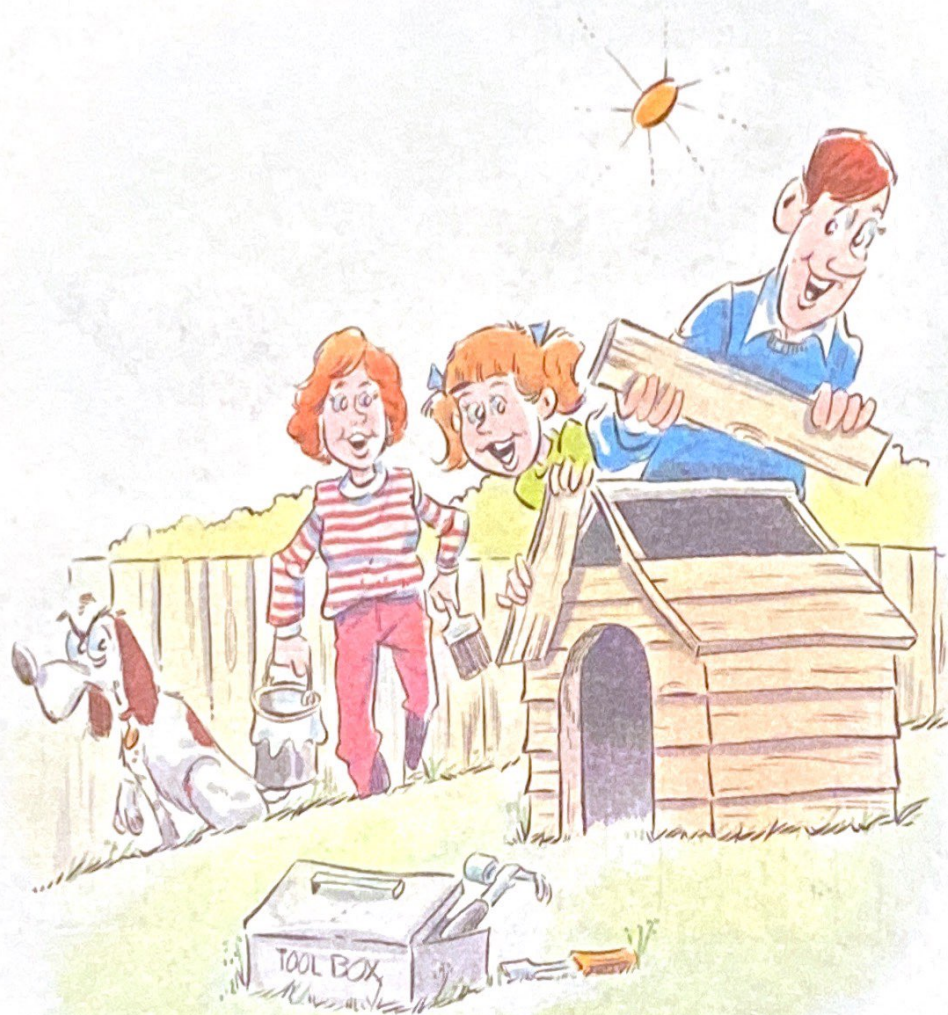
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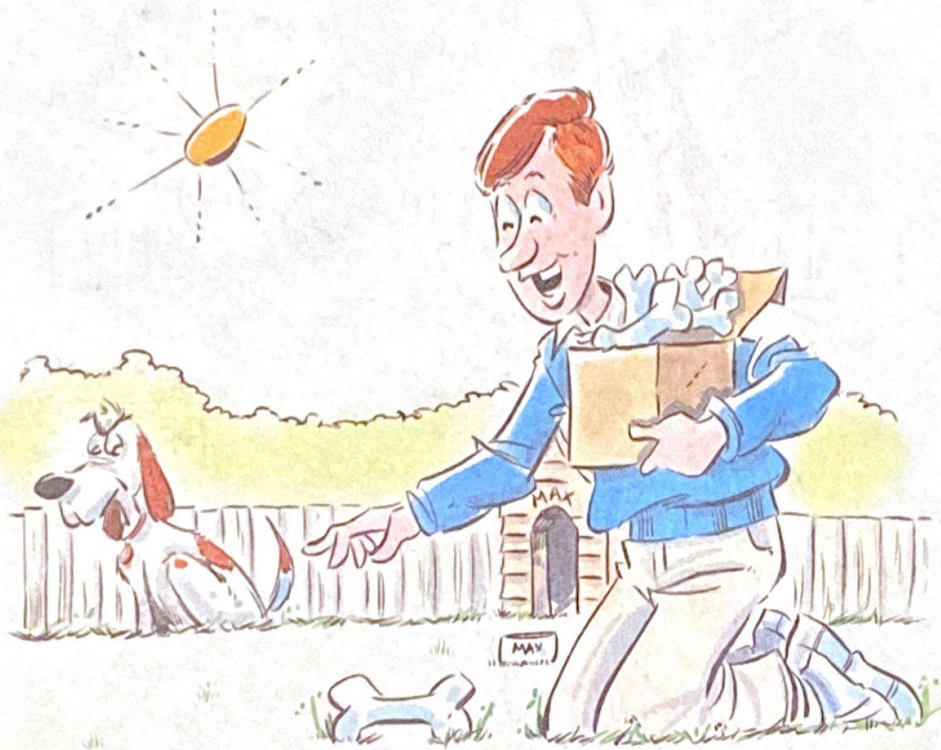
Pat hugged her hound, Max.

But Max was a grouch!

What will make Max happy?

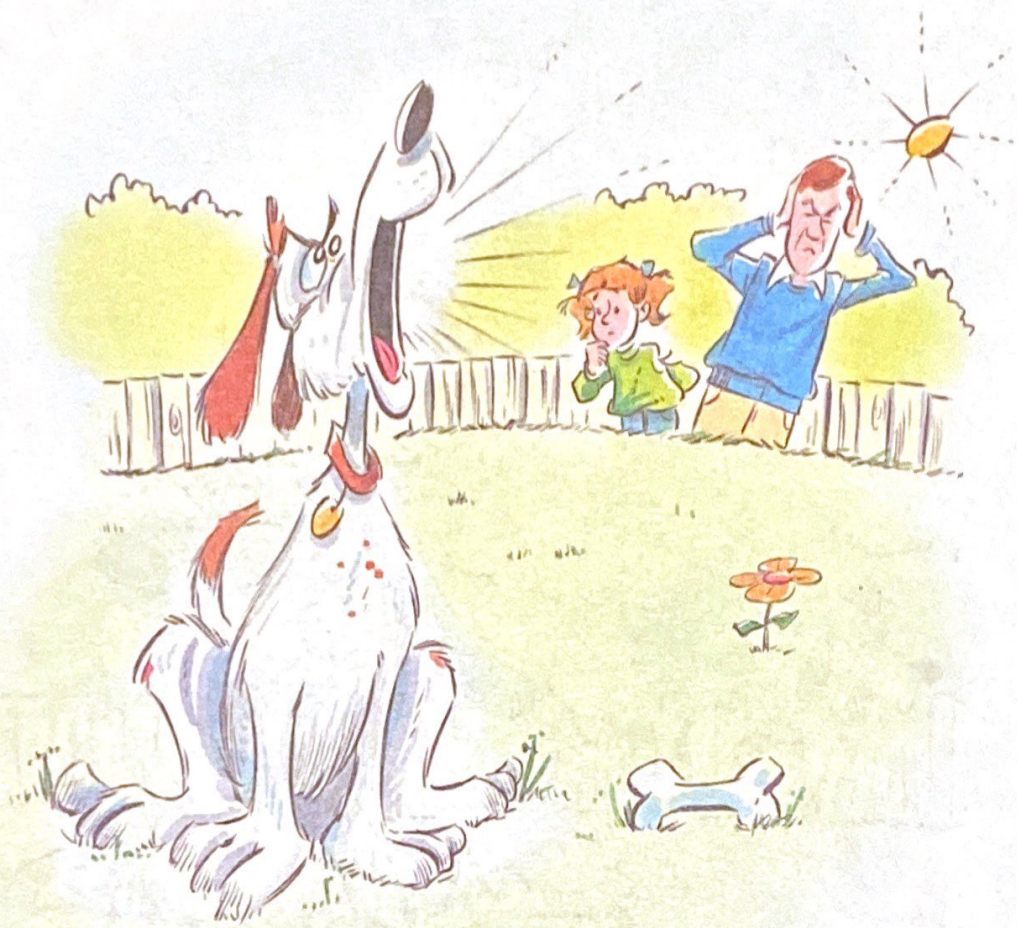


"Maybe Max needs a new doghouse," said Mom.
But Max was still a grouch.



"How about a pound of dog bones?"
asked Dad.

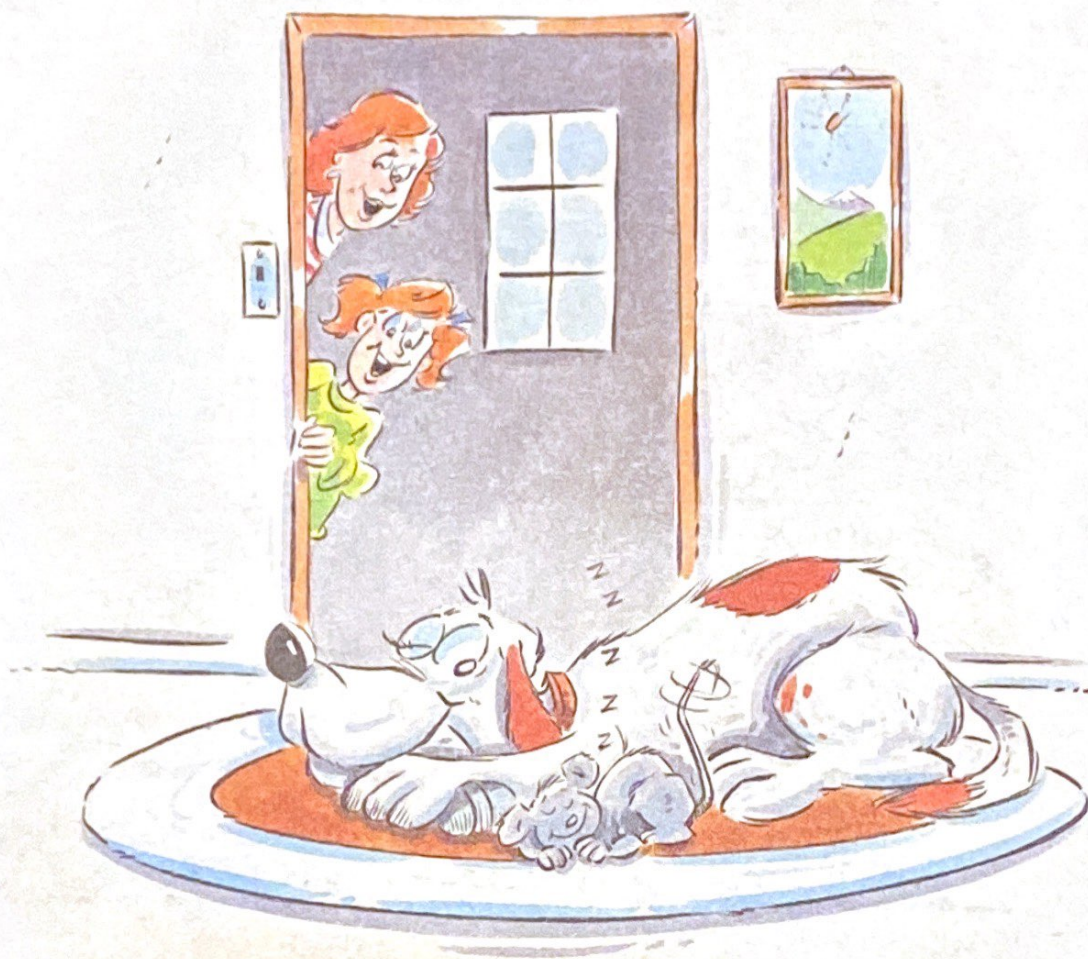
Dad set a large bone on the ground.



Max spit the bone out of his mouth.
He made a loud sound!
Max was still a grouch.



"How about a long walk?" asked Pat.
She and Max walked around the park.
Now Max was a tired grouch.



Pat went to feed Max.

"Look, Mom!" Pat whispered.

"Max found a mouse pal!"

Max was finally happy.