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## The Little Boy And His Puppy

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Once upon a time, in a small village surrounded by lush, green hills and rich, fertile lands, there lived a curious little boy named Ben. His world was full of intriguing people, wonderful creatures, and exciting adventures.

One sunny morning, as he walked along the worn path towards the village, he crossed paths with Mr. Brown, a kindly old man known for his warm smile and delicious loaves of bread. Mr. Brown was on his way to the village to pick up ingredients for his famous bread. Seeing Ben, he invited him to join him on his journey, but Ben politely declined, "No, not I," wanting to see what else the day had in store for him.

Further down the path, he encountered a majestic horse, its coat shining under the morning sun. The horse was en route to the village to fetch hay for its afternoon meal. Seeing Ben's bright eyes, the horse extended an invitation to join him. Yet again, Ben replied, "No, not I."

As Ben continued on his way, he met Mrs. Green, a kindly woman from his village, known for her sweet laughter and tasty barley soup. Mrs. Green was also heading to the village to get barley for her soup. She offered to let Ben accompany her, but once again, he gently refused, repeating, "No, not I."

Ben's journey continued, and soon he stumbled upon a family of rabbits, their brown fur gleaming in the sunlight. They were hopping their way to the village to gather oats for their supper. Seeing Ben's curiosity, the rabbits invited him to join them, but he softly declined, "No, not I."

Though he had rejected many offers, Ben was delighted by his encounters. However, nothing prepared him for the joy he felt when he met a playful puppy on his way. The puppy, with its tail wagging and eyes gleaming with mirth, was heading up into the hills for a day of frolicking and play. Seeing Ben's friendliness, the puppy asked if he would like to join him. This time, Ben's face lit up, and with a heart full of anticipation, he exclaimed, "I'll come with you, Puppy," said I.

And so, Ben and the puppy spent the day rolling and playing in the hills, creating a bond that would last a lifetime. From that day forward, they were the best of friends, and no matter who Ben met on his walks, no invitation was ever as exciting as that of his dear puppy friend.



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