

## **Best Buds**

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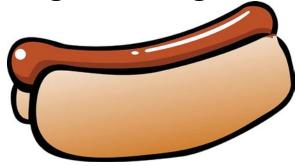
Once upon a time there was a hot dog man named Steve. He had a hot dog cart. Steve roamed around Destiny Park with his hot dog stand and sold hot dogs to people.

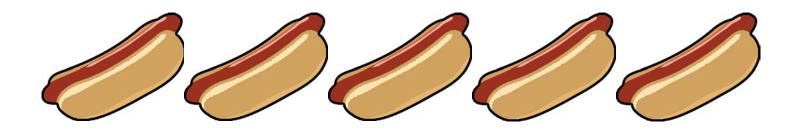




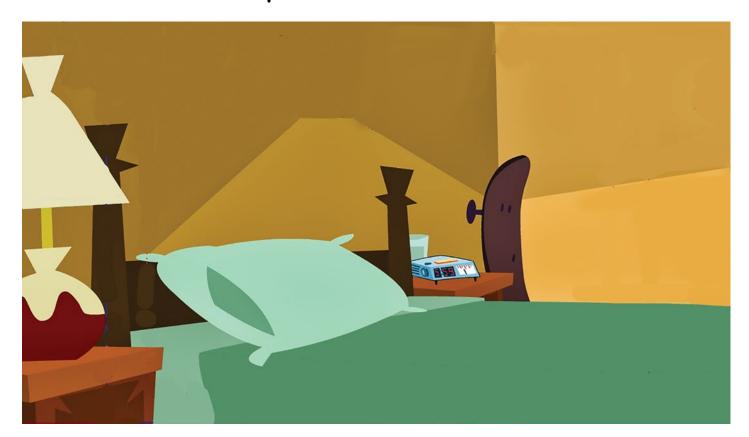
One day, this cute little dog was in Destiny Park and smelled hot dogs. The dog followed the scent 'til it found the hot dog stand.

Steve saw the dog and thought, I bet that dog is hungry. So Steve was nice and gave the little dog a piece of hot dog. The dog ate it right away and left.



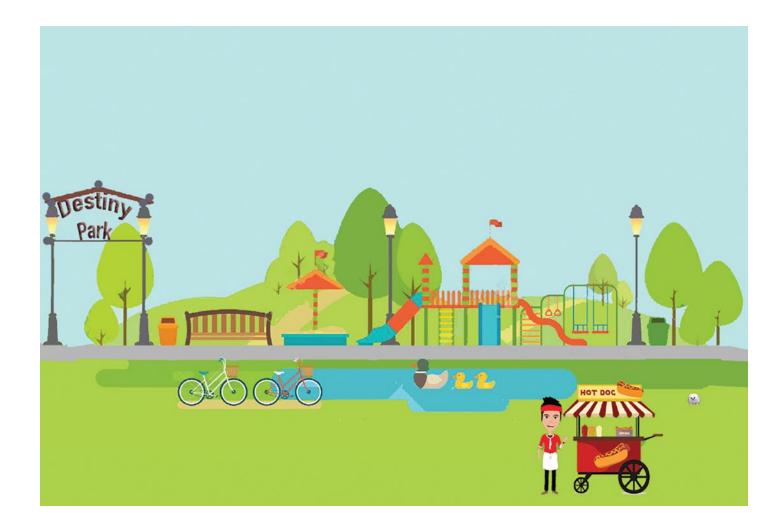


Steve sold 5 more hot dogs and then went back to his apartment. He got ready for bed and went to sleep.



The next morning he woke up and got ready for work at Target. After 6 hours of working at Target he went home and got ready to sell hot dogs. He wondered if he would see the cute little dog again.





Steve drove to Destiny Park and got all set up as usual. One hour later, he saw something tiny and fuzzy running to him. It was the dog Steve saw yesterday! This time he looked for a collar. The pup did not have a collar. So Steve assumed that the dog was homeless.

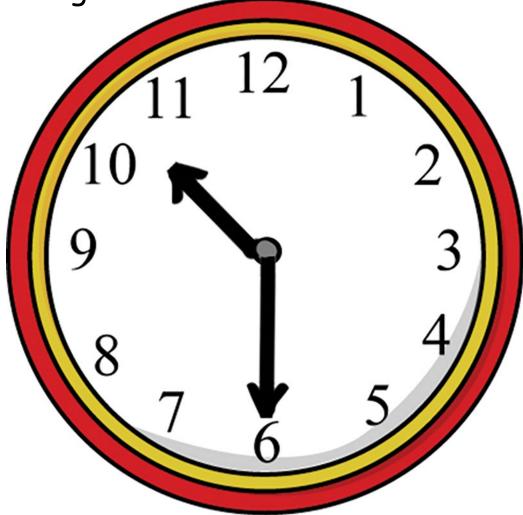




Steve gave the dog a little more hot dog than yesterday. This time, the dog stayed by Steve instead of leaving.

Normally, Steve would get bored while waiting for people to come. This time he had the dog to keep him company.

Steve decided to name the dog. He thought and said, "I think she is a girl." So Steve named her Lucy. He went home and got ready for bed. The next morning, he did not have to work at Target, so he slept in for **3** hours. When he woke up at 10:30 Steve got dressed, ate breakfast, then packed his car with the stuff that he needed to sell hot dogs.



He drove to Destiny Park and set up his hot dog stand where he had it the last 4 days. He just knew that Lucy would come back. But after 1 hour Lucy still had not come back.



After 2 hours he felt something fuzzy on his feet. There she was!

This time, Steve had brought dog food and a plate. He put food in the dog food bowl and put it on the ground.

Lucy stared at the food then ate it. When Steve closed up his stand, he put everything in the car, including Lucy.

Steve used to get so lonely and now he had a little furry friend.

Best buds forever! BBF!



A little white fluffy dog runs around loose in Destiny Park until he meets Steve, the hotdog man. The tiny dog is hungry and needs a friend. Steve is lonely and needs a friend, too. So together they become best buds.

The author, Lilly Burch, is 10 years old. This is her first book.

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