

# Chapter 1: A Happy Family

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In an ordinary town, there lived a family: a man named Andrew, his wife Eve, and their dog Mars — a white, fluffy dog that they loved as a family member. Every day was like the last: Andrew went to work, Eve took care of the house, and Mars was always by their side, happily running around the yard or lying in his favourite spot.

Their life was peaceful and harmonious until one day, an argument broke out. Andrew came home with a serious expression, and something about his mood suggested that something had happened. Eve was irritated, and her voice trembled with emotion.

— Andrew, I can't live like this anymore! — she said, throwing a glance at him.

Mars, sensing the tension in the air, began darting between them, as if he didn't know which side to take. He was a loyal friend to both, but now he was forced to make a choice.

The dog didn't understand all the reasons behind the conflict, but instinctively he felt who needed his support more. And when Mars looked at Eve, he decided to stand by her side. His white fur seemed to shine brighter as he leaned toward her, ready to be her support.



Andrew, seeing this, became angry. He decided that he could no longer stay in the house where he didn't feel

supported.

So, he quietly packed his things and left, leaving Eve and Mars behind.

Thus began a new chapter in their lives. Eve and Mars were left together, trying to adjust to their new reality. Yet, Eve's heart hurt from the separation with Andrew, and Mars did his best to fill the void that was left.

## **Chapter 2: Eve's Loneliness**

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Eve and Mars had a difficult life. Every day was a struggle, as after Andrew left, life became hard. Eve worked two jobs, trying to provide for herself and Mars. She often came home exhausted, feeling like the weight of the world was on her shoulders.

One day, after a long and tiring workday, Eve returned home with tired legs and a heavy heart. As always, Mars was there to greet her, eagerly running around, noticing how tired she was. She could barely stand on her feet, but she smiled at him because he was her only support.

However, that evening Eve felt particularly unwell. Her

head ached, and her whole body felt heavy. She sighed quietly and, feeling drained, went to the bedroom. She lay in bed, closing her eyes, and tried to collect her thoughts. She felt sad, and in her heart, there was a sense of emptiness.



Mars, as always, sensed her condition. He quietly entered the room and lay down beside her. Eve didn't even notice when he placed his head on her hands. She gently stroked his head, trying to calm herself. But tears began to fall from her eyes on their own. She couldn't hold back her feelings. She felt overwhelmed, she felt so lonely, and the pain in her heart grew unbearable.

Mars, trying to understand what was wrong with her, quietly cried, sitting beside her. His white furry paws

gently touched her, as if he wanted to say: "You're not alone, I'm here."

And so, in that silence and sorrow, they stayed together. Eve knew it would be hard, but with Mars by her side, she felt that she wasn't entirely alone in the world. And although nothing could completely heal her soul, the presence of her faithful friend brought her a bit of peace and hope.

## **Chapter 3: Andrews's Loneliness**

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Andrew lived his life separately from Eve and Mars. At first, it was difficult, but over time, he got used to it. The days felt the same. He woke up early, went to work, and after that always went to the local bar. The bar became his favourite place where he could unwind and just be with himself. He would sit there, drink beer, smoke cigarettes, and try to forget what had happened in his life.

But on March 16, 2010, everything changed. When Andrew arrived at the bar, the doors were locked.

It was an unexpected blow for him. He stood there for a few minutes by the entrance, looking at the closed door. The bar, which had always been his refuge, was now inaccessible.



Andrew decided he couldn't stay home alone. He went to his friends, hoping to find someone to drink with, to ease his fatigue and sadness. But when he arrived, his friends refused. They were either busy or just not in the mood for drinking. Andrew felt lonelier than ever.

He left his friends' house, glancing at the evening city, and drove a few blocks, smoking a cigarette. Each breath felt heavy, and there was a strange pain in his chest. He put his hand in his pocket, feeling the

emptiness that no beer or company could fill.



With a smile that was more sad than happy, Andrew returned home. His steps echoed in the empty street, and he felt as though he was once again alone with himself.

At the same time, in his heart, a voice whispered that he needed to return to what he had lost. But he didn't know where to begin. As he walked home, his heart weighed down with unclear feelings — he wasn't happy.



# Chapter 4: Mars' Journey to Andrew's house

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Mars stood by the house, watching the quiet, peaceful city. His heart was beating faster, and he felt the importance of what he needed to do. Eve was sick, and Mars knew she needed help. He couldn't leave her, even if it meant going through dangers.



The journey to Andrew's house was long and difficult. Mars fought through thorny bushes that scratched his skin and passed through territories where wolf packs hid. It was tough, but with each step, he was getting



closer to his goal. And finally, he reached Andrew's door.

Mars knocked. After a few seconds, the door opened, and Andrew stepped out onto the porch, stunned to see Mars. He couldn't believe his eyes — how was it possible that his former dog had come to him?



Mars looked at him with serious eyes and said: — Eve is sick. She needs your help.

Andrew, initially confused, refused. — I can't, Mars. I don't know what to do.

But Mars didn't back down. He sat on the ground, looking at Andrew, and said again: — Please, she needs you. Without you, she won't survive.

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Andrew, standing silently, sighed deeply. He realized that if he didn't do this now, everything would be hopeless. He understood that loneliness, beer, and the bar no longer could comfort his soul. He needed to return to what really mattered.

With worry in his eyes, he made a decision: he would go. And they went together — Mars leading the way, Andrew following behind.

## **Chapter 5: The family returns**

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When they reached Eve's house, Andrew saw her lying on the bed, weak and pale. Mars walked over to her and placed his head on her hands. Andrew stood in the doorway; his eyes filled with tears. He couldn't believe that everything that had happened had led to this.

And then, as a tear from Andrew fell onto Eve's cheek, something changed. Her body stirred, and she opened her eyes. Her gaze met Andrew's, and she weakly smiled.

— You came back... — she whispered.

Andrew took her hand, his face filled with tears, and

said: — Forgive me, I was blind. You are important to me, and I am ready to change everything.

And so, they were together again, as they should have been. Together, faithful to each other.



Ten years passed. Andrew and Eve raised a son named Mars — in honour of the loyal friend who brought them back together. Although Mars, the dog who had brought them back, was no longer alive, they always remembered him as a hero who saved their world.

The end.



Mars (2008-2020) will forever remain in our hearts as a true hero.

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