

Usborne Farmyard Tales



Poppy and Sam



Extract from *Poppy and Sam's Book of Fairy Stories* pages 65–67 “The Disobedient Dog”

“Here, Alfie!” yelled Mr. Truffle at his disobedient dog. But Alfie just sat down happily in the middle of the park. Mr Truffle sighed and walked on.

When he reached the park gate, he turned and shouted, “Alfie, come HERE!” Alfie sniffed the air, then lay down on the grass.

“Well, blow me down!” said Mr. Truffle, turning red.

“Why can’t my dog do what he’s told?” He walked out of the gate in the direction of his house.

Eventually, Alfie got up and wandered after him.

Mr Truffle reached his house and was about to close the door when Alfie walked in and started to scratch. Hairs, twigs and grass went everywhere.

“Well, blow me down!” grumbled Mr. Truffle. “What a disobedient dog!”

Next day, Mr. Truffle walked Alfie in the woods. He threw a stick, but instead of chasing it, Alfie trotted off in the opposite direction.

Suddenly, there was a flash. A small dog appeared, with a golden collar and tiny wings.

“Hello,” it said. “I’m your furry dogmother. Name a wish and it shall be done.”

“Well, blow me down!” said Mr. Truffle. “I wish Alfie would obey me.”

The fairy dog wagged its tail in a shower of shimmering stars. “He will now obey every single word you say.” Then it was gone.

Mr. Truffle rubbed his eyes. “Well, blow me down!” he said again. “It must have been a dream. Come on, Alfie!”

The next thing he knew, Alfie was by his side, wagging his tail. Mr. Truffle stopped, amazed.

“Are you feeling all right, Alfie?” he asked. Alfie stared at him, panting eagerly.

Mr Truffle stared back. “Sit,” he said at last. Alfie obeyed. “Roll over.” Again, Alfie obeyed. Mr. Truffle picked up a stick and threw it. “Alfie, fetch!” Alfie set off like a streak of lightning, grabbed the stick with his mouth and tore back to Mr. Truffle. He dropped the stick at his feet.

Mr. Truffle couldn’t believe it. He scratched his head and said, “Well, blow me down!”

But unfortunately, the magic was still working, so Alfie obeyed. He took a deep breath — and blew Mr Truffle down!

In the park

Mr Truffle is in the park with Alfie but the disobedient dog has run off to the other side of the park. Can you help Mr Truffle find Alfie?

Draw a line to show which way he needs to go.



Find the stick

Alfie likes finding sticks in the park but he needs some help. Draw along the lines to help Alfie find three sticks.



Spot the difference

Look at these two pictures of the Furry Dogmother. Can you find four differences between these pictures? Draw a circle around each one you spot.



Answers

In the park



Spot the difference

