

Red Red



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That Night

Cameron and his girlfriend Lori were driving down the highway on their way to a bush-party when, all of a sudden, a car topped the hill. Its bright lights blinded Cam momentarily and the car was all over the road. Not being able to see, Cam could not manoeuvre the car out of the way. . . it was a head-on collision!!!!!!

When Cam came to, the car was aflame and his legs were stuck in the mangled body of the car. He screamed. He could feel the immense heat closing in on him. Just when he felt his lungs were about to burst, he was pulled from the burning wreck. Then, he fainted.

This time when he woke up Lori was beside him. She was wrapped in a Navajo blanket, a pool of deep, dark, red blood surrounded her head. They were in an old log cabin; a man who looked like Paul Bunyan sat in a rocker by the fire. He spoke not a word but threw Cam his jacket and jerked his head towards Lori.

Cam got up, and pain surged through both his legs as he bent to pick up Lori. He put her in the back of an old pickup truck. Cam sat with Lori all the way to the hospital. When they got inside, Cameron went crashing to the floor constantly falling in and out of consciousness.

When he finally woke up he could not feel his legs, he started to panic. He threw aside the sheets only to come face to face with the fact that his legs had been amputated. He fell to the pillow sobbing wondering what had come of Lori.

The doctor entered the room and sat on the bed. He asked Cam a few questions and then said:

"Is there anything you would like to know?"

"Yes!"

"What?"

"One, what happened to my legs, and two, where is my girl Lori?"

"Lori's in the ICU and has slipped into a deep coma; your legs were removed due to severely damaged muscle tissue."

The news was so intense that broke down and started to cry. The doctor patted his shoulder and was about to leave when Cam said:

"Can I see her?"

The doctor nodded and a nurse came in and helped him into a wheel chair.

He wheeled him to the Intensive Care Unit where Lori lay motionless, machines monitoring her every move. Cam was horrified, he said:

"Lori honey, it's me, Cam."

Her eyes fluttered open and a tear trickled down her discolored face. Cam bent over and kissed her as no heart monitor let out one last long beep.

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You Look Ridiculous

Once upon a time on a farm there lived a big black dog named Blacky. One day Blacky met a barn cat that must be new for she had never seen her before. Blacky thought she looked like a nice friend but as soon as the cat saw Blacky she burst out, "You look ridiculous!" "Do I, why?" asked Blacky.

"Look at your ears!" exclaimed the cat. At that Blacky looked. No, they didn't look at all like the cat's and . . . just then the cat interrupted with a lively chatter. "See what I mean, your ears are big and floppy, not anything like my tiny pricked up ears. "Oh," said Blacky sadly as she trotted away to the big oak to take a nap.

Blacky was sure nothing could happen to her when she was sleeping. Then there in the branches was a squirrel. Blacky decided to ask the squirrel if it thought she looked ridiculous and the squirrel answered, "Yes, because you don't have a bushy tail."

Blacky lay down thinking, "If I had a bushy tail like the squirrel and tiny pricked up ears like the cat's I wouldn't look ridiculous. I just know I wouldn't." Then Blacky was fast asleep dreaming the nicest dream but she soon forgot her happy dream as something cool slid over her. As she awoke she heard a sly voice say, "You look ridiculous." Blacky looked around herself and saw that there was a snake lying close to her side. Blacky stood up, shook herself wide awake, and asked, "Why?" "Oh, just because," said the snake.

"Why?" she asked again, desperately this time. And again the answer was, "Just because." So there was nothing to do but ask again. "Why?" asked Blacky even more desperately. "All right, all right," said the snake. "It's because you don't have colorful scales like I do. In fact, you don't even have scales. That makes you look extra silly."

And in a wink the snake slithered out of sight. Blacky, left alone under the tree, wandered over to the pasture, head hanging. She had decided to ask a horse if she thought she looked ridiculous. When she arrived, there was a big brown horse standing in the middle of the pasture eating greedily. Blacky walked up to her and asked, "Do I look ridiculous?" "Why of course," she said. "Anyone who doesn't have a nice, glossy mane like mine looks ridiculous."

That night Blacky went to sleep very sad and in the morning she was still thinking of her troubles. Quietly she went over to where her mother was sleeping. Then she asked softly, "Do I look ridiculous?" "Of course not, Blacky," said her mother. And from that day on she lived happily ever after without worrying about her looks.

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The Present

My mom likes when
I give her a present
so sometime I am going to give her a
picture of me. I hope
she feels good when she
opens it. She is
going to give me a big hug.
My mom loves me.
I will feel good after I
made it and after
I give it.

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