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The Mystery in the Garden

My dog, Barnaby, and I love playing in our backyard after school. Barnaby is a big, fluffy dog who sniffs everything. Yesterday afternoon, while I sat on a bench, Barnaby started digging fast under the old oak tree. Dirt flew everywhere!

"Barnaby, stop digging!" I shouted, running over before Mom got mad. But when I grabbed his collar, I saw something shiny in the mud. I pulled out a small metal box with a rusty latch. "What did you find, buddy?" I whispered. My heart beat fast.

I wiped the wet dirt off with my sleeve. Barnaby gave a loud bark and wagged his tail as I opened the lid. Inside, I found a silver watch, three blue marbles, and a map of our street.

"Mom, come outside quick!" I called out. "Barnaby and I found a real treasure box!"

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The Missing Paintbrush

Weldon searched everywhere for his yellow paintbrush. He looked under his bed and behind his art desk, but he could not find it. His dog, Buster, sat by the closet door and let out a small bark.

"Did you find it, Buster?" Weldon asked, running across the room. He opened the closet door and looked inside.

Buster wagged his tail and pointed his nose toward a red shoe box on the floor. Weldon knelt down and pulled off the lid. Right in the middle sat the bright yellow paintbrush, along with Buster's favorite rubber ball.

"You hid my paintbrush in your secret box!" Weldon laughed, patting Buster on the head. Weldon was glad his paintbrush was safe and ready for art class.

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