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Dasha and Miro
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Dasha and Miro were two dogs who lived together in a cosy house.
Dasha was a young and lively puppy.

She liked to chase, and bark, and jump around in circles.

Dasha would spend all day playing and making noise.
Miro was an old and quiet dog.

He liked to lie in the sun. He also liked to lie in the shade.

Miro would spend all day resting quietly.
One day, Dasha was playing with a ball. She was batting it around with her paw and chasing it.

The ball bounced and landed near Miro, who was lying in the sun.
Dasha saw Miro lying there and thought he must be bored.

Dasha had a great idea! She would help Miro to have some fun. It would make him so happy.

Dasha began yipping and barking at Miro, telling him to get the ball.
Miro turned away. He was ignoring her.

Dasha was confused. Why isn’t Miro playing? She thought, I must not be trying hard enough.

Dasha started pushing at Miro to get up.

“Come on, Miro, let’s play,” she yipped.
Miro snapped at Dasha and growled, “Leave me alone!”

Dasha backed away, scared. She ran away to hide, where she cried and cried.

Why was Miro angry at me? she thought, sadly. I was only trying to help.
The next day, Dasha decided to say sorry for making Miro upset.

She found him lying in the shade.

She waited for him to notice her, but he just laid there with his eyes closed.
“Excuse me, Miro,” Dasha said. “I’m sorry I made you angry yesterday. I don’t know what I did wrong. I only wanted to help you have some fun.”

Miro opened his eyes and looked at Dasha. Dasha held her breath.
Miro smiled.

“Apology accepted,” Miro said. “I have a very sore hip. Sometimes when my hip hurts it makes me angry and I really don’t feel like playing. It is sore today, too, so I need to rest it.”

Miro closed his eyes and rested his head again. He sighed in relief.
Dasha thought about what Miro said.

*Miro has a very painful hip, she thought. He must have been sore and angry when I pushed him to play.*

Dasha didn’t mean to make Miro angry. She could see that she had made a mistake when she tried to help Miro. She shouldn’t have pushed him to play.
Not everyone likes the same things as me, thought Dasha. I always like to play, but sometimes Miro prefers to rest. Next time, I will ask someone what they need before I take action.
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