

RUFO : A HURTFUL FLASBACK

Daniel Craft was sitting in front of the television, in the living room. He wasn't watching it. He was in silence. He closed his eyes. He was very quietly. Then, he thought. He thought about his work, his friends (the Olsen's family)...and he thought about his animals. Suddenly, he thought about one thing what was very tragic and important when he was a child of 6 or 7 years old. It was about his antique dog. And then, he remembered all the story :

“When Daniel was a child, his father gave him a wonderful present for his birthday, on 18th March. It was a dog. Daniel was very happy, and he called it Rufo. It was more or less big, very pleasant, and polite. It listened all the things that Daniel said. Besides that, it could run away across the Craft's garden very quickly. Daniel loved it very much. He loved its brown and white fur, its little ears, its beautiful eyes. When Daniel came back home after school, Rufo went with him and made a lot of noise. Daniel said: “Be quiet, Rufo” “Now I'm with you.” “Would you like to play with me? ”And they went out of the house and ply with a ball in the garden. They did this all the weekend and the weekdays' afternoons.

One day, when Daniel was at school, his father wanted to go on a business trip, so he got into his truck and he began to drive. Suddenly, he listened an animal shout. He stopped the truck and he went out. He saw Rufo. It was outside because he found a small ball and it was playing with it. Daniel's father took Rufo and looked at it. Unfortunately, Rufo was died. Three or four hours later, Daniel came back home, and he shouted :”Rufo!” Where are you ? Go with me! But Rufo didn't go with him. His fatter told Daniel the tragic success, and then, he cried. He cried all the day, all the afternoon, all the night... After that, he never went to the garden for play any game. He was very unhappy, and he didn't want to do anything. He was very along. His father knowed it, and he decided to bought him another pet. It was a fish. Daniel called it Tim, but it wasn't the same that Rufo. More time later, when he was a grown-up, he went to Ireland for live there. He bought there a big flat near the beach. And he decided to be a veterinary. Daniel had a lot of pets : long snakes, beautiful birds, exotic chameleons... but nothing like Rufo. He will always love it. He was sure ”

After remembered the story, Daniel took the photo album and opened it. He saw a special photo, different for the another photos. In it he and Rufo were together, and Daniel smiled. Also Rufo was very happy, because it had its tongue out of its mouth. Daniel closed the album. He went to the window and opened it. Then he looked at the sky.It was dark because it was night. He could see two starts that were together. “Are they you and me, Rufo ?” “How deep is my love for you ?” Daniel said. Nobody could ask his questions. Daniel imagined that Rufo could listen him, but he couldn't know it.”

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