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Topic: An Unexpected Incident

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"Come back! Josh, come back!" Timmy ran after Josh, his dog. Josh dashed across the road. Just then a car appeared and drove down the road at full speed. Timmy watched in horror as Josh ran to the middle of the road, while the car was approaching. A collision was inevitable. He felt like everything was happening in slow-motion before him. "Noooo!" he screamed in horror.

Earlier that day, Timmy and Josh had been walking around the park. It was their holiday routine to go there early at seven o-clock, just as the morning sky was cerulean and the air was fresh. The park was decorated with colourful flowers, tall trees and neatly-trimmed grass. Tim had seen this beautiful scenery lots of times but he still had not gotten sick of it. He knew where every flower was as he had been there almost every day.

He was holding Josh's leash lightly as he knew that Josh would not run away, even if there were no leash. Josh trotted beside its owner and wagged its tail happily. Josh had a huge grin on his face.

Suddenly, Josh spotted a butterfly. It was yellow and it was fluttering around at Josh's nose. As the butterfly flew away, Josh took off after it. The leash was jerked out of Timmy's hands. Timmy was stunned for a second as he watched his dog run off ahead of him. He chased after Josh.

Josh bounded onto the road, and that was when tragedy struck. A car collided into Josh and sent it flying off a few metres into the air. Timmy screamed. He could not believe that this was happening. He ran toward Josh, who was now lying motionlessly on the road. The driver came out, apologising profusely.

"I am sorry I killed your dog," the driver said.

"No he is not dead!" Timmy cried out. "He has just passed out from his head injury!"

Realising that Timmy was not going to accept the facts, the driver offered to bring Josh to a vet nearby. Timmy cradled the lifeless body of Josh and climbed into the car.

When they got to the vet's the doctors declared that Josh was already dead. Timmy cried uncontrollably. The driver tried his best to console him and offered to pay for the pet burial service that the vet recommended. Timmy continued wailing as the driver led him back to the car to send him home.

That day, Timmy realised that sometimes, whether you like it or not, the unexpected happens. He had no choice but to accept Josh's death.

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