Bound Home

Short Story

“Ouch!” I said to myself after hitting a branch of a low tree as I was waking up. I looked around me and wondered where I was, glancing upwards the Sun was shining brightly and when I looked to my left and right I noticed a lot of trees and bushes. After taking in my surroundings, I assumed I was in a forest. I don’t quite know how I got here as all I remember before all of this was that I was free running around a forest approximately five to seven kilometers from my house. After several minutes of pondering I concluded that I hit my head on a tree branch and had passed out since I did feel a tad dizzy as I woke up. “Darn, I should have been more careful,” I said to myself. I stood up and dusted myself off.

I decided to start trying to find a way out of this forest. Just as I started to walk, I heard some bushes start to rustle. I flinched and slowly backed away preparing to make a run for it if it were a bear or something similar. However, what popped out what nothing even close to being a bear but instead it was just a German Shepard. The German Shepard slowly walked towards me while wagging its tail and sat down in front of me as if it wanted to be pat. So I proceeded to pet it without a second thought, I noticed it was wearing a collar with a name tag attached to it. I picked up the name tag to see what its name was and perhaps where it was from. “Oh so your name is Sel, hi my name is Dejan,” I said to the dog, Sel while petting its head. Sel barked in response while wagging its tail. I was able to get an address as well, it was a location somewhat nearby my house. I’ve decided to bring it along.

Luckily, I had a compass in my back pocket so I used it to find out where was north and started to walk in that direction. Sel steadily trotted beside me. After a few minutes of walking as a warm-up, I picked up the pace and started to run through the trees and Sel did the same. After around a good 1 hour of free running I stopped and rested for a while as I saw Sel getting tired and slowing down. After resting, we just walked the rest of the way until we saw a river, I was about to cross it when I started to hear whimpering behind me. I saw Sel lying on it belly whimpering, I realized it could not cross the river so I picked it up and put it over my head while I crossed the knee deep water.

When we reached the other side, Sel began to run around wagging its tailing as if it was thanking me. I felt a little fuzzy inside seeing this scene. After spending a few minutes drying myself in the sun, we started moving north once again.