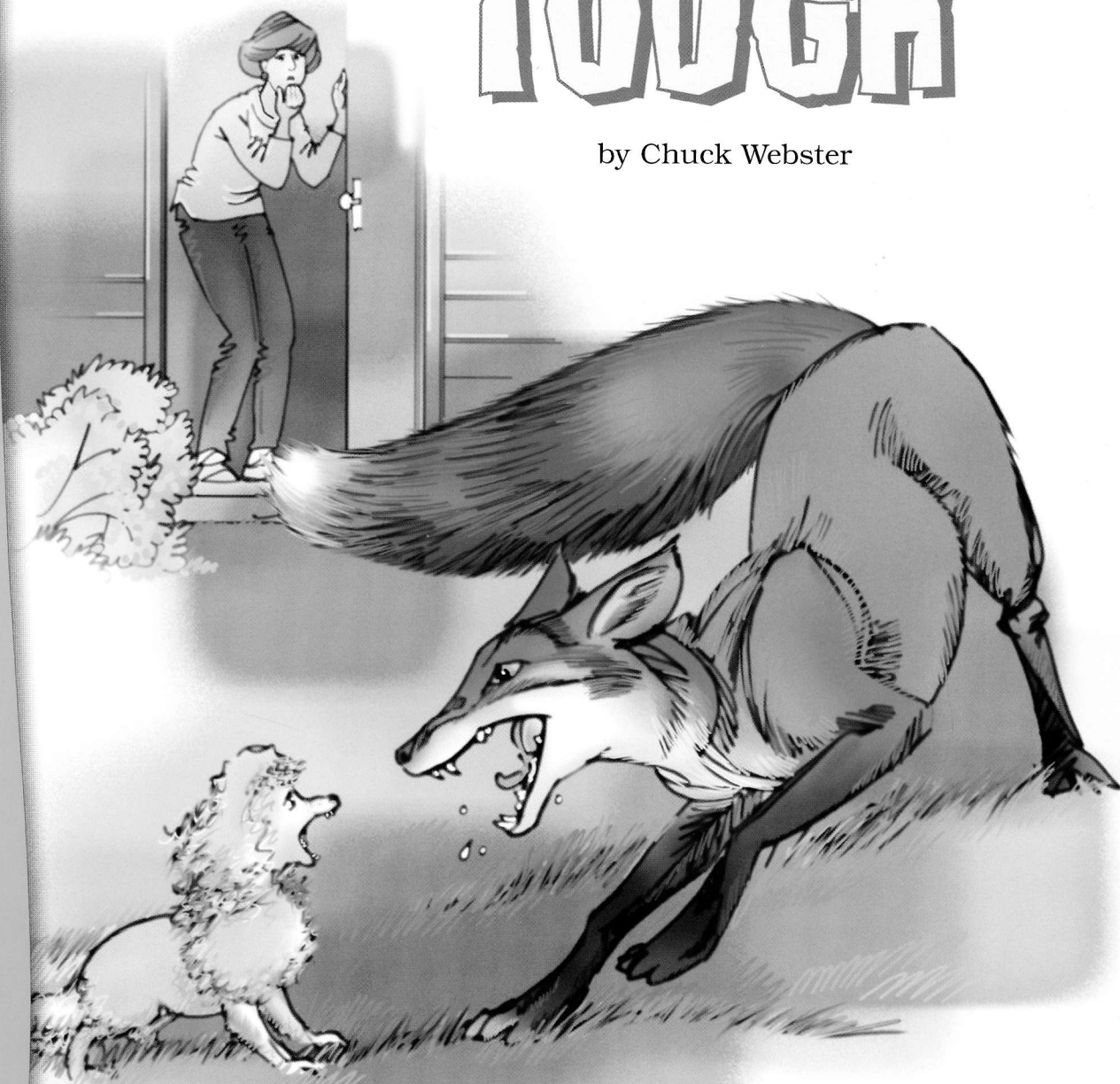


Tiny but TOUGH

by Chuck Webster



- ¹ Have you ever heard that a dog is a person's best friend? This is true in many ways. When a dog loves and trusts you, it can be your best friend for life. The dog will watch out for you.
- ² A tiny poodle named Bud proved what a loyal friend he was to his owner, Joyce. Bud was a miniature poodle that weighed just five pounds. One hot summer day, Joyce was walking through her front yard. Suddenly a fox with rabies ran toward Joyce. The fox was ready to attack her.
- ³ The sick fox was much bigger and stronger than Bud. However, when Bud saw what was happening, he ran near the fox to get its attention. Then Bud ran as fast as he could to the back of the house. The fox followed. Bud got the fox away from Joyce. Bud and the fox started fighting. Some men working in the yard came to help Bud.
- ⁴ The men scared away the fox. When Joyce got to Bud, he was bleeding. She picked him up and found that he was still breathing. Joyce took Bud to the veterinarian. Luckily Bud had gotten a rabies shot. The vet gave Bud a rabies booster shot and some medicine. Bud recovered just fine. What a great friend Bud was to his owner!

COMPREHENSION

A Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 This story shows that
 - a animals can be very helpful friends.
 - b dogs like to fight.
- 2 You can tell that Bud
 - a liked to run.
 - b loved his owner.
- 3 Bud and the fox are alike because both
 - a are animals.
 - b like dog food.

- 4 The fox was
 - a the same size as Bud.
 - b bigger and stronger than Bud.
- 5 After Bud got well, he probably stayed
 - a inside all the time.
 - b close to his owner all the time.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B Often you can find out the meaning of a word by seeing how it is used in a story. The other words in the story give you clues.

Find the word in the story that best fits each meaning. (A paragraph number tells you where to look.) Write the word.

- 1 a smaller version of something (2)
- 2 a disease that mammals get that can be passed on through a bite (2)
- 3 a doctor who treats animals (4)
- 4 something that improves the power of something (4)
- 5 got well again (4)

C Look at the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 After Bud _____, he came home again.
- 7 Bud got a _____ shot to make sure he was still protected against rabies.
- 8 The _____ took care of Bud after the fight.
- 9 The fox acted strangely because it had _____.
- 10 A regular poodle weighs about thirty-five pounds, but a _____ poodle is much smaller.

THINK ABOUT IT

- D** What happened first in the story? What happened second? What happened third, fourth, and last?

first	second	third
fourth	last	

Read the sentences. They tell what happened in the story. However, they are not in the right order. Choose the word from the box that tells when each sentence happened. Write the word.

- 1 The fox followed Bud to the back of the house.
- 2 Bud was taken to the vet.
- 3 Bud ran past the fox.
- 4 Bud and the fox fought.
- 5 The fox ran toward Joyce.

- E** Carol was **slow**.
Priscilla was **fast**.

A word that has the opposite, or nearly the opposite, meaning of another word is called an antonym. *Slow* and *fast* are antonyms.

hot	fast	tiny
loved	near	

Read each pair of sentences below. To complete the second sentence, write the antonym for the underlined word. Use the words in the box.

- 6 The fox was big. Bud was _____.
- 7 Bud hated to be far from Joyce. He _____ her very much.
- 8 In the winter it gets cold. In August it is _____.
- 9 The fox was not far away from Joyce. When he got too _____, Bud ran by.
- 10 Neither the fox nor Bud was slow. They both ran _____.