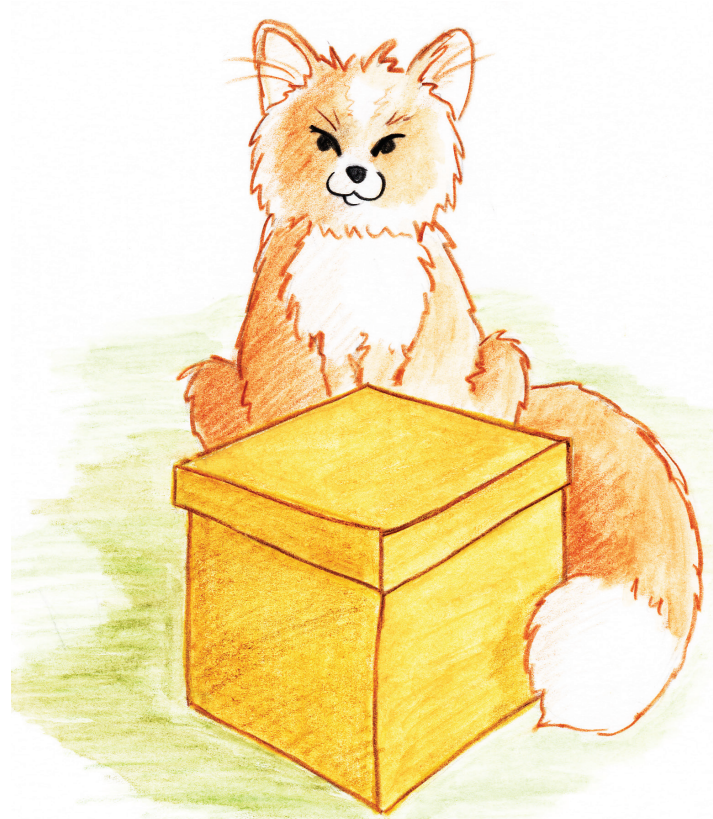


# The Fox and the Box





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**Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!**

**Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.**

**Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!**

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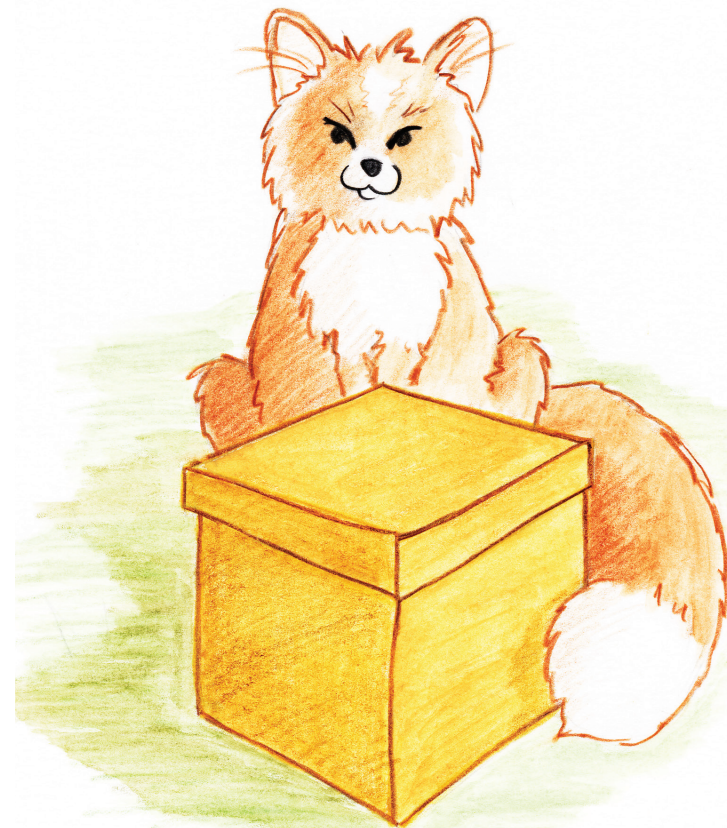
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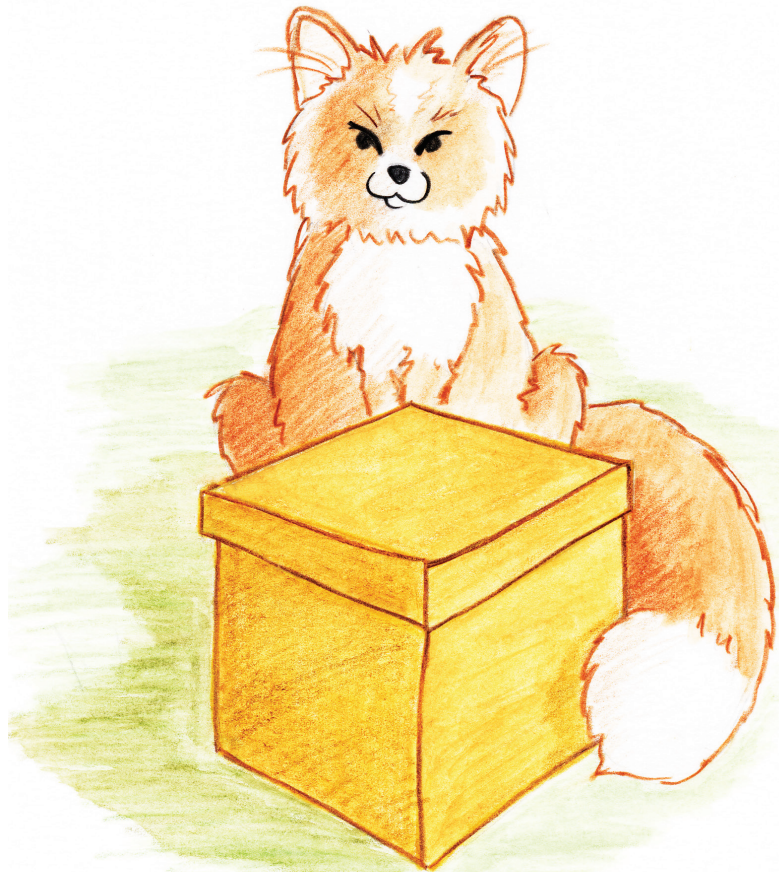
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**Moss was on a big log.  
The big log was on the wet sod.**



**Tom, the fox, sat on top of the log.  
Meg, the dog, sat with Tom.**



**Tom had a tan box with a lid.**



**The box was big.  
What was in the box?  
Was a top in the box?**



**No!**

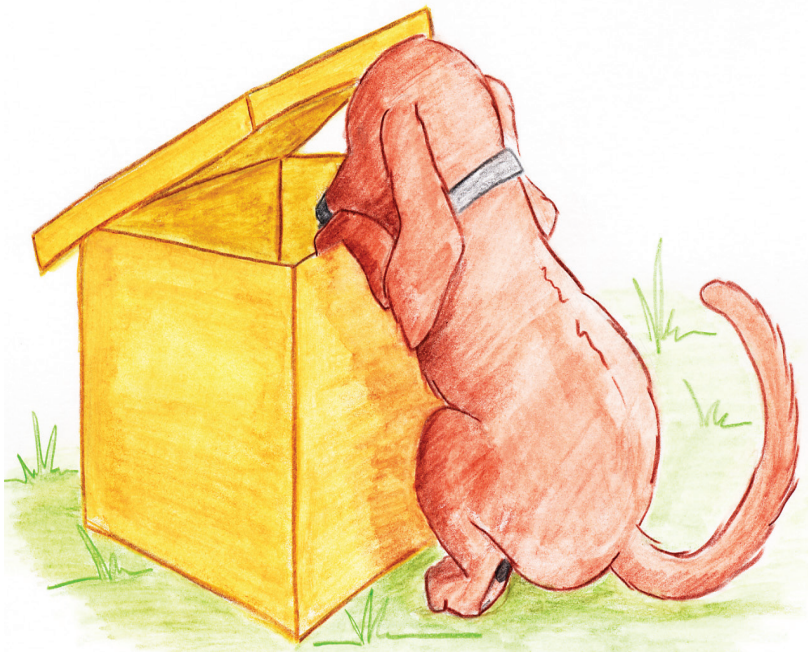
**A top was not in the box!**



**Meg sat and sat.**

**Meg was hot.**

**Was a fan for Meg in the box?**



**Meg will tip the lid.  
Meg will look in the box.**



**A fan was not in the box.  
A doll! A red, rag doll!  
A red, rag doll was in the  
box for Meg!**



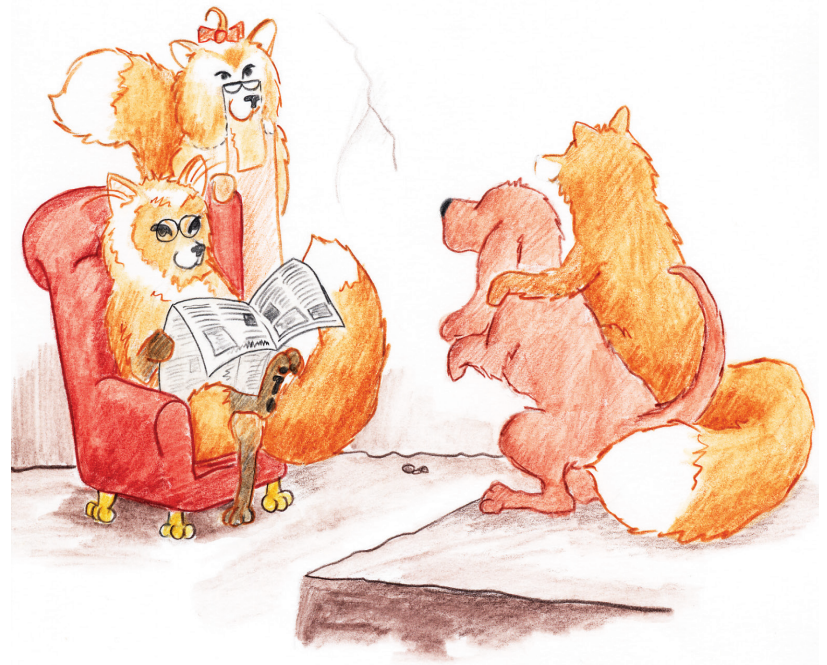
**Meg wags and wags.  
Meg will get the doll.**



**Meg will kiss the doll.  
Meg will kiss Tom, too!**



**Tom will jog to his den with  
Meg and the doll.  
Tom's mom is in the den.  
Tom's pop is in the den.**



**Mom and Pop like Meg.  
Tom likes Meg, too.**



# Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

## Comprehension (discussion with reader)

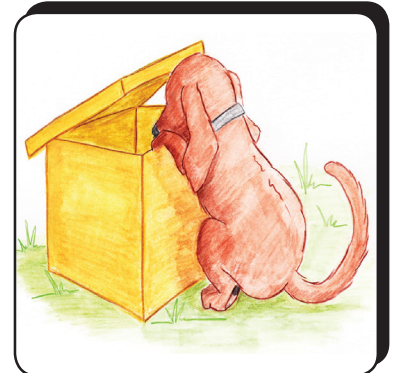
1. Who is Tom? Who is Meg?
2. Do you think Tom and Meg are friends? How do you know?
3. Was a top in the box?
4. What was in the box for Meg?
5. Did Meg like her gift from Tom?
6. Who was in the den waiting for Tom?

## Conversation Time

1. Do you know what moss is? (a type of plant that grows on moist or damp surfaces)
2. Do you know what sod is? (grass with the dirt underneath it)
3. A fox's home is called a den. A fox den is somewhat like a large, underground hole. Foxes generally live in forest areas. Foxes live with their babies in dens. A baby fox is called a cub or a kit.
4. Foxes eat mice, bird eggs, large insects and small animals. They are good runners and are quite fast.

## Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)

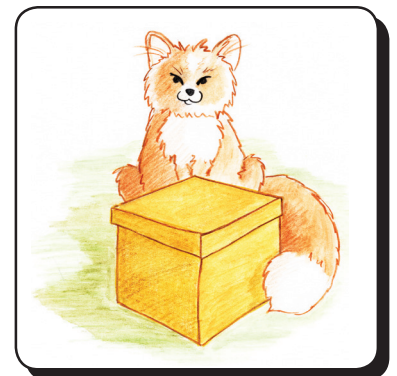


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I have also read this book to  
these people too! They have  
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