

LITTLE MISS STUBBORN TAKES A DAY OUT

Little Miss Stubborn was bored. Her mum was nagging her to do her homework. Her dad was nagging her to get off the computer. She hated it when her parents nagged her. They were *always* on at her. "Do this" "do that". Finally after 20 minutes of whining at her they sent miss stubborn to her room. She shouted at them. She screamed at them. Mr and Mrs un-stubborn had to drag her up the stairs and into her room. As they shut the door her mum said:

"And you can stay in there until you learn to be a good girl and do what your parents tell you."

Well little miss stubborn wasn't having any of that. No way were her parents going to tell her what to do. She could make up her own mind, *Thank you very much!!*

In a fit of temper she grabbed her mobile phone her keys and some money off her bedside table. Quickly and quietly she opened her bedroom window and slid down the drainpipe. Once on the concrete pavement she decided to go to her friend, Mr Fussy's house. When she got there she rang the doorbell. Mr Fussy opened the door.

"Oh it's you" he said snootily. "I'm busy, go away. Anyway you didn't even call first to check that it was alright with me so, clear off!"

And with that he slammed the door in Little Miss Stubborn's face. That made Little Miss Stubborn cross. She stormed off down the road in a huff. Who was he to talk to her like that!!

Across the road was a sweet shop. She had money, so why not buy some sweets?! There was a zebra crossing a couple of metres down the road. Her parents had told a hundred times that she should always, *always* use a zebra crossing when crossing a road but who cared, besides which could she really be bothered to walk *all* the way to the zebra crossing. It would be much easier to cross where she was.

There were no cars coming, so she stepped out on to the road. Suddenly she heard a loud BEEEEPPPPP!!!!!!! A car had only just missed her. As Little Miss Stubborn ran across the road, the only things she could hear were beeps all around her. She could hear her heart beating in her head. Once she was at the other side of the road she remembered the green cross code. Stop. Look. Listen. Think. Live. Why hadn't she done what her parents had told her to do?

But it was too late for that now. Tears were already in her eyes. She wasn't in the mood for sweets anymore. She was too upset. As she walked down the road she saw a man looking at her in a mischievous way. He came up to her.

"You look sad." He said "why don't you come in my car for a ride and I'll give you some sweets" He was pointing to a brand new sports car. Little Miss Stubborn had always wanted to go in a sports car. But then again her parents had said never ever talk to a stranger. What should she do?

Finally she decided what to do. Very politely she said

"No thank you"

"Are you sure, I can give you lots of sweets and we can go really fast in my car." Said the Man

"R-really, honestly, I'm fine" said Little Miss Stubborn getting slightly wary now. She didn't like this man.

"Come on," Said the Man "It looks like fun!"

Just then a policeman walked around the corner and upon seeing Little Miss Stubborn looking a little scared came up to them. When the man saw the policeman he jumped into his car and drove away quickly. The policeman then turned to Little Miss Stubborn

"What are you doing out by yourself then?"

Little Miss Stubborn's bottom lip began to wobble and she couldn't hold it in any longer-

"I want my mum! I want my dad!" she burst out crying.

"C'mon then, lets take you home"

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When she got home her parents were so pleased to see her that they forgot to be cross with her. But Little Miss Stubborn had learnt some valuable lessons today:

- ◆ Always use the green cross code.
- ◆ Never talk to strangers.

And one other thing that had happened today, she went from being Little Miss Stubborn to Little Miss Un-Stubborn. From then on she always listened to what her parents had to say to her ... well mostly-anyway!

