

My Neighbour's Dog

“Mother!” I yelled. “It’s here again!” I stood trembling at the door as the medium-sized dog with saliva dripping from its mouth sat staring at me from outside my door. My mother rushed to the door with a broom and waved it in front of the dog to chase it away. When it refused to move, she opened the gate and waved the broom nearer to it to lash at it. The bristles of the broom brushed against the dog’s body. It yelped and ran back to its house.

“Don’t ever come back!” my mother yelled at it with the broom still in her hand. On seeing how distraught his dog was, my neighbour stuck his head out of his gate and yelled at my mother for abusing his dog. My mother was dumbfounded. She was certain that he knew what his dog had been doing along the corridor. Yet, he had accused her of trying to hurt it. Throwing down the broom, she marched over to his house, demanding an apology. However, not only did he refuse to apologise to my mother, he let his dog out of the house once again. Then he told my mother that she was an inconsiderate neighbour and slammed the door in her face. My mother was speechless. She had never encountered such a rude person before.

However, her problems had worsened as the dog stood right in front of her, blocking her way. When she ignored it and tried to walk past it, the dog growled at her and bit the leg of her trousers. My mother staggered back in surprise. Although she did not like the dog, she never thought that it could be vicious. Terrified that it would hurt her, she rapped on our neighbour’s door urgently. When he finally opened it, she pleaded with him to take his dog away. Our neighbour roared with laughter and opened the gate to let it in. Shouting that my mother was a coward, he slammed the door once again.

I was late for school that day because of the incident. From that day on, we gritted our teeth and treated our neighbour cordially whenever we met him for we were afraid that he would set his dog on us. In return, he did not let his dog loose again.