

This is a story about Jacob Fletcher. He sounds like a normal boy right? Well you're wrong. Jacob has a secret, he can turn into and talk to animals. Jacob has two pets, a dog called Otto and a badger called Willow. Strange right? I know what you're thinking where did he get a badger. Well to be honest I don't know. Sorry! He has two sisters who are called Freya age 2 and Mia age 10 months. Jacob is 14.

It was a Monday morning and Jacob did not want to go to school. Thoughts were racing through his mind about the horrid day ahead. Leaves cracked underfoot as the clouds moved slowly towards him. The Sun, which was very dull, was just rising and the sky was grey. The soil creaked as it was trodden on. As a squirrel wandered past, Jacob said "hello" and at once knew it was his squirrel friend, Robert. "morning Rob."

"Hi Jacob. How yeh doing? Nice morning eh?" Rob replied.

"Yes well good for you I suppose?"

"What's up fella? Not feeling your self?"

"No. I've got tests and I know I'll fail them."

"Oh well I bet you'll do good. Anyway see yeh."

"bye"

The morning walk took what felt like hours but at last he was sadly at school. Something felt different. Was it because of the tests? Was it because he was early? No. Then something caught his eye. There in the centre of the yard was Otto. Y7s were staring at the black Labrador in front of them. Otto ran over to join Jacob and sighed "These kids just don't want to give a lab space." Just then the bell sounded and all the classes got into line. Otto followed Jacob. The school groaned as people entered.

School ended surprisingly quickly and Jacob was relieved to enter the forest surrounding

him. Once again he met Robert but Rob did not see him. Days past and Jacob could not wait for the weekend. While talking Otto for a walk, Jacob heard a wail. Was it a human or an animal? He didn't know. The sound was coming from a tree - not the highest one but it was still very tall. Although he can turn into animals Jacob did not like heights (even when he knows he is perfectly safe). Otto however was extremely excited about the mystery animal stuck in a tree. "Hey come on buddy let's help it."

"I'm sorry Otto I can't."

"but... mm are you sure?"

"I'm sorry Otto I'm not doing it."

Jacob started to walk away but Otto sat down and stayed where he was. "I'm not going," Otto moaned "Someone is up there and we need to help them."

"Fine you stupid dog I'll do something."

"Otto I'm really sorry I didn't mean it," but the dog was already gone.

Just then Jacob saw Willow and started to climb the tree to help her.

"Hi Willow let's get you down."

"Oh no. I like it up here. I was wailing because I'm hungry."

"hungry?"

"Yes hungry it means my body needs food."

"I know what hungry means."

"You do?"

"Yes I was confused. I thought you were stuck."

All of a sudden the branch snapped and Jacob fell to the ground.

Everything went black. Jacob awoke to sirens but he knew they were too late. Otto was next to ~~Jacob~~ ^{him}. Feeling extremely weak Jacob took his final breath next to his oldest friend. "Goodbye Otto."