





WOLF

based on a story by Jack London

PART I

This story is about a man, a woman, and a dog. The man's name was Walt. The woman's name was Madge. The dog's name was Wolf.

Madge and Walt were married. They lived in California. They lived in a small house on top of a hill.

One night while Madge and Walt were sleeping, there suddenly was a loud sound. The sound woke them up.

"What was that?" asked Walt.

"I don't know," said Madge. "Let's look outside."

They opened the door. They looked around. "Do you see anything?" asked Madge.

"No," said Walt.

Suddenly Madge said, "Look over there!"

On the grass they saw a large, brown dog. The dog looked tired and hungry. It was lost.

Walt and Madge walked toward the dog. The dog **growled** at them. He was not a friendly dog.

"The dog is hungry," said Madge. "Let's give it some bread and milk."

They went back to the house and got the food. They put the food on the ground. The dog did not want to eat the food while they were there.

"Let's go back to the house," said Walt.

They went back to the house and looked out the window.

The dog began to eat. The dog was **starved**. It ate all the food very quickly.

"That dog eats like a wolf," said Walt.

"It looks like a wolf, too," said Madge. "Let's call him 'Wolf.'"



30 The next morning they **fed** Wolf again. This time the dog was a little more friendly. He let them come closer.

In the afternoon their neighbor, Mrs. Johnson, **dropped in**.

She saw Wolf. She said to Madge and Walt, "I didn't know you had a dog."

35 "We didn't," said Madge. "We found this dog last night. It was outside the house."

Mrs. Johnson was surprised. "Where did this dog come from?" she asked.

"We don't know," said Walt. "It was lost. It came here."

40 Mrs. Johnson said, "My brother, Skiff, lives in Alaska. I visited him there last year. This dog looks like the dogs I saw in Alaska. It looks like the big dogs that pull sleds there."

Madge and Walt looked at each other. They were surprised. Madge said, "But how could Wolf get here all the way from Alaska?"

