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This is a true story. It took place in France in a village in the Departement Doubs. This is a story about two neighbors, One has an enormous gard dog and the other a little tiny don, a dachshund. Both of them having a real passion for thier dogs.



One of the two neighbors left for a few days. One morning, the other, the owner of the big gard dog, saw her dear animal coming carrying in his mouth the little tiny dachshund, dead, covered with dirt, but not one trace of being beaten or bitten.



What to do ?

She certainly didn't want to have problems with her neighbor. She stayed a long time very perplexed... Then she made a decision. She would wash the little dog, she would dry him well with a hair dryer and lay him this way on the neighbors door mat. She will never think that it was the big dogs fault. Especially that there were no traces of bites on the dachshund She really hoped that this incident would not have any aftermath.



Sunday evening, the neighbor comes home from the week-end. A little later she comes ringing at her home, Asking her if she hadn't seen something strange in the neighborhood during the weekend ? With a bit of un-comfort, she answered :

- What do you mean, I didn't see anything unusual.
- It's really strange. Our little dog died just before our departure last week. My husband and I had buried him not far away, In a place where there is a lot of land. And then, can you imagine that when we returned, we found our little dog All clean, dead of course, on our door mat.

We can easily imagine what went through the heart and head of the neighbor with the big dog ! A disaster !

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We have a lesson to take from this story :

It is always better to take head on all situations and telling the truth rather than hiding things. Otherwise, we find ourselves enclosed in our lies, and the relationship with others can no longer be the same. And in the Spirit, we children of God, If we cannot humble ourselves and recognize what had really happened, in face of someone, Our relationship with the Lord and with others will never be clear And the Holy Spirit in us will be saddened, or even extinguished. In the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians chapter 4 verse 25 tells us (version Living Word) Defeat yourself of the lie, laying aside falsehoods, Let each of you approach his neighbor In truthfulness.