



No wonder she tripped on the dike and fell into the pond, taking the sign with her. It looked like she might drown, but a clever pigeon popped up and knew what to do. He flew to Ally's home at breakneck speed to get help...



The pigeon woke the sleeping Figs and whispered in his ear: 'Come quickly! Ally is drowning!' You've never seen a dog run so fast! Arriving at the pond before the pigeon, brave Figs jumped into the water.



Water splashed everywhere, nearly flooding the green. But no one minded – because Figs was climbing from the water with Ally on his back. After she jumped down, the two of them shook themselves as dogs do. By then, Dad had raced to the pond.



'Dad, Figs saved me from drowning!' cried Ally. 'No way will I give such a dog away!' said Dad gratefully. 'If I must, I'll build him a stable.'



Which is exactly what he did. 'What's all this?' their neighbour asked. 'Have you bought a horse?' 'No,' Dad replied. 'A dog. Quite a big one.' And so at last, Figs, the world's biggest dog, had a place to live.

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