

end wig' in the traditional short-back-and-sides army style, while his own locks were growing longer and longer underneath!

That meant that (much to Sam's relief!) his hair didn't need to catch up with David's when the two met again on David's return to L.A.! By then, Sam had quit reserves and had just taken up a post as an Assistant Film Editor.

He had also adopted Sheesh. And it was Sheesh who, indirectly, brought Sam and David round to the idea of sharing an apartment.

## A BALL OF FUR

Sheesh was quite a small puppy when Sam fell in love with her:

"I was just walking home past the dog-pound one day, and she was squatting there behind the wire looking at me... She was so cute that I just had to have her, so I didn't think any more about it! I went up to the guy there, told him that I'd like to give Sheesh a home — and she was mine!"

It never occurred to Sam to wonder how his mom would take it!

After all, that morning she'd seen Sam off to work and she'd expected him to come home with the same number of mouths to feed as he'd left with!

"I thought it was going to be all right at first," Sam recalled. "Well, nobody could take against that little ball of fur... You know, I guess even my Mom would have stayed feeling that way, if the fur had stopped where it belonged!"

"But, you see, Sheesh was nothing if not generous! She went round the place covering everything in a fine layer of doggy hair — and covering quite a few things with doggy puddles too!"

That finished it!

Sam's mother issued her ultimatum: Either the dog went and Sam stayed... Or the dog went and Sam went with it!

Sam talked the whole thing out with David. He'd chosen the right guy, 'cos David had fallen in love with the little puppy at first sight too!

One possible solution that David came up with right away was that Sheesh come and board with him and his Mom (Evelyn had already proved how understanding she was by the loving home she'd provided for Sam, David's own dog).

But, naturally enough, Sam (Hyman) didn't like the idea of parting with his pet — even though David's house was a second home to him in any case.

He had a better idea.

Why didn't he and David shack up together in a rented place of their own and take the two dogs with them? There'd be no problems as far as the dogs were concerned, because Sheesh and Sam had hit it off together since their very first wag of a tail to each other.

Why not?

## A NEW HOME

Sam's suggestion struck a chord inside David... Maybe this would answer that restless feeling he had right now. And he wouldn't really be going away. He'd still be pretty close to his Mom if she needed him for anything... And she was fond of Sam herself... She'd always liked him, so David was certain that his Mom wouldn't worry herself at the thought of him rooming with Sam.

But he still approached the whole subject tactfully.

The last thing he wanted to do was hurt Evelyn by seeming to suggest that he wasn't happy at home any more, or that he wanted to get away from her.

She understood... She'd been waiting for it to happen. All through David's life she had tried to make sure that she never held him back from his independence... She'd always been pleased at each new step he'd made towards achieving it.

So now, her main concern was that David and Sam found a decent place to live. She knew that they were both hard pressed for money, and she'd have been only too happy to help them out a bit.

"I'd have liked them to move into a really nice place," she says, "but I couldn't help feeling proud of them both when they turned down my offer of a 'loan'. You could tell that they were worried they might offend me, or hurt me by their refusal, but they needn't have worried! I admired them tremendously as they went off in their jeans and T-shirts to search for the kind of a place they could afford."

So David and Sam started their house-hunting, while Evelyn stayed at home, helping in the only way they would let her...

What was her role?

"Me? I was the dog-sitter!!!"

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