

From A Dog's Eyes

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“School’s today! School, school, school!” That was my little brother Billy Bob. He gets *really* excited when it’s his first day of something. First day of summer camp, first day swimming, first day of vacation, and now, first day of school. Anyway, speaking of little Billy, we are very, very, different. I’m a little shy, and when he’s mad, he’s a bear. Well, not exactly a bear, but scary and loud, mightily loud. He can sometimes be louder than a million kajillion bears. I on the other hand, am not really shy, but I don’t scream and shout and make a giant ruckus. At school, I just sit around and read and do whatever until recess time. Pretty shy. However, the girls in my 5th grade class at Oak Creek don’t agree. They think I, Charles Ameius Axeljay Jr., am the most annoying kid in the whole city of Lake Oswego, Oregon, but this isn’t the time to talk about school.

It’s time to talk about me. I live in a house in the city of Lake Oswego, the best city in the whole entire world. In winter, there is sometimes snow, which is really fun to play with and sled on. In the summer, there are a bunch of summer camps I go to. Westlake Park, the best park in the world, is where I play all my soccer and baseball games. LO is also very pretty. In springtime, there are a ton of pretty flowers growing that smell like roses even though they aren’t roses. I’ve also heard people from Oswego are rich. I don’t know if it’s true, but I hope so, because I want to live here my whole entire life, and I want it to be a really modern, rich city when I grow up. I want big, tall, glass buildings and modern white houses. But I know that’s not going to happen. My mom says Lake Oswego will always be a quaint, little, rich town.

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Yes! I finally got my driver's license! Time to go on a stroll!

As I drive around, I am happy I finally get to drive around on my own. As I gaze around, I see a biker fell on the other side of the road. I glance that way, there are no cars going the other direction. So, without thinking, I drive towards the other side of the road. Suddenly, a speeding car, probably running away from the cops, comes towards me. I try to dodge it, but the speeder went the same way. I knew my life was over.

CRASH!!!!!!

R.I.P.

Charles Ameius Axeljay Jr.

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Summer 2045

My head is spinning, and then my eyelids crack open. It feels like I had been sleeping for centuries. I see lots of humans crowding around me, gushing about how cute I was. I try to make out what's going on. I glanced down for a second and saw

beautiful, soft golden paws. Confused, I looked around and saw seven adorable golden retriever puppies next to me. Instantly, I knew. I was a dog.

After a few interesting months, a kind looking family took me to their house. On the car ride, I stared out the window, trying to figure out where I was. Suddenly, I realized something. I was back in Lake Oswego! I barely recognized it. Many of the houses had been rebuilt, complete with solar panels on the roof. Each house had a protected gateway in front of it, to keep strangers from entering. Everything was more modern, and cooler. Even the streets had changed. Not a single road was missing a bike lane, every streetlight had a light sensor to sense when to activate, and it would be impossible to find a crack in the sidewalk. Then, as we turn onto Kingsgate, I see Oak Creek, the school I attended when I was younger. I barely recognized it. It was all modern looking, glass walls and all. As I saw children playing on the playground, I wished I were them playing at school in the beautiful weather.

The weather is now hot, and the snow was scarce. In the summers it was scorching and the winters were nice and cool, but not cold. It was like the perfect dream come true.

I also noticed the people changed too. More were staying at the recreation center working out, and there were no more McDonalds or Burger Kings. Everyone was perfectly healthy and happy. The only problem was the water scarceness. You could only take five minute showers and you had a daily limit on the amount of water you could use.

Nevertheless, I am completely satisfied with the citizens today. Parents had somehow prevented their children from watching TV all day long, and now, instead, they

are helping the elderly people with chores such as raking the leaves. These are the amazing actions that Lake Oswegans took, that we will be proud of. Now I know, never doubt Oswegans, we will stand tall and proud all the way to the end.

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