



1 Okay, I know you're asleep, but that's no excuse for not listening. So pay attention — and whatever you do, don't wake up!

You look fairly fit... well, sort of... and if that helmet hanging on the back of your chair is anything to go by, you own a bike, or a skateboard, or a scooter.

Any of those will do.

Here's what's happening. You and me are going for a nice little ride around the lake. You'll be carrying me on your head. Then, when I'm safely back in Dogland, you're going to ride home, climb back into bed and forget everything. Oh, and at no time are you going to wake up.

Got that? Snore once for yes, twice for no.

Go on, snore!

I know you're listening, I'm a flea — fleas know these things!

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Maybe I need to get closer to your ear...

Can you hear me now?

I'll take that gurgling sound as a 'yes'.

Okay. Now climb out of bed...

Come on! When I say it, you do it. So, get up.

Move!

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What's wrong with you? I've done this millions of times. What makes you so different?

Oh, I get it. It's because you're human, and humans need more convincing than dogs. They need to know why they're going on strange journeys in the middle of the night.

Well bad luck! I'm not going to tell you. So just get up and start riding, NOW!

I'm waiting...

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COME ON!

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Look, what's the problem? I'm in a big hurry here. If I don't get back to Dogland soon, everything will be ruined. The whole suburb will be

overtaken. All my friends — the dogs — will be beaten. They'll be pulverised. They'll be crushed!

That's why we have to go. SO GET UP!

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You're really testing my patience here...

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I'm still waiting...

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I'm not going to explain everything! You wouldn't want to know anyway.

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It's top secret! It's only for the animals!

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Forget it. I'm not telling.

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Nope.

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ALL RIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING! But only because you forced it out of me. And only because I can't get back there fast enough on my own. If I could, I wouldn't waste my breath on you! HAPPY NOW?

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I'll take that trumpet sound from the bottom of your bed as a yes.