

Wallace and Gromit in A Close Shave

One night while Gromit was in bed knitting, a truck pulled up next to their house. A small lamb **escaped** from the side of the truck, and **came into** the house through Gromit's dog door. The driver, a big mean looking dog wearing a studded collar, **attempted** to go after him, but the passenger **stopped** him. At that moment, Gromit ran out of yarn.

Wallace and Gromit **had** a window washing business. The next morning, the headline on the paper **announced** a wool shortage. Gromit was reading the paper when Wallace started **buzzing** for his breakfast. Wallace slid out of bed, down to the kitchen table. The porridge machine began to malfunction, and the porridge began hitting Wallace instead of landing in the bowl. Gromit attempted to fix it and **noticed** that the wires had been chewed. He heard something **odd** and went to **investigate**. He **noticed** that some leaves of the plant had been eaten. Meanwhile, Wallace found the porridge box had a hole in the bottom and the cheese had been nibbled. He thought maybe they had mice. Gromit continued to **investigate**. The plant was now completely eaten, and the paper had a hole in the middle. The lamb was now eating the stuffing from the **ottoman**, but Wallace didn't notice.

Wallace got a **call** for a window washing job. He had **invented** machines to help him get dressed on ready to go on his motorcycle. Gromit just walked through the door and got in the sidecar. They drove away with a ladder. When they arrived at the business, Gromit saw the big, mean dog in the window. He **attached** himself to a bungee cord and **started** working. Wallace went in the shop to **speak** to the owner, a woman named Wendolyn. He was **smitten by** her. He knocked down the **stack** of wool balls because he was **nervous**. Wendolyn introduced Wallace to Preston, her dog. Wallace and Wendolyn touched hands as they **picked** up the balls of wool from the floor. Wendolyn told Wallace that her father had left her the shop and the dog and that he was an inventor. When Wallace **commented on** the news of a sheep **rustler** on the loose, Wendolyn changed the subject. She was very **happy** with the clean windows.

Meanwhile Preston was looking around at Wallace's house. He found a **bit** of sheep wool on Gromit's dog door. He decided to hide in the cellar to spy.

When Wallace and Gromit got home, their house was **a mess**. Things were chewed and in great disarray. They found the lamb in the kitchen eating a bone. Gromit scowled, but Wallace was sympathetic. He thought the lamb was hungry. He took the lamb to the basement and put him in his **latest** invention--a shampoo and shave machine. Preston was watching. Gromit set the machine for wash only, but suddenly the machine **malfunctioned** and switched to a light shave setting. The lamb was **sucked** through the tubes. The knit-o-matic part of the machine made him a sweater. The lamb **emerged**, shorn and **trembling** from the cold. Wallace named him Shorn. Preston was still watching. When Wallace, Gromit, and Shorn went upstairs, Preston stole Wallace's blueprints for the machines.

Gromit read the latest paper. The headline **proclaimed** there was a killer dog on the loose. Shorn ate Wallace's cheese. Wallace put the sweater on Shorn.

The next day Wallace and Gromit and Shorn went back to Wendolyn's to clean the clock. Gromit saw Preston watching them. Shorn **wandered** into the building. Wendolyn asked Wallace about his inventions. Gromit heard Shorn bleating, so he climbed the ladder and put his head through the hole in the brick to take a look. Someone took his picture. Gromit went into the room to investigate and found that the picture had made him look like he was holding a **cleaver**, ready to kill a lamb. He was being framed!

Gromit went back to the street and saw the truck full of sheep. He opened the door and the sheep **stampeded**, but Shorn couldn't escape. He was tied to the side. Gromit went in to rescue him, managed to release him, but got trapped himself. Preston drove away with Gromit trapped inside.

The next day, the headlines read that Gromit, the killer dog, had been arrested. Wallace and all the sheep were in the living room. They couldn't believe it. Wendolyn came by to **apologize** and to tell him to stay away from her. She said she was no good for him. She was very sorry about Gromit.

The sheep **caused** lots of trouble around the house. Wallace kept reading the headlines day after day. "Sheep dog trial continues." "Gromit bit me, says shepherd." "Gromit gets life." All Wallace could say was, "Oh, Gromit!"

Meanwhile Gromit was in **prison**, reading. He got a package. It was a puzzle. He looked at the box, and started to cry. He was **desolate**. He put the puzzle together **half-heartedly**, and suddenly noticed that there was a secret message written on it, instructing him to be ready for a break out that very night. Shorn appeared at the window and sawed the bars off. All the sheep were on top of each other making a kind of ladder. Wallace was on the bottom.

They all went to the sheep's **meadow**. Wallace told Gromit he had to **skip** the country since he was **a fugitive**. They saw a truck approach. It was Preston and Wendolyn. They were planning to **rustle** some sheep. When Preston went after Shorn, Wendolyn tried to stop him. Preston took her staff and pushed her aside. He had decided to take over. He was a robot dog, created by her father. At first he was nice, but he had **turned** mean. He made Wendolyn and the sheep go into the truck. Wallace and Gromit were pretending to be a scarecrow, and they saw everything. They went chasing after the truck.

Preston tricked them into going ahead, but Gromit figured out a way to get behind the truck again. Wallace was on the motorcycle and Gromit was in the sidecar. A bolt on the sidecar became loose, and the car **separated**. Gromit went **plunging** off a cliff. Luckily, his car turned into an airplane, so he could still chase Preston. Meanwhile, Wallace was trying to rescue Wendolyn and the sheep. He **managed** to get them all on his motorcycle and they balanced on the ladder. But Preston drove through a tunnel and captured all of them again. Gromit loaded porridge into his gun and tried to shoot Preston, but Preston just rolled up the window.

Preston drove back to the factory. He was planning to make them all into dog food. Wallace saw his machines that Preston built from the plans he stole. All the sheep and the prisoners got dumped into the soapy water. Wallace was in danger of being sucked up into the tube. Wendolyn was **clinging** to his arms to try and save him. Gromit **barreled** through three walls, made of wood, steel and brick. He shot porridge at Preston. Shorn moved the vacuum away from Wallace and onto Preston. Gromit changed the setting to a close shave.

But Preston **emerged** as a monster dog. Since he was a cyber dog, the machine **malfunctioned**. He went after Shorn, but Gromit **swooped** down on a rope and saved him. Then a machine put a sweater over Preston's head. Everyone ended up on a sheep mincing treadmill, except Shorn. Shorn swung down on a rope and hit Preston, who got crushed in the machine.

Some time later, Wendolyn came by Wallace's to say thank you. Preston was just like he used to be, **docile** and friendly. Wallace had **repaired** him. Wallace invited her in for some cheese. She said cheese caused her to break out in a rash, and that she **couldn't stand** the stuff. Wallace swallowed hard. He couldn't believe she didn't like cheese. He knew this was an **insurmountable obstacle** in their relationship. He was disappointed, but he said, "All the more for us!" Gromit was reading the paper. The headline said that Gromit had been **exonerated**. Wallace discovered Shorn inside the cheese dish. He had eaten the cheese.