

*(Two kids search for their missing dog, only to find him in the funniest place!)*

**Characters:**

- **Milo** – A determined dog owner.
- **Lily** – Milo’s best friend, always full of ideas.
- **Buddy** – (A dog, played by an offstage voice or a stuffed animal)

**Setting:** A park. Milo and Lily are looking around, calling out.

**Milo:** (Panicked) Buddy?! BUDDY! Where are you, boy?!

**Lily:** Maybe he followed the smell of hot dogs? I mean, if I were a dog, I’d totally do that.

**Milo:** Buddy doesn’t even like hot dogs! He’s a very sophisticated eater. Only peanut butter and—WAIT. (Gasps) His favorite toy! Maybe if I squeak it, he’ll come back!

(Milo pulls out a squeaky toy and squeezes it. Silence. Then... a muffled squeak from somewhere.)

**Lily:** (Pauses, looking around) Uh... Milo? Did Buddy always have the ability to turn invisible?

**Milo:** (Confused) No... why?

**Lily:** Because I think your backpack just barked.

(Milo slowly takes off his backpack and Buddy’s head pops out!)

**Milo:** (Shocked) BUDDY?! You were in my backpack this whole time?!

**Buddy:** (Offstage or through a recording, in a playful voice) You humans never check the obvious spots.

**Lily:** (Laughing) Wow. Best. Hide-and-seek. Player. EVER.

