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Stick Man

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Stick Man lives in the family tree
With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three.



One day he wakes early and goes for a jog.
Stick Man, oh Stick Man, beware of the dog!





"A stick!" barks the dog.
"An excellent stick!
The right kind of stick
for my favourite trick.

"I'll fetch it and drop it,
and fetch it – and then



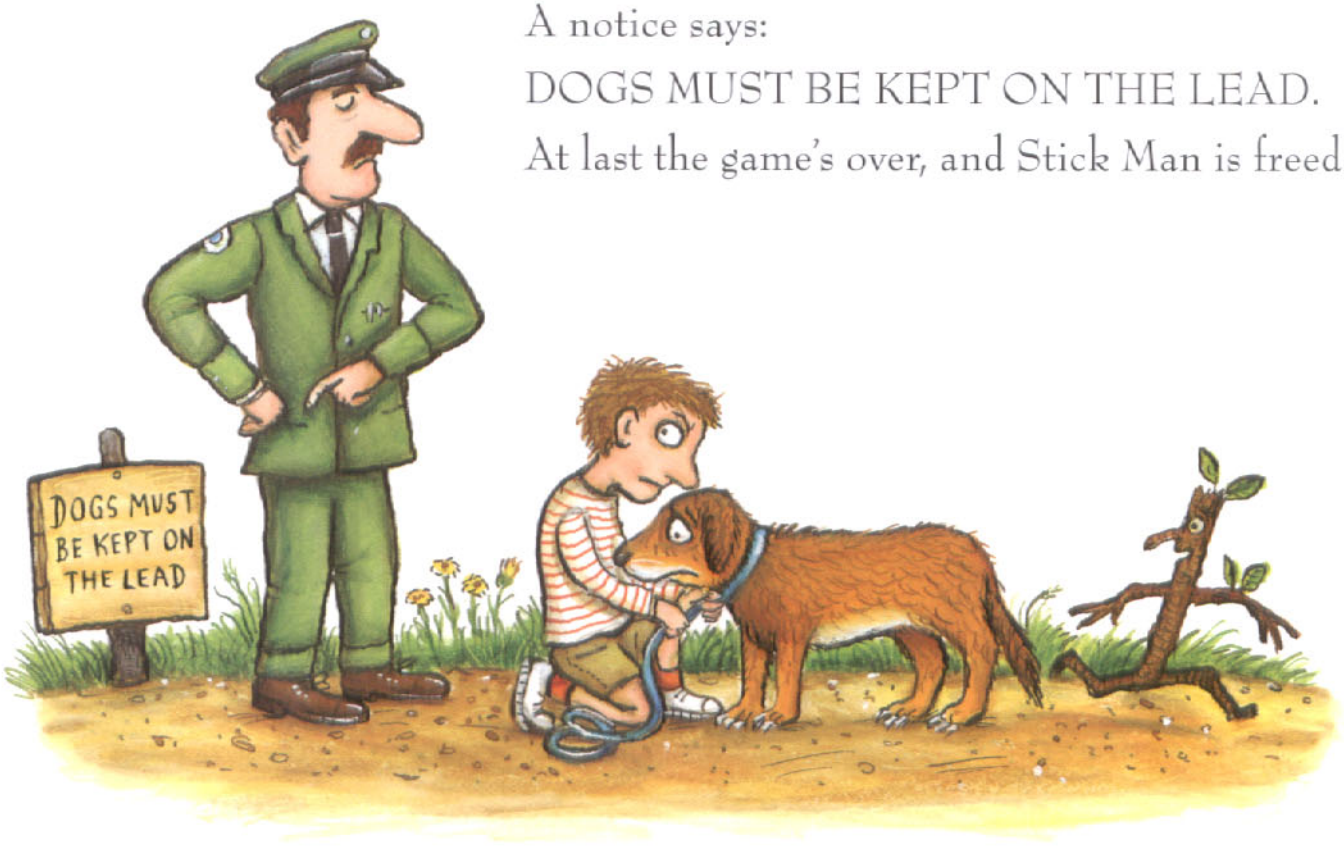


"I'll drop it and fetch it
and drop it again."

"I'm not a stick! Why can't you see,
I'm Stick Man, *I'm Stick Man*,
I'M STICK MAN, that's me,
And I want to go home to the family tree!"



A notice says:
DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON THE LEAD.
At last the game's over, and Stick Man is freed.





He sets off for home with a hop and a twirl.
Stick Man, oh Stick Man, beware of the girl!

"A stick!" cries the girl
with a smile on her face.
"The right kind of Pooh-stick
for winning the race!

