

The Tractor Lawnmower, the Vacuum Cleaner and the Cell Phone

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This tale is a parody of a Russian fairy tale in which the three characters come to a sorry end.

Once upon a time, a tiny tractor lawnmower, a vacuum cleaner and a cell phone went out one day to buy a laptop. They came to a highway, a highway long and loud. A red sign said: No Hitchhiking Allowed.

“Oh, dear! Oh, dear! What are we going to do?” said the vacuum. “How are we going to get to the computer store?” and they all scratched their heads.

“I know!” said the cell phone, lighting up. “The vacuum and I shall sit on the lawnmower, and the mower will drive on the verge and pretend to cut the grass.”

“Yes, yes,” said the vacuum, “that’s a good idea!”

“Oh, no,” said the mower, “I have a much better idea. The cell phone can call 911 and have a tow truck pick us up and bring us to the store.”

To this the three friends agreed.

So the cell phone dialed 911.

“Ring! Ring! ... Ring! Ring!”

“Is this an emergency?” asked the operator.

“Yes,” said the cell phone, “it’s a matter of life or shopping.”

“What can I do for you?” asked the operator.

“Send us a tow truck,” said the cell phone. “You’ll find me, a mower and a vacuum cleaner at my GPS coordinates.”

“One moment,” said the operator. “I’ll call the *proper* authorities. Please stay on the line; we’ll find you better that way.”

“Okey-dokey, ten-four,” said the cell phone. “I’ll be lying on the grassy verge waiting for you.”

Five minutes later along came a police car, lights flashing and siren wailing. "Wee-wah ~ wee-wah ~ wee-wah!" wailed the police car.

"Oh, no! It's the police!" cried the lawn mower. "We're going to be busted!" and he bolted down the verge and started to cut the grass.

"Stop! Stop!" yelled the cell phone, jumping up. "STOOOOOOP!" ... but the mower didn't hear him over his noisy engine and shredded him to pieces.

And the vacuum?

Oh, she was smart! She sucked up big time to the policeman, who took her home to clean his carpets.