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# Dinosaur Graveyard

by Kelly Hashway

Jackie hopped out of the car and ran up to her grandparents, who were waiting at the front door of the farmhouse. She was spending the day at the farm while her parents went to a wedding. She waved goodbye and wondered what interesting things she'd get to see.

Grandma Holland raised an eyebrow. "Arthur, why don't you take Jackie out to the dinosaur graveyard?"

"Dinosaur graveyard?" Jackie said. "Cool!"

Grandpa laughed. "It's been my favorite part of the farm ever since I was a young boy. My grandfather used to let me play there while he worked."

"You played in a graveyard?" Jackie pictured her grandfather running around a bunch of tombstones. But wait, dinosaurs didn't get tombstones. That couldn't be right. Maybe there were dinosaur bones discovered on the farm! Jackie imagined herself digging in the dirt and discovering a new species of dinosaur, even bigger than a Tyrannosaurus Rex. "Let's go!"

They drove the tractor to a field at the back of the farm. The grass at the edge of the field was taller than Jackie. A neck and head peeked over the grass.



"Whoa! Is that a real dinosaur?"

Grandpa laughed again. "It was to me."

Jackie pushed through the tall grass and saw a bunch of weird looking machines. Each one looked a little bit like a dinosaur. A few had long necks just like a Brachiosaurus.





"This is old farm equipment. There aren't any real dinosaur bones here, are there?" Jackie asked with a sigh.

"No, Jackie. But these machines have been around for a long time. I don't use them. In fact, no one's used them since my grandfather."

"Then why do you keep them?"

"Because when I was even younger than you, I used to come to this farm and play in this field. I was the only boy in a world of dinosaurs."

Jackie still looked disappointed.

"All it takes is a little imagination. Why just a moment ago, you thought this machine was a real dinosaur," her grandfather said, patting the rusty metal.

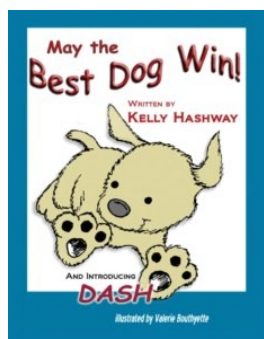
Jackie stared at the machine. It did kind of look like a dinosaur. She smiled. "It's a baby Brachiosaurus. And if there's a baby, then the mother is probably around here somewhere, too."

Grandpa Holland bent down and whispered, "Then we better not let her catch us with her baby. She wouldn't like that."

Jackie smiled and led Grandpa Holland down the line of tall grass in search of more dinosaurs.

### About the the Author

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Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

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3. Why does Jackie's grandfather probably keep the old farm equipment?

- a. He plans to fix the machines and use them on the farm.
- b. It reminds him of the good times he had playing in it as a child.
- c. Grandmother enjoys looking at it.
- d. The machines are worth a lot of money.

4. What is one lesson readers can learn from this story?

- a. Playing by yourself can be more fun than being with others.
- b. It is important to be respectful of your grandparents.
- c. The things around you can be interesting if you use your imagination.
- d. Dinosaur bones are very hard to find.

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**hint:** cemetery

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2.    \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_

**hint:** mother's mother or father's mother

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3.    \_ \_ e l \_

**hint:** area of cleared land

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4.    \_ \_ a c \_ o \_

**hint:** machine with large wheels, often used on a farm

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5.    \_ \_ m b \_ t \_ \_ \_ s

**hint:** stones used to mark graves

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6.    \_ \_ o \_ \_ y \_

**hint:** what you say when you leave someone

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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Her parents were going to a wedding.

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She had imagined there would be dinosaur tombstones or dinosaur bones buried in the dirt. In actuality, it was a field with old farm equipment.

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4. tractor

5. t o m b s t o n e s

hint: stones used to mark graves

5. gravestones

6. g o o d b y e

hint: what you say when you leave someone

6. goodbye