

A Surprise Package in the Mail by Keenan Park

On a nice, sunny day in the suburbs, there was a family of four. The mom was named Sarah, the dad Howard, their daughter was Rose, and their son John. It was Friday so the kids set off for school. While Sarah was cleaning the dishes, the door rang. Ding-Dong! She went to the mailbox and found a metal package. The package looked ominous and mystical. Sarah called for Howard, "Howard!" He came running down the stairs and saw the package.

"What are you holding in your hands dear?" Howard said uneasily.

"Honestly I have no idea. Shall we open it? Or do you think it is dangerous?" "Who would send us something dangerous? We are not important people. I think it is safe." Howard ran and got a hammer to open the package. He went outside into the backyard to crack it open. It split open easily. Inside there was a spherical box with a IV, II, and a III. Just then the children came back home. They both asked, "What are you doing? Have you gone off your rocker? What are you doing with that lump of metal?" The dad replied, "Your mom found a package in the mail and I don't know what it is. Do you know what it is?"

The kids tried to open it but it wouldn't budge. Then Rose found small words written on the sphere. It said, "*I have ___ legs in the morning, ___ at noon, and ___ at evening. What am I?*"

The family pondered over the package the whole night. The next day when they woke up, John started to read a Greek Mythology book. Howard inspected the package again. He looked at the words and the imprints on the outside. He put the lines in the blanks and wrote it on a piece of paper. Sarah looked at the paper. Suddenly she remembered Roman numerals. That meant it said, "I have four legs in the morning, two at noon, and three at evening."

John saw the paper and exclaimed, "That means the answer is a human. I know because in my mythology books I read that riddle!"

He hurried to the sphere and said, "A human."

The sphere opened and in it was four things and a note. John read the note.

It read, "I hoped you enjoyed the riddle. I packed four things you all like.

From,
Grandma

In it there was a mythology book for John, a doll for Rose, a new feather duster for Sarah and a bag of potato chips for Howard.

And from then on the family lived a happy life.

The End