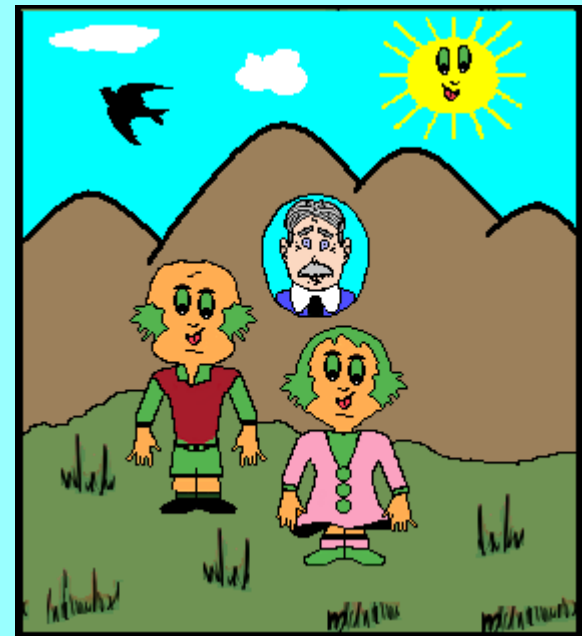


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In the hills of the Hobs and Knobs,  
who is the man to ask?

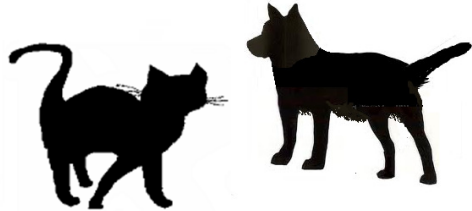
Mr. Dobs is the man to ask.  
So some ask him.  
But some ask him and ask him  
and ask him!



**“Mr. Dobs, Why do Hobs and Knobs live in the hills?”**

**Why can’t the Hobs live by the dogs who sit in the dust by the docks?**

**Why can’t the Knobs live by the cats who bask in the sun by the pond?”**



**“Well,” said Mr. Dobs, “A Hob does not love dust,**



**and a Knob does not love ponds.**

**And a Hob cannot rest by a dog, and a Knob cannot rest by a cat.”**

**“Why not?” some ask.**

**“Why can’t the Hobs rest by dogs?  
Why can’t the Knobs rest by cats?”**

**Why not? Why not?”**



**“Well,” said Mr. Dobs, “A dog loves to rest in the sun and a Hob does not.**

**And a cat loves to rest by the catnip and a Knob does not.**

Some ask and ask, “Why can’t the hills have ponds?”

Some ask and ask, “Why can’t the hills have docks? Why not?”

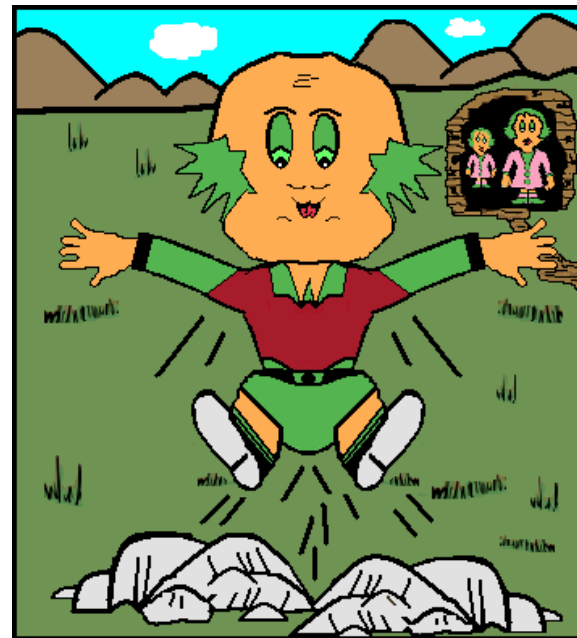
Why not?”

“Well,” said Mr. Dobs,

“Some hills have ponds and some have dust.

But the hills by the Hobs and Knobs have rocks, dens, cubs, and eggs.

The Hobs tend to hop the rocks and play with the cubs, and the Knobs tend to sit in the dens and rest by the eggs



That is why the Hobs and Knobs love to live in the hills.

Some said, "Thank you, Mr. Dobs."

But some

just ask,



and ask,



and ask,

**and ask!**

"Why not?" Mr. Dobs.  
"Why not? Why Not?"

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In the hills of the Hobs and Knobs,  
some ask and ask and ask!

In fact, some ask:

"Why does Mr. Dobs live in the hills  
by the Hobs and Knobs?"

"Why can't Mr. Dobs  
live by us? Why not?"

