

Two sailors who had just finished a long voyage went home to their village and decided to have a few drinks in the bar there. When they had had enough, they came out into the street to look for something amusing to do, but it was a very quiet place, and nothing interesting ever happened there, so they could not find anything.

But at last, while they were standing in the market-place outside the bar, they saw a village boy coming slowly towards them. He was leading a donkey by a rope, so the sailors decided that they would have a joke with him.

'Hullo,' one of the sailors said to the boy. 'Why does your brother have to have a rope round his neck when he goes for a walk with you?'

'To stop him joining the navy,' the boy answered at once.