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The author demonstrates this when the mama bird risks harm to herself as she wrestles the dog to steal a worm (1:35-1:43).

The author also reveals that survival is at stake when the mama bird offers a small fish to her three offspring but they only want worms to eat (2:00).

These details demonstrate that sometimes stealing is necessary as it might be a matter of life and death.

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The author depicts the dog growling, showing aggression (:52, 1:10, 1:19, 1:30), and even wrestling with the bird (1:34-1:40) because he believes she is a thief.

The dog realizes the bird is not only NOT a thief, but is actually kind, as she brings fish in exchange for the worms (2:44).

This shows that sometimes people have motives that aren't obvious, so it's better to learn the whole story before judging.

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One example is when the barking dog shows remorse to his owner who is trying to fish (:55).

A second example is when the dog gives the clump of worms to the mama bird to feed her babies (2:15).

These details demonstrate ways to value other's needs and wants before your own.