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METAL MAN CAPTURED BY YOUNG BOY



Hogarth Jones, 9, receiving his medal of bravery from Michael Dogood, local mayor, after saving town from metal monster.

Yesterday, the Iron Man was captured by local farmer's boy, Hogarth Jones, who lured him into a large trap at the bottom of the hill next to the village.

In recent weeks, villagers have been disturbed by the presence of a metal-munching monster who has been roaming the fields devouring machinery belonging to local farmers. It is believed that hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of machinery has been destroyed or stolen by this mysterious metal man. A local farmer, John Gibbs, said: "I am unable to plough my crops this year as that maniac tore my tractor in two, eating one half and leaving the bitten off piece behind. What use is that to me?"

According to local villagers, the first person to have sight of this iron giant was young Hogarth. He instantly reported his sighting to his father, a farmer in the area. His father immediately went to warn other farmers but was greeted with disbelief until the Iron Man's teeth marks were seen on a tractor.

At this, the farmers came together to create a trap to put an end to the crimes of the metallic monster. Using their remaining tractors, the agriculturalists worked tirelessly to create a huge, steep-sided pit then covered the trap with branches and soil. They baited it with an old piece of farm machinery. Ron Johnson, farmer, 49, explained: "Although the digging was exhausting, we were desperate to put a stop to that awful creature who was threatening our livelihoods."

After a week without success, it was Hogarth Jones, 9, who managed to lure the Iron Man into the trap: "I was down by the hill when I saw the Iron Man at the top of the cliff, eating the wire fencing. I knew that if I didn't do something, he would not end up anywhere near the pit so I used some metal things from my pocket to attract his attention. He couldn't resist the sound and soon fell straight to the bottom of the pit where he just lay, looking up at me."

The boy then spread the news that the Iron Man had been caught. Quickly, the farmers arrived with their new machinery to fill in the hole, piling soil on top of the trapped monster who now lays buried deep beneath the ground.

Hogarth Jones is being commended as a local hero and has received a medal of bravery from the town's mayor.

Local mayor, Michael Dogood, said: "We are proud to have such a brave young man in our community who has helped to rescue us from the metal-eating stranger who had terrorised us all. We can now feel safe in the knowledge that the Iron Man is gone thanks to Hogarth the hero."

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