

# THE DAILY FIRS

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## METAL MAN CAPTURED BY YOUNG BOY (shorter version)



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 tricked him into a large trap at the bottom of the hill next to the village.

Recently, villagers have been disturbed by a metal-munching monster who has been roaming the fields eating machinery belonging to local farmers. A local farmer, John Gibbs, said, "I am unable to plough my crops this year as that monster tore my tractor in two, eating one half and leaving the bitten off piece behind. What use is that to me?"

Local villagers said the first person to have seen 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 no one believed him.

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, they worked tirelessly to create a huge, steep-sided hole then covered the trap with branches and soil.

After a week without success, it was Hogarth Jones, 9, who managed to get 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 called a local hero.

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