

Champ & Penny Outsmart Snatch The Fox

One sunny morning, Champ and his friend Penny were selling handmade crafts they had made on the side of the road.

They had bracelets, bookmarks, and even painted pinecones all laid out perfectly on a little table.

“Once we sell the rest of these, we’ll be halfway to saving for our big hiking trip!” Champ grinned, and tail wagging.

Penny, adjusting her green bandana, nodded. “And we’re going to keep every coin safe. I even brought my little lockbox!”

They had just finished counting their coins when a voice crept in from behind a tree.



“Well, well, what do we have here?”
Out stepped a fox with shiny
sunglasses, a toothy smile, and a tail

that swished like he owned the park. His name was Snatch; and no one could grin that wide without trouble soon following right behind.

“I’m Snatch,” he said smoothly, “and I’m here from the Park Protection Team. You wouldn’t want anything to happen to your little coin stash, would you?”

Champ tilted his head. “Park Protection? Never heard of that.” Snatch chuckled. “We’re new. Very official. I just need to know your full names and where you’re keeping your money. You know, for safety.”

Penny frowned. “Why would we tell someone we just met where we keep our money?”

Snatch leaned in, lowering his sunglasses.
“Because I’m here to help, of course.

In fact, if you give me your lockbox, I’ll take
it to our top-secret vault. Extra secure.”



Champ stepped back.
“Hmm... sounds kinda fishy.”
“Fishy?” Snatch laughed
nervously. “Nooo, no no. Just a
helpful fox with a very safe tail.”

But Penny grabbed their lockbox with
the coins and turned away from Snatch.
“Let’s go talk to Ms. Hazel at the credit
union before we give anyone our stuff.”

“That’s a good idea. Let’s go
now,” said Champ. But when they
turned around, Snatch was gone.
Vanished like a thief in the woods.

They went to the credit union and
explined what happened. “You two
made the smart choice,” said Ms. Hazel.



“Always double-check when someone asks for personal information or money. And never trust someone just because they sound confident.”

That evening, after Champ and Penny dropped off their coins at the credit union to keep safe, they made their way to Penny’s house.

Once inside, they sat down at the table and decided to make a list of safety tips to remember.



Champ & Penny's Safety Rules:

- Never share your full name or money info with someone you don't know.
- Always ask a trusted adult if you are unsure about it.
- Keep your savings in a safe place like a credit union.
- If something feels wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts.

As the sun set over Maple Grove Park, the two raccoons high-fived. "Today," said Champ, "we trusted our instincts and protected our coins."

As for Snatch? Well... he'd have to try his tricks somewhere else because Champ's Club was too smart for him.