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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my two little angels Tom and Ashley. They serve as my inspiration in writing this book. I watch them, like most kids struggle with being brave every day. I wrote this book to help them.

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INTRODUCTION

Ricky Rattlesnake is every bit as excited as the rest of his friends when he learns about the new amusement park being built in his hometown of Cactus Springs. But his excitement quickly fades when he finds out about the enormous roller coaster at the park. All of his life, Ricky's friends have admired his strength and bravery; after all, he's a rattlesnake, and nothing should scare him—right? Wrong!

How can Ricky keep his friends from finding out how terrified he is about the new roller coaster... especially now that one of his friends is having her birthday party at the amusement park? What will his friends say if they discover Ricky's secret? And, does Ricky have what it takes to overcome his fears in order to help someone he cares about?

Ricky:

A likable rattlesnake who appears brave and confident. His friends have always admired how sure of himself, Ricky is in every situation—but our main character has a side they don't know about. Readers will sympathize with Ricky as he tries his hardest to keep his pals from finding out that he isn't as brave as they think. But, in the end, Ricky learns that real courage isn't about not being afraid—it's about doing what you have to do in spite of your fears.



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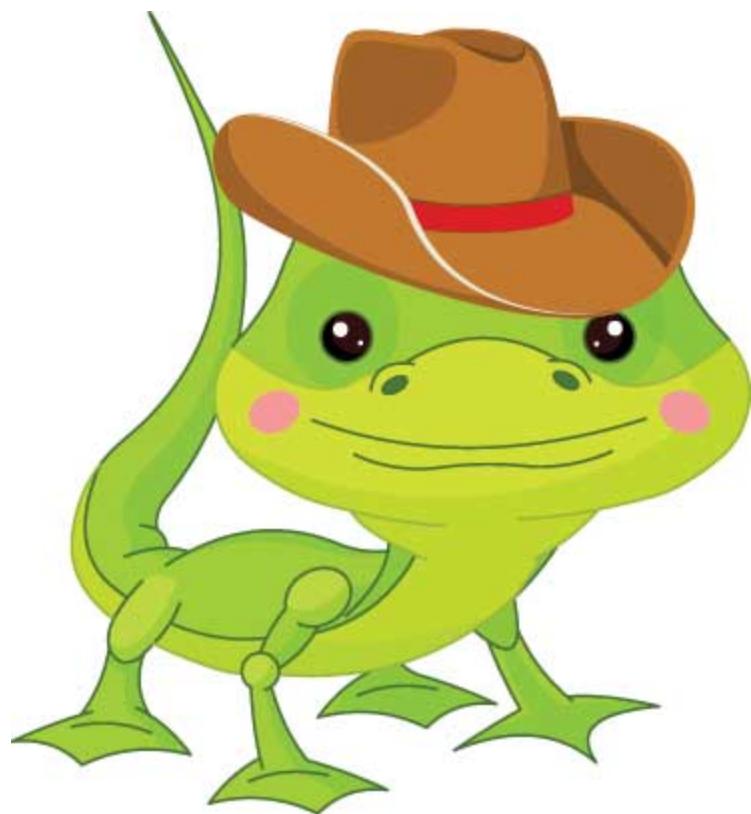
Jackson:

Jackson the jackrabbit is Ricky's best friend. He's funny, energetic, and very, very bouncy. Jackson is the type who will simply hop through Ricky's front door without knocking, but Ricky doesn't mind because they are such good friends. The only thing Jackson doesn't know about Ricky is his fear of roller coasters.



Lizzy:

A happy-go-lucky desert lizard who counts both Ricky and Jackson among her close friends. A cowgirl-wannabe, Lizzy's favorite catchphrase is, "Yee-haw!" When she gets excited about something, her enthusiasm is contagious—as we can see in the story. Lizzy's birthday is coming up, and she is going to throw her party at the most exciting place in Cactus Springs—the amusement park! Lizzy's excitement about the roller coaster only contributes to Ricky's growing fear.



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CHAPTER 1

Ricky Rattlesnake is every bit as excited as the rest of his friends in Cactus Springs! There is usually nothing much to do during summer school break, but finally, something exciting is on its way to their dusty desert town—an amusement park packed with rides, games, delicious food, and more!



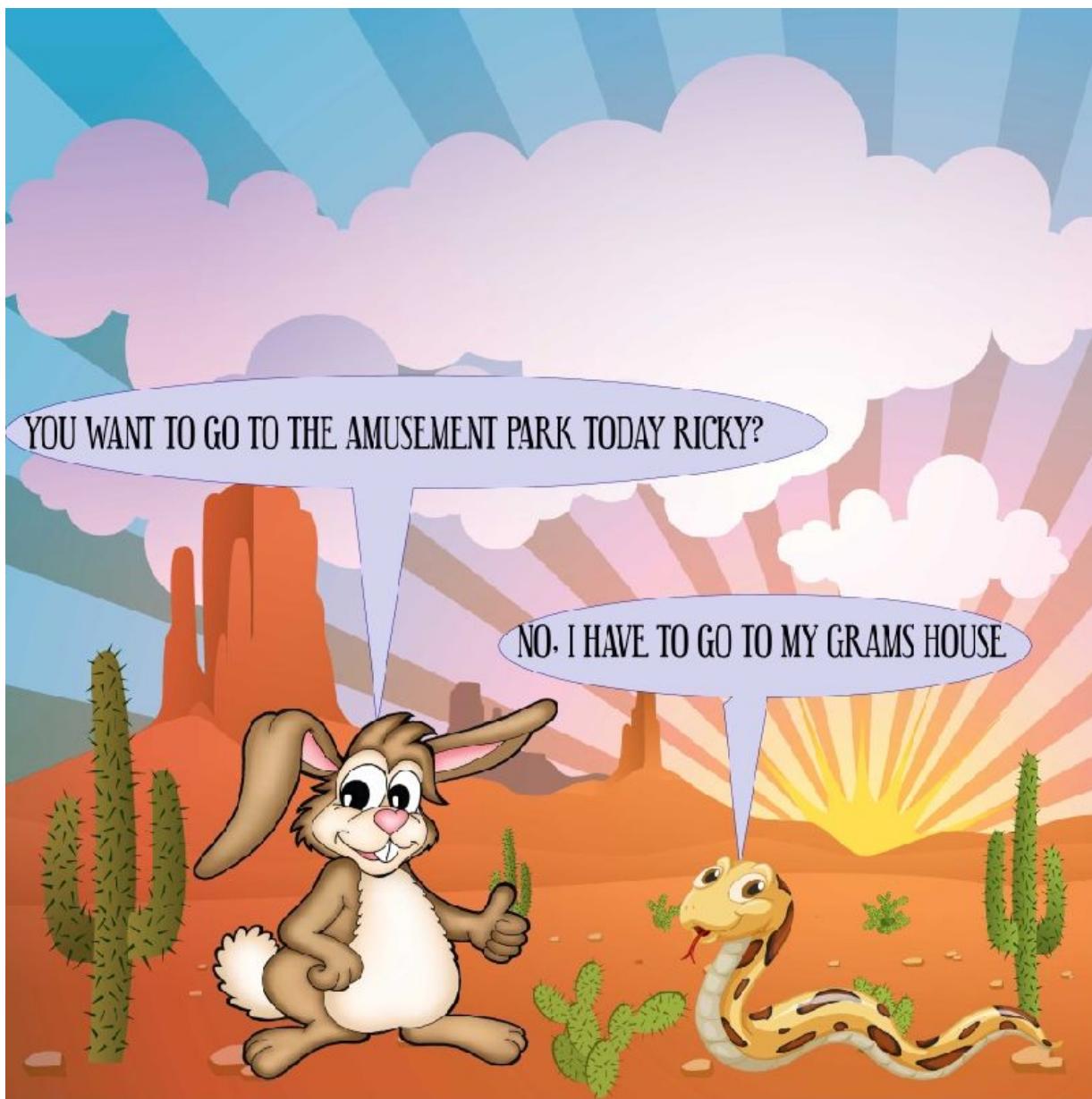
But when Jackson the very energetic jackrabbit, hops over to tell Ricky he saw a gigantic roller coaster being built at the park, Ricky doesn't feel so great anymore. Ricky has a secret that none of his friends know, he is terrified of roller coasters. With the amusement park in town, how long can he hide this fear from his friends, after all they look up to him and think he is the bravest one in the group?



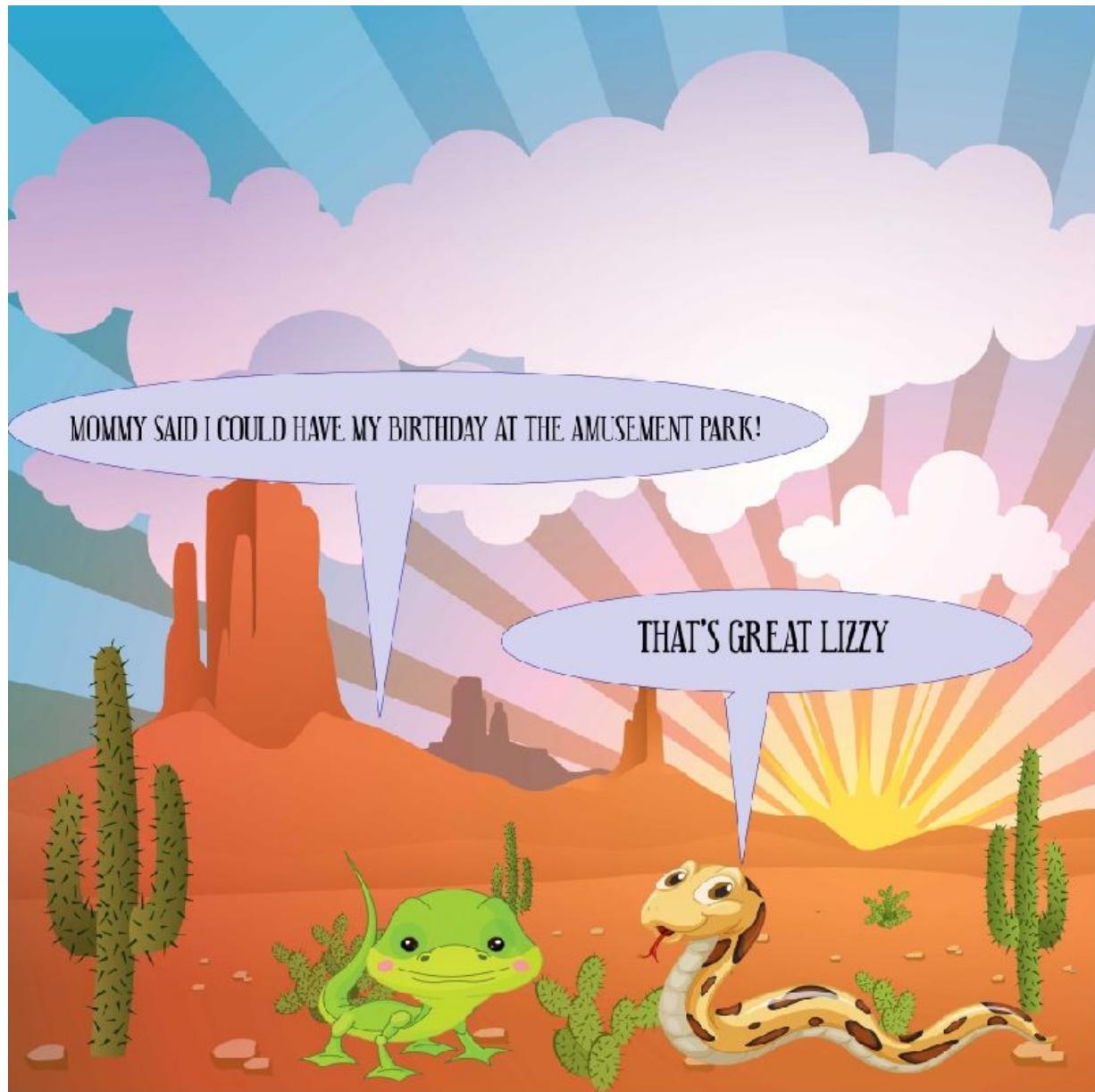
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CHAPTER 2

A few weeks later, the amusement park is finally finished—and open for business. Jackson has invited Ricky to go to the park with him four times so far this summer, but, Ricky makes excuses why he can't go. After all, if he goes, chances are Jackson will want to ride the roller coaster—and then Ricky will have to explain to his friend why he's not joining him.



As time passes, Ricky begins to believe he can get away with never going to the park—until the day Lizzy the lizard drops by his house with an invitation to her birthday party—and wouldn't you know, the party was at the amusement park!



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CHAPTER 3

Since Lizzy is one of Ricky's good friends, he'd feel terrible not going to her party. He doesn't want to hurt Lizzy's feelings, so he has no choice but to tell her he's coming.



All of Ricky's friends can't wait for the Lizzy's party, and that's all they talk about every day. Ricky pretends to be excited too, but secretly he is growing more terrified by the day.



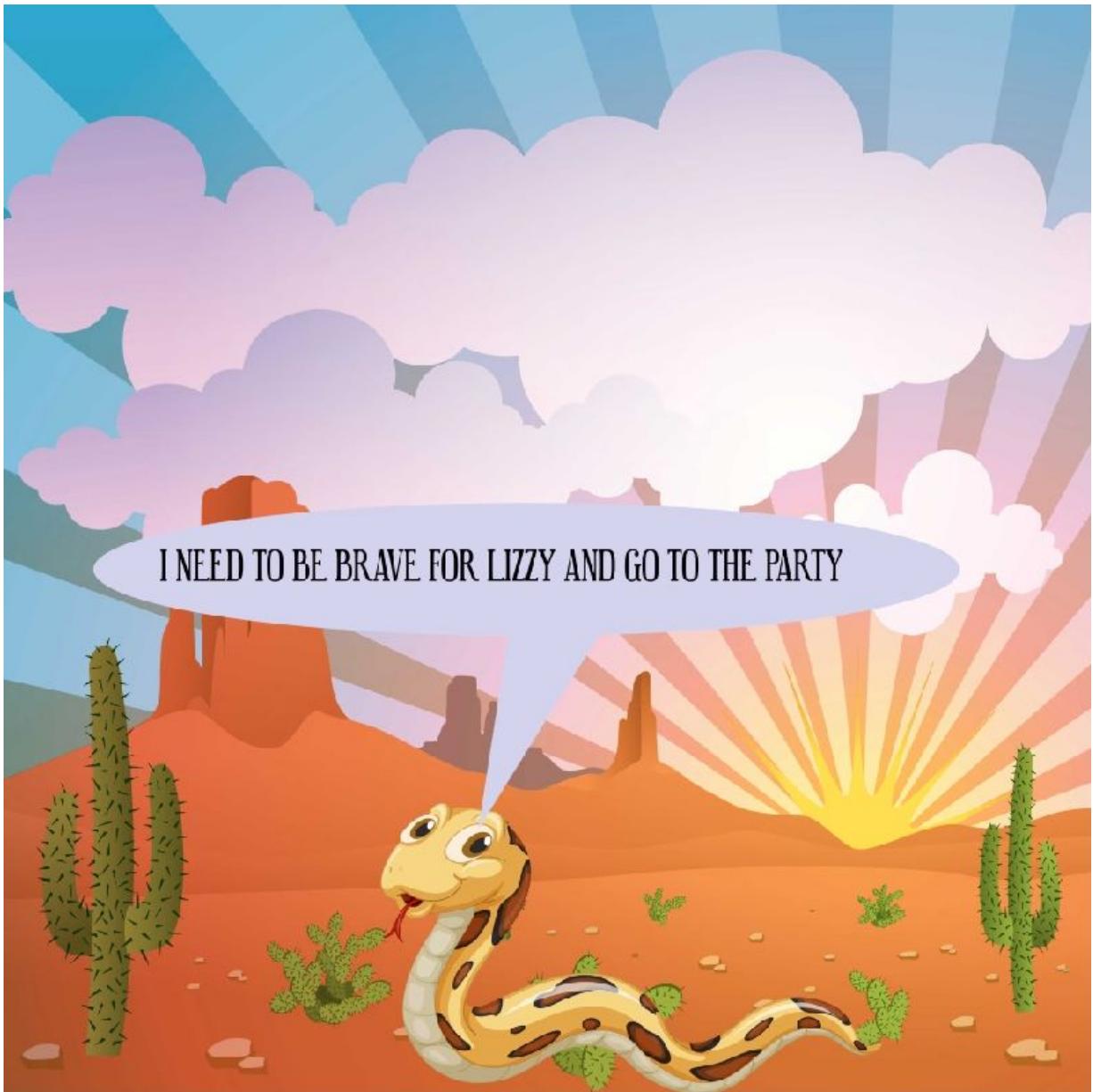
When he's all alone, Ricky dreads the day of Lizzy's party and does his best to think of ways to get out of riding the roller coaster without anyone finding out why.



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CHAPTER 4

Finally, it's the big day. When Ricky wakes up, he considers playing sick, but faking a sickness wouldn't be fair to Lizzy so he decides against it.



That afternoon, he and the rest of his friends meet up at the amusement park for the party. Ricky is scared that all his friends will make a mad dash right to the roller coaster but, first they play games. Ricky wins a prize at the ring-toss booth. Then they go on the merry-go-round, the swing ride, and the spinning teacups.



After that, they take a break for lunch and to open all the presents he and his friends brought for Lizzy. Lizzy loves the cowgirl hat Ricky got her, and Ricky begins to relax. So far, he's having fun—and no one has mentioned the roller coaster!



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CHAPTER 5

After lunch and presents, the friends scatter to play more games, and Ricky decides that maybe everything is going to be all right, after all. Maybe his friends don't even want to ride the roller coaster.



No such luck! Just when Ricky finally let out his breath, Lizzy yells “Yee-haw!” as she bounces around her friends, “And now the moment we’ve been waiting for—time to ride the roller coaster!” At that, everyone makes a mad dash towards the roller coaster and as the friends get in line, Ricky says he has to go to the bathroom and slips away.



But when he returns, his heart sinks into his stomach when he sees that his friends have held his place in line—and now it's their turn to get on the ride!



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CHAPTER 6

Now Ricky has no choice—he has to tell his friends the truth, because the roller coaster is too terrifying for him to ride. But when he admits his fears, not one of his friends laughed or made fun of him. Lizzy said “no big deal Ricky you can watch us ride”, “you can tell the story if we don’t make it back Ricky” Jackson said with a smirk on his face. See you when we get back they all yelled.



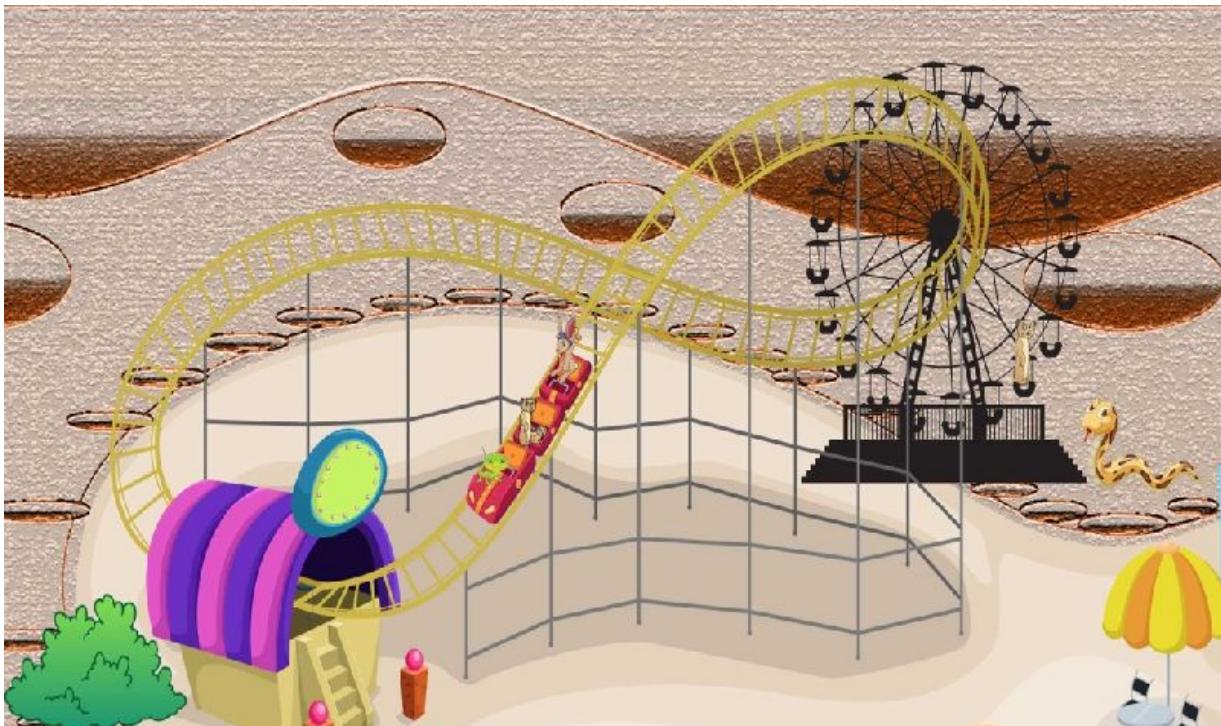
Another one of the friends, Tina the Prairie Dog, spoke up and said “ I really don’t like roller coasters either” and asks Ricky if he’d like to ride on the Ferris wheel instead. Ricky is so happy that his friends didn’t make fun of him. He and Tina head for the Ferris wheel, which is next to the roller coaster.



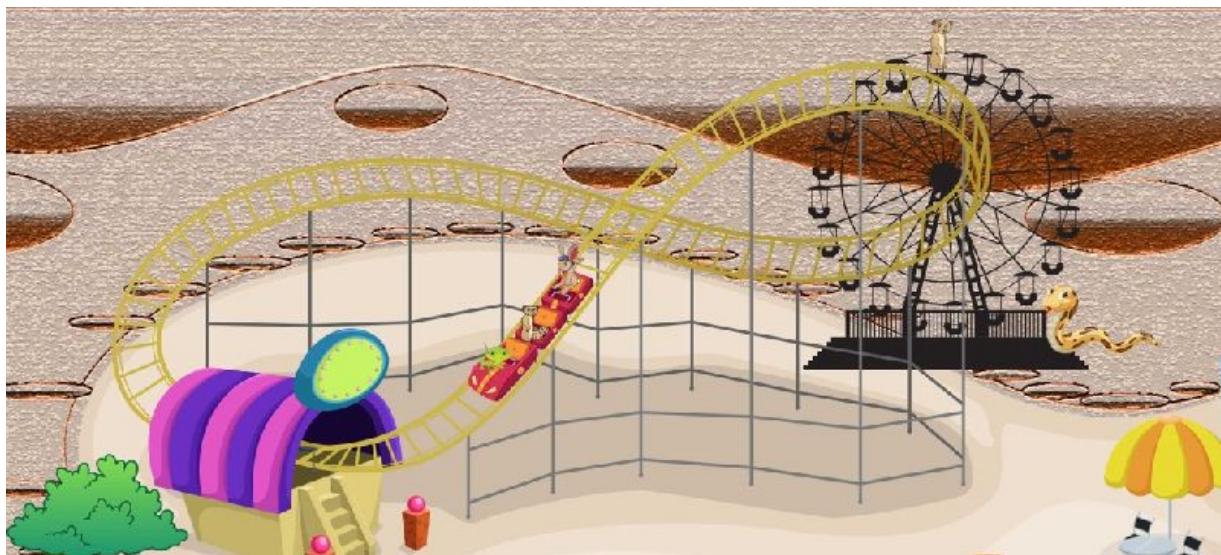
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CHAPTER 7

The Ferris wheel was the 2nd most popular ride in the park and it quickly fills up. Tina ends up being the last passenger allowed to get on, so Ricky has to wait till the next time. As he waits his turn, he watches his other friends on the roller coaster, and thinks I'm glad I'm not on that ride and occasionally turns to wave to Tina on the Ferris wheel.



The Ferris wheel is stopping now and leaving people off, but, Tina's car gets stuck at the very tip-top, and even the ride operators have no idea how to get her down! Someone needs to do something because Tina is getting scared of being trapped that high in the sky. Ricky looks around trying to figure out how he could help save Tina, when he thinks of a very scary plan, that only he can make work.



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CHAPTER 8

Since the roller coaster is right next to the Ferris wheel, Ricky figures out that he could reach Tina's car from its highest point, pull her onto the roller coaster, and return her to safety. At least he hoped it would be safe, he still didn't want any part of that roller coaster. However, only a long-necked snake like himself could reach across from one ride to the other, so Ricky must face his greatest fear in order to rescue Tina!



Ricky asks the roller coaster operators to stop him when he gets to the highest point, then jumps onto the roller coaster as Jackson, Lizzy, and the others watch in astonishment. Here he goes, look how brave he is!



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CHAPTER 9

Ricky has a funny feeling in his belly as the roller coaster starts. He squeezes his eyes shut as it plummets down the first hill. He really doesn't like this—but he's got no choice!



At last, the terrifying ride stops at the top, and Ricky, even though he is shaking from fear is able to reach out and pull Tina into the roller coaster with him. They both buckle their seat belts and together, they finish the scary ride—and all their friends cheer as the ride ends and they get off. Tina, Jackson, Lizzy, and the rest keep on telling Ricky what a hero, he is—and Ricky who still didn't like roller coasters, finally realizes what being brave truly is about!



THE END

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CONCLUSION

The moral to the story is... Being brave has nothing to do with showing off, or acting Tuff. No, being brave is about facing a fear, when someone else is in danger and needs your help.



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