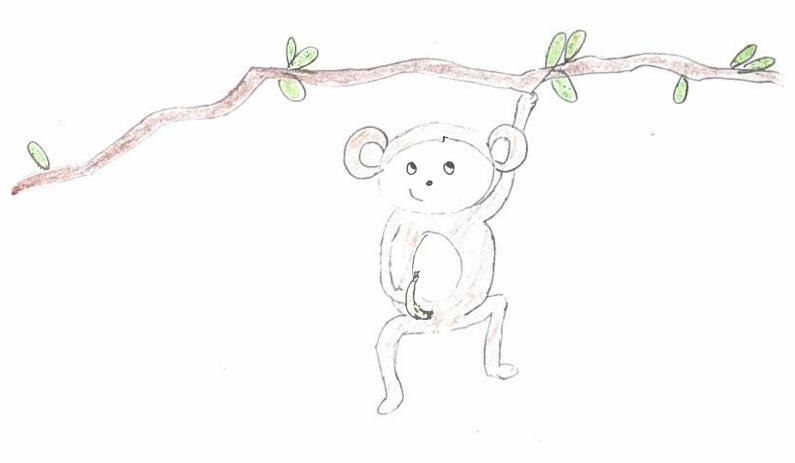
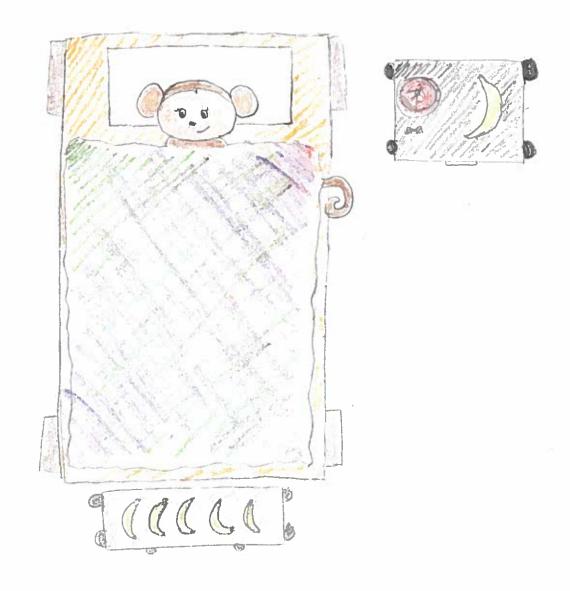
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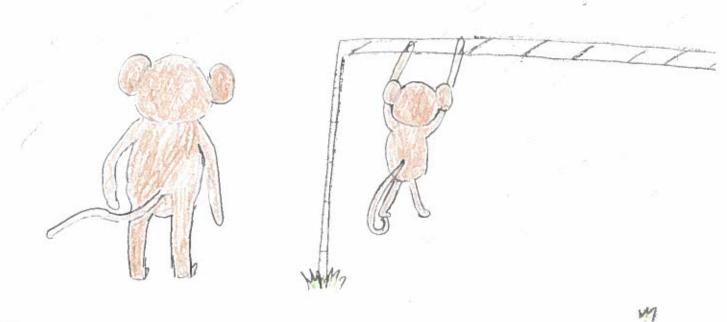
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M.E. Publishing Written and Illustrated by: Maddie Escobar Carlee woke up to a beautiful Saturday morning. She loved the weekend, and playing the day away. But as a true monkey herself, she loved going outside.



She loved to get outside and play the day away. More than anything, Carlee loved gymnastics and the monkey bars! She called over her friend Maddie to play. After an hour or so of monkey bars, they noticed something odd from above the play structure.



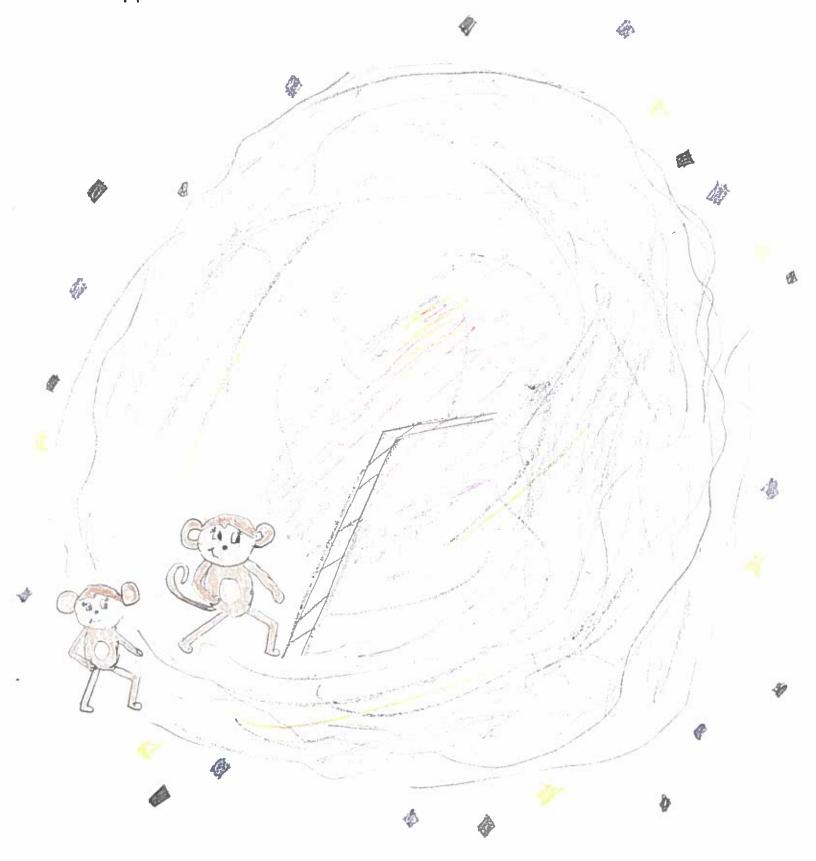
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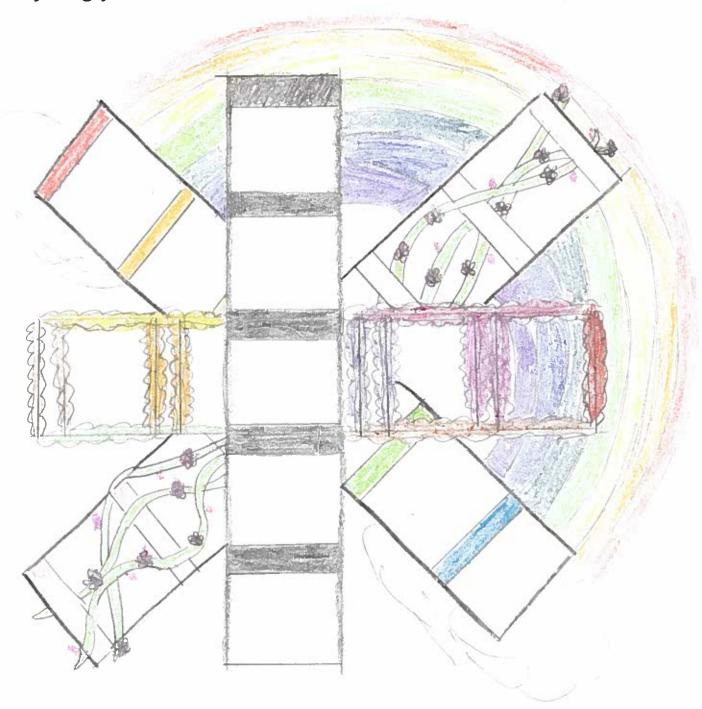
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It was a magic portal! They decided to go in. As long as they were home before dinner, what's the worse that could happen?



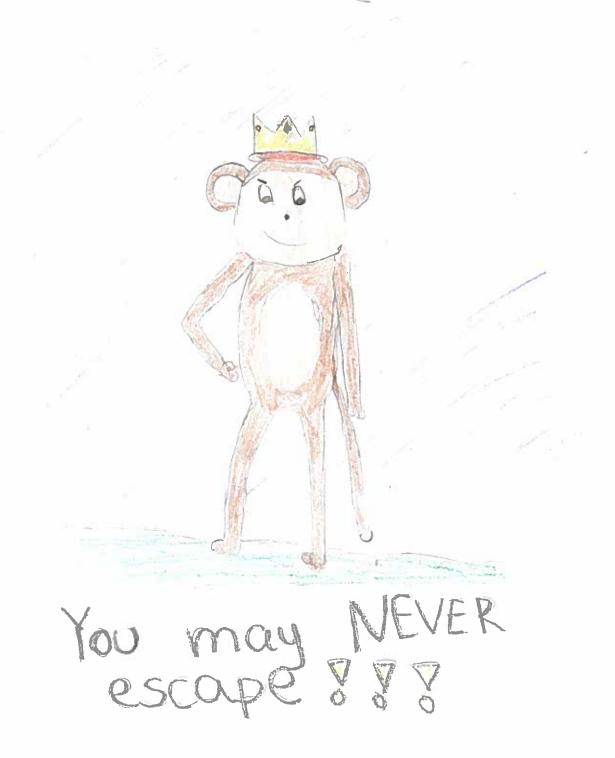
The friends were transported into a magical world! There were monkey bars everywhere! You could do spins, flips, or turns, anything you wanted!



The monkeys absolutely loved this magic world. They played and played and played for what seemed like forever. They decided it was time to go home, because their parents would be looking for them.



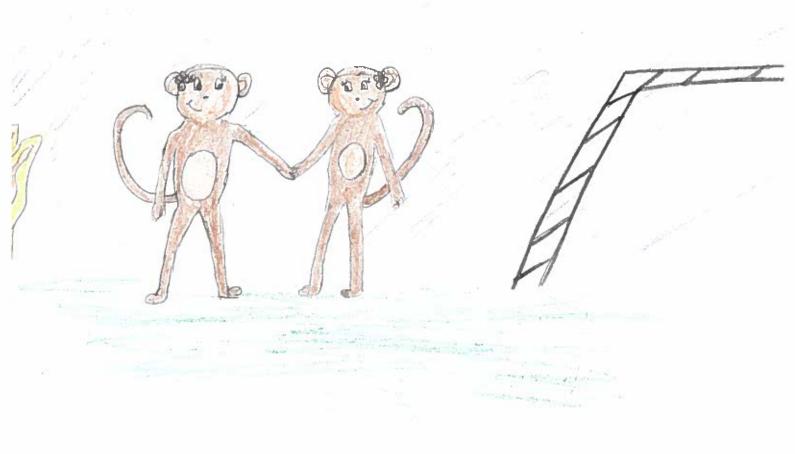
Suddenly, a big monkey appeared! He said they had only one way of escaping. The two girls must complete a series of very challenging monkey bar obstacle courses! If they fail, they will never return. Being trapped forever!



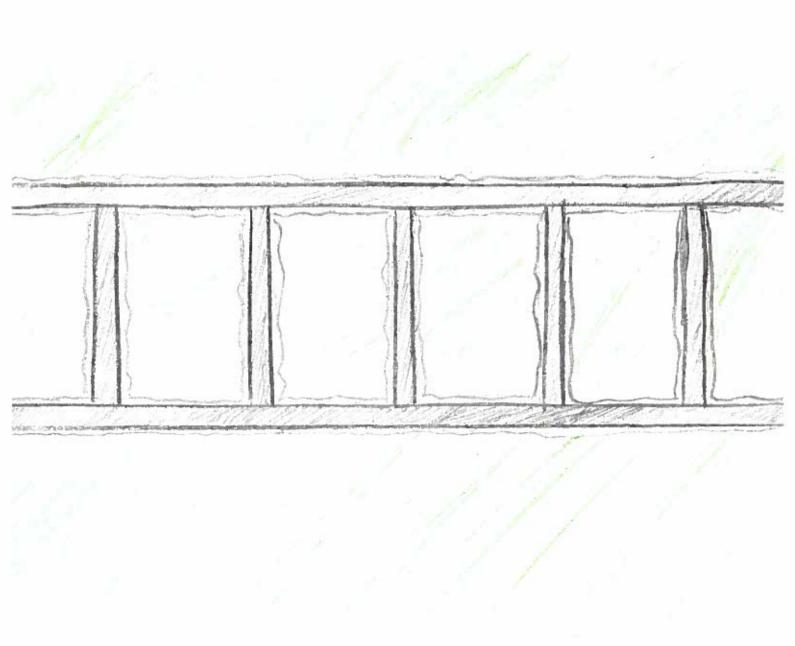
The girls were transported to their first test. In order to pass the test, they have to cross the monkey bars over a pit of fire!



Although they were scared, they had to work together to overcome it. Carlee and Maddie crossed the bars using teamwork!



Several courses later, they came across a usual looking monkey bar. To their surprise, it was covered in the stickiest glue known to man! But these girls were quick and skilled, so getting across was a piece of cake.



The next course seemed normal and easy. Suddenly, wild dogs and cats came out of nowhere! The dogs were biting and barking, and the cats were scratching and clawing.



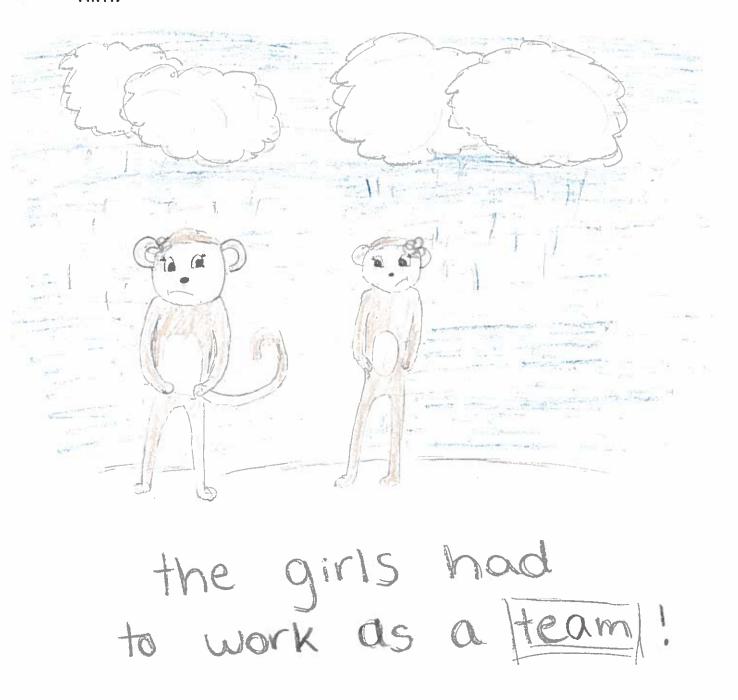
The following course was one of the most difficult, because snakes hung from it! The monkeys had to be sneaky and silent if they didn't want to be eaten whole! Together, they crept away, barely alive.



After dozens of challenging courses, they had enough. Once again, the monkey appeared. He said if they did not escape the final course, they would trapped forever! The girls had to finish quickly too, because their parents would go looking for



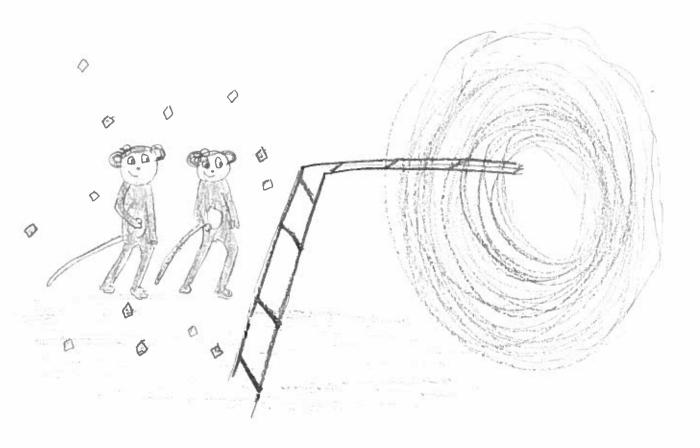
The challenge? To beat the king of all monkey bars at an obstacle course. The girls had to work as a team to defeat him.



Together, they ran, jumped, tumbled and stumbled their way through the challenge. They were still very far ahead of the monkey king. In the end, the girls were successful



The monkey king didn't want them to go back, but he had to let them go. The girls were very happy that they could go home. They stepped through the portal.



To their surprise, they came home just before dinner! Their parents didn't say a word about anything. Carlee winked at her friend, and Maddie winked back. It was over! This is something they would remember forever.



## Here's what readers had to say:

"It's a very inspiring book, makes anyone want to be adventurous!" -Maddie Escobar, Author

"This book is exciting and intense! Couldn't put it down!" -Zach Escobar

"I would definitely read it again!" -Legend Lamer

"Best book out there! Very suspenseful." -Maddy Humphreys

## **Summary**

The magic portal is an exciting book about two monkeys who embark on an incredible journey. Carlee and Maddie are the best of friends. They love to be active and go outside. Their most favorite thing to do is swing on the monkey bars. While playing outside, they discover a magic portal! Being their curious selves, they enter the portal. Inside it is a magical world full of the world's best monkey bars!

There is only one catch. The only way the girls can get home is by entering challenging courses and passing them-without failure.

Can the two friends make it home? Will their fate be tested? This inspiring book is all about friendship, and how it can power someone through anything.













