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Introduction:

As a sequel to my last Gunner story, Escape to Colorado will be as thrilling, exciting, and funny as the last one. I have loved making my first one. I have wanted to make stories because I love to read and write. So I put these favorites and skills together to make this very awesome story!

Enjoy!

Hannah

Gunner lived in the Cook family with Bo and Scarlet in Alaska. Bo was a mini poodle and Scarlet was a beautiful black dog. She was like a Scottish terrier. Gunner loved adventure. But when it leads him away from home, it lands him on an incredible journey. But he always returns home.

So one day, Mrs. Lynn was making breakfast when Gunner wandered into the kitchen. Mrs. Lynn was used to the routine. She bent over, gave him a piece of bacon, and he left with it. He had developed a way to get to the food at breakfast. He would walk into the kitchen, sit down, and stay there until he received a piece of food. He usually only got one piece of food though. He never pushed his luck. If he got his food and waited for more, he was kicked out of the kitchen. I mean literally! So he took his food and went outside to eat his reward. Well, it wasn't a reward, he thought. But I still deserve it for looking cute, right? I mean you can't just wake up looking like this cute ball of fur!

He wandered off to find Bo and Scarlet. They were talking about the latest dog food. Bo was just saying, "I think it's pretty good! I mean the food is good enough to be eaten." Scarlet looked like she was thinking for a second until she replied, "I guess it is pretty good. I love the pork with salmon flavor! What do you like Bo?"

Bo was not listening though. He was busy watching Gunner try to remove a portion of Lily's pants. He loved to take strips of people's pants off. Then he would go and destroy that part incase the person try's to get it back. He succeeded in getting a piece of Lily's pants. He then ran off with it. She shouted angrily, "GUNNER GIVE THAT BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" That angry retort made him even more delighted. He ran even faster and stopped in the outside corner of the house and began shredding the piece of clothing. He heard Mrs. Lynn's surprised voice that said, "Lily! What on earth did you do to your pants?" and Lily answering, her voice shaking with anger.



Soon Mrs. Lynn had the whole family on the search for Gunner. Gunner stayed hidden wondering when he was going to come out again. It was after dinner when Gunner came out. Lily didn't even notice him. He ate his food and went to his bed. He lay down on it wondering, Will I spend the whole summer like this? I need adventure!

He thought about what he wanted to do, and came up with an idea. What was Florida like now? He knew what to do. He would get on a plane headed to Florida the next afternoon. He would spend a couple of days there. Happy with his brilliant thinking, he went to sleep. The next afternoon would be a wonderful time, is what he thought. But the truth on what would happen lay many miles away now.

He had a dream about Florida's sunny skies and salty sea. Oh, he dreamed on, running across the sand into the cool, salty water. He put his head under the water and saw millions of fish. He saw an octopus too. As he dreamed, a thought appeared in his head. You know, he thought, nothing can go wrong now.

The next morning, Gunner walked into the kitchen. The Cooks were talking about something exciting. They were going to Florida for a vacation. Gunner was happy with this because now that he was going with this group, he wouldn't get yelled at when he returned from vacation.

But when he heard something about a 'kennel', he instantly became curious. What was a kennel? He would have to find out. Maybe it was one of those things he rode on the previous year. It had big wings and smelly black stuff came from it. Or maybe it was one of those huge brown hairy things. He would certainly not want to ride in one of those. Who knows what they eat?

They packed up and left for the airport. When they got there, Gunner, Bo, and Scarlet were put in these square-like boxes. Maybe these are kennels, thought Gunner excitedly. He wondered what they do. Only after half an hour later did Gunner discover that kennels are horrible! They don't expand to your liking, but stay small and cramped. It didn't have much food or water.

When they were boarding the plane, the dogs were separated from the Cooks to be put in the bottom of the plane storage. Gunner got scared as they were carried off to the conveyer-belt. They were put on. When they started moving, Gunner freaked. He wiggled around. When he couldn't see Bo or Scarlet anymore, he tried to break out. That time he got out.

He felt his feet moving very quickly. When he looked up, his kennel was tumbling away. He then saw an opening with light. He ran through it, to find himself outside. He ran around until he saw an airplane. That one, he thought as he took off onto the plane. He wandered through it until he found a room similar to the one he had been to last year.

He saw a tall man in a hat and suit talking to a radio. He went up to the man and barked. The man jumped and hit his head hard on the wall. Gunner watched him go back and forth through the room. When the man stopped and fell on the floor, he noticed Gunner standing there. "Well hello little buddy! You want to help me drive the plane?" as if he had been waiting for this moment, Gunner ran over, picked up the hat, flipped it on his own head, and sat in the plane seat. The man chuckled and picked Gunner up.

He sat down then put Gunner on his lap. "Let's get to business then!" He pressed a button on the radio. "This is plane number 42 speaking. We are now prepared to leave." He pressed another button and waited to speak. "Well, good afternoon ladies and gentlemen! This is Bill Sanders, your pilot, and I was just letting you know we will be taking off in a minute. If you could make sure you are seated at all times, please! And now we will be taking off. I will let you know when we can use approved electronic devices. Thank you! Enjoy your flight."



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He pressed a button and they started moving very quickly. And then Gunner felt that wonderful light-as-a-feather sensation. He could almost feel the wind in his ears as though his head was sticking out the window this very moment. Gunner soon got tired and fell asleep.

When he woke up, they were beginning to land. He could feel it. When they did land, he didn't recognize the town. He didn't think it was Miami. But he thought it must be! I traveled all this way for Miami! So with a determined feeling, Gunner leapt off the plane and onto the road. Many people inside the planes watched him. They got worried because a big plane was about to come in right on top of Gunner!

He looked around and saw the plane. He thought it was going to be right next to him. So he just sat there. When the plane had landed, Gunner was right under it. He looked up and saw the plane landed and was above him. He took off across the runway and didn't stop until he was safe inside the airport.

He ran through it trying to find Bo and Scarlet. When he had searched the whole airport, and didn't find them, he sat down to wait for them. He looked around to see a white poodle and a black dog with long hair all over her. It was Bo and Scarlet! They had escaped the kennels also. Gunner ran to them, so happy that he was yelping and jumping around! Bo and Scarlet finally noticed him and ran to him. Bo and Scarlet discussed the possibilities about why they were not in Miami. Gunner gave Scarlet a confused look. "Yes Gunner, we are not in Miami. I advise we should go and look for a sign that says where we are." She said calmly. Bo nodded and they started walking. Their backs were turned and the refueled airplane they just escaped from took off without them to Florida.

When they came to the doorway of the airport, they sat down again. "We are not making progress. We should look outside for a sign, don't you agree?" said Bo determinedly. As they walked off together, it seemed strange that no one had noticed them. When Bo, Scarlet, and Gunner had gotten outside, they were greeted with a very warm sun. Gunner wondered why Bo and Scarlet were so convinced that this wasn't Miami! He just followed them though.

They stopped on a highway feeling hungry and tired. "I don't know how to hunt! We do need food. Do you know how to hunt Bo?" asked Scarlet wearily. "I have hunted some mice and squirrels back at home Scarlet! I will hunt for you and me. Gunner, you will come along with me!" said Bo puffing out his chest. Gunner kept a straight face trying not to laugh at Bo.

He followed him through the dirt, tumbleweeds, and prickly trees and bushes. This wasn't Miami! Miami wouldn't be so dry! Gunner tried to think of a place that was dry, but he couldn't think of one. He hadn't been to many states.

Then, Bo stopped. Gunner saw him staring at a nice looking mole. Bo stepped forward. But the mole ran off. He grunted. "You get it Gunner." Gunner took off and stopped when he saw the mole. He slowly stepped forward. The mole did not react. Then Gunner pounced. The mole ran. Gunner was running and definitely enjoying himself. He ran around sharp corners and jumped over tumbleweeds. When he cornered the mole, he got it in one bite. He buried it there so he could catch two more.

He saw out of the corner of his eye, a squirrel roaming around looking for a nut to crack open. Gunner turned sharply and took off chasing the squirrel. When he caught the squirrel and another mole, he brought the catch back to Bo and Scarlet. He gave Scarlet the squirrel and Bo one of the moles. He ate himself. He knew that in order to keep moving, he had to eat.



When they were finished, Gunner went to sleep. He slept for a long time. When he woke up, it was night. It was nice and cool, a good traveling time. He started on the road with Bo and Scarlet trailing behind. They walked through rain and lightning all night. When five hours had passed, they were sleeping. They had another two hours to go. Gunner was determined to get to a town.

When they had walked an hour and a half, they saw a city. It was called Grand Junction by the look of a sign. They found a long car stopping at a bus stop. It was a bus! Gunner ran to it with Bo and Scarlet running with him. When they boarded, the bus was empty. The bus driver wasn't looking at them but waiting for the passengers to get on which there wasn't any but Gunner, Bo, and Scarlet. They crawled under the seats and stayed hidden.

Half an hour later, they stopped. Gunner got off with Bo and Scarlet. They were in a town called Fruita. They saw a school. It was called Shelledy Elementary. They ran onto the playground to play. Then the bell rang and millions of kids poured out. Gunner was excited to see the kids. He ran around and they chased after him. When they went inside, Gunner, Bo, and Scarlet decided it was time to go. They needed to get to a house.

Then Gunner realized where they were. Colorado! He knew someone that lived here. It was a family friends that they had! Mr. Payton and Mrs. Lynn was Hannah, Cameron, Hailey, and Aaron's godparents. He knew just where they lived. He ran and ran with Bo and Scarlet trailing behind him. When they came to Rosevale Road, they looked for the house. There it was! The first house on the left. Gunner scratched on the door. Nobody answered. He tried again. Still nobody. Gunner gave up scratching and turned around. There had to be a way to get home!

Gunner knew what to do. They had to get to the airport. They had to do it fast too. Just then, a man picked them up and said "Oh that's too bad! Strays, that's what you are." He took them away into a truck. When they stopped, Gunner, Bo, and Scarlet, were thrown into three different cages. Gunner wasn't scared, but he was worried about Bo and Scarlet. He tried all night to break out of the cage.

When he unlocked it, he pushed the door open, and went to Bo's cage. He used his claws to unlock the cage. Bo then unlocked Scarlet's cage. They got out and ran to the door. They were almost there when a man blocked the door. Gunner growled. "You're not going anywhere!" the man said. Gunner jumped up as high as he could and bit the man on the nose. The man screamed and hit the wall. He was out cold. Another man came to get the dogs. Gunner rolled his eyes. Another one? He jumped up too, but this time bit the man on the butt. The man ran off screaming, "SAVAGE DOG!!!!" Gunner ran off as fast as he could go with Bo and Scarlet.



When they got out of the pound, they were in the middle of nowhere. Gunner saw a sign that said SALT LAKE 2 MILES. He also saw a picture of an airplane. He was running with the others when they heard a loud catlike growl.

They stopped dead in their tracks. Gunner noticed they were following cougar tracks. But the tracks were leading behind them. When Gunner looked around, he saw a male cougar with green eyes staring at them hungrily. The cougar was huge! Gunner yelped and started running. The cougar ran after them. Bo and Scarlet ran ahead of Gunner. Perfect, thought Gunner. He gave them a look that said keep going! Don't slow down!

When the cougar was trailing Gunner, Gunner knew he had to do something and he had to do it now. He jumped into the air and turned around to face the cougar still running. He bit the cougar on the nose. Then, strangely, the cougar yelped even louder. Gunner looked over the cougar's head to see a brownish-blackish husky biting the cougar's tail. Then, another cougar came along. It was a female.

Gunner left that cougar's nose and went to hers. They both roared in anger and pain. Then Gunner yelped and the husky let go. He let go too. They ran and ran to catch up with Bo and Scarlet. The husky did not speak like Gunner, but he barked a name which was Kipmik. Gunner liked the name Kipmik. Gunner barked a name which, of course, was Gunner. Kipmik smiled at him and ran faster. Gunner caught up with him. They looked back. The cougars were gone, but they could still hear the roars of pain.



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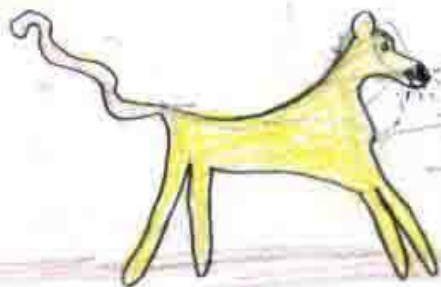
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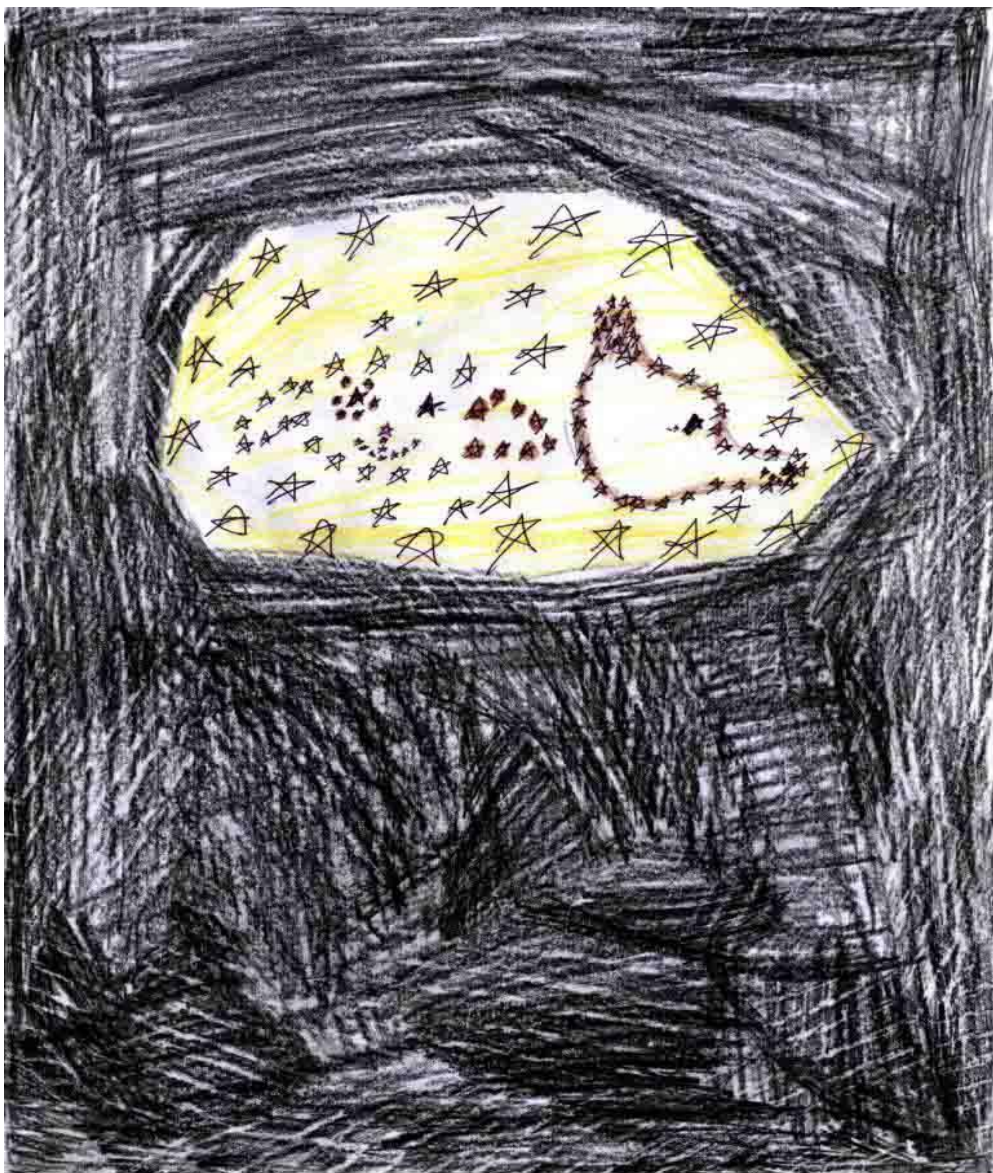
Gunner looked at Kipmik. They stared at each other for a moment. Gunner was happy to have a friend that understood him, and that friend was special because he helped Gunner out of a serious situation. They ran together all the way to the airport. It was the start of an awesome friendship. When they found Bo and Scarlet, they were late for the boarding.

They ran onto the plane and Gunner led them to the pilot's cockpit. When they got there, Bill Sanders smiled at them. "Brought some more friends have you buddy?" he said with a chuckle. "C'mon up here and show your friends what you can do." Gunner jumped onto the pilots lap and pressed a button. The plane started moving very fast. Kipmik, Bo, and Scarlet were amazed. Gunner could fly a plane! They watched him as he pressed buttons and pushed the lever back and forth. Soon he took a break to go to sleep. He snuggled up beside Kipmik. When he closed his eyes, he was happy to know that he was going home at last. He slept by Kipmik's side for the rest of the night. He was happy.

When they landed, Gunner woke up with a start. He got up and licked Bill Sander's face. "You're welcome little buddy!" he said as they hopped off the plane. When they got off the plane, they took off toward Wasilla. When they got there, they ran down a street to the Cook's house. The Cooks hadn't been quite the same. Ever since the dogs were not with them, they didn't want a vacation. So they packed up and went home. The Cooks were sitting in the front yard when they heard barks. They saw Bo run around the corner. They cheered and petted him. They waited. Then, Scarlet came around the corner. They cheered again. When Kipmik came around the corner, Lily said, "Let's keep him!" and they did. They waited for Gunner. He didn't come. They all shook their heads and said, "He must not have made it." They were sad.

Kipmik yelled. Then, they heard a bark. Around the corner came Gunner running as fast as he could. He leapt into the Cook's arms and everyone was happy again. Gunner was pleased to hear that Kipmik was staying with them. They played together rolling around and tackling each other.

That night, as Gunner lay with Kipmik, they both looked up to the sky. Gunner's face was there because he was considered a hero. Gunner's face was put there on the previous adventure. He was happy he was up there. Gunner looked down and up again. He realized a difference in the stars now. A new face now stood there with him. It was Kipmik.



About the Author

I hope you enjoyed my story. Gunner, Bo, and Scarlet are real characters. Kipmik was a stuffed animal I had gotten when I went to Alaska. I liked the idea of doing a Gunner story again. I really hope you liked it and want me to make another. This adventure was a bit like the last one. But I wanted it to be like the last one. It would put a similarity between the two adventures. Thank you for reading this story I worked so hard on.

Gunner was a very nice dog that loves his wonder and curiosity. The Cook family is part of my family too. They no longer live in Alaska, but I still continue to have the adventure in Alaska.

From,
Hannah

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