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One day, an Adelie penguin named Icy was sleeping in her den in the zoo.

On the other side of the wall, Slush the polar bear was eating salmon. Slush went over to the water area to get some water. But Slush saw Icy!

Icy didn't notice Slush. But then Icy heard a loud groan and looked at Slush. Icy didn't talk or move for a long time because she had never seen such a large creature like Slush.

"Who are you?" asked Icy.

Slush just stood there.

"Who are you?" Icy asked again.

"Oh, I'm Slush," said Slush quietly.

Just then, the zoo opened. Slush and Icy stopped talking. They watched a zookeeper come by and open a door that Slush and Icy had always wanted to open. The door was painted to blend into the wall. This made Slush and Icy really MAD! But Icy and Slush were curious, too.

Later that day, Slush and Icy talked and decided that they wanted to escape the zoo. Over the next few days, they made a plan and discussed it what seemed like millions of times. The plan was: When the zookeeper came in to give them their dinner, Icy would stand right by the door and stare at the zookeeper. When the door was shutting, Icy would stick paper right where the door latched.

But then they realized that they had to escape the zoo. So they made another plan. The new plan was: when they're out of their cages, they would run as fast as they could to the exit of the zoo.

Soon enough, it was time for bed.

When Slush and Icy woke up the next morning, they thought about their plan and got ready to do their thing. When evening came, Icy stood right by the hidden door with a zoo flyer under his feet.

Chapter 2

After a while the zookeeper came to feed Icy. Icy did what she was supposed to do for the plan. Icy stuck a piece of paper where the door latched when the zookeeper closed the door. Then the zookeeper went to feed Slush her salmon. Slush just ate the food that the zookeeper gave her.

Slush and Icy had to wait a while before the zookeeper left his office to escape their cages.

Finally the zookeeper left. Icy and Slush made sure nobody else was near their cages before they escaped and sure enough, nobody was.

That gave Slush and Icy a chance to escape.

Icy got out of her cage first and got Slush. It wasn't easy getting Slush out of his cage. Slush pushed herself through the tiny door compared to the enormous polar. She got stuck in the middle. Icy pulled Slush and Slush wiggled her body. Finally, they did it.

"Freedom at last!" Slush said happily.

Icy said, "I agree!"

Slush and Icy carefully opened up the next door out of the cold exhibits to make sure no was around. The zoo was completely closed and empty.

Then Slush and Icy realized if they didn't get moving they could get in trouble. So Slush and Icy ran as fast as they could to the exit of the zoo and tried to figure out how to open the locked gate. At first Slush tried to open his door with his claws, but it did not work. Frustrated, Slush thought that he couldn't do it.

Icy said, "How about you just try to push on the door with all your weight."

Slush replied, "I'll give it a try."

The metal lock snapped and the gate flew open and banged into a wall.

Once they were outside, they couldn't believe that they were finally out of the zoo.

Chapter 3

"Wow, it sure is hot out," Icy said.

"Yeah," said Slush.

"Look," Icy said.

"An ice cream truck, that would cold and think about how good it would taste," Icy said.

"We should try to follow it," Slush said.

The truck started pulling away.

Icy said, "That's too fast, I could never keep up."

"Don't worry. I can just carry you on my back."

So Icy climbed on Slush and they followed the truck. But they made sure that they did it quietly and not seen by humans. Finally the truck pulled up at a train station. They hid behind a pile of dirt while the driver was loading ice cream onto the train. Soon enough, Slush and Icy heard the train's loud whistle and knew it was time to hop onto the train.

"Let's go!" said Slush and Icy at the same time.

Slush and Icy ran to get to the train. Once they got over to the train, slush stuck his nail in a small crack and opened the train door. They hopped into the part with the ice cream and closed the door.

"It feels good to be cool!" Icy said happily when they got in the train.

"Strawberry ice cream!" yelled Slush as he dug into a gallon container.

Slush sat on one of the coolers and almost knocked it off.

Pretty soon the train stopped, but Slush and Icy didn't notice.

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