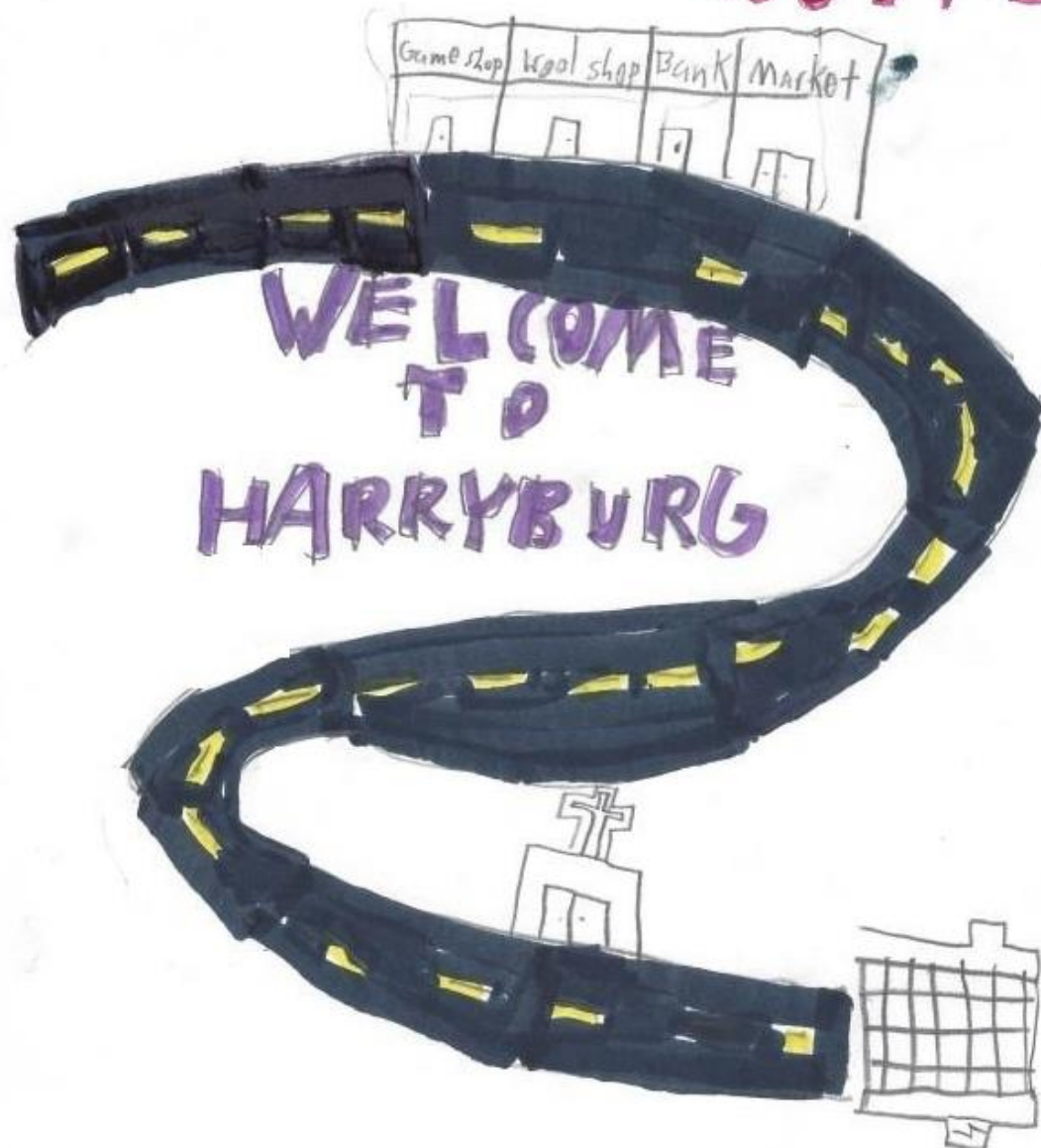


SIDE KICK

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Chapter One What is going on?

One day Matthew was walking to the wool shop to get grandma's wool. He stopped by Mr. Jason's house for the bread that he gets every week. He gets bread from here because grandma is very close friends with Mr. Jason. He walked up to the house and knocked.

Mr. Jason asked in a grumpy voice, "Who's there?"

"It's me," said Matthew shivering right out of his yellow sweat pants. "Matthew"

"Oh sorry I thought it was a solicitor."

"It's ok. My grandma does it too," Matthew laughed.

"Here's your weekly bread," he said as he handed Matthew the bread.

“Thank you. See you next week,” Matthew said quickly and rushed down the street.

While going to the wool shop, he heard lots of screaming and people running out of all the shops.

Matthew tried asking people, “What is going on? Will someone tell me?”

They were so panicked running that they didn’t hear him. Matthew looked in the bank seeing if someone was there. The only thing he saw were people on their knees with hands on their heads. Suddenly, all the shops next to it blew up. Fruit, wool, and board game pieces went everywhere. Then the bank blew up and a safe went flying through the air. It hit the sidewalk with an enormous thud. All the people went flying out and hit the blacktop. Then Matthew saw someone with green clothing and a bandana with money symbols on it. Matthew looked and he saw that the guy was holding a bomb in one hand. He had a chainsaw sticking out his other sleeve.

He screamed at Matthew, “You’re defenseless!! Harryburg will never stand a chance against me!”

“What do you want?” yelled Matthew.

“I want to destroy your city!”

“Why?”

“Because when I was little Super Hook Hand killed my mother and father when a building was falling. I’m here to return the favor!” the man said madly.

Then the man put another bomb on the safe. Matthew dived to the ground right behind a tree. BOOM! CRASH! Pieces of metal went everywhere. Matthew was in shock. He looked up and saw a piece of metal coming down toward him.

“Owchy! That really hurt!” Matthew screamed as he groped his leg.

He looked up and saw another piece of metal coming down. He tried crawling away, but he couldn’t. BONK! It nailed him in the head.

Chapter 2

Meeting the Pastor

Matthew woke up wondering where he was. His purple shirt was covered in mud. He saw everything was blown up, but one security camera was still on a light pole. Somehow everyone around the shops had disappeared. Matthew lost

some of his memory and struggled to piece together what happened.

He went to the main computer linked to the cameras. It was completely dead. So Matthew took the tape out and thought if I go to the church, they have a computer that I can put the tape into it. It will show me what happened.

“Why are all these shops blown up?” thought Matthew

Walking down the street he saw the lair that Hook hand stayed. He didn't want to tell him till he knew what was going on. A little later, he saw the church cross and knew he was close. At the end of the street he saw the gate out of the town. He's never been out of town and he is wondering what is out there (everyone who has gone out of the town has never came back). He crept into the church he looked around saw something in a black robe sitting on the steps. He crawled up to it because last time he walked up, the pastor scared him. So if the pastor doesn't see him he could scare the pastor.

“Pay back,” whispered Matthew.

He crawled around till he found a rock and had a light bulb idea. He thought if he threw the rock and hit him, then he could creep up behind and scare him. He threw the rock as fast as a bullet shot out of a gun. SLAP! The rock got deflected by the pastor and came back and hit him in the eye.

“Why did you try to throw a rock at me?” asked the Pastor in a deep voice.

“Because I want pay back ever since you scared me out of my pants,” Matthew said grumpily. “So I was wondering if I could use your computer?”

“After you threw a rock at me?” the pastor said as he smiled. “Only if you could answer my riddle.”

“Not again,” groaned Matthew. “I hate your riddles.”

The pastor smiled again. “Here it is. What has a face and two hands, but no arms or legs?”

Matthew thought, “Oh wait you have already told me this one. It’s a clock.”

“Yes I know I did. I just thought you would forget,” the pastor laughed.

Matthew slowly walked through the hallway. He hasn’t ever been to church since last year. No one goes now because the pastor gets crazy. He walked into a children’s bible study room where they learn about Jesus. It’s easier for the kids to understand than the sermon. He looked around and saw bibles, circle tables, a radio, a TV, and the computer. He got into the computer with the church’s email and their special password (hint the password is THE PASTOR IS THE BEST in all caps). He logged in and there were three icons. One was Google, the other said DON’T TAP THIS ICON, and the other one was for

making videos. But it can also look at security cameras footage. So he put the camera tape into the VCR and it showed him what happened.

“Oh my gosh!” Matthew said with a gasp. “Is that what happened? I need to go tell Super Hook Hand fast.”

But then he thought about clicking on the icon that said DON'T TAP THIS ICON. Matthew looked around. He didn't see the pastor, so he clicked on it. It showed that the pastor has been outside the town before. Matthew was shocked but he didn't want the pastor to get mad at him. So he kept it to himself.

Chapter 3

I Don't Believe You

“Pastor I found out what happened!” yelled Matthew.

No one answered. He logged out of the computer and tiptoed down the hall. Usually the pastor always answers him when he talked. He looked and saw that someone was holding the pastor. Then he saw that it was the guy who blew up all the shops.

“Put him down!” yelled Matthew.

“Make me,” smiled the man.

Matthew sprinted to tackle the man. Matthew jumped at him. But when he was in the air, the man threw some sort of

bomb that made him disappear. Matthew's arms dived through the smoky air and nothing was there as he hit the ground. Matthew got up and saw the smoke pop up near the door and the man ran out.

"Get back here!" yelled Matthew.

The man ran outside and got into his bright green car with the tires that had money rims. It drove away with the pastor in the back seat. Matthew tried to catch up to the car, but it was too fast.

He fell to his knees in anguish. He had another light bulb moment. He forgot there was super hero in the city, Super Hook Hand. So he ran towards the secret lair where Hook Hand stayed. He got to an open field with only one red flower, but no lair.

"People said his lair was around here," Matthew said confused.

He sat down. When he tried pulling the flower out it didn't come. So he stood up and pulled with all his might. The flower was almost as tall as him.

Matthew was panting like a dog that just got back from a 10 mile walk. "Come out you stupid plant," he said frustrated.

Then he let it go in frustration. The ground moved and sunk down.

“Woah! This is cool,” Matthew said with his jaw touching the ground. “That must be where the secret key is. You just pull the flower and let it go.”

He saw a big metal door that was 10 times the size of him and he was 5'11. He pushed the big door bell (as big as his head) and it sounded like church bells or maybe because it's not that far away from the church (1/2 a mile). It might really ring the church bells.

Then the speaker right next to the doorbell asked, “Who are you?”

Matthew's red hair stood up because he thought Hook Hand would not have answered it.

Matthew took a deep breath and said, “I have something about a man that I need to figure out. Who he is and what does he want?”

“Does he have a chainsaw for a hand?” said a voice from the speaker.

“Yeah,” Matthew said surprised.

“I thought so,” Hook Hand sighed sadly. “Come in.”

The big doors opened up and he walked in. It looked like the garage because all of his vehicles are in there (car, 4x4 truck, airplane, helicopter, jetpack, jet ski, and speed boat.)

“This place is huge,” Matthew said as his jaw was touching the ground again.

The speaker said, “Go down the elevator and I will meet you there.”

He got on to the elevator and the elevator speaker said calmly, “Push that red button and hold on to the railing. The elevator will go down fast so be ready.”

“Are you sure?” Matthew shivering out of his cool shades.

“If you don’t push the button you won’t be able to talk to me,” Hook Hand said. “Yes!”

“I’m starting to think you don’t want me here.”

“Why would you think that?”

“Because I heard a little yes in the background,” Matthew said madly.

“That’s right you are not all that dumb,” Hook Hand laughed. “I don’t believe you because I don’t have proof”

Matthew ran out of the elevator and outside and yelled at the speaker, “I’ll be back with some proof that something happened!”

Matthew ran off back to the shops.

In Hook Hand’s mind he thought *I should follow him to see if he is telling the truth.*

Chapter 4

Packing Up

Hook Hand got into his car because if he walked there he would have to walk back if he wasn't telling the truth. He passed Matthew and Matthew was in shock that he came to see it.

Hook Hands eyebrows were up he said in shock "WOW! Did Money Man do this?"

Matthew arrived five minutes later.

"Duh," Matthew said rolling his eyes. "Why didn't you believe me?"

"Because sometimes people just call me to just get attention. One time this guy said Money Man went into his basement and was still there. When I started going down the stairs and he locked me in. But since I was strong, I broke out," Hook Hand said bragging.

"So how are we going to find Money Man? He is out of the town," Matthew said puzzled.

"Well of course we are going out of town. How else will we get him?"

"But I've never been out of town," he gulped. The hairs on his neck were standing. His eyes moved fast under his shades.

There was enough sweat to fill a bucket. "I am not going because who knows what's out there."

"I've been out there before," Hook Hand said trying to calm down Matthew. "*Maybe.*"

"What was that?"

"Nothing," Hook Hand's said as his heart beat fast. "Let's go."

"Wait!" Matthew yelled.

"What?"

"I need to get my backpack from my house. I never go on any adventure without it."

Hook Hand said, "First you want me to hurry. Now we need to get a stupid backpack?"

"I need my inhaler," Matthew replied.

"Well, Ok. But you better hurry."

They jumped in the red Ferrari and zoomed to Matthew's grandma's house.

Matthew said, "My grandmother keeps the house clean, so I will pack my backpack."

He went inside and packed his bag. He packed sunscreen, his inhaler (because he has Asthma), sun glasses, compass, water bottles, hiking boots, extra clothes, and food.

“I’m ready!” Matthew yelled from inside the house.

“It took you long enough. I almost fell asleep.”

The bag was almost as tall as Matthew (almost five foot). It was wider than him because he’s skinny.

“How are we going to fit that in the back of my car?” asked Hook Hand.

Matthew opened the trunk and told him, “Like this.”

Matthew shoved the big backpack in the back. He could barely close the trunk. They both jumped into the car he turned on the car. Soon they were speeding out of town. Suddenly the car skidded to a stop.

“What the heck?” said annoyed Hook Hand.

Both the front and back wheels were flat.

“Spike strips! I should have known and brought my 4 wheel drive with reinforced wheels. Now we’re going to have to walk there,” said annoyed Hook Hand.

Matthew said embarrassed, “Sorry.”

“Thanks,” he said sarcastically.

They slumped on the side of the road.

The full impact of the day’s events washed over Matthew like a tidal wave. Matthew’s eyes could barely stay open. “Can we stay somewhere for the night?”

“Yes. We could stay in my car.”

Matthew took the backpack out the trunk and that's where he was going to sleep. Since it was Hook Hand's car, he got the front.

In the middle of the night, a strange man knocked on the car window.

“Who are you?” yelled Hook Hand startled awake.

“I m.....”

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