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To the Rescue

by Guy Belleranti

"Help!" cried a voice.

José dropped his superhero comic book, bounced out of the porch swing and raced down the steps.

Sarah from next door stood under the tree in his front yard. "Tiger's stuck up there," she said. "Please, rescue her."

José looked. Way up near the highest branches of the tree, he saw a gray cat. He closed his eyes and thought hard, just like his favorite superheroes did before saving the world. He saw himself flying to the top of the tree and whisking Tiger to safety. Everyone in the neighborhood cheered, and he was awarded a silver cup filled with superhero comics.

"Why are you smiling?" asked Sarah.

José opened his eyes. "I had a great superhero adventure. I rescued Tiger."

"Then why is she still stuck in the tree?"

José sighed. "I'll call her down," he said. "Tiger, come and get some yummy warm milk."

Tiger didn't move.

"She's afraid of heights," Sarah said.

"Then why'd she climb so high?" asked José.

"Because she didn't know she was afraid of heights."



"Oh." Once more José closed his eyes. He imagined himself waving a magic wand and floating Tiger to the ground. People cheered and showered him with superhero comics.

José opened his eyes. Tiger was still in the tree.

"You'll have to climb up and get her," Sarah said.

"Why me?"

"Because you're taller. And because I'm afraid of heights, just like Tiger."

José frowned. "I think we should call the fire department."

"No! Tiger's afraid of sirens and flashing lights."

"Well...okay." José pulled himself onto the lowest branch. "Hi, Tiger. I'm José. Meet me halfway. Yummy warm milk is waiting."

Tiger yawned.

José moved up another branch. "Yummy warm milk, Tiger."

Tiger scooted down several branches.

"You can sit on my lap while I read a superhero comic, Tiger."

"Meow," Tiger said. Down she came -- right into his arms!

"You did it! You are a superhero!" Sarah cried.

José grinned. He felt like a superhero. He handed Tiger into Sarah's reaching arms, then climbed to the ground.

"After you give Tiger her warm milk could you give me some cold milk?" asked Sarah. "That was hard work watching you rescue her."

"It was hard work doing it, too," José said. "I think we all deserve milk. And after that we'll all read a superhero comic."

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 - c. across the street from José's house
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2. Name three things that Tiger is afraid of.

3. How did José rescue Tiger?

4. Circle the words that describe José with a red crayon.
Circle the words that describe Sarah with a blue crayon.

worried

brave

panicked

appreciative

daydreamer

heroic

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Vocabulary Activity



Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. ___ i ___ ___ e ___ ___

clue: furthest from the ground

1. _____

2. ___ h ___ ___ ___ i n ___

clue: picking up and moving with ease

2. _____

3. ___ ___ u c ___

clue: past tense of stick

3. _____

4. ___ c ___ ___ t ___ d

clue: moved

4. _____

5. ___ ___ l ___ ___ r

clue: expensive metal

5. _____

6. ___ o ___ i ___ s

clue: cartoon pictures

6. _____

7. ___ ___ ___ ___ n ___ d

clue: looked sad

7. _____

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Write Your Own Superhero Adventure



Imagine you were a superhero. Write a story in which you use your superpowers to save the day.

Examples of Superpowers

invisibility

elastic arms

super strength

underwater breathing

super speed

night vision

Main character: _____
(Your name)

Your superpower (just one): _____

Another superhero in your story (friend's name): _____
(a friend's name)

Friend's superpower (just one): _____

Problem that needs to be solved: _____
(examples: cat in a tree or building on fire)

How you use your superpower to save the day: _____

How your friend helps: _____

Remember: Be make sure no people or animals are harmed in your story.

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1. highest

2. whisking

3. stuck

4. scooted

5. silver

6. comics

7. frowned