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CHAPTER 1

THE SKY IS FALLING



Far away, but closer than you think, lies a land full of wonder and mystery. A land where anything and everything can happen. A land known as, Make Believe.

On the far Eastern side of the land of Make Believe, sits a small friendly town where it rains sprinkles, everything is made up of pastel colors, the bushes are cotton candy, and everywhere is decorated with Jojo bows. This small town is called Candy World. Who lives in Candy World you ask? Well, no other than the most curious of all of the creatures in the land of Make Believe, the Unicorns. And of all the Unicorns, Uni was the most curious of them all. Uni is kind, playful, competitive, and like all Unicorns, gender neutral.

One sunny, rainbow filled day, Uni decided to take a long stroll through a calming field, where the cotton candy bushes grew extra sweet. While munching on cotton candy the sky suddenly grew dark and gloomy. Uni looked up at the sky puzzled and said, “this is some odd weather.” Lightening flashed across the sky and the sound of thunder shortly

followed. There had never been a storm in Candy World, and even though Uni was curious as to why there was a storm, Uni was also afraid. But, nothing would prepare Uni for what would happen next.

Uni stared up at the sky in awe. In the sky, directly above Uni's head, was a hole. A hole that showed a world that was like nothing Uni had ever seen before. There were people walking dogs, driving metal boxes on wheels and eating strange food.

Uni stood and watched as the people shuffled down the street and the metal boxes flew by them. Suddenly, a small, circular, sweet, doughy morsel fell from the hole in the sky and landed into Uni's mouth. Uni's eyes widen as this was the most delicious thing Uni had ever tasted. Uni's eyes closed, and Uni's mouth opened even wider to receive more of these heavenly treats that fell from the sky.

Uni's eyes opened to see what the treat looked like, when from the sky heading straight for Uni's wide open mouth was a garbage can. Uni jumped out of the way. The garbage can fell with a thud. Uni slowly walked over and examined it. The garbage can was a large rounded metal container that smelled terrible. "Oh that stinks" Uni said while trying not to breathe.

At that moment large shadows began to form on the ground around Uni. Falling from the sky was a piano, a stop sign, a mail box, and a number of other large objects. Uni dived out of the way of the falling piano. The piano hit the ground with an earth rumbling boom. Terrified, Uni ran for

dear life in a zig-zagging formation, barely dodging the large falling objects. Glancing up to see what else was falling, Uni tripped over a rock and tumbled into the dirt. At that moment a shadow fell over Uni. The object falling from the sky whistled on its way down towards Uni. Uni braced for impact as the object struck.

“Ouch”, Uni groaned. The hole vanished and the sky returned to normal. Uni picked up the object, bubbling with curiosity and excitement. “What was that!!!” Uni screamed. Without a second thought, Uni ran to see a friend who might have some answers.

Holding on tightly to the object that fell from the sky and the hope of tasting those treats again, Uni ran as hard as unicorn’s can. Uni ran through Candy World, though the Hidden Valley of Ranch, over the Morning Mountains and across the Dusty Divid until Uni finally arrived at Tilted Tower.

CHAPTER 2

WARM, HARD WATER?



Two dear friends of Uni's, Cuddle Team-Leader (CTL) and Pikachu, sat at a table in CTL's house playing Uno. CTL, a fearless heroine with a goofy side, shuffles Uno cards. Across from CTL was Pikachu, a sly and crafty Pokemon who puts loyalty and bravery above all.

CTL glared at Pikachu. "No cheating this time," Pink Panda snarled. Pikachu responded, "Pika?"

"Are you seriously gonna deny cheating?"

"Pika, Pika."

"I didn't see you pull a draw 4 from your pocket?"

"Pika, Pika, Pika!"

"Oh, it must have accidentally got in your pocket."

"Pika."

"Right... Just know I'm watching you fuzzy."

CTL began to deal out the cards when there was banging at the door. Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! The Uno cards go flying in the air as CTL and Pikachu stand to their feet. CTL looked over to Pikachu. “Did you cheat someone else in Uno?”, Pink Panda chuckled.

Pikachu glared, “Pika.”

“Just kidding... Kind of. Be ready”

Pikachu began to build static electricity, “Piiiiiiikkaaaaa”

CTL slowly walked towards the door in a defensive stance. Boom! The door flew open and in burst Uni. Overly excited and out of breath Uni explained, “I was walking, and eating and cotton candy, it was extra sweet and storm, thunder metal boxes and upside down smiles and then, and then, warm hard water”.

CTL and Pikachu took a few seconds to try to make sense of the confusion. CTL walked back to the table and chuckled, “I don’t know what you just said exactly, but I think you should know that you almost got Chu’ed”. Uni asked, “Chu’ed”?

“Yeah, you know Piiiiiiiiikkaaaaaa... Chu’ed.”

Pikachu butted in, “Pika.”

Uni took a deep breath before responding, “Well, thanks Pikachu for not Chu’ing me? I have to tell you what happened to me, then I’ll show you something soooo cool.”

CTL and Pikachu sat as an excited Uni told them the story of what happened earlier in the day. Uni's face lit up. "Then from the sky fell... warm, hard water."

Pikachu smirked and said, "Pika".

"I'm serious!"

"Pika."

"I have it right here!"

Uni proudly raised an object high into the sky for Pikachu and CTL to see. Uni yelled, "Behold! Warm, hard water!" Silence filled the room. CTL and and Pikachu examined the warm, hard water. CTL interrupted the silence, "That's a plastic water bottle." Pikachu cracked up laughing. Uni stuttered, "N-n-n-no what?"

"It's a plastic water bottle."

"That's what I said. Warm, hard wa-."

"No. It carries liquid water. It's like a cup."

"What? Really?"

"Yep."

Pikachu tried to speak while laughing, "Pika, pika."

Uni glared at Pikachu and then examined the plastic bottle. CTL stood up and walked over to the cabinet. Uni chuckled, "I'm pretty sure this is warm, hard water. Feel it!" Uni pressed the bottle to Pikachu's face. Pikachu murmured, "Pikaaa." CTL returned, with a large bag labeled recycle, and dumped a large amount of plastic bottles out on the table. CTL firmly stated, "No, it's a plastic bottle."

Uni looked down in disappointment and crumpled the plastic water bottle in hand. CTL placed a hand on Uni's shoulder and asked, "You going to be okay? It's a nice looking plastic bottle, well it was until you Hulked out on it." Pikachu waddled over to add additional support, "Pika, Pika".

Uni looks at CTL and in the saddest voice said, "You both believe me right?" Pikachu and CTL traded glances. CTL cleared her throat, "Of course we do, we're friends." Uni looked at Pikachu and in the saddest voice said, "And you would do anything for me?" Pikachu shook his head, "Pika, Pika, Pika." CTL nudged Pikachu. CTL replied, "Yes, we would do anything for you Uni."

Uni jumped up and gave CTL and Pikachu a hug. CTL and Pikachu shrugged their shoulders. Happy as can be, Uni exclaimed, "Then we are going to go to that place that I saw in the sky!"

CHAPTER 3

COME IN THREES



With their gear on their backs, CTL an unhappy Pikachu, and an excited Uni, leave Tilted Tower to find the hole in the sky.

CTL stopped walking. “Wait, before we go we should find out more information on how to get there,” said CTL. Pikachu nodded in agreement. CTL took off her backpack and started digging through it. “I know the perfect person to ask. The only one in the entire land who knows everything and she’s a woman.” CTL pulled out her phone and said, “Hey Siri we need to know what is the hole in the sky and how do we get there.”

Siri replied, “The hole in the sky that appeared and dropped things on Uni is a place called reality. Continue North for seven miles then climb Mt. Danger, when you reach the top you will have reached your destination.” Uni asked, “What’s reality?” After a brief moment Siri replied, “Reality, is a place where adults work five days out of 7 and kids go to a building to learn while the adults are at work. Instead of playing outside and having safe adventures kids watch a thing called YouTube where they watch other kids playing instead.”

Concerned, the three look at each other. Pikachu slowly shook his head. CTL blurted out, “You sure you want to find this place?” Pikachu chimed in, “Pika, Pika.”

“I agree with Fuzzy on this one. Something isn’t right. Why would anyone choose to watch someone play outside instead of going outside themselves!? It’s freaking me out just thinking about it.” CTL placed the phone in her backpack. Uni grinned and said, “Makes me wanna see it even more. North it is!” Uni trotted away as Pikachu and CTL followed close behind.

After a long journey they finally reached Mt. Danger. Mt. Danger had always been the source of scary stories told around the land. Covered by a thick mist and sounds of growling and screaming, no one had ever been brave enough to climb it. As CTL, Uni, and Pikachu reached the base of Mt. Danger an eerie wooden sign, with red writing, attached to a post sat in their path. CTL approached the sign and began to read. The sign said, “Those who try, may die. Those who don’t, definitely won’t. If to the top you wish to be, then trials you must pass come in threes.

CHAPTER 4

THE THREE TRIALS



Uni, CTL, and Pikachu stared in silence at the eerie wooden sign. “Pika!” Pikachu exclaimed as he walked away from Mt. Danger shaking his head. Uni quickly grabbed Pikachu’s tail and yelled, “Wait! you can’t give up on me now. You said you would do whatever for me.”

Pikachu dragged Uni down the dirt path blabbering, “Pika, Pika, Pika, Pika!”

“It’s just there to scare you, I’m sure of it! Watch, hey CTL! Isn’t that sign there to just scare everyone?”

CTL examined the sign closer. “Uh... I’m pretty sure they wrote that in blood.” Pikachu’s eyes widen with fear. Uni yelled, “Ask Siri! She’ll know, right?”

CTL pulled her phone from her backpack, “What am I asking her?”

Uni thought for a second on how to frame the question. “Ask her, from this mountain, has anyone died,” Uni said.

CTL put the phone to her mouth “Hey Siri, from this mountain, has anyone died?” Siri responds, “Everyone cries.”

“Wait, what? No, has anyone died on this mountain?”

“If you lied on a fountain it would hurt and you would be all wet”

Uni let go of Pikachu’s tail and walked over to CTL and the phone. “Let me try,” said Uni. “Hello Siri, has anyone lost their life here”. There is a pause. Siri responded, “It costs \$20 for a nice deer.” Upset, Pikachu marched over to the phone and grumbled, “Pika, Pika.” Siri responded, “No one has ever died on this mountain.”

CTL and Uni looked at each other. CTL said to Uni, “Siri understood that?” Uni’s attention turned to Pikachu. Uni smiled, “Told you so, now come on. The faster we get to the top, the faster we can be done.” Uni began to walk up the mountain as CTL and Pikachu followed behind.

As soon as CTL, Pikachu, and Uni walked past the eerie sign, the ground beneath their feet began to crumble and they tumbled down into a dark cave.

The cave was so cold and dark that you couldn’t see your hand if you held it in front of your face. CTL stood up and brushed herself off. She called out, “Are you two okay?” Pikachu shook the dirt off and responded, “Pika.” Uni replies, “Yeah, I think I chipped my horn. I can’t see a thing.” “Me either,” said CTL.

At that very moment a yellow light began to flash until it was a constant glow. Pikachu had surrounded himself with static electricity allowing him to provide a dim, but helpful light. CTL chuckled, “Nice job buddy. Lead us out of here.” “That is awesome,” Uni said in awe. Pikachu followed the cave’s path, leading his friends to what he hoped to be the cave’s exit.

Walking down the dimly lit path of the cave, Pikachu came to a sudden stop. Uni looked around before whispering, “Why did we stop?” Pikachu glances back at Uni and replied, “Pika, pika.”

Uni chuckled, “You might have shocked too many brain cells, because clearly there is nobody here besides...” Before Uni could finish the sentence the entire cave was lit. It was as if someone literally turned on the lights. Surrounding Uni and friends were three hooded figures. They were a little different in height, but each had a different color cloth on their right shoulder. One wore a green cloth, another wore a blue cloth and the last hooded figure wore a red cloth.

Uni and friends stood still, hoping that if they didn’t move they wouldn’t be noticed. The hooded figure with the red cloth on the shoulder spoke in a mysteriously deep and scary voice, “You looking for the real world? The hole in the sky.” Terrified, Uni gave a slow nod. The hooded figure laughed and responded by saying, “We are your three trials.”

The three hooded figures cracked their knuckles and began circling the three friends. “You will face us one on one. If you win you will get your chance at the hole in the sky.”

The hooded figure who wore the green cloth stepped forward and started to stretch. After taking a deep breath, CTL looked at her friends and said, "I'll take this one." She walked over towards the hooded figure ready for the battle of her life.

Toe to toe with the hooded figure, CTL took a fighting stance. Everything was quiet, everyone was still in anticipation for what was about to happen next. Suddenly the hooded figure threw his head back and yelled, "Drop the beat!" Out of nowhere hip-hop music started to play. CTL looked at Uni and Pikachu for an explanation. Pikachu shrugged his shoulders and said, "Pika?" The hooded figure that stood in front of CTL removed his hoodie. It's Beef Boss!

Beef Boss explained the rules, "We are going to play a little game called mimic. I do a dance move, and you have to do the same dance move. You do a dance move and I have to do the dance move. Whoever isn't able to do the dance moves loses." CTL smiled, "Seriously? Oh, it is on."

Beef Boss began to Pop and Lock and ends his turn with the Robot. CTL responded with ease by duplicating the same moves. CTL then did the Running Man and tied in the Creep with it. Beef Boss did the Running Man, but failed horribly at doing the Creep. "BEEP!" a loud buzzer sounds. "Awww maaan!" Beef Boss complained as he walked off.

Out of breath, CTL jogged over to Uni and Pikachu. "That was so much fun! They didn't know that we were dancing machines," she said excitedly. Pikachu pointed to Uni and said, "Pika, pika."

Still dancing, CTL said, “True... Uni can’t dance, but we only need to win one more and you have the sickest moves I’ve ever seen.” Uni whined, “Just because it’s true doesn’t make it a nice thing to say.”

Pikachu stepped forward and so did the hooded figure wearing the blue cloth. The hoodie is removed and under the hoodie is Dire Wolf. Pikachu started off with Riding the Pony and Dire Wolf mimicked the move perfectly, if not better. Dire Wolf then did the Hype and Pikachu did the Hype as well. Pikachu did the Worm and so did Dire Wolf.

Dire Wolf smiles and then does the Orange Justice. Pikachu tries to pull off the dance move, but fails. “BEEP!” Pikachu walked over to Uni and CTL with his head down. “It’s okay buddy,” said CTL as she patted him on the back. Uni took a deep breath and put on an intense face. “Wish me luck,” Uni said before walking into the dance battle.

The last hooded figure stepped forward and removed his hoodie. The final dance battle was decided. It was Uni vs. Kylo Ren. Kylo Ren started off by doing the Floss. Luckily it was one of the few dances that Uni could actually pull off, so Uni did the Floss too. Uni then did the Best Mates, which Kylo Ren did with ease. Kylo Ren spun in a circle and then did the Moon Walk, Uni spun in a circle and did the Moon Walk as well. With only one move left Uni did the Fresh Dance. Out of breath and holding on to hope Uni watched as Kylo Ren did the Fresh Dance all wrong. “BEEP!”

Pikachu and CTL ran over to Uni and hopped up and down in celebration. Kylo Ren walked over to the celebration.

“As promised, I will tell you how to get to the hole in the sky. There is an elevator down the hall that will take you to the top of Mt. Danger. Once at the top you must go straight and not stop for anything, or you will miss your window to enter the hole.” Uni and friends waved goodbye to Kylo Ren, Beef Boss and Dire Wolf as they traveled down the hall.

In no time they were at the elevator. “There it is, our way to the hole in the sky. Thank you both for having my back,” said a tearful Uni. “Pika”, said Pikachu. “Yea, no problem. That is what friends are for, replied CTL. They entered the elevator and went up to the very top. They looked around in amazement. For at the top of this mountain was everything that anyone could ever want. It was as if things would appear when you thought about them. Uni couldn’t stop looking around.

Suddenly, down the way a hole in the sky opened. “We have to hurry!” yelled CTL. The three friends ran in the direction of the hole in the sky as fast as they could. The hole slowly got bigger the closer they got to it. As they were running something caught Uni’s eye. It was a box about the same size as Uni and had a bright red question mark on it. Uni stopped running and slowly walked towards the box. Pikachu and CTL stopped in their tracks and ran back for Uni. The hole in the sky started to slowly close. “Pika, pika, pika!” Pikachu said frantically. CTL chimed in, “Fuzzy has a point. The hole to reality is closing and if we want to go we need to leave now!”

Uni reached out to touch the box, when Pikachu hit Uni with a little bit of lightning. “Zap!” Uni cried out, “Ouch!”

Pikachu pointed to the hole in the sky and said, “Pika.” Uni looked up noticing that the hole was nearly closed and said, “Uh you’re right, let’s go.”

The hole to reality grew smaller and smaller as they ran towards it. As soon as they were close enough, they all jumped up towards the hole...

Nobody knows for sure if they made it to reality, but some say that place where they lived, where they had that adventure, is the very same place that all of us in reality get our ideas from. The Land of Make Believe.

THE END