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The Big Blue Slide



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Today Is the Day

Mira tied her white shoes very tight. "Today," she told Pip, "I am going to try the big blue slide." The red heart hung on the sun. But somewhere deep in her tummy, something fluttered.





The Tallest Thing in the Park

At the park, the big blue slide was the tallest thing of all. It went up, and up, and up. Mira walked to the bottom of the ladder and looked at the very top. It looked even taller from here.

Foggy and Scared

Mira put one hand on the ladder. Then she stopped. Mira felt scared. Everything inside her went foggy, and she could not see past the scared feeling at all.





Butterflies and Wobbly Legs

Butterflies flapped in her tummy. Her legs went stiff and wobbly at the same time. Her hands held the rail tight. Pip whined softly and pressed his nose against her hand.

What Brave Means

Dadu knelt down beside her. "Scared is okay," he said. "Brave does not mean not scared. Brave is being scared and trying anyway. And not today is okay too. You choose." Mira thought about it. "I want to try," she said.





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A Hand and One Step

Dadu stood right beside the ladder and held her hand. One step. Two steps. Mira climbed slowly, holding the rail with her other hand, and Dadu stayed right there. At the top, she sat down, with the high blue rails on both sides.

One, Two, Three

From the top, the ground looked far away. Mira's tummy flipped. "Not today is okay," Dadu called from the bottom. Mira took a big breath. "Let's count," she said. "One... two... THREE!"





Whoosh

WHOOOOSH! Down went Mira, fast and smooth, all the way to the bottom, right into Dadu's arms. The fog lifted. The butterflies turned into giggles.

Again!

"Again!" shouted Mira. This time, she climbed on her own, with Dadu right beside the ladder. Her tummy still fluttered a little. But now she knew she could be scared and brave at the very same time.





A Brave Thing

At home, Mira told Ravi all about the whoosh. Ravi clapped his hands. "Mimi brave!" Mira hung the red heart back on the sun. "I was scared," she said, "and I did it anyway." What is a brave thing you did?

THE END

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