

Pepper's Creek's Saviour

"Wake up, John!! It's time to go to the park" Mum yells from down the hall. John gets out of bed and dresses quickly so he has more time to spend at the park as he loves playing down in the creek with Jeramee. It's his most favorite place to be other than on their farm. Jeramee and John are neighbors who have known each other since they were little boys. They are both farm friends who are about 12 years old and are very rough looking.

"Ding ,dong" the door bell rings just as John skids to a stop in front of the door. He answers the door without hesitation as he knows it's Jeramee, his best friend. John and Jeramee are performing their secret hand shake when the others come out. Mum laughs when she sees John and Jeramee, "How do you kids even remember that?" Mum says laughingly. "Practice!!" They all laugh.

The two J's (John and Jeramee) ride down to the park while their parents and sisters dive down in the car. The pair race down the hill and beat the car and share the victory by racing each other to the creek part of the park. The two share a look of confusion as there is caution tape around Peppers Creek. The car pulls in only a minute later to have the same reaction to the tape surrounding the creek. "Why would someone do this to the creek?" asks John sadly. " More like **who** did this?" Jeramee says more angrily than John. There were signs lining the tape that said 'under construction' or 'keep clear' or even 'stay away'.

John's Dad was still in the car which meant he was going back home to do farm work. "I've got an idea," whispered Jeramee to John extra quietly. The boys ran over to the car and asked John's Dad to drive them home. "Are you sure you don't want to play at the park?" Dad questions suspiciously. "The creeks are off limits so there's nothing to do," John and Jeramee moan. "Alright, I'll take you home," says Dad.

As the car dives to the house Jeramee tells John the plan and they both agree to set plan A into action then plan B if plan A fails.

The car pulls into the drive and Dad tells them to behave because he has to work down in the shed. The boys run inside to the kitchen where the telephone book sits near the phone and start flipping through the pages to find the police. "Ring,ring" the phone rings repeatedly until it picks up. John quickly puts it on loud speaker so they can both hear it. A gruff voice answers the phone "Australian police at your service," " umm, can you get rid of the tape around peppers creek?" John answers shyly. " No sir, I'm under strict instruction to not take it off ,even if I disagree," he mutters the last bit to himself then hangs up. Both the boys growl in disappointment. " Back to plan B I guess" mutters John.

After ringing a few other people the boys had a sleep over and went to bed knowing that their plan should, most definitely, work. When they woke up the next morning, they asked to go to the park. John and Jeramee's mum said they'd be down in 10mins and that the boys could head down now on their bikes. Before they went down the boys told everyone their plan and they all agreed to it as well.

As the boys went down they passed loads of people walking, driving and riding down to the park which the boys took as a good sign their plan had worked. Everyone had formed a human fence around Peppers Creek, some with protesting signs and some just yelling at the dozers that were trying to get past. John and Jeramee join the wall and link hands with everyone in the wall. The dozers are called off by the person who orchestrated the whole thing. The man looks as though he's wearing anger as part of his uniform. " Move aside citizens, this place is under government control. Step aside!" the man booms with a deep, rough voice.

The people roar in disagreement to what the man said. "Get out of our town" everyone chants. The dozers back out and the man dressed in anger gets in a car and all the people drive the machines out while the boys are congratulated by the town's committee. " You boys have done well today" one of the committee ladies said to John and Jeramee. "Thanks" the boys say in unison. " What I'm trying to say is, would you like to join the town committee?" The lady offers. "YES!!" The boys jump up and down in excitement.

A few days later the boys are back playing at the park and attending weekly meetings in the town hall.

The End

