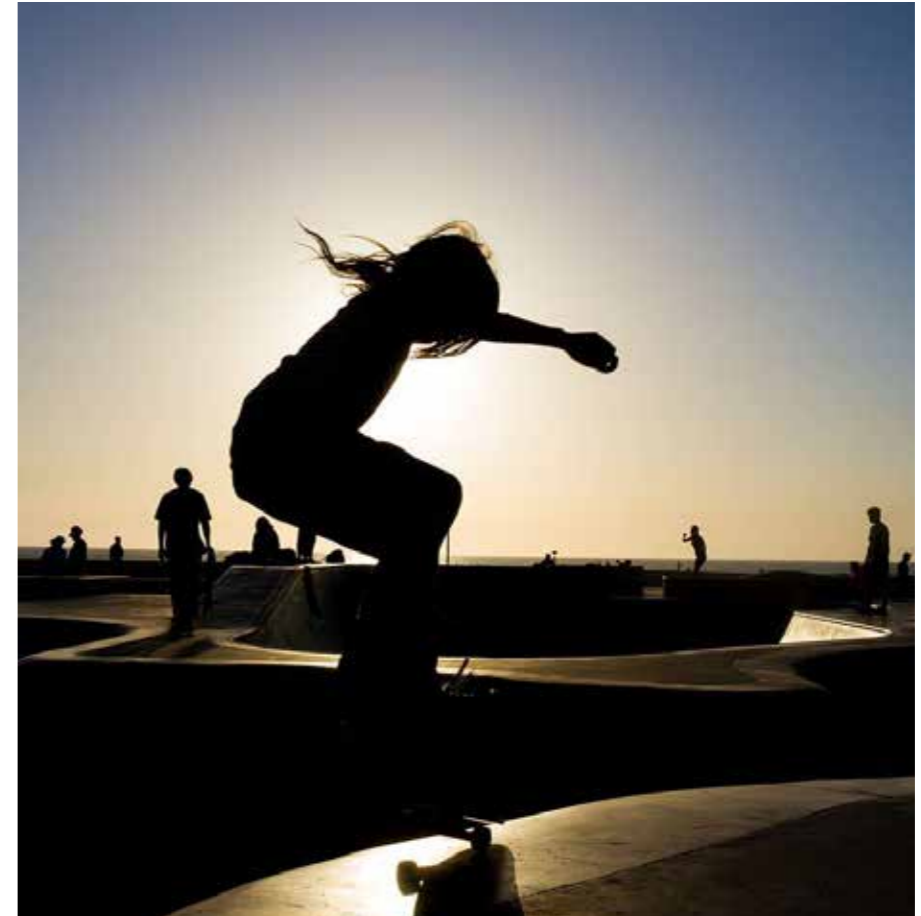


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Chapter One Moving Day

On the day of the move, Eva had to get her favourite skateboard. It was the most important part of moving. She ran upstairs to her room to find it , but the skateboard had vanished...

“Eva we have to go! Hurry up!” shouted her mum.

“Coming!” Eva replied.

“Why do we have to move? All my friends are here, the skatepark is here.” shouted the annoyed Eva.

“We have been through this every day since we told you we were moving. Your dad got fired from his job and the only place he can work the same job is in Brighton,” replied her Mum again.

On the journey to their new home, Eva started to feel as though she may possibly make new friends, but how?

Finally, when they arrived Eva asked, “Mum, can I please *please* go to the skatepark?”

“Sorry, Eva. Not now. We have to unpack first. Come and help. Maybe tomorrow.” said her mum.

As the day came to a close, Eva had to go to bed.

The last thing she was going to do was sleep when she had waited the entire day to go out.



Chapter Two The Adventure Begins

In the middle of the night, Eva decided she couldn't wait till the afternoon - she was going to first thing in the morning instead...

As Eva slowly and sleepily got out of bed, she realised that she had no idea where the skatepark was. She would have to take her parents' phone so she could look it up.

Slowly and quietly, she crept into her parents' room to get the phone. Closer, closer, closer, closer, **got it!**

As Eva ran out of the house, she forgot her skateboard. Where had her mum put it? Why did she not put it in her room?

And so her adventure began...

Step 1 = find skateboard

Step 2 = find the skatepark

Step 3 = come home before mum and dad find out I am missing .

As she was on her way to the park, she saw something in the distance: it looked like a man was getting beaten up. She immediately ran over to see if he was okay. Of course he wasn't, so she helped him up and began asking questions.

"What happened? Why were those people being mean to you? What were you doing?"

"Hi, my name is Steve, I was just coming back from the skatepark when I heard a scream so I went to see what it was." explained the man.

"Wait, you came back from the skatepark, can you please show me where it is ?" asked Eva .

"Now, at 7:30 in the morning?" Steve said, surprised.

"Yeah of course, my parents are still asleep and I need to get home before they wake up at 9:30," explained Eva.

"Wait a minute, you left your house at 7:30 in the morning without your parents knowing where you were. What if something happened to you they wouldn't know where you would be! Listen kid, you go home and meet me here at 3:30 later today, ok."

"Fine, but promise me two things: first, you teach me skateboarding and the second thing is that you put skate clothes on to make it look like you're my coach." said Eva.

"Ok, by the way, you look like my daughter who I haven't seen in a year." said Steve.

"Do I? That is sad that you haven't seen her in a year," replied Eva.

When it was 3:30 pm, Eva asked her mum if she could go to the skatepark and, of course, the answer was "yes". Eva skated to the same place she met Steve that very same morning. 3:45 still no Steve, 4:00 still no Steve, 4:15 still no Steve, 4:30 finally Steve arrived. Something was off about him, now he looked even more bruised and beaten up than before.

When Eva asked him why he was an hour late he just walked ahead of her. On the way to the skatepark she looked out for obvious permanent things so she could remember the way there and back. As the pair walked up Edward Street, Eva heard a lot of bangings, which sounded like skateboards clashing on wood - they must be getting close!

A skatepark called the BYC (Brighton Youth Centre) soon loomed up in front of her. Inside, there was a gym, kitchen, hangout room, basketball court, stage room, band rooms, mini art gallery and so much more. She couldn't believe her luck! Maybe moving to Brighton wasn't such a bad idea after all.



Chapter Three The New Skatepark

Walking up to the counter, Eva signed in and paid. That was when she noticed a group of boys staring at her and she wondered why. She had read a sign that said 'Only 13+ don't need to wear a helmet'. So she put one on because she was only 11 - well, 12 in 56 days. She went to go and get a helmet and none of them fitted properly, except one that really hurt her head, but rules are rules. She walked over to the easiest ramp and attempted to do it. But she failed miserably.

What was she going to do because absolutely everyone was watching. These boys were being really mean, pointing and laughing.

“Why can't I skate any more? I usually can!” she thought to herself. It is usually so easy. After that dreadful and humiliating experience, Eva decided that she was going to ask Steve to teach her how to skate so she could show those boys how good at skating she really was.

While Eva looked for Steve she saw leaflets for a skating competition. As soon as Eva saw the date of the competition, she immediately signed herself up, then told him what she had done.

“Steve, can you coach me because I signed myself up for a competition?”

“Eva, why are you signing yourself up for things when you can't skate? Is it because you want to show those boys that you can?” asked Steve.

“Maybe,” replied Eva.



Chapter Four Training

“Eva, you know that I can't always teach you here,” said Steve.

“I know that,” replied Eva

“What if I teach you at my skatepark for now until the competition, then you come back here after, just so that you could train in private. Would you like that?” said Steve.

“Would I? Definitely, thank you.” replied Eva

And so the training began.

When Eva turned up for her first skateboard training session, she thought Steve looked really beaten up again.

“What happened? Are you ok? Did you get into a fight again?” said Eva to the bumped and bruised Steve.

“Hi Eva, sorry I am late. I just got delayed on the way here. Come on, let's go - we're going to a different place.” replied Steve. After about a thirty minute walk, they finally arrived. This skatepark was absolutely massive except it was outside. Eva asked Steve what it was called.

“The Level.” he answered.

As Eva and Steve started their training session, Eva realised that skateboarding is a lot harder than she expected. But, after about a week of training every day for 6 hours, Eva was finally ready for the competition.



Chapter Five Competition Day

The day of the competition came. Eva was feeling the nerves. As the competition started the pressure really started to get to Eva. When it was her turn to skate, Eva was panicking. As Eva stepped onto the skatepark, she noticed the people she was competing against were the boys who had been mean to her only a few days ago.

Eva took off, down the first ramp, up the next, up onto the rail and and and and and and and LANDED IT! The second Eva got off the skatepark she ran over to Steve who was clapping for her.

“Good job, ok you have done round one, you have the final round left,” explained Steve. In round two, Eva was slowly getting to the end of her second go. It was nerve-racking because everyone was wondering if she would land the hardest trick or fail.

When it came to her last trick EVERYONE had eyes on her.

“EVA, EVA, EVA, EVA, EVA, EVA, EVA, EVA, EVA!” the crowd chanted. Up, down, round, jump, spin, drop in and...

Landed it.

The whole crowd went wild!

She only had one week's worth of training when everyone else had been practising for a year.



Chapter Six The Winners

Eva had no idea what she had just achieved, but it was incredible. When Eva walked over to see if she had got a medal, it turned out she had come second. She ran over to Steve.

“Steve I came second, I came second,” chanted the excited Eva.

“Eva I know! I was watching you, you were absolutely amazing and with only one week's worth of training, incredible.” replied Steve, smiling broadly.

“Also I beat the boys who were being mean to me.” said Eva excitedly.

When the competition was over, she told Steve she had a surprise for him. As they were walking to Eva’s house, Eva had a little plan in her head. The day before the competition Eva had made a few arrangements .

As they finally reached Eva’s house, Eva was nice but weird and let Steve open the door first. But the person who answered the door was not Eva’s mum, it was Steve's daughter. They all went inside, on the way Steve was crying because he couldn’t believe his eyes.

They went and had tea and cake, while talking about Eva’s achievements. After dinner Amy (Steve's daughter) and Steve left.

Eva was sent to bed because it was way past her bedtime.

AND EVERYONE WAS HAPPY!!!!



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Do you think she will win?

Or will it end in disaster?