

Mountain Bike Mania by Angie Belcher

The next morning, on the way to school, Joel and Ocean stopped [©] outside Gravities Edge – the local bike shop. There in the window, gleaming under a dazzle of display lights, was a brand-new mountain bike.

“Wow, Ocean, check it out! I’d give anything to have a cool bike like that with ^{the} front and back suspension, chrome-coated bars, and rocket sockets!”

[©] “Just looks like a bike to me,” she replied.

“If I had one of those, I could leave that ^{Blake} Blake “The Brake” Bonnington [©] in my dust. He wouldn’t know what hit him!”

For the rest of the week, all Joel could think about was mountain bikes.

Analysis

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

What I Might Prioritize:

26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie dePaola

When my mom and dad ^{home} decided to build a house, friends told them that they were building "out in the sticks." That meant way out where not many people lived. There wasn't even a real street. Just a dirt road. But it wasn't that far from our ^{apartment} on Columbus Avenue.

It was really great watching the ^{home} house being built. First a steam shovel dug a huge hole for the ^{foundation} foundation. Next a ^{powered} cement truck came, and workers poured the cement down a chute that looked like a long sliding board. I pretended that the concrete gushing down was lava coming out of a volcano (I had seen that in a movie with my mother).

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Van Gogh Cafe by Cynthia Rylant

Marc ^{came} comes out of the kitchen. He ^{was} is looking for his watch, which he believes he put inside the porcelain hen (her head lifts off), and as he looks around the ^{cafe} cafe to smile and greet his customers, Marc suddenly sees the elegant man at the small back table. And unlike everyone else who has remembered his good manners, Marc stops what he is doing and ^{starts} stares.

The man smiles shyly and looks away.

Marc is ^{staring} staring because he knows who this is. He looks ^{all} around the cafe to see if anyone else realizes who is ^{around} among them. No one does. No one remembers this man's movies.

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