JAMES' COURAGEOUS ACT

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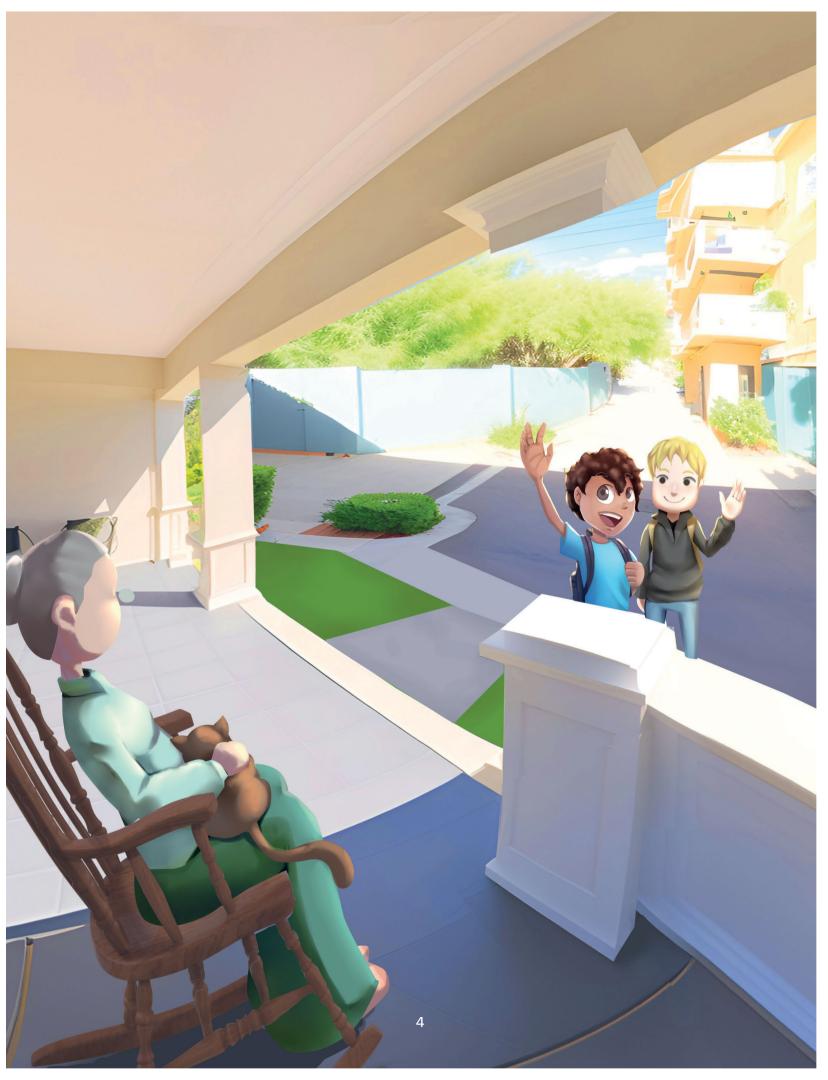
James is a 9-year-old boy who is tall and slim with short black curly hair. He and his family lives two houses away from Ms. Davis, an elderly neighbor. He walks to school and passes Ms. Davis's house every day. James was born in Mexico and was adopted by an American Family. James' mom stays home to take care of the family. His dad has a job working at the airport repairing airplanes.

He is always neatly dressed for school, wearing light blue shirt and khaki pants. He is respectful and even when he is walking with his school friends, he would always wave to Ms. Davis every day.



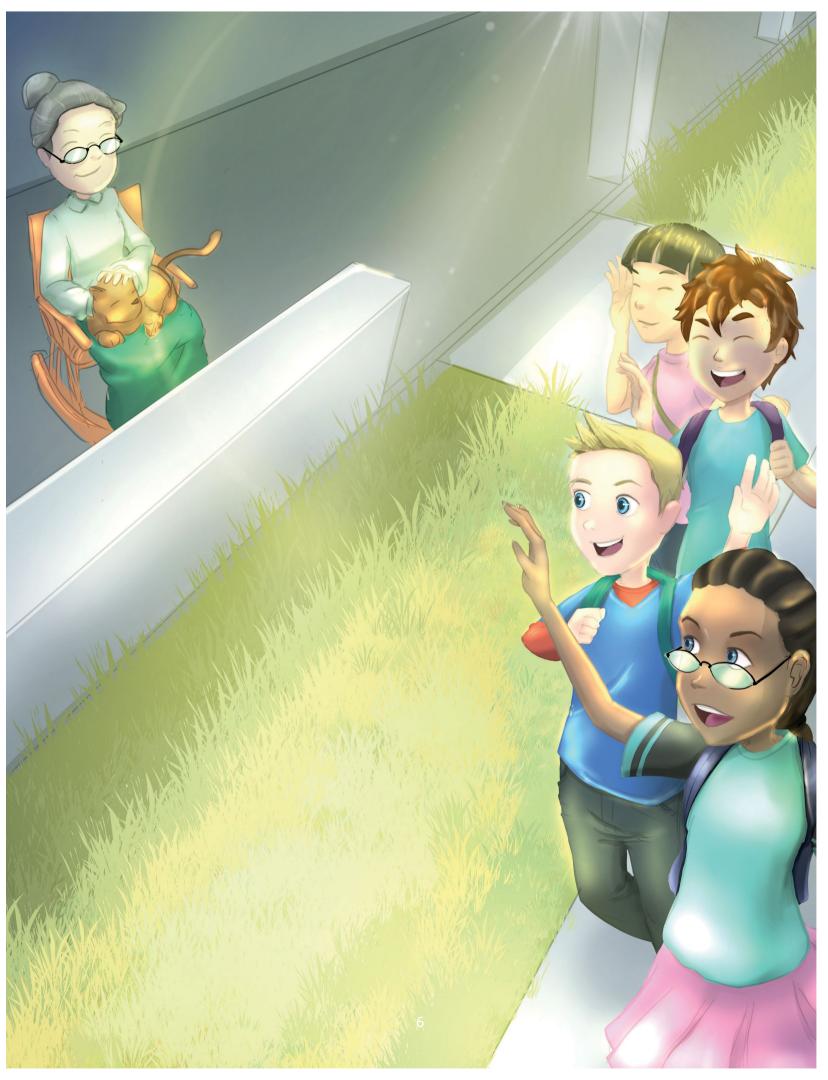
"Good morning, Ms. Davis!" James would wave and shout. "Good morning, James, have a good day," Ms. Davis would answer. "James, why are you always saying hi to this old lady?" His friend Daniel asked one day. "Oh Daniel, her name is Ms. Davis. She is a nice lady and she reminds me of my grandma (abuela) who took care of me when i lived in Mexico. My abuela taught me to be kind, caring and respectful especially towards the elderly. I know my grandma will be proud of me," stated James.

"I say hello because she seems so lonely sitting on her porch with only her cat to talk to. I think her cat is really cool, and as a matter of fact, I might ask my mom to buy me one just like hers."



Ms. Davis loves to sit on her porch in her rocking chair with her cat Sheba beside her. Sheba is playful and affectionate with patches of light brown fur circling around her neck,back and legs. If she is not lying on the floor next to Ms. Davis, you will find her cuddled on Ms. Davis' lap or snoozing at the top of the rocking chair.

Ms. Davis enjoys watching the children go back and forth to and from school each day.

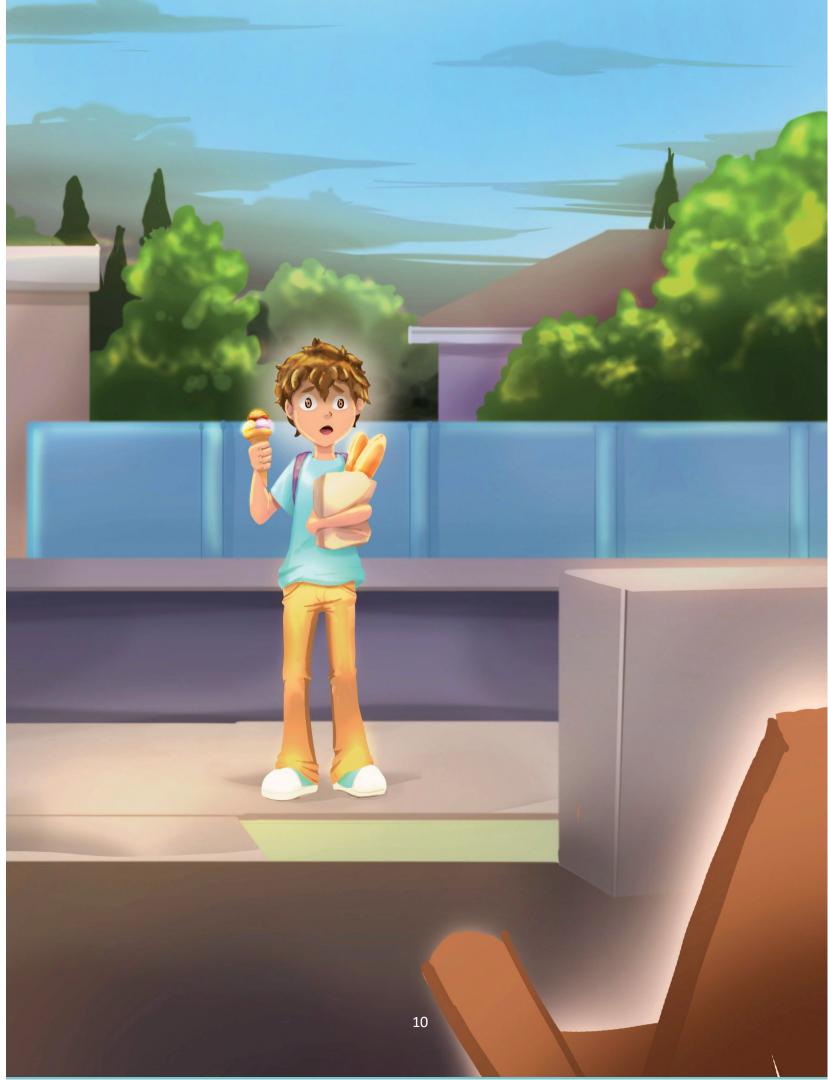


Although James is young and Ms. Davis is elderly, they have a special caring friendship. With his mother's permission, James would run some errands for Ms. Davis two times a week. First, he would have to do his homework, eat his snack and then wait for his older sister Jane to take him to the corner store. Ms. Davis loves milk, ice cream, tea, spaghetti and whole wheat bread. Ms. Davis always tells James to buy himself a treat with the change.

One day James did not find Ms. Davis sitting in her usual spot on her porch. This troubled him. When James got home from school that evening, he shouted, "Mom! Mom! I am worried about Ms. Davis." "Boy, you need to mind your business," his mother told him. James went to bed but he was still worried about Ms. Davis. "I wonder if she is alright." he asked himself.



The next day James took his usual walk to school and passed Ms. Davis' house. She was not sitting on her porch. James remembered what his mother told him, "Don't be nosey and mind your own business". But that day James could not sit still in school. He had trouble doing his work. He could not stop worrying about his neighbor. He went home and pleaded with his mother to help him find out if Ms. Davis was alright.



His mother thought about it and decided that since James was so upset and worried, she would go with her son to check on Ms. Davis. James and his mother walked over to Ms. Davis' house. The rocking chair was empty. James went on the porch and peeked through Ms. Davis' window. Something was wrong! Ms. Davis was lying on the floor with her cat Sheba, purring and rubbing her furry body against her sunbaked face.



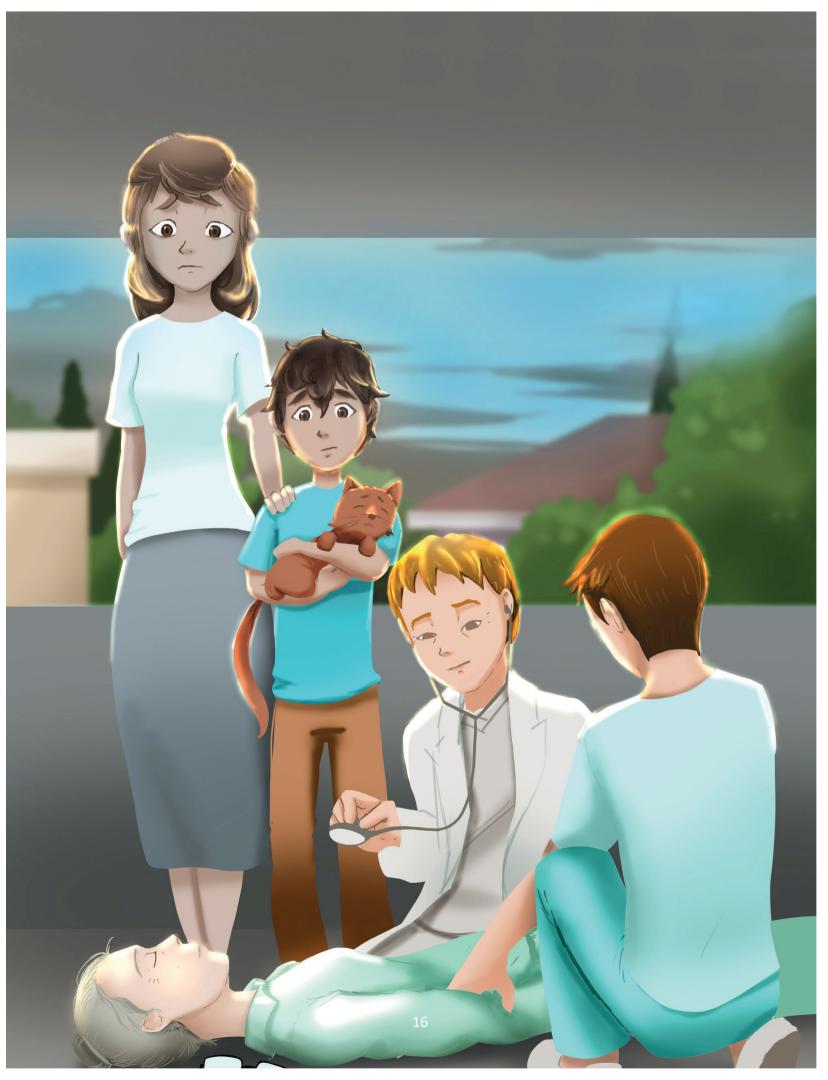
James turned and shouted to his mother, "Mom! Mom! Come Quickly! Come Quickly! "James' mom hurried towards the window and saw Ms. Davis lying on the floor in the dining room. She quickly took out her cell phone and dialed 911. The operator wanted to know the exact address of Ms. Davis. James was very helpful in telling the 911 operator where Ms. Davis lives including the color of the house.



The ambulance and the police came within minutes. The police used a special tool to open the door and attended to Ms. Davis immediately.

Ms. Davis was very pale and had difficulty breathing. The paramedics said she was weak. She was given oxygen through a mask and an IV to make her feel better. The paramedics covered Ms. Davis with a warm blanket and carried her into the ambulance. The driver put on the siren and rushed her to the hospital.

Ms. Davis stayed in the hospital for 5 days. In the meantime, James and his mother took Sheba to their house and cared for her until Ms. Davis would come home from the hospital. Sheba was lonely for Ms. Davis.



The following weekend, James and his mother visited Ms. Davis at the hospital. Ms. Davis asked "How is my Sheba doing"? James' mother told Ms. Davis, "Don't worry, she is eating and James loves her." He is being responsible in cleaning her cat litter and feeding her.

Ms. Davis looked much better. She was sitting up on her bed propped up with pillows eating her lunch. The doctors were at her bedside complimenting her on how well she looked.

Ms. Davis was very happy to see James and introduced him to the doctors as the little boy who saved her life. The doctors came over to thank James for his courageous act for saving Ms. Davis's life.



When Ms. Davis came home from the hospital, she made a special effort to invite James and his mother to come over to her house. That weekend her family was visiting from out of town. They were very excited in meeting James. They gave him a medal to wear for saving their mother's life.

On his way home, James could not stop talking to his mother about how proud he felt about Ms. Davis and meeting her family.

Before going to bed that night, James hung his medal on a hook over his bedroom door. James gave his mother a big hug and whispered in her ear, "Mom, I love you! When I grow up, I think I want to be a doctor". "Love you too, James and just remember, you can be anything you put your mind to," his mother answered.

James fell into a deep sleep with a smile in his face.

