



Blizzard Rescue

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**For my parents, who always
kept us safe during the storms.—RSR**

**For all the cherished memories
with my family during snowy days.—CL**

During any disaster, please make sure to follow instructions from trusted adults.

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Snow!



“Gotcha!” Jaden Jackson cheered, throwing a huge snowball over the top of his snow fort.

It hit its target with a SMACK!

His older sister, Leela, shook her long black hair. Her head was speckled with chunks of soft white snow.

“I wasn’t ready!” Leela yelled as she shaped a snowball and threw it at Jaden.

“You missed!” Jaden laughed, ducking behind his fort.

Lucky, their German shepherd, popped her head out of the snow and barked. Leela started to laugh, too. Everyone was covered in snow.

“I never miss!” Leela replied. She grabbed one of Lucky’s dog toys and tossed it toward Jaden’s fort. “Lucky, catch!” Leela shouted. Lucky chased the toy and crashed into Jaden’s fort. It crumbled to the ground.

“Gotcha!” Leela laughed.

“No fair!”
Jaden cried
out.

Lucky ran
back to Leela
with the dog toy
in her mouth.



“Good girl,” Leela said, scratching Lucky’s ears.

Lucky barked. WOOF!

During the day, Jaden and Leela worked on their homeschool assignments. But after they were done, it was time for snowball fights and sledding.

“Kiddos, come into the RV. It’s getting dark!” Mom called. “Plus, I have peppermint hot chocolate!”

“Hot chocolate!” Jaden and Leela said at the same time. “Jinx, double jinx, triple jinx!”

Leela and Jaden ran to the RV as Lucky climbed in behind them and shook her fur. Snow flew everywhere.

“Mmm,” Jaden said as he dropped three large chocolate marshmallows into his mug and took a sip. “This is sooo good.”



Lucky put her paws up on the small kitchen table and sniffed the chocolate marshmallows.

“No chocolate for you, Lucky,” Dad said, tossing her a small dog treat. “Chocolate can make dogs sick.”

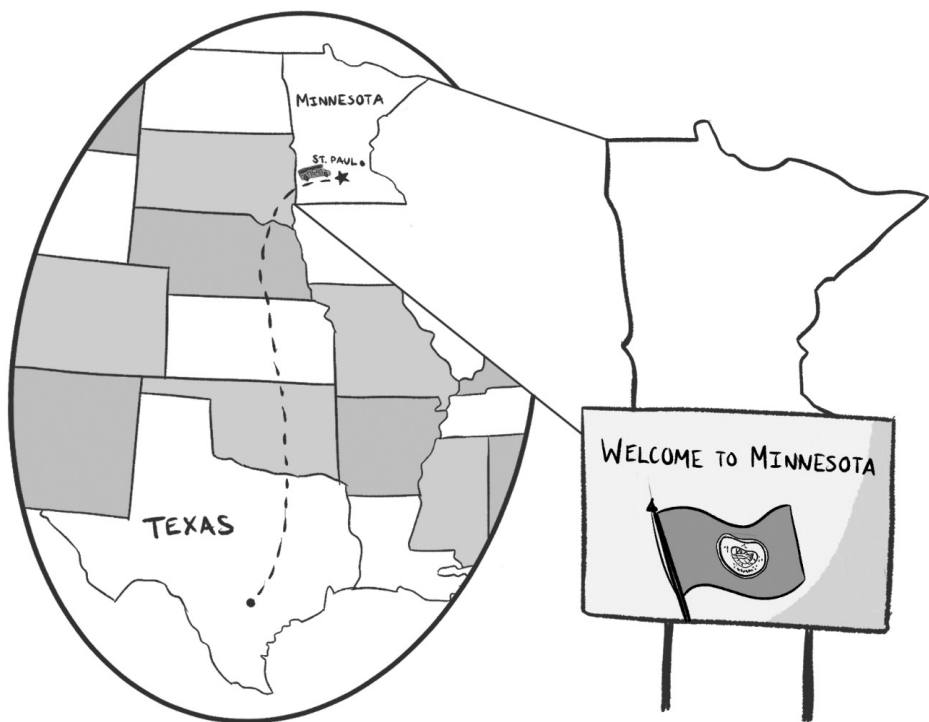


For the past few months, the Jackson family had been slowly driving north from Texas, where they had rescued a baby dolphin and helped people sheltering from hurricanes.

When Mom’s phone rang, that meant DISASTER! The Jackson family traveled in their recreational vehicle, or RV, to help communities during natural disasters. Mom was a journalist who took pictures and reported on the disasters. Dad was a doctor who helped people who got hurt. Jaden and Leela helped animals who were in danger.

Lucky helped, too, when she wasn't busy chasing squirrels.

The Jackson family had parked at an RV park in Minnesota while waiting for a call from Gramma. Soon, they would head toward Gramma's house to help her, and her community, prepare for a blizzard. But first, they were going to help a cattle farm prepare for the coming storm.



“Thanks for the hot chocolate, Mom,” Leela said, taking a sip.

“You’re welcome,” Mom said as she looked out the window. “The snow is starting to fall more heavily, and the weather changed so quickly from forty degrees last week to eighteen degrees today!”

“It sure is cold,” Dad said.

“I can’t wait to see Gramma,” Jaden said.

“Me too,” Leela agreed. She tossed a marshmallow into her cup. “Are we going to see her soon?”



Mom nodded. “Gramma’s sister had an emergency, so she went to India to help,” Mom said. “She should be back any day now.”

“When we get the call, the Disaster Squad will be ready to go!” Dad said, pumping his fist into the air. “This hot chocolate makes me think of a joke!”

Jaden groaned.

Leela shook her head.

“It’s a good joke,” Dad continued as he sat down on the sofa. “What happens when your hot chocolate is left in the snow?”

Suddenly, they heard a —

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

