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**Popcorn and Cotton Candy**

Mike and I snuck into the deserted fairgrounds after 9  
 hours, slipping through a loose board in the fence. No rides 20  
 moved and no lights flashed, but the smell of popcorn and 31  
 cotton candy still hung in the air. 38

“Let’s see the racing pigs,” whispered Mike, so we tiptoed 48  
 to the pigsty, but we heard voices and saw lights inside. 59

Suddenly, a heavy hand fell on my shoulder and a horrible 70  
 voice growled, “What do you think you’re doing here?” I 80  
 slowly turned my head and peered upward. Behind us was 90  
 a man with one eye, three teeth, and a hook for a hand, 103  
 looking like he had escaped from the pirate ship ride. 113

“Run!” screamed Mike, and he took off ahead of me. I 124  
 ran as fast as I could, but I tripped and fell into a mound of 139  
 discarded popcorn bags and leftover cotton-candy tubes. 146

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“Round here, we feed trespassers to the bears!” shouted 155  
the man, his thundering footsteps coming closer. I buried 164  
myself in the pile of trash, the stench of salt and sugar filling 177  
my nostrils. 179

“Where’d you go?” the man grumbled and snorted, but 188  
finally he gave up and went away, and I was able to sneak 201  
out without being detected. 205

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