

# **CHAPTER XII -The circus boys on the flying Rings**

In Chapter XII titled "A Thrilling Rescue" from "The Circus Boys on the Flying Rings", the protagonist, Phil, displays remarkable courage during a life-threatening situation at the circus. Amidst a show, a tiger named Bengal attacks, trapping both Phil and the unconscious tiger trainer, Bob, in its cage. Phil, relying on his quick thinking, seizes the tiger's tail, drawing its attention away from Bob and enduring the tiger's violent thrashing to buy time for help to arrive.

As chaos ensues, Mr. Sparling, the circus owner, leads a group of circus men armed with makeshift weapons to the rescue. Phil's bold strategy enables the men to distract Bengal long enough to safely extract Bob from the cage. Meanwhile, Teddy, Phil's friend and fellow circus boy, manages to detach Phil from the tiger's grip, albeit Phil collapses shortly after from exhaustion and possibly injuries sustained during the ordeal.

The circus crew, under Mr. Sparling's command, then engages in a tense standoff with the tiger, eventually managing to secure Bengal and prevent it from escaping the cage, thus averting further danger. Phil is hastily cared for; despite his protests to continue performing that night, Mr. Sparling insists he rest, recognizing Phil's bravery and quick thinking as true marks of a showman.

Later, Phil is determined to ride in the circus parade, showcasing his resilience and dedication to the circus. His decision to make a brief appearance, against medical advice, reassures the public of his welfare and further cements his reputation as a brave and devoted circus performer.

Additionally, the chapter delves into the aftermath of the rescue and the immediate preparations for the circus's next move. Phil and Teddy, now more involved with the circus family, assist with the teardown and packing, eager to learn and adapt to their new environment. Their adventures continue as they navigate the logistics of circus life, including where to sleep and how to contribute further to the circus's success.

This chapter serves not only as a thrilling narrative of heroism and teamwork but also highlights Phil's growth in character and commitment to circus life, enduring challenges with valor and a positive spirit.