

CHAPTER VI -The circus boys on the flying Rings

Phil Forrest, a plucky youngster among the circus troupe, demonstrated his valor in a distressing situation that left even the seasoned circus folk in awe. When a pony, agitated and uncontrollable, threatened the life of a woman caught in its stirrup, Phil acted with courage and precision. Ignoring his safety, Phil made a calculated leap towards the rampaging animal, managing to latch onto it despite the dangerous chaos.

His bold move was met with a mixture of admiration and concern, as onlookers feared for his safety amidst the tumult. The pony, taken by surprise by Phil's audacious maneuver, could not evade the boy, who, despite a severe collision that would have daunted many, clung on determinedly. Phil's resolve was evident as he not only aimed to save himself but also the endangered woman, his left arm firmly around the broncho's neck while his right hand sought control by seizing the pony's nostrils. This desperate struggle was not without its dangers, as Phil was tossed and jostled, eliciting audible concern from the spectators and fellow performers, including Miaco, the head clown, who played a crucial role in rescuing the woman from her precarious predicament.

Eventually, Phil's bravery and tenacity paid off. He managed to subdue the pony, albeit ending up in a precarious position that necessitated a swift rescue by Mr. Sparling and the other circus personnel. Despite the ordeal, Phil emerged relatively unscathed, his spirits undiminished, as evidenced by his cheerful interaction with Mr. Sparling and the clowns post-rescue. His heroic act not only saved a life but also earned him the admiration and cheers of the townspeople, further solidifying his place within the circus community.

The aftermath of Phil's daring rescue has broader implications for the circus, too. The buzz generated from the incident promised a packed audience for the afternoon show, hinting at financial success and a jovial atmosphere among the troupe. Phil's heroics sparked conversations about his potential future in the circus, with many agreeing that his quick thinking and bravery were indicative of a natural showman. As the parade concluded and preparations for the next show began, Phil's adventure left him somewhat a legend among the troupe and the townspeople alike, showcasing the true mettle of a circus hero.