

CHAPTER XX - The Circus Boys on the Mississippi

Teddy Tucker's quest for revenge against the circus band, particularly the bass drummer, leads him to disrupt their performance by sucking on lemons, much to the musicians' dismay. His antics cause disarray among the performers, but despite a stern warning from the showman, Mr. Sparling, Teddy remains undeterred. The Circus Boys' adventures continue as the show moves along the Mississippi. They encounter a hiccup when a baboon, Bruiser, escapes during a routine cage cleaning. Bruiser's escape causes chaos, stirring the entire boat into action, including Teddy and his friend Phil. The chase leads Bruiser to climb up the mast of the boat, out of reach of his pursuers. Teddy, not one to back down from a challenge, cleverly uses a rope to reach Bruiser. Despite a tussle at the top, which sees Teddy grappling with Bruiser, he manages to secure the baboon, much to the amazement and approval of Mr. Sparling and the spectators. This chapter showcases Teddy's mischievous nature and determination, highlighting his ability to navigate and ultimately resolve chaotic situations with creativity and bravery.