

CHAPTER XVIII -The circus boys in dixie Land

In Chapter XVIII of The Circus Boys in Dixie Land, the circus faces a comical but challenging situation involving a group of mischievous monkeys that have caused chaos in the tent. The monkeys are high up, out of reach, and the crew struggles to figure out how to capture them. Phil suggests bringing in their cage, which Mr. Sparling agrees is a good plan. While the crew sets up the cage, Phil takes the opportunity to grab peanuts and candy, preparing to lure the monkeys down.

Once the cage is positioned, Phil begins a peculiar chirping noise, mimicking a monkey call, and tosses peanuts and candy into the cage. The monkeys are immediately attracted and begin descending from the ropes, leaping to the cage one by one. The crowd watches in awe as the monkeys scramble for the treats. With all the monkeys inside, Phil quickly shuts the cage, and the audience erupts in applause. Mr. Sparling praises Phil for his ingenuity, but the fun isn't over yet.

Teddy, who has been stuck high in the tent, calls down to the crew, joking that he might come down if they toss him some peanuts. After several unsuccessful attempts to cast a rope up to him, Phil suggests using the circus's balloon act. The balloon, used for a daring aerial performance, is lowered, and Phil tosses a rope to Teddy. Teddy catches it and prepares to descend, prompting further jokes between the two boys.

As Teddy begins his descent, Phil advises him to twist his legs around the rope for safety. The crowd is entertained by the antics, and the show continues with plenty of laughter. The chapter highlights the boys' resourcefulness, teamwork, and the lighthearted chaos that often surrounds circus life.