The Shortcut

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One day Veronika and her friend Kendra had to take a shortcut to school, because their teacher Mrs. Alexander said if they are late one more time they would be in big trouble. Veronika told Kendra to get up really early. In the day Kendra woke up and went to Veronika’s house. Veronika did not expect Kendra to wake up at 6 am and come over without calling, but she got dressed anyway. When she was done they were off.

Veronika and Kendra took the shortcut and on their way to school they ran into some evil trees. Kendra asked Veronika “Can we please take the other way I’m a little scared.” Veronika told her no because it is a shortcut we will be there in no time and I will be here by your side. Kendra said okay lets go, and Veronika said Very cheerfully, “Yes.” Veronika ran and the trees got up from the ground and chased her Kendra walked in relief that the trees weren’t chasing her. Veronika out ran the trees and Kendra came right behind her, and they kept going.

The next thing they came across was ninja horses. Kendra asked if they can go back, but Veronika told her, “No.”

“Do you want to back to the evil trees?” asked Veronika.

“No.” Kendra said in fright.

Veronika asked “Don’t you have a black belt in karate?”

Kendra said, “Yes”

Veronika said “Okay then kick some horse’s behind.”

After that thee two friends kept walking Kendra said, “We are lost.”

Veronika said, “No we are almost there.”

After those five words the two girls saw something so amazing. It was a huge and scary volcano and it was getting ready to erupt, the both of the girls were scared.

The volcano erupted, but it was not lava. Surprisingly it shot out some cute penguins. Veronika told Kendra, “Penguins now can fly, well it’s a good thing I brought my umbrella.”

Kendra said, “Ha, ha very funny.” Veronika gave her a funny smirk. The girls walked around and they could hear the school bell.

Veronika said, “We can make it if we run.”

So the two children ran to the sound of the bell. The girls ran and ran and ran until they were at school.

Veronika said, “We made it.”

Kendra said, “Yes we are not late no bad punishment.”

The girls sat in their seats and the teacher congratulated them for not being late, and the teacher asked them what they did to not be late. The two girls said only three words, “Wake up early.” Now the girls take a new short cut each day. After that the two girls were never late for school again!