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I was trapped by a Mayor! Hi My name's Johnny, you are probably wondering why and how a Mayor trapped me but let's start from the beginning. It all started when my friend Lila and I wanted to travel to America. We had always wanted to but we lived in New Zealand and America Was 14 hours away. However we were going to go by foot through a magical forest to America.



When we first started our adventure it was going pretty well. Then, there was a monkey that would not leave me alone and I soon found out that it was stealing things from my backpack. I didn't know what to do. I tried running away but the monkey swung across the trees faster than I could run. I was too scared to ask lila for help. The monkey then tripped me. It took my banana out of my backpack and finally left me alone. Then it was pretty mellow again, sometimes we would hear rustling in the trees but we thought it was just an animal. We then saw a mayor sticker on the floor. We were very weirded out by this but we kept on going. Then out of nowhere the mayor popped out and trapped us in a cage. We asked him why he was doing this. He said,

“New Zealand is the best place in the world and no one should be leaving it for America.”



The mayor walked off. In the heat of the moment I started blaming Lila I said “This is all your fault if you would have warned me about the mayor sticker we would have been able to avoid this!” She said “ My fault you saw the sticker so you could have helped us avoid this from happening.” We then heard a weird creak sound coming from above us and we both looked up at a huge shiny metal platform slowly moving down. We both knew it was going to squish us. We started to freak out. I looked around to see if there was anything to help us out, while Lila was in the corner of the cage still talking about our fight. We were both locked to the side of the cage. I looked to the left of me and I saw a big red shiny button. In silver lettering above it it said “UNLOCK” I thought this could be the way out.

I tried reaching it. As I was trying I went through the gaps of the bars. And yet I still couldn't reach. I then tried to get out of the two rusty metal bars I was in between. I yanked my body but my torso didn't even budge. I was stuck. The platform above was getting lower and lower. I tried telling Lila. "Lila, can you please help me, i'm stuck?"

"Why should I, you just blamed me for being in this whole situation?" exclaimed Lila.

"I'm sorry I didn't mean it I just was freaking out, I just wanted to go to America to get a better learning experience." I said in a desperate tone. She then grabbed my foot pulling as hard as she could. My body lunged forward getting unstuck. I was relieved. Lila then grabbed two sticks that looked like chopsticks out of her messy bun. I then grabbed some rope and wrapped it around the two sticks. I try to reach the button. There was a lot of pressure because we pressed against the floor. Sweat dripping from my face and my hands shaking the tip of the stick then just barely touched the button. The platform on us started to lift up and the tiny door started to open. We ran as fast as we could out of there into the town in America. We tried to tell someone what happened but they didn't understand us. We panicked asking around. We felt defeated again. We then saw the Mayor coming for us. I heard a kid who had somewhat of the same voice as us. We started to run up to him because he was our last chance. "Can you please call the police this guy trying to get us?" I yelled. The boy then started to dial the numbers and the mayor got closer and closer. It felt like time was ticking as slow as a sloth. 911 started to ring and the boy helped us say what happened because no one understood us. The mayor got locked up and Lila and I found a new friend in America. The help from Lila and another friend made it possible to live another day.





