Ding! Ding! Mackenzie`s alarm clock went off. No! Why now? It`s so early thought Mackenzie. "Good morning, sweetheart," called Mum.

"Good morning Mum," mumbled Mackenzie as she pulled herself out of bed and headed downstairs to the table for breakfast.

Ding Ding, the bell rang for school to start. In class

Mrs O reminded everyone of the rules when they went on excursions. Everyone was excited to find out where they were going. "Today we are going to a national park," said Mrs O. "I want you to study the plants and animals there". "Now go and get your bags, then when your name is called go on the bus" she says. Mackenzie got her bag and waited for her name to be called." Chalahn, Hannah, Abbi and Mackenzie," called Mrs O. When Mackenzie got on the bus she went over to Sasha and Ashley, her best friends.

As they reached the national park, Mackenzie got out a piece of paper and pencil so she could write down facts about the wildlife. "Everyone on the left side of the bus can get off," called Mrs O. Once everyone had got off the bus.

Mrs O lead them to a clearing where they could study the wildlife. Mackenzie chose a quiet spot against a rock. As she looked at her surroundings, she saw big rocks that looked like poo, trees and a big hole opposite her. As they were leaving, Mackenzie saw a boy run across the clearing and he came from the hole in the rock. Mackenzie decided that she would come back at night and explore the hole.

Hawoo, the wind howled as Mackenzie packed her bag for night exploring. Brrm, the night bus had arrived at the bus stop. Mackenzie quickly wrote a note before she had to get on the bus which read

To Mum and Dad,

Gone to Ashley's place.

Love Mackenzie

XOXO

Just as Mackenzie was about to sneak out the window her little sister Charlotte came into the room and said "what are you doing?"

"I was closing the window," answered Mackenzie. "How come you are in your clothes?" asked Charlotte.

"I thought that if I wear my clothes in bed I wouldn't have to get dressed tomorrow," said Mackenzie.

"Ok," said Charlotte and went back to her bedroom "Finally," breathed Mackenzie as relief swept over her. Now I can go she thought and sneaked out the window. Then she ran quickly to the bus.

When the bus reached the national park Mackenzie got her flashlight out of her bag. Then started walking towards the clearing. When she reached the clearing she lowered herself into the hole. Inside the hole was an enormous tunnel. It was damp and there were skeletons everywhere! Suddenly she heard a weird sound that sounded like snoring. Mackenzie followed the sound and it led to a sleeping Kimodo dragon! It was big and ugly. Mackenzie immediately phoned the zoo and told them where the Kimodo dragon was. Then she walked home and went to bed.

The next morning when Mackenzie woke up, she went to the table for breakfast. While she was waiting for breakfast, she read the news paper. In the news paper, on the front cover, the headline was KIMODO DRAGON HAS ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO! "Oh" moaned Mackenzie. I will go and see if the Kimodo dragon is at the national park tonight she thought.

Piter, Pater the rain poured, as Mackenzie got to the national park. She kept on walking until she reached the tunnel. Then she carefully lowered herself down into the tunnel, then she heard the snoring sound again and followed it. It lead out the tunnel and to the Kimodo dragon. Mackenzie got a rope out of her backpack and tied one end to a big tree then she tied the other end to the Kimodo dragon's ankle. Then she pulled out her sleeping bag and went to sleep.

When Mackenzie woke up she found the Kimodo dragon had disappeared but she found large foot print. Mackenzie decided to follow the foot prints. When she found the Kimodo dragon she asked the Kimodo dragon what it's name was. "My name is Dino" said the Kimodo dragon.

"Why did you escape out of the zoo?" asked Mackenzie.

"Because I was scared," said Dino.

"Can I be your friend?" he asked.

"Yes," said Mackenzie.

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