TALES FROM KADYN'S HIVE Kadyn and Mister Croc

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Dedication

To my family. To young readers.

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Let us brainstorm before we begin!

Have you ever met a 'friendly' bully?

How could you tell this person was a bully and not a friend?

Write your answers

Kadyn got bullied by a friendly stranger too!



Kadyn was a friendly bee. He liked making other bees in the hive happy.



One day, Ryder fell down and broke bis leg during recess. Kadyn took Ryder to the nurse. When Ryder's leg was bandaged, he took him to his class.



On a different day, Kadyn found some little fishes on the seashore. They had been washed ashore by a wave. They were struggling to get back to the water. Kadyn put them back in the water. The fishes thanked Kadyn. Kadyn had many friends. This might be because he was a very helpful bee.



One sunny afternoon, Kadyn visited the fishes he had rescued. They were his 'aquatic' friends. That meant 'his friends that lived in the water'. Kadyn made new friends that day because the fishes came with some friends too. They told their friends about how Kadyn rescued them. Afterwards, they raced back and forth. Kadyn flew above them. They had so much fun together!



After some time, Kadyn said, "I have to return to the hive now." "You will visit soon, won't you Kadyn?", one of the fishes asked. Of course I will. I had so much fun!", Kadyn replied. He waved goodbye and flew towards his hive.



"Help!", came a shaky voice. Kadyn was flying by the shore when he heard the voice. He stopped and looked around. "Somebody, help me, Please!", said the voice again.



He scanned the area until he found the owner of the voice. It was coming from Mr. Croc, a very large crocodile. He had heard about Kadyn from some of his neighbors in the sea.



Kadyn found him and asked what he needed. "Please, save me. I am drowning.", the crocodile lied. "Please, hang on. I will help you.", Kadyn said, believing he needed help.



"Thank you!", said Mr. Croc.

"I need a rope. I will use it to pull you out. I will be right back.", Kadyn said, flying towards another end of the shore.

He found a rope after searching for some time. He attached one end of the rope firmly to his waist and threw the other end to Mr. Croc.

He did not consider his size, He was only a little bee!



When Kadyn looked away for a minute, Mr. Croc pulled the rope. Kadyn fell into the water with a little splash, "Plop."



Mr. Croc laughed loudly at his prank. He walked out of the water. He left Kadyn to drown. Kadyn could not swim very well. He struggled real hard but the sea was large!



Kadyn tried to look around while he struggled in the water. He could not see his friends. "They have gone home.", he thought.



Kadyn's friends were attracted to the scene, however, because Mr. Croc was still laughing loudly.



They saw Kadyn struggling in the water. A crab cut the rope and the fishes carried Kadyn to the shore. They were surprised to see Kadyn.



When Kadyn opened his eyes, he saw his 'aquatic' friends by his side. They were happy he was still alive.



Soon, his best friend, Reuben, came to the shore. He was looking for Kadyn. The crabs narrated everything that had happened to his best friend. "Thank you. I will take him to the hospital. I am glad you got to him when you did.", Reuben said.



See you soon!, said the fishes. See you!, Kadyn and Reuben said. They flew to the hospital.



Kadyn was not happy with Mr. Croc.

However, he was very happy that friends he had helped in the past, came to his rescue too. Most bees in the hive, young and old, visited Kadyn, when they heard he was ill. They wished him a speedy recovery. Some told stories of how helpful Kadyn had been to them in the past.



Kadyn was grateful he had such good friends. He was also happy that he had been a helpful bee. He learned that he ought to be careful too, especially when helping strangers.

The end

Questions

- What did you think about Mr. Croc's prank?
- Was Mr. Croc a friend or bully?
- Why do you think Kadyn was not careful before helping Mr. Croc?
- What should we do when we want to help strangers?

NEW WORDS Kadyn and mister Croc

Attach: to fasten, join, or connect something

Attract: to make people want to visit a place or find out more about something

Bandage: a long, narrow piece of cloth that is tied around an injury or a part of someone's body that has been hurt

Beehive: a structure where bees live, either built by people or made by the bees themselves

Believe: to think that something is true, correct, or real

Drown: to die by being under water and unable to breathe

Firm: well fixed in place or position

Friendly: behaving in a pleasant, kind way towards someone

Hang on: to wait for a short time

Helpful: willing to help, or useful

Nurse: a person trained to care for people who are ill or not able to care for themselves because of injury or old age, and who may also help doctors in treating people

Prank: a trick that is intended to be amusing and often to make someone look foolish

Recovery: the process of becoming well again after an illness or injury

Rescue: to help someone or something out of a dangerous, harmful, or unpleasant situation

Scan: to examine something carefully

Scene: a place where an unpleasant event has happened

Search: to look somewhere carefully in order to find something

Seashore or shore: the land along the edge of the sea

Shaky: not firm or strong

Speedy: quick

Splash: to scatter liquid or to cause liquid to scatter through the air or onto something

Stranger: someone you do not know

Struggle: a long, narrow piece of cloth that is tied around an injury or a part of someone's body that has been hurt

Surprise: the feeling caused by something unexpected happening time with them

Visited: to go to a place in order to look at it, or to a person in order to spend

Wave: a raised line of water that moves across the surface of an area of water, especially the sea

Note from the author

It is important that you protect yourself from bullying. Sometimes, recognizing a bully can be difficult. Like Mr. Croc, a bully will always reveal his true nature eventually. When a bully is mean, we can avoid him/her easily. When a bully is nice at first, but you notice signs that he might be mean after all, it is never too late to protect yourself.





About the book

Our focus is on one hive in this bee neighbourhood because there is always something happening in Kadyn's hive. Kadyn is a thrilling character like any of us. He always has something up his sleeves. It can be a little mischief or a great deal of awesomeness.

About the author

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Forthcoming books in the series

- 1. Kadyn, the beginning
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- 3. Shrewd Kadyn
- 4. Tales from Kadyn's hive (a collection of short stories)
- 5. Kadyn learns to forgive
- 6. Kadyn and mister Croc

