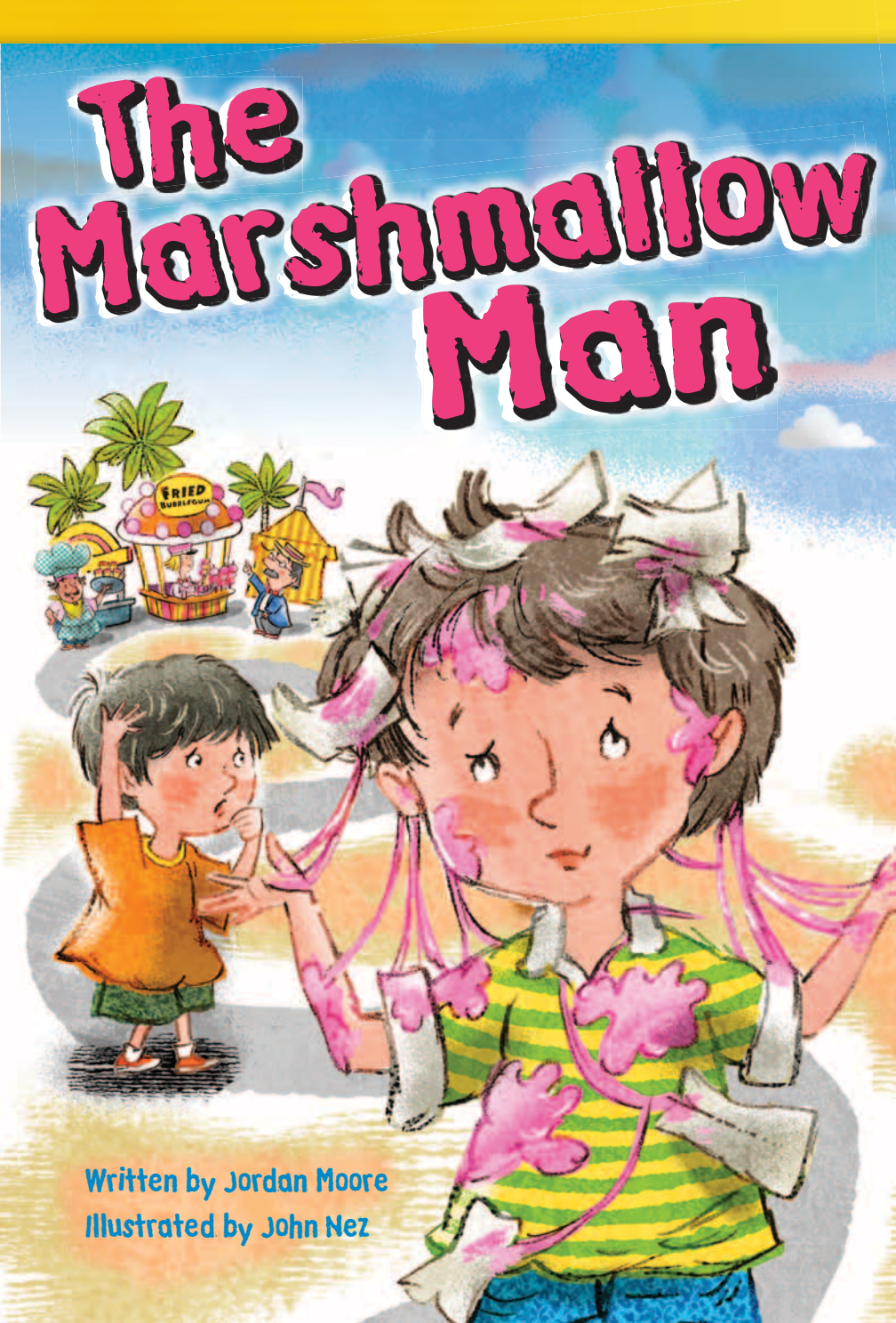
The Marshmallow Man



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Chapter One

Off to the Fair

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On Saturday morning, Charlie was very hungry. He could feel his stomach grumbling. Charlie had been too excited to eat his breakfast because today he was going to the state fair. His stomach was growling for food again, but now they were almost at the fair.

"Come on!" called Charlie. He raced ahead of his mother and his younger brother, Elliot.

"Charlie, be patient," his mom called after him. "Once we're there, remember to look after Elliot, and please don't get into any mischief."

When they finally reached the park, Charlie could smell the most delicious foods. He decided to follow his nose. There were so many strange new smells. Charlie's mouth was watering.

"Stay together, you two. Don't go too far!" called the boys' mother as they ran off.

The first stands they went to sold alligator kabobs, funnel cakes, and milk-chocolate popcorn. They had never seen food quite like it. Elliot pinched his nose, "BLERGH! Alligator kabobs? Gross!"

"Tastes pretty good to me!" Charlie said with his mouth full.

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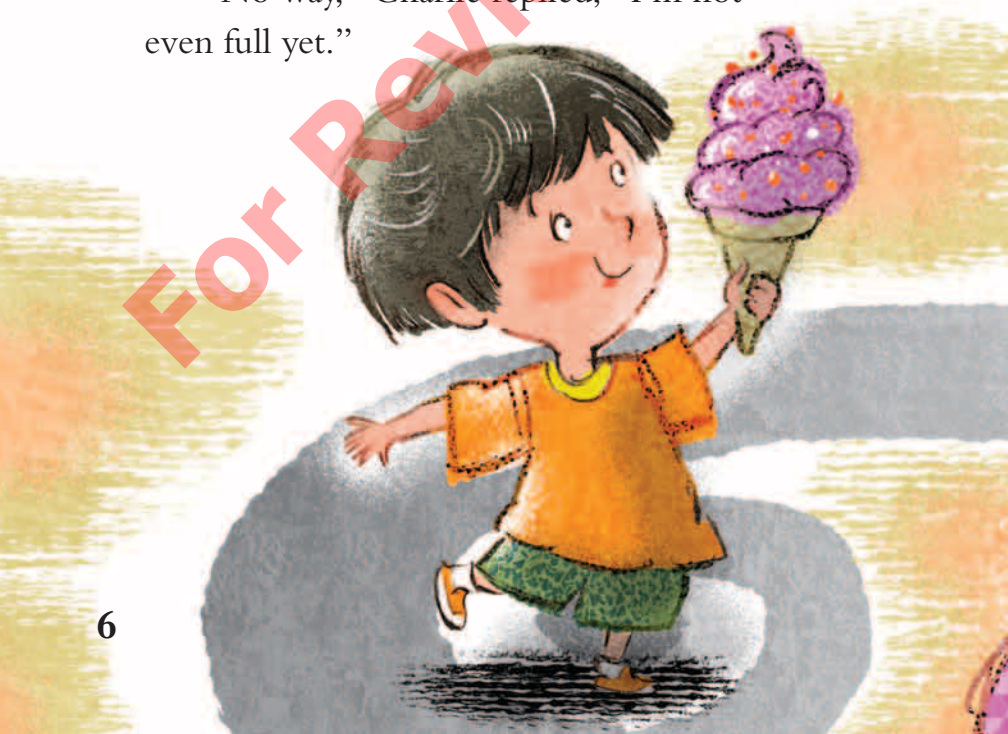
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There were stalls that sold everything on a stick and stalls that could deep-fry anything. Another stand sold sweet nachos and ice-cream pizzas. The nachos had strawberry-jam salsa and chocolate sour cream. They smelled delicious!

"One, with extra sprinkles, please," said Charlie, still chewing on a cranberry wonton.

"You're going to make yourself sick!" said Elliot.

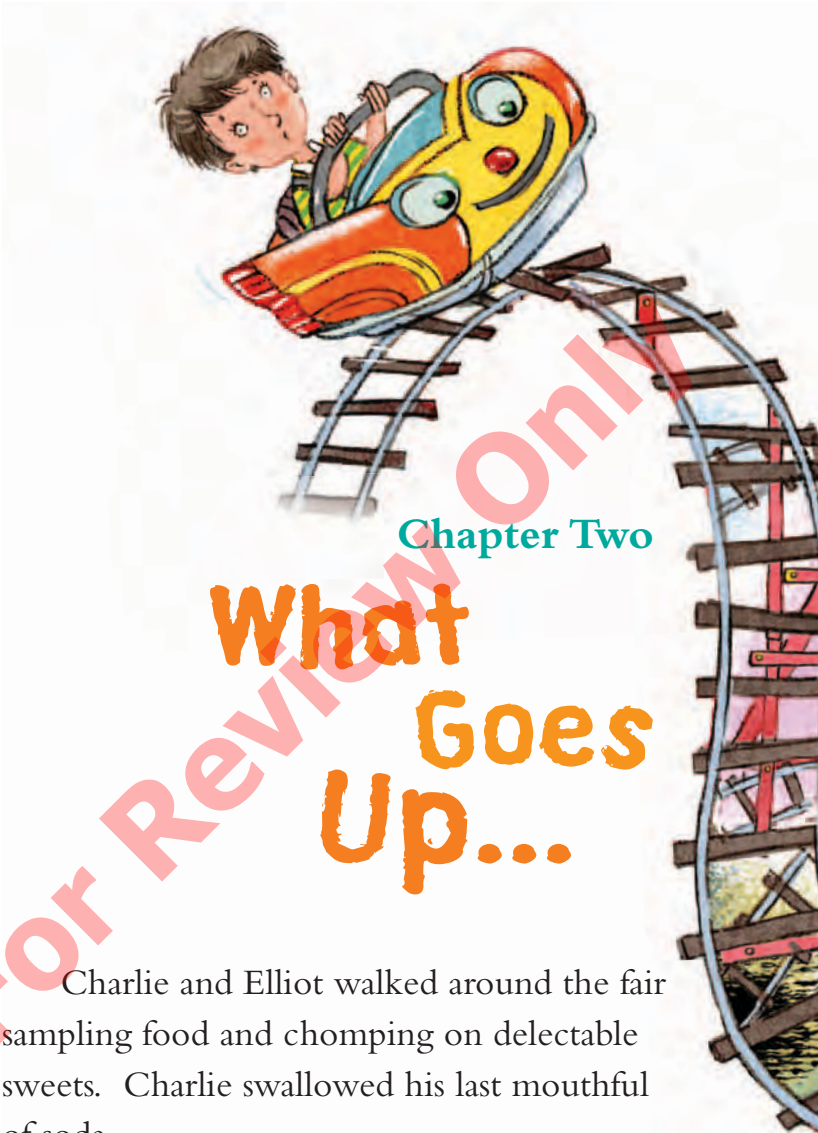
"No way," Charlie replied, "I'm not even full yet."



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Chapter Two

What Goes Up...

Charlie and Elliot walked around the fair sampling food and chomping on delectable sweets. Charlie swallowed his last mouthful of soda.

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