

The Lucky Dip

A little girl gazed excitedly out of the bus window. Ahead of her, gentle, turquoise waves lapped quietly against the shore. Noisy seagulls squawked in the sky above while a red, magnificent Ferris wheel spun slowly in the breeze. The bus finally stopped. The girl jumped off and her feet sank into the warm, soft sand. She was finally at the funfair. She had been looking forward to this day for weeks. The girl skipped happily behind her grandparents onto the long, wooden pier.

Something caught the little girl's eye. At the end of the pier stood a deserted arcade. The girl was very curious to see what was inside. She cautiously crept towards the door, ignoring the 'Keep out' signs. Slowly, she pushed the old, creaky door open.

Just ahead of her, she could see the flashing lights of a game. It was called 'The Lucky Dip'. She tiptoed towards it only to see a brown, fluffy bunny caged inside. The little girl was so excited. She had always wanted a bunny. She reached for a coin from her pocket and placed it inside the slot. She carefully moved the shiny, metal claw and it grabbed at the bunny's ear but sadly, the bunny slipped out of the claw's grasp onto the soft toys below. The little girl frowned. What would she do now?

From nowhere, a giant figure suddenly appeared. He cast a gloomy, dark shadow. His eyes bulged out of his enormous head and his teeth were as sharp as razors. He seemed as dangerous as a tiger. As she noticed the silver, shiny pins piercing his body, the girl's heart started racing and she covered her face in fear. She was terrified and gasped in horror.

Suddenly, the Pin Man lurched forward and used all his strength to push the machine over. The glass shattered into thousands of pieces and the girl grabbed the bunny, pulling it to freedom. The Pin Man started edging towards the little girl.

Terrified, the little girl clung to the bunny and slowly crept backwards. She did not notice a huge, gaping hole in the floor and fell right through it. The girl closed her eyes in fear but luckily she landed on soft, silky sand.

Slowly, the little girl opened her eyes. To her surprise, the little bunny wriggled free from her arms and started to run away. The girl jumped forward to catch the bunny but she tripped. A tear rolled down her face as she watched the bunny disappear into the distance. The bunny didn't want to be the little girl's toy at all. It wanted to be free. Suddenly, the little girl became very frightened as she was lost and didn't know how she would get back to her grandparents.

At that very moment, a huge arm reached down and pulled the girl back up onto the pier. It was the Pin Man! He had saved her. The Pin Man and the girl smiled kindly at each other. It dawned on the little girl that the Pin Man had been trying to help her all along. He wasn't scary at all. Just then, the little girl's grandparents called her over. It was time to leave. They ran onto the waiting bus. As it started to drive away the little girl looked out of the window with a smile on her face and waved goodbye to the Pin Man. He waved back. The little girl would never forget him.