

Troublesome Days

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Chapter 1 - Snow

“Snow! Snow!” yelled Vanessa in distress. “It’s going to be okay,” said Emma right behind her. It was hard to tell but Vanessa could see that something was coming for her. She yanked Emma and started running towards the house. Once they got inside, Emma asked, “What’s wrong with you?” as she turned around. They suddenly heard scratching at the door. Vanessa turned around and looked through the peephole.

She saw a fox as orange as her hair, so she opened the door and stuck her hand out to see it was Snow that scratched at the door. Vanessa felt soft, fluffy fur rub against her hand. “Snow?... SNOW!” She immediately threw open the door and gave Snow a BIG hug. Emma stood up and hugged Snow as well. (Snow belongs to both of them.) “See I told you it would end well,” said Emma. As they exited the house, they didn’t notice the rat that stuck to Snow’s tail...

Chapter 2 – Rat Attack

As they walked to their treehouse of secrets, Vanessa saw that there was a pink tail on Snow’s tail. “Snow sit,” said Vanessa. She picked up Snow’s tail only to find a dark, gray, ruffled fur red eyed rat hissing.

“Ahhh!” yelled Vanessa as she backed away in chock. Emma on the hard, scooped up some snow, made a nest, and put the rat in it. Then, Emma walked and let rat gently down. Instead of going away, as Emma anticipated, the rat turned, got up, climbed up Emma, and bit her in the neck. “Aghh!” Vanessa ran towards Emma’s voice and Snow got the rat and made sure it never attacked again. Vanessa helped Emma get to the house and Aunt Lilly and Uncle Joe got some medicine to cure Emma (even though it required a shot and Emma hated them.) Vanessa made sure that the rat was gone and nowhere close to them (even though Snow had made sure of that).

Chapter 3 – “You’ve Got to”

“Can I talk to Vanessa, please?” said Aunt Lilly. “Sure,” said Emma and Uncle Joe as they started to leave the cold room. “Why do I have a feeling this is about Snow?” asked Emma. “Because you know you need to let her go.”

“You know that’s impossible.” said Vanessa. “You’ve got to let her go, if you don’t want something like this to happen again,” said Aunt Lilly. Emma replied, “But you know it is not Snow’s fault at all.” Aunt Lilly said, “Vanessa Samaya Power, do not raise your voice at me!” Vanessa said, “Sorry, Aunt Lilly. I just can’t let her go!” Aunt Lilly calmly said, “I understand honey, but...” Vanessa replied, “But what? It’s never been Snow’s fault.” Uncle Joe and Emma listened through the door and looked at each other with sad and confused faces. “I’m not going to let her go, ever again,” said Vanessa as she left the room going to hold Snow and talk to her.

Chapter 4 – The Rat Returns

As Vanessa was talking, she and Snow started to hear squeaking. Vanessa immediately got up from the soft, comfy seat. She saw the exact same tail from the other rat, six black lines, and six gray lines. Vanessa to see what was going on and why the rat was there. She saw the rat lying on the ground and an even bigger rat **dabbing new for the other one**. Vanessa though she was hallucinating, so she went to Emma to ask her to see if it was. It wasn’t, and Even Vanessa didn’t see it dabbing. After Vanessa went back to Aunt Lilly and asked to help get both rats out. After they go the rats out, Uncle Joe said, “I think it’s time we all got some rest.” Aunt Lilly said, “I agree.” Vanessa gave Emma a stink face. Once Emma was asleep for sure, Vaness got out her Diary and wrote:

Dear Diary,

Today, I thought a fat rat was dabbing while standing next to another one that was smaller.

Then, Vanessa wrote some more and fell asleep.

Chapter 5 – Dear, Diary

As Vanessa woke up, she started to realize that Emma had her diary and was reading it. “Oh, no you don’t!” said Vanessa, reading for her diary in frustration and anger. Vanessa had a lot of coffee in December considering how cold it is in Colorado, so she had not grown to reach Emma’s hand. “Give it to me!” said Vanessa. “You didn’t say please!” Emma replied. “Aghh...Please.” Emma dropped the diary and Vanessa quickly got it and went back on her bed. She started writing:

Dear Diary,

Emma is so stubborn and is getting on my last nerve!

After she finished writing the two pages, she put her book away and went to get breakfast.

Chapter 6 – No More Trouble

“Snow!” called Vanessa waking up everyone in the neighbor’s house. “Aghh! Could you please Quite Down!” said Emma. Snow got up and walked up the stairs to Vanessa. Vanessa said, “Emma, I don’t think Snow is feeling very well! Emma wen to see what was wrong and said, “We need to take her to the vet.” So, once they got to the vet, the vet examined Snow and saw a tail. He said, “We need to do surgery,” “Okay,” said Emma. Emma and Vanessa waited in a room for the surgery to be done. After the surgery, the vet gave them some precautions and left.

Nothing bad happened after that surgery. Later on, Vanessa got married and Emma stayed to take care of her Aunt and uncle.

About the Author

Aleena lives in a spacious house in Texas. She is polite and shy when put in the spotlight. She enjoys watching dragon shows and her favorite animal is a fox. Her love for foxes led her to making the character Snow. She was inspired to make Emma by one of her friend’s characteristics. She got her inspiration to make this book by her friends, family, and love for foxes and books.

About the book

Snow is a pet to two sisters named Vanessa and Emma. The two sisters keep on seeing rats doing crazy things. Snow being Snow when making sure a rat doesn't come back, gets a tail in her and needs surgery. Will they let her have surgery to save her life? Find out what they say in the book, *Snow*.