## **Heather Chapter 1**

I was playing my favorite game called "Freeze It Flatten It" on my laptop when suddenly my screen turned black. "UG!!" Why does it keep doing that even when I'm charging it? I heard my dad call me to set the table so I rushed down the stairs so I wouldn't get in trouble with my dad. After I went to set the table I thought I'd check and see if my laptop was back on. "Yahoo!!" Then all of a sudden something caught my eye, it caught my eye so sharply it felt like I was a hawk looking at a mouse from 100 feet up. It was an ad for Pet-Tastic; I really wanted a pet badly. "MOM, DAD!" "I found an ad for Pet-Tastic, can I get a pet? I've always wanted a pet. Please, please, pretty please with a plump of sugar on top, and a sweet cherry?" We'll think about it and we'll decide based on how well you act and be responsible, but don't get too excited." The next morning, and the day after, and the next day, I waited for mom and dad to tell me if I can get a pet. "Mom, dad can I get a pet?" I asked for the 10,000<sup>th</sup> time. "We'll go to the pet store today but that doesn't mean that we'll get a pet." "Awesome sauce!!!" I sang.

### Mellissa Chapter 2

Mellissa sat down in the homeroom waiting for class to start. "Okay class who wants to volunteer to help out at Pet-Tastic, the animal center?" Mellissa raised her hand. "When I call your name put your hand down, Mellissa... I guess it's just you." Said Mrs. Fanterground. I thought that more kids would be interested in helping animals, Mellissa thought. "Mom, dad." I called after I got back from school "Mrs. Fanterground, our home room teacher, asked who wanted to help out at the animal shelter and I volunteered, I hope that's okay with you."

"That's great honey." "Sunshine come here doggy, do you want anything to eat?" "Rahf, rahf" said Sunshine. I went to go get the dog food to feed my sunshine. After I did that I plopped down on my bed and started to text my friends, most of them go to Phillip Reighn's middle school."Sweetie, your teacher said that you'll start volunteer at Pet-Tastic tomorrow." "That's great mom." I replied back to her. "The next morning I was so excited to get to meet other animals when my mother called "It's time to get up sweetie!" "I'm already up; I've been up since six in the morning!" "Holy camolly!" "Let's go!" I begged her. When we got there, a guy named Jacob said "Hi I'm the manger of Pet-Tastic, I'll show you the basics of how to handle animals. You hold a rabbit like this, make sure the rabbit doesn't squirm away. "This is what you do all day?" I asked Jacob "No we help customers find which pets are right for them." "I have an adorable dog, he is so perfect for me!" I said. "Do you help injured animals?" I asked. "No but we do a fund raiser for them every year." "Awesome. I love helping animals." "Oh look, here comes a customer, it's your time to show me what you learned." "O.k. This is my test" I said. "Go on you got it." He replied.

#### **Jaden Chapter 3**

"Mom, Mom! When are we going to dad's work?" "Be patient!" My mom yelled from the top of the stairs. "Okay." I was very excited to go to my dad's work. "Finally!" I said when my mom came downstairs. "Let's get in the car so we are not late. Do you remember the name of daddy's work?" I didn't remember the name. "Um I don't remember the name of the place, all I remember is that it has to do with animals." "The name of it is Pet-Tastic!" my mom said. "You sound very enthusiastic about that, I can tell by your voice." "Oh thank you Jaden, you're my

little sweet boy." "Ew, disgusting I feel like a little kid!!" Yay we're finally here. I wonder if my dad has a customer right this moment. "Mom you are walking so slowly, by the time we get into the store dad will be getting out." "Chill sweetie, it's only been 3 minutes." "Three minutes that's a lot of time mom, I guess you're turning into an old lady." Jaden teased. I ran inside and saw two girls I recognized. They looked like they were looking for something.

### Mellissa Chapter 5

"Hello how can I help you today?" I was really nervous, and I think I sounded like it too. I looked at Jacob for help, but he just smiled. I saw that a girl with the customer that I was helping looked familiar, but I don't know where I knew her from. "Our daughter, my husband and I want to have a look at some pets." Said the mom. "Do you want a furry one, scaly? What kind would you like?" the girl answered "I think I want a pet I can cuddle, teach things, super cute-"" and NO dogs!" The mom interrupted." "I think a cat would be good for you, what do you think?" "Sounds good, but I might be a little picky." Warned the girl.

#### **Heather Chapter 6**

There is just something about that girl who is helping us that started to make me think. I think that's the girl who rides her bike a lot by our block. "Those ones all look cute but they aren't the right one for me." I said snapping out of my daydream. "Oh, I totally understand, it took me a long time to find the right dog for me." Said the girl. "Do you have any kittens that were recently born?" I asked. "I think we have a gray Pixiebob (house cat breed) that was just born a couple days ago." The girl told me. "Me and your dad are going to the coffee shop next door, if you're ready we'll come in to check what cat you want to have." My mom said. "Okay!" I finally

asked the girl "Do I know you from any where?" "Um, I don't know." the door opened and a boy came in. "He looks familiar." We said at the same time. "He is the manager's son, he came in to help." Explained the girl.

## Jaden chapter 7

I spotted my dad after I spotted the girls, but I decided to go to my dad first. "Mom I'm going to go talk to dad." "I'll be right there." "Hi dad, how is it going?" "Good, today we have a new volunteer, her name is Mellissa. She is helping a customer right now, do you mind finding her and helping her?" "I would be glad to help, and do anything for my poppy." I wonder if the girls who were staring at me were the girls dad was talking about. Well I was going to find out in two more steps. "Are you Mellissa?" I asked the girl. "Yes I'm the volunteer, I assume that you're Jacob's son?" This girl sounded like a professional calling my dad by his first name. "Yup, my dad told me to help you guys. Do you need any help?" "Sure, do you know where the new born Pixiebob is?" Asked Mellissa. "I think I remember, the last time I came here it was just born. Follow me." I said. "Oh she is so cute! I love her!" "Is this the Pixiebob?" the girl asked "Yup." Mellissa and I answered proudly. "This is the one I want to get. Oh, I have to go get my parents." Said the girl. "Wait!" I said a little louder than I meant. Let's all go get your parents." "I guess that's a good idea, so if my parents say no then you guys can convince them." Said the girl. "Let's go are you guys ready?" Said Mellissa. "Yup!" we all replied together.

# **Heather chapter 8**

"Please, please she's soo cute!" I was trying to convince my parents to let me get the Pixiebob.

The manager's son, the Pet-Tastic volunteer, were all trying to help me. "Cats clean themselves

so you don't have to make them take a bath, I have to make my dog do that." Said the assistant. We said so many good things about cats and they didn't listen. "Why don't you come see the cat yourself?" let's just hope this works. I whispered to The volunteer. "Oh, isn't she divine?" said my mother. This is what I've been trying to tell her. I thought. "Can we please get her now that you saw her?" please say yes, please say yes, those words were repeating over and over again in my mind. "Only if you promise to take care of the cat and if you want to get anything for the cat that's not necessary you have to pay for it with your own money." My dad told me. "Yes sir!" I replied. "I'll go get Jacob for you." "O.K. see you in 5 Min." When the volunteer came back with Jacob, he started talking with my parents. Then I suggested we introduce ourselves. "I'll start first!" said the manager's son. "I'm Jaden, and I go to Phillip Reighn's middle school." Jaden ended proudly. "Me too." "I do to." The assistant and I chimed in. "Cool" I said. "What grade are you guys in?" "7th grade" Jaden and the volunteer replied at the same time. "What's your name?" I asked the volunteer directly pointing at her. "I'm Mellissa." "Me next." I said I'm in the same grade and school as you and my name is Heather!" "Cool we all go to the same school, maybe we can hang out some time!" said Mellissa. "Do you guys have pets?" "Yup!" They both replied. "We can form a pet club!" "Cool, do you guys want to trade numbers?" Jaden asked. "Sure" we all replied then laughed. "See you guys in school I said!" "Wait, how old are you guys? "I asked. "12" replied Mellissa "13." Said Jaden. "I have an early birthday." "I'm 12." I said. "Awesome, now see you guys in school!" I said as I laughed.