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# DROP



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The sun was hot that Saturday.  
Rob Vega stood on the bridge.  
He looked down.

Far below was a lake.  
The water was **dark.**  
Almost black.

Emma and Bret stood by Rob.  
They were his friends.  
His dad was there too.





# "Happy Birthday!"

Emma said to Rob.

"You are seventeen," Bret said.

"How does it feel?"

"It feels good," Rob said.







"Well," said Mr. Vega. "Are you  
going to **jump?**"

Rob did not speak.



A young man with dark hair and glasses is smiling broadly, adjusting his glasses with his right hand. He is wearing a blue textured sweater. The background is a bright blue sky with green tree branches at the top. A black rectangular box with a rough, torn edge contains white text.

"It's your birthday," his dad said.  
"This is what you wanted."  
"I know."

A thick, green bungee cord hangs diagonally from the top left corner, curving towards the right. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The overall image has a textured, painterly quality.

Rob had asked about

**bungee jumping.**

He wanted to try it.

His dad knew about this park.

People said it was the best.

Jumping was fun and safe.



"Come on, Rob," Emma said.  
"If you won't jump, I will."

"No!" Rob said. "I want to do  
this. I will go first."



Two park workers came over.  
They talked about how to  
jump **safely.**

One worker showed them the  
bungee cord. It was a strong  
rope. One end was hooked to  
the bridge.





The cord had two bands.  
The bands would hold the jumper.  
By the ankles.



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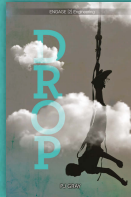
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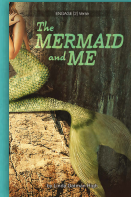
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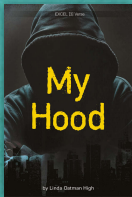
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