**Rocky and the Peculiar Note**

“Wake up! Wake up!” yelled Rocky’s mum, looking him straight in the eye and holding a strange, square note.

“What is it?” Rocky asked, rubbing his eyes.

“I found a note that says ‘Very Important,’ but it’s for someone else, not us,” she replied.

“What’s it about?” Rocky asked, still half-asleep.

“I’m not sure, but somehow the cowboy mailman delivered it to our house by mistake. I need you to deliver this note to its owner, the man who lives on the other side of Dusty Road Desert.”

As Rocky went to get his horse, he discovered the stable was empty. Worried that someone had broken in, he ran to his dad, who was standing outside. His dad explained that Rocky’s younger brother had borrowed the horse because his own horse was still recovering from yesterday’s accident. He suggested Rocky take another animal, the sheep, which he said was the best option.

Rocky set off on the goat, and a few kilometres from home, he came across a colossal crater, as deep as the earth’s core. He needed to act quickly, as it looked like a storm was coming. Suddenly, his loyal sheep, just as his dad called it, ran toward a wrecked bridge. Rocky tried to calm it down, but the sheep charged ahead, bouncing up and down faster than a bouncy ball. Miraculously, within seconds, both Rocky and the sheep made it safely to the other side, unharmed.

Next, Rocky realised they had run out of water, which was an urgent problem in the vast desert. As they travelled on, the note slipped out of Rocky’s pocket and landed in the hot sand. He reached for it, but for a moment, he couldn’t find it. Luckily, he turned around just in time before it could get buried or blown away.

Journeying further through the desert, Rocky spotted a tiny house and a smooth stone pad lying on the ground nearby. He was cautious, but it could be a trap. He tried to retrieve the stone pad using his cowboy rope, but failed after several attempts. Checking the time, Rocky realised they’d been travelling for almost an hour and were only halfway there. So, he pressed on for another hour, riding his brave sheep.

At last, he saw a great stone wall with a sign that read: “Place the stone pad and you may enter.” Without hesitating, Rocky turned back to retrieve the stone pad. He hurried, returning faster than he thought possible. When he arrived, he placed the stone pad in a wooden frame on the wall, but it was too small. As he looked more closely, he noticed another pad nearby. Placing both pads together, they fit perfectly.

Suddenly, the earth shook. The walls collapsed, sand swirled everywhere, and behind it all stood an ordinary house with a very old man inside. Rocky handed him the note. The old man took it silently, waved his hand, perhaps telling Rocky to leave, and he went inside without a word.

Rocky thought to himself, *Today I saw an odd note and a truly peculiar man.*