

Chapter 1: Help Me!

Once there was a racer snake named Jimmy who was out trying to catch his lunch. He had been waiting all day for a lizard, and he finally found one. He started sneaking up on it then *boom* he caught it in one try. "Perfect hunt," he said. On his way to his burrow, he stumbled upon a weasel! His only predator. He started slithering as fast as he could for his burrow, and he barely made it home in time. His heart felt like it wanted to jump out of his chest.

Chapter 2: Hard Work

Once Jimmy had finally settled down after the last attack. Jimmy learned that the weasel's name was Joe. Jimmy was still scared, and he needed to come up with a plan to get back at Joe. It was ridiculous how bad Joe had treated him. He needed to fight back, but Joe was bigger and stronger. He was stumped, how could he fight back against Joe? After some hard thinking, later that afternoon, he finally figured out how. He would train to be better, stronger, and faster, he was going to fight Joe to earn some respect. He found another snake that would train him to beat Joe.

His first day of training was not easy. He kept pushing himself harder and harder and harder, until he was tired. That day he challenged Joe and lost. So he trained for two more whole weeks with no breaks. He was determined to win.

Chapter 3: The Comeback

Then he saw Joe was training too. "Oh no," he thought, "I'm going to lose." So, he decided to give up and go home. He felt so defeated. All of his training was for nothing or so he thought. He went to his burrow to lay down, but when he got there it was destroyed. Joe was the culprit. "I'm going to get him," Jimmy growled. That next day Jimmy found Joe, and asked him why he destroyed his burrow. And then without knowing Jimmy found himself in a fight with Joe. Jimmy was not ready, but he had to give it a try. Jimmy struck first and missed. Then Joe struck and hit. But then Jimmy landed one good bite on Joe's face. Joe ran off crying, and Jimmy chuckled. He won! He really beat Joe! Then, Joe never messed with Jimmy again.

Chapter 4: The Lesson

Joe learned that it was not nice to bully people, and apologized to Jimmy. Jimmy also learned a valuable lesson: stand up to your bullies no matter what and to always be quick to forgive. The two made quite the pair, and were best friends forever after they set their differences aside.

FACTS:

The Antiguan racer is a critically endangered species of snake. It is native to Antigua. Its favorite food is the Antiguan Ground Lizard. Its main predator is the Weasel. It is one of my favorite snakes. Please help this snake to live on in the future.