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 Curt's Friendly Garage Adventure Series 

# Sammy the Scooter and the Shortcut



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CURT'S  
FRIENDLY GAR

HONEST  
REPAIRS  
BIG  
SMILES!  
♥

Please  
Stay on  
the Path

# Dedication

## The Keeper of the Flashlight

To my brother, Curt, who treated every printed word like a map to a hidden kingdom.

While the rest of the world dimmed its lights, you were just getting started, I can still see that soft glimmer beneath your blankets—a silent, flickering defiance against the dark. You proved that a flashlight and a cereal box could be just as much of an adventure as a grand library, provided you had the curiosity to fuel it.

You spent a lifetime chasing sentences, and in doing so, you taught me that the best stories are the ones that make us forget to sleep.

This book series is dedicated to you. Though your own story has found its final page, the "quiet rebellion" you started lives on in every reader who finds a world within these words.

Thank you for the light, and for showing me that a good story is always worth the morning's tired eyes.

*With all my love and gratitude,  
Your Little Sister*



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Sammy the Scooter  
loved to zip and zoom.  
Every morning, he rolled  
out of Curt's Friendly  
Garage ready for  
adventure.



“Remember, Sammy,”  
said Curt. “Safe roads  
and kind choices make  
the best rides.”



**Sammy beeped  
his tiny horn.**

**“Don’t worry, Curt!  
I know all the best  
ways to go!”**

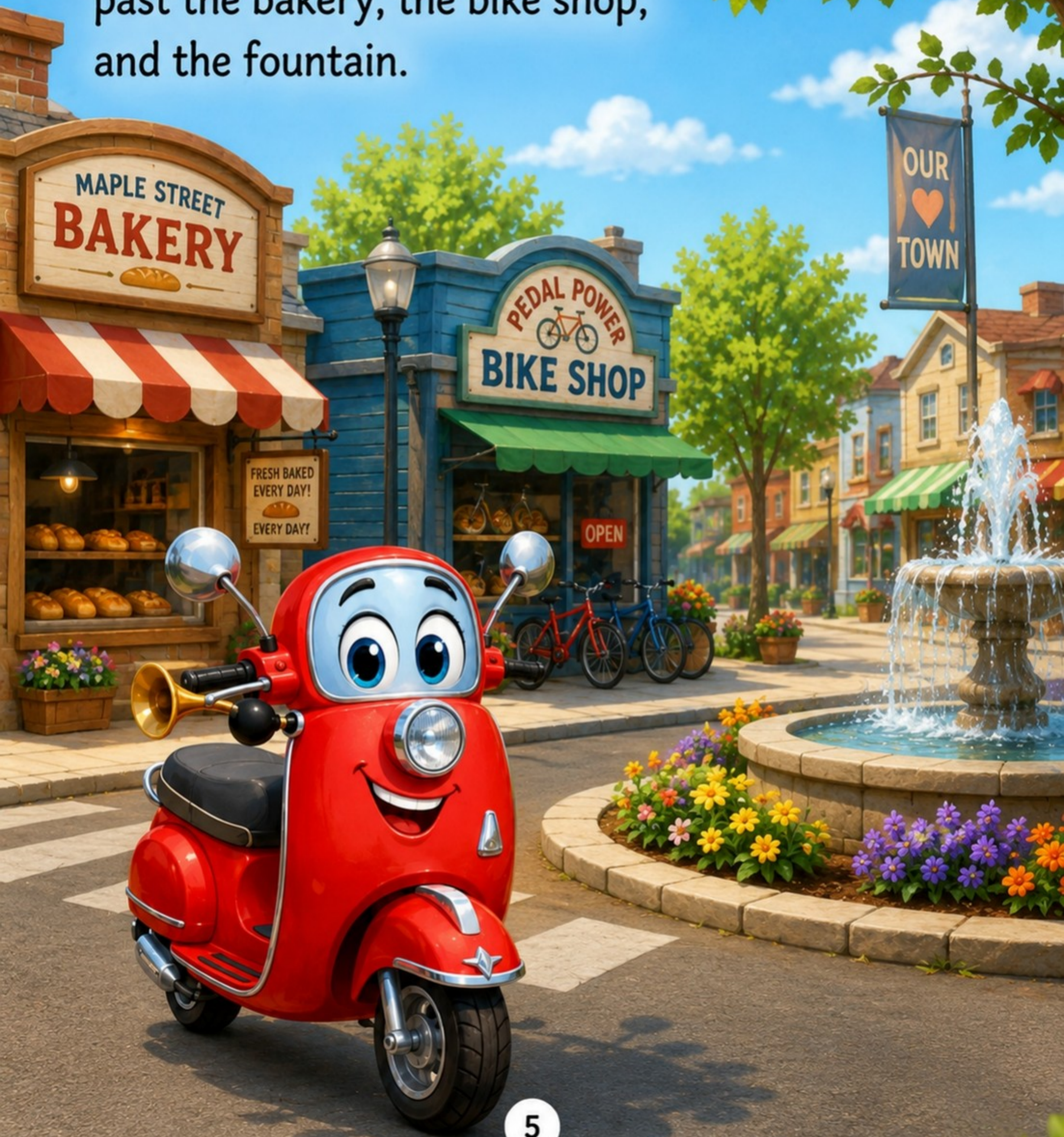


That day, Sammy was invited  
to the town park for a  
**scooter parade.**

He wanted to be the  
very first one there.



He rolled down Maple Street,  
past the bakery, the bike shop,  
and the fountain.



But then Sammy saw  
a long line of wagons, bikes,  
and strollers waiting at  
the crosswalk.



“Oh no,” Sammy said.  
“If I wait here, I might not be  
first!”



Then **Sammy** noticed a small garden beside the sidewalk. A narrow dirt path curved through the flowers.



A little wooden sign stood near the entrance. It said, "Garden Path for Gardeners Only. Please Stay Out."



**Sammy** looked left. **Sammy** looked right.  
“No one is using it,” he said.



**“If I take this shortcut,  
I’ll get to the parade much faster!”**



So **Sammy** rolled into the garden.



At first, it seemed like a wonderful idea.  
The path was quiet, shady, and short.



But then his wheels  
bumped over soft dirt.  
Squish! Squash! Splat!



“Oh dear,” said Sammy.  
“This road is much messier  
than it looked!”



He tried to turn around,  
but his back wheel bumped  
into a row of tulips.



Petals fluttered down.  
A flowerpot tipped over.  
A tiny garden gnome fell sideways.



**Sammy** gasped.

“I didn’t mean to make a mess!”



Just then, **Mrs. Bloom**,  
the gardener, hurried over  
with her watering can.



**“Sammy,” she said gently,  
“this garden is not a road.  
These flowers need space to grow.”**



Sammy looked at the  
bent tulips and muddy tracks.  
His shiny red cheeks felt warm.



“I’m sorry, **Mrs. Bloom,**”  
Sammy said. “I wanted to be  
first, so I ignored the sign.”



**Mrs. Bloom** smiled kindly.  
“Going fast is not always better.  
Sometimes the right way  
is the slower way.”



**Sammy** nodded. "I should have respected your garden."



“Can I help fix it?” Sammy asked.



**Mrs. Bloom** handed Sammy  
a tiny wagon filled with soil.  
Together, they fixed the flower bed.



Sammy helped stand  
the garden gnome back up.



He carried fresh water to the tulips and gently patted the soil smooth.



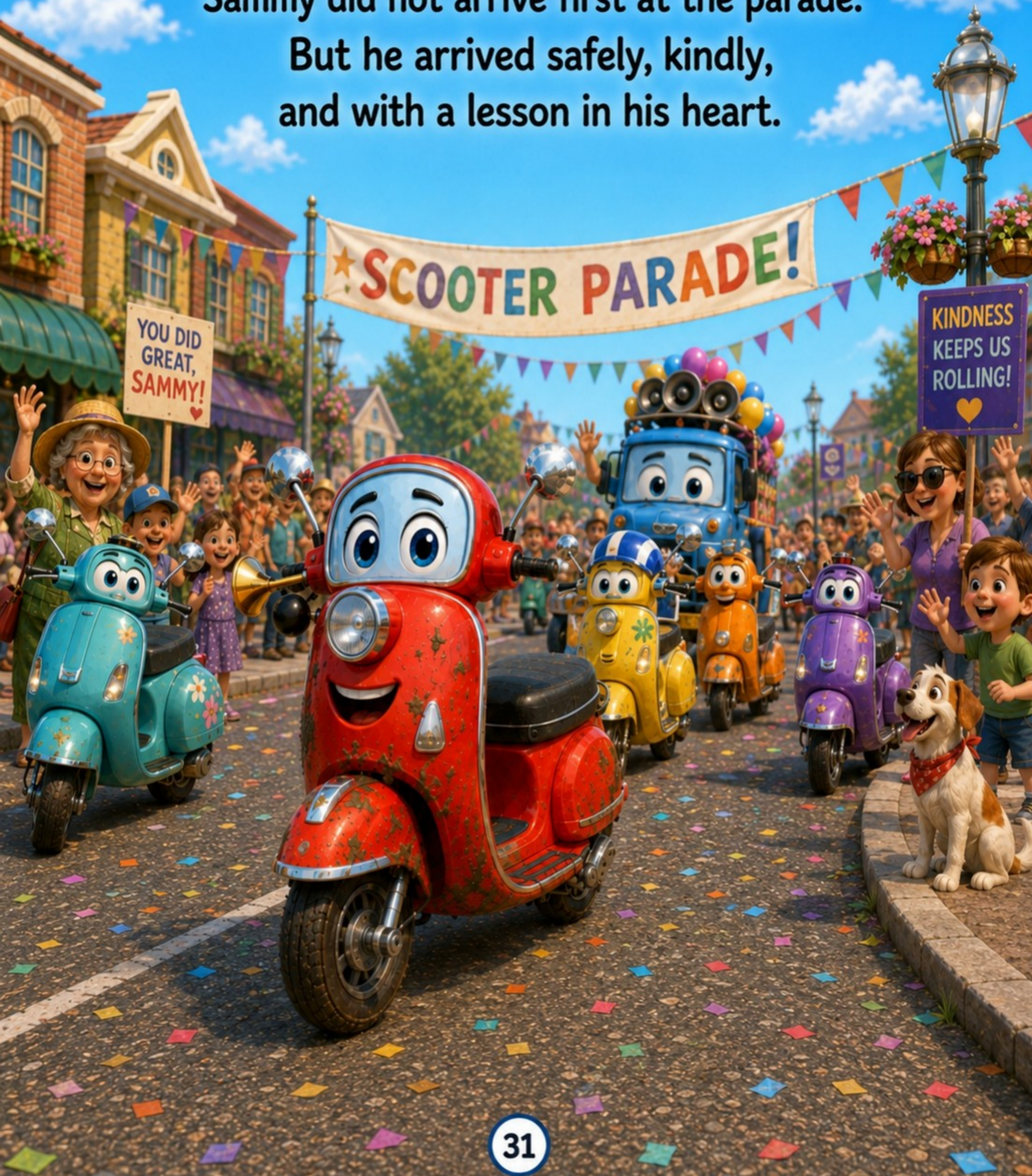
When the garden looked  
neat again, Sammy felt better.



He went back to the sidewalk and waited his turn at the crosswalk.




Sammy did not arrive first at the parade.  
But he arrived safely, kindly,  
and with a lesson in his heart.



From that day on, Sammy remembered:  
Shortcuts can be tempting, but respecting  
rules and other people's spaces is  
always the better path.





**Sammy the Scooter loves to go fast, especially when he is on his way to the town parade. But when he takes a shortcut through Mrs. Bloom's garden, he learns that faster is not always better. By saying sorry and helping fix the garden, Sammy discovers that respecting rules and other people's spaces is always the better path.**

## **Book 2**



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**Lesson: Respecting rules and other people's spaces.**



Mrs. Bloom's  
Garden

