

Zee feels the heat of the rock go through his body.

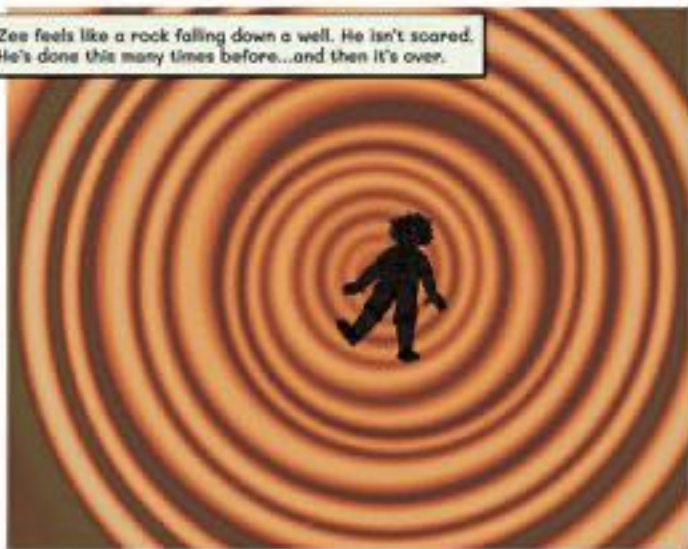


Zee takes deep breaths. Ninja stops feeling so heavy in his lap. The sound of Grandma Max's TV fades away. His mind clears.

Then it happens, as it has before...



Zee feels like a rock falling down a well. He isn't scared. He's done this many times before...and then it's over.









She thinks the rock is an alien.

Do you mean she thinks it's a meteorite? A rock from space?



No. She thinks the rock is a living thing from outer space.

Quiet, class.



Zee knows Grandma Max's ideas sound weird. But he knows the rock is powerful and does amazing things.



Later that afternoon...

Get it, girl!



Ninja, you're scared of everything!



How was your day, Mom?

Another long day at work. Now it's time to make dinner.



Zee wishes his mom would ask him about school. But she doesn't feel like talking.