

Chasing Dusty Across the Divide

an adventure and activity book
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Dedication

To Kathy, who brought Bootzie into my life, and to Dusty, a real dust devil
who wreaked havoc in my tiny Dell.

It is also dedicated to those who carry burdens, causing chaos in the wake
of dealing with their own pain, and to those who struggle with their personal
inner Divide.

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Here's to his amazing visioning.

This book belongs to

Be ready as we adventure with Bootzie , DeeDee, Hank, and Dusty
Across the Divide!

Supplemental Materials

Learn fun facts about terms and locations, play games and other activities for
Chasing Dusty Across the Divide at
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[term] are terms and explanations that might be of interest to you, the reader, that
you can share about the scene with your listener.
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@[scene location]



Bootzie and DeeDee live
in the Southwest.
They meet Dusty, the dust devil,
an ornery pest.

He is mean and not nice.
They can't figure out why
he scoops up what he sees
and throws it aside.



dust devil A small, brief whirlwind. They can be destructive as they lift dust and other debris into the air.

hummingbirds Thirteen species are known to occur in the Chiricahuas and many migrate to northern Arizona. DeeDee heading north is a natural migration!

@Chiricahua Mountains, southeastern Arizona



Before they can find out
what makes him so mean,
Dusty takes off –
heads right out of the scene.

Bootzie and DeeDee,
rush off to follow
through desert, past cities,
and even saguaros.



Sonoran Desert Covers large parts of the Southwestern United States in Arizona and California as well as Northwestern Mexico.

saguaros (sa · GWAA · rowz) are large, tree-like columnar cacti that can develop branches (or arms) as they age. They are only found in the lush Sonoran Desert.

@Sonoran Desert outside Phoenix, Arizona



They continue their travels
to the Mongollon Rim.
They watch him wreak havoc
wherever he's been.



Mongollon Rim (MAA • guh • luhn • RIM) An escarpment defining the southwestern edge of the Colorado Plateau. It separates the Colorado Plateau and the Central Highlands and forms, in part, the divide between the Little Colorado River and Salt River drainage areas.
[@Mongollon Rim in eastern Arizona](#)



Dusty reaches the High Country.
He isn't yet done.

Hank, Bootzie's friend, lives there
and they ask him to come.



High Country A nickname for the Colorado Plateau, including the towns of Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott, and Payson in northern Arizona.
@East of Flagstaff, Arizona



Heading across
the Arizona Divide,
the friends call to Dusty
as he swirls side-to-side.

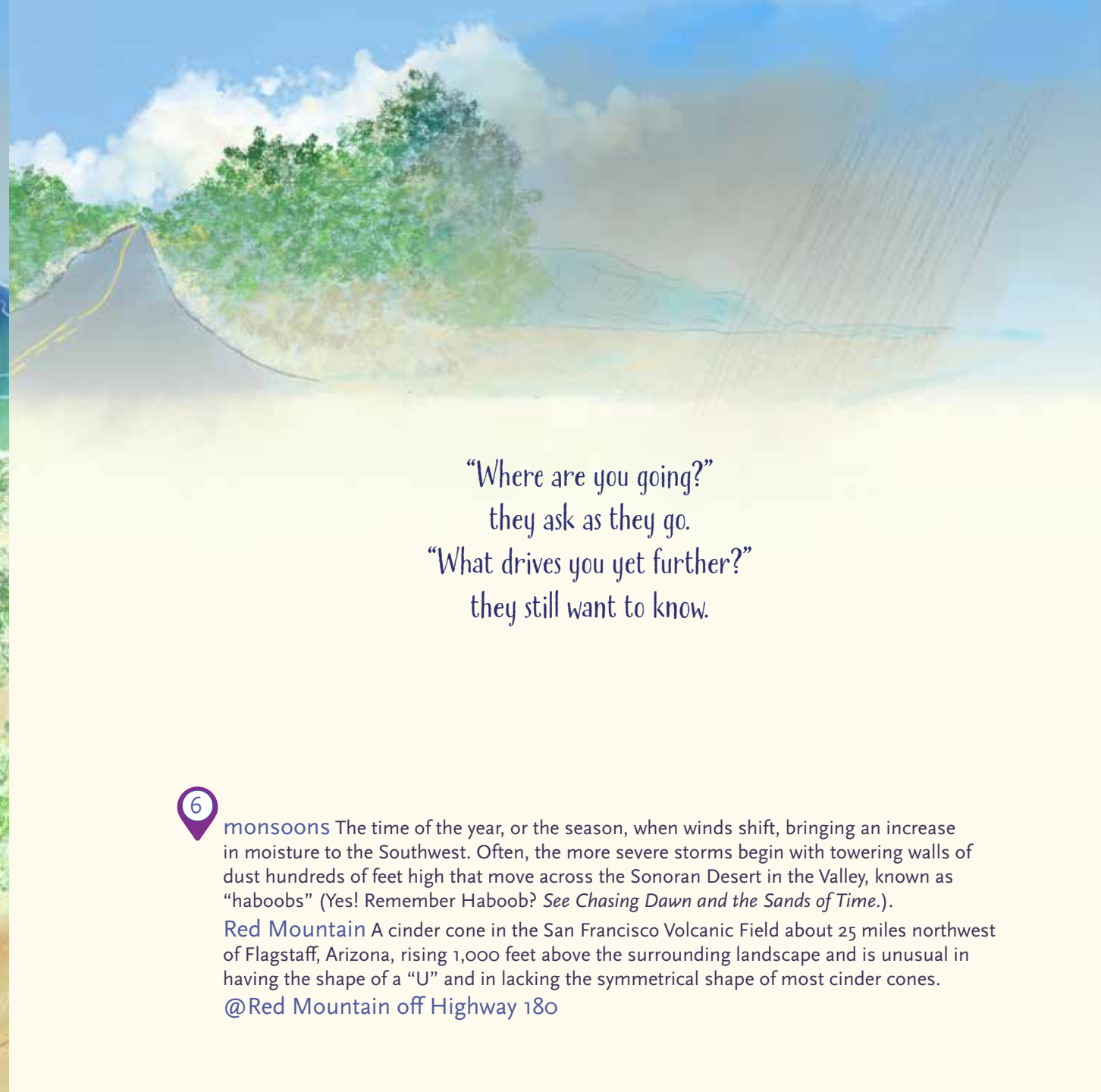
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Arizona Divide The tipping point where water runs north or northwest into the Colorado River watershed or south or southwest into the Gila River watershed. The divide is for a short time only, as the Gila eventually flows into the Colorado near Yuma.

Trains through Flagstaff The BNSF Railway is among the top transporters of intermodal freight in North America. Amtrak Passenger Trains also run through the town.

San Francisco Peaks Three summits—Humphreys (12,635 feet, the highest point in Arizona), Agassiz, and Fremont peaks located 10 miles (16 km) north of Flagstaff.

@The Arizona Divide, noted by Mile Marker 190 on I-40, west of Flagstaff



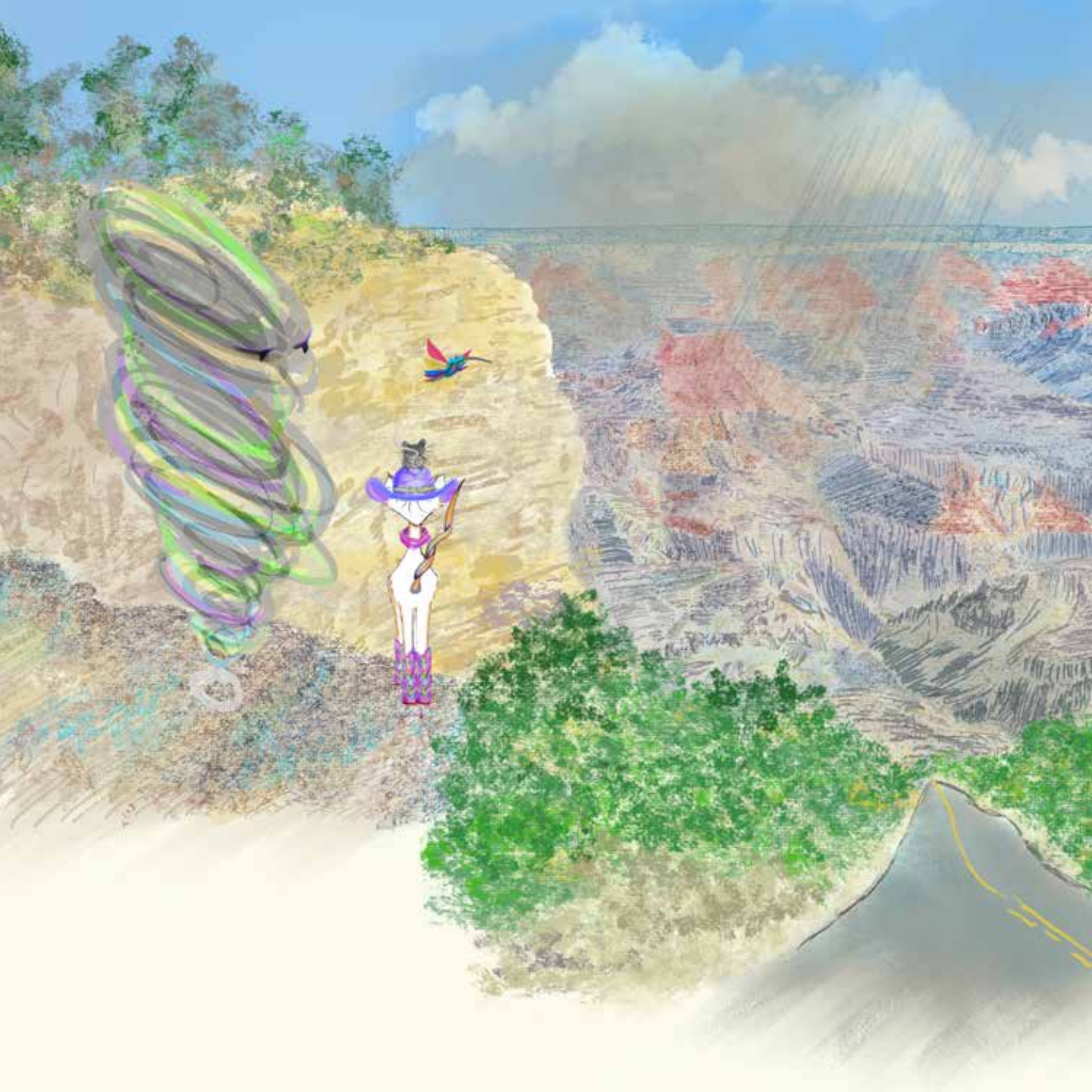
“Where are you going?”
they ask as they go.
“What drives you yet further?”
they still want to know.

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monsoons The time of the year, or the season, when winds shift, bringing an increase in moisture to the Southwest. Often, the more severe storms begin with towering walls of dust hundreds of feet high that move across the Sonoran Desert in the Valley, known as “haboobs” (Yes! Remember Haboob? *See Chasing Dawn and the Sands of Time.*).

Red Mountain A cinder cone in the San Francisco Volcanic Field about 25 miles northwest of Flagstaff, Arizona, rising 1,000 feet above the surrounding landscape and is unusual in having the shape of a “U” and in lacking the symmetrical shape of most cinder cones.

@Red Mountain off Highway 180



Dusty suddenly stops.
He comes to an edge.
Our friends catch up to him
where the road ends.

They see a Grand Canyon
so far and so wide,
stretching on, East to West.
They pause at the side.



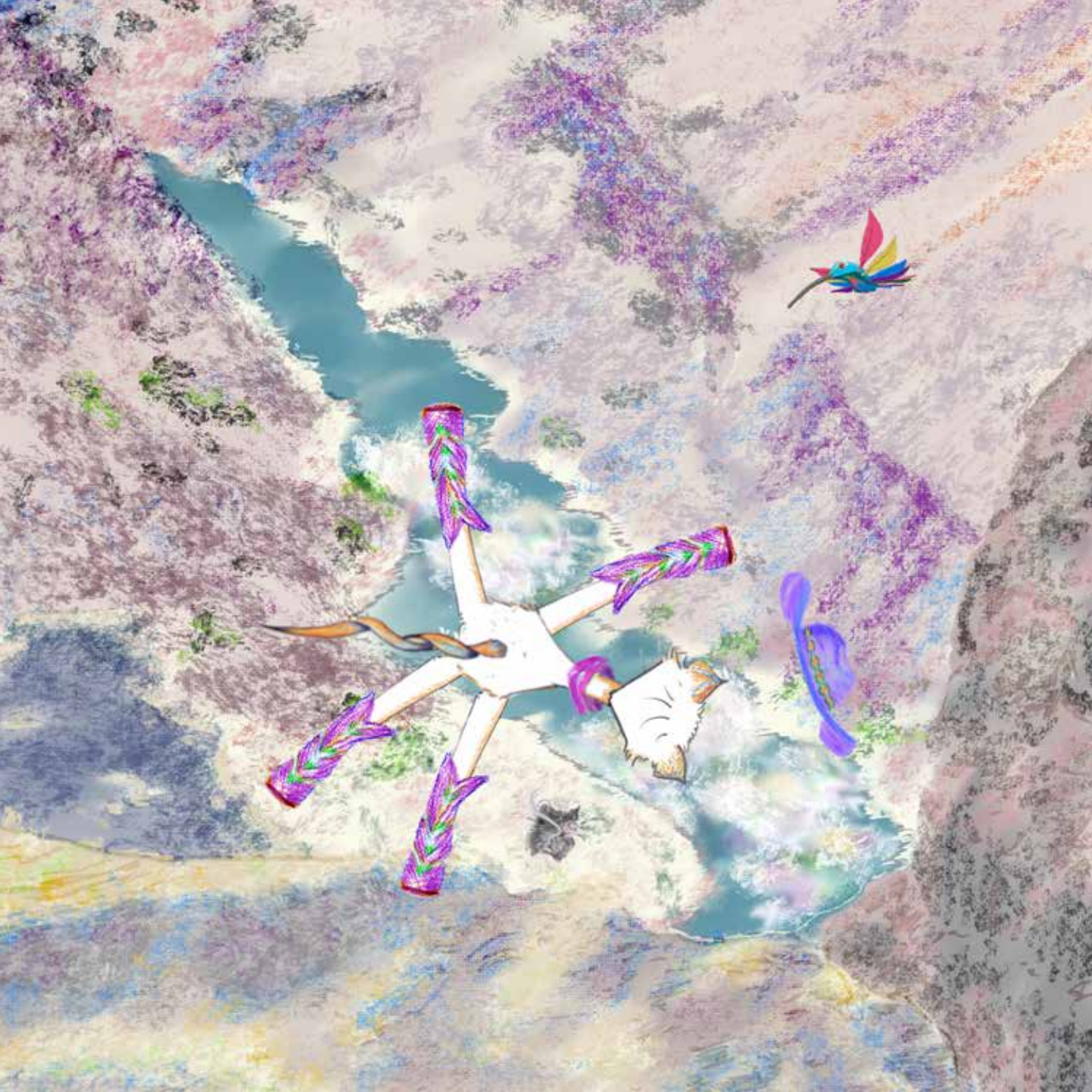
Grand Canyon The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River is a mile-deep canyon (1.6 km). The National Park encompasses 277 river miles (446 km) of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands.

South Rim of Grand Canyon Averages 7,000 feet/2134 m above sea level. As you approach, you have little to no warning about the majestic landscape you are about to see.
@South Rim of Grand Canyon



But Bootzie and Hank lean
way too far in.
They fall over the side!
The outcome looks grim.

DeeDee heads down
to help, if she can.
It's a ways to the bottom
of this mile-deep span!



The rapids they head toward
look way – Way TOO BIG.
They'll be rumbled and tumbled
and tossed like two twigs.



Grand Canyon Rapids All rivers are rated on a “class” scale to help you determine the size and technicality of the whitewater. The Grand Canyon stretch of the mighty Colorado River is home to many Class IV to V rapids... In Grand Canyon, the classes are more specific, using a 1 - 10 scale. Chrystal Rapid and Lava Falls are a 10 depending on the water level; the Paria River Riffle is an example of a 1.

@Colorado River in Grand Canyon



At the last minute,
before they go SPLAT,
Dusty swoops down and saves them
in two seconds flat.

Bootzie sees that the rapid
was tiny and small.
It wouldn't have hurt them.
No, not at all.

"Oh, I wasn't scared.
No real worry or dread.
That was just the Universe
putting thoughts in my head."



By the time it's all over,
they're on the North Side
of the mighty Grand Canyon.
OH, what a ride!

Turns out that our Dusty
wasn't mean, wasn't rough.
He just needed a hug
when times got way too tough.

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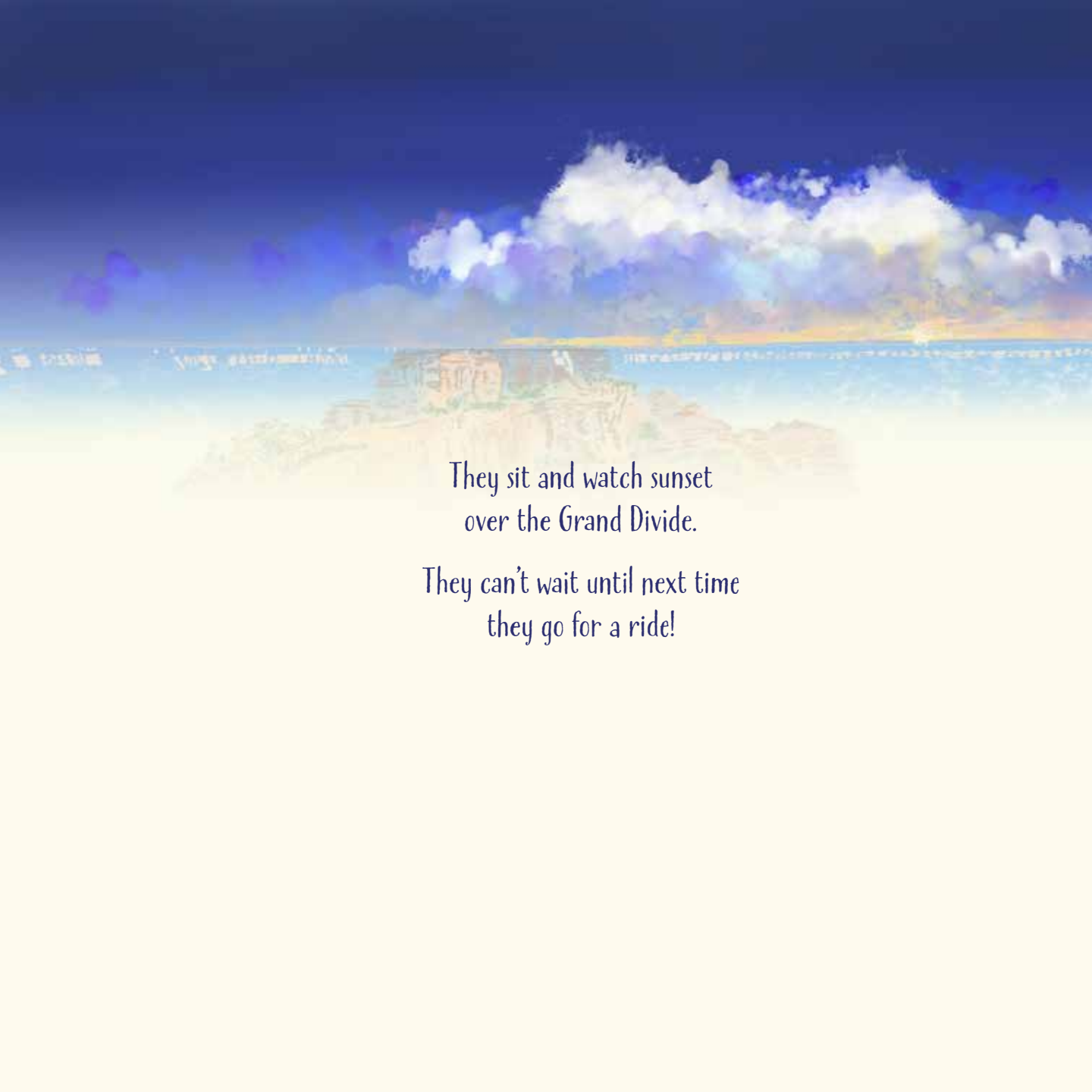
North Rim The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, over 8,000 feet/2438 m. in elevation, lies just 10 miles (16 km) across the canyon from the South Rim (as the California condor flies) but is a 220 mile/354 km drive by car if you drive "around" through Lees Ferry.

@North Rim of Grand Canyon



He looks at our threesome.
He wants to amend.
They give Dusty a hug.
They do want to be friends.





They sit and watch sunset
over the Grand Divide.

They can't wait until next time
they go for a ride!

Help Dusty find his new friends



Scenes in This Whirlwind Adventure through Arizona Divides!

Draw a line from the number of each scene to its marker on the map.



- 1 Chiricahua Mountains, southeastern Arizona
- 2 Sonoran Desert outside Phoenix
- 3 Mogollon Rim in eastern Arizona
- 4 East of Flagstaff, Arizona
- 5 The Arizona Divide, marked by Mile Marker 190 on I-40, west of Flagstaff. The San Francisco Peaks are to the right, Bill Williams Mountain is to the left.
- 6 Red Mountain off Hwy 180, with the San Francisco Peaks to the right and the approach to the South Rim of Grand Canyon to the left on SR 64.
- 7 South Rim of the Grand Canyon
- 8 Colorado River in Grand Canyon
- 9 North Rim of the Grand Canyon

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