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The settings create obstacles that test resilience and teamwork.

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In Story A, bravery drives the character's success, while teamwork helps the group in Story B.