

Carrot Man Ventures into the City

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Once upon a time, there lived a carrot from California Carrot Farm that loved to explore. Carrot Man Rooty really wanted to explore New York City because he had heard how amazing it was on TV. He was very interested in seeing the Statue of Liberty, the fruit and vegetable stands, the Empire State Building and Central Park.

One day, Carrot Man Rooty overheard the farmers talking about a shipment of carrots leaving the farm and heading to New York City. The day the truck was leaving, Carrot Man Rooty decided to sneak on the truck and head to New York City! He was so excited to be going on the adventure he had been waiting for!

When the truck arrived in New York City, Carrot Man Rooty and all of his carrot family were delivered to the fruit and vegetable stands. When he got placed onto the table, he looked up and saw a sign that said “Farmer’s Market Today at Central Park!” He couldn’t believe that he was where he’d hoped he would travel to on his adventure.

At the farmer’s market, a lady that sold carrots told everyone who walked by all about how healthy carrots were for them. Carrot Man Rooty learned how beta-carotene made him orange. He also learned that beta-carotene turns into Vitamin A in humans, which is good for their eyes and skin. The lady also talked about other healthy qualities such as Vitamin C, Potassium, Magnesium and Calcium.

Carrot Man Rooty became worried he might be sold, so he decided to sneak off the table and try to find the Empire State Building. Once he found the Empire State Building, he was amazed with how big it actually was.

Just then, a huge crowd of people came and he almost got trampled. So, he sprinted off to find the Statue of Liberty. When he was trying to find the Statue of Liberty, he spotted a street fair. Carrot Man Rooty wandered through the street fair and noticed a lot of fruit and vegetable stands.

He heard a man at one of the stands talking about how fresh his carrots were because they were California grown. The man also blurted out a different name for carrots called Daucuscarota. Carrot Man Rooty had never been called that before!

Suddenly, Carrot Man Rooty realized he had gotten off his path to finding the Statue of Liberty. He remembered seeing subway signs close by. He searched for the correct subway train to hop aboard.

Just then, he heard the conductor yell, “All aboard! This subway train is headed to the Statue of Liberty!” He immediately jumped onto the subway train. Carrot Man Rooty couldn’t believe he was going to the Statue of Liberty.

When the subway stopped, Carrot Man Rooty got out and saw the giant Statue of Liberty. He was excited to try and make it to the top. He quickly hopped on a ferry, which took him across the harbor, to the base of the statue. He started to climb one step at a time. By the third step, he became very tired and knew he'd have to come up with a new plan.

He decided to jump into the backpack of a kid climbing the stairs. When he finally made it to the top, he jumped out of the kid's backpack onto the edge and looked down.

He saw a lot of tiny figures and it reminded him of looking down at his carrot farm with all the crops. He started to think New York City was no place for a harmless, tiny carrot. He felt very sad and wanted to go home to California.

Carrot Man Rooty remembered hearing the farmers say they were leaving to go back to California to gather more carrots. He decided to race back to the farmer's market and try to make the truck ride home.

Carrot Man Rooty knew that he would have to move quickly. Down the 500 steps, through the crowd, across the harbor on the ferry, onto the subway, past the Empire State Building, through Central Park and onto the truck he leaped! He couldn't believe he made it in time to head home from his big adventure.

When he was home, Carrot Man Rooty thought back to how crazy his adventure was. Now, he knew that New York City was no place for a carrot. He decided to turn on the TV to relax. Just then, he saw a program about China. He thought to himself, "Maybe China is a better place for an adventure for a harmless, tiny carrot."