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Tony wants to go to the bluffs. It is dangerous there. Joel pretends he wants to go. He hopes his Dad will say he can't go.

Joel's Dad says it is OK and that he should make good choices.
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Tony and Joel take their bikes towards the bluffs.

Tony stops at the bridge and looks down at the water. Tony thinks it is a good idea to swim in the river. Tony says the river is dirty and pulls strongly.

Joel runs down to the river.
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Chapter Three

Tony takes off his clothes. Joel hides the bikes in the bushes.

Tony steps into the water and bullies Joel into coming in too. Joel and

Tony tease each other and Joel challenges Tony to swim to the island

in the middle of the river.

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Chapter Four

Joel can feel how strong the water is pulling him. Joel is a strong swimmer, but Tony is not. Tony is splashing like crazy in the river, trying to swim. Joel looks back to see Tony and he is gone!

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Chapter Five

Joel dives into the water to try to find Tony. He cannot see in the dirty water. He feels for Tony with his hands and feet.

The dirty water makes Joel throw up. Joel has to get out of the river.

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Joel stops a car driving by. He tells the boy and girl that he can't find Tony in the river. The boy dives into the river, but he can't find Tony either. Joel feels scared. The boy tells Joel to go to the police station.

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Joel does not go to the police. He goes back towards home and thinks about what he is going to tell his family and Tony's family. Joel feels bad and tries to think of a story about Tony's drowning.

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Chapter Eight

Joel's Dad comes home and is angry that Joel did not do his newspaper route. Tony's Mom is worried about where Tony is. Joel tells a story and says that Tony went to Starved Rock.
Chapter Nine

Joel lets his little brother help him with his newspaper route. Joel gets very angry at Tony for going in the water when he couldn't swim. When he comes back home, he sees his parents and Tony's parents talking together.

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The parents are trying to find out where Tony is. Joel tells them that he saw him near the bridge. Joel goes home and takes a long shower to try to get the river smell off of him.
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Chapter Eleven

Tony's parents are very shocked and sad. Joel tells them the whole truth. Finally, they round Tony's clothes by the river. That night, Joel hears a police car at Tony's house. He goes over there with his father. The police say they found Tony's clothes by the river.
Joel's Dad is upset that he let the boys go to the bluffs.

Joel feels so badly about his best friend that he cry on his Dad's shoulder. Joel's Dad gives him a big hug and tells him it will take time to feel better.

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