Slippery rungs lead straight down a dark hole and my heart is thundering at the inside of me. My arms are the wrong *length*. How am I supposed to **do** this?

> Weren't we at the top of a *tower*? How does this *work*? How can it be only twenty or thirty rungs to get *underground*?

> > Are the streets and buildings reconfiguring just like we are? Will we find ourselves turn a corner from a sewer throat into the ribcage of a playground climber?

No time For *questions*. I can hear Lucky's snorting, jackhammer breath, feel its furnace *heat* across the rooftop...





