THE FIRST ADVENTURE
Hello, friends! My name is Ready Girl, and I’m an emergency preparedness superhero in New York City.

In this story, you’ll learn how I discovered my superpowers that help keep me and my family safe.

I hope my story helps you take the steps to be ready for an emergency. Remember, even as kids, we have the power to be prepared!

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Rosie, you can’t go out with your friends later if your room isn’t clean.

SOMETIMES I FORGET HOW IT ALL BEGAN...
A HURRICANE IS APPROACHING NEW YORK CITY. IF YOU LIVE IN A HURRICANE EVACUATION ZONE, YOU MAY NEED TO EVACUATE.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? I DON’T KNOW WHAT ZONE WE LIVE IN!

FIRST, WE NEED TO LEARN WHAT ZONE WE ARE IN. WE CAN DO THAT BY VISITING THE CITY’S WEBSITE. THAT WILL TELL US IF WE NEED TO PLAN ON EVACUATING OR IF WE NEED TO PREPARE TO STAY AT HOME.

THEN, WE WILL HAVE TO PREPARE THE SUPPLIES.

THANKS... ROSIE... HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS?

WE HAD A VISITOR COME SPEAK TO OUR SCHOOL ABOUT IT.
Later at the grocery store

Okay dad, we’ll need some nonperishable food, water, dog food, some extra batteries, some extra snacks...

Rosie, you wrote snacks on the list twice.

Oops. Better safe than sorry...

Later on, back home
I think we are fine. We got all the supplies we need, so I think we will be okay if we just ride this one out.

Ride it out? The city issued an evacuation order. We have to listen and evacuate otherwise we will be in danger. We won't be safe if we just ride it out.

I wish they would listen to me.

It's getting late, you should be going to bed. We'll be fine.
THE NEXT MORNING

HONEY... IT’S LOOKING PRETTY DARK OUT THERE. ROSIE IS RIGHT. WE SHOULD EVACUATE.

OKAY. I’LL GET THE KIDS UP.

GOOD THINKING. I’LL HELP DAD LOCK UP THE APARTMENT. WE WILL MEET YOU AT THE EVACUATION CENTER. YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS BECAUSE WE CHECKED THE ADDRESS ON NYC.GOV/KNOWYOURZONE.
DAD?!
ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M OKAY! I JUST LOST MY GLASSES SO I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING. CAN YOU GUIDE US TO THE CENTER?
Wow, you guys got here fast.

Later...

Look! A superhero!
Yeah, it’s like we flew here or something.

I think Dad’s spare set of glasses may be in this bag.

We safely arrived at the evacuation center.
So the moral of the story is, when you’re safe and prepared, anyone can be a superhero.
This is your city.
Do you know your zone?

Parents and guardians:
Visit NYC.gov/knowyourzone or call 311 to find out what to do to prepare for hurricanes in NYC.
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