



“The Guard and the Fair” by Ava Martin
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THE GUARD AND THE FAIR

Cast of Characters

<u>JHON COPY:*</u>	32 years old, security guard
<u>SMALL GIRL:</u>	7 years old, guest at the fair
<u>MR. MILLER or MORGAN MILLER:</u>	48 years old, fair director
<u>LADY AT THE TIKET BOX:</u>	28 years old, ticket collector
<u>NURSE:</u>	35 years old, tick remover

*The correct spelling of his name is really Jhon.

Place

Wonder World Park, Florida

Time

Early Summer

It's one hour after opening
and the Fair is already packed.
A guard that goes by the name
of JHON is standing by the 1.5
mile roller coaster.

JHON

(mumbles to himself)

This is so annoying. I have been doing the same guard duty for
five years in the summer. I haven't gotten to go on any rides.
Not even the 1.5 mile long roller coaster.

Looks longingly up at the
roller coaster above him.

A SMALL GIRL walks by and as She
does she accidentally drops
a bit of ice cream on his shoe.

THE SMALL GIRL
(in a small voice)
Oops. Sorry Sir.

JHON

It's quite alright.

The SMALL GIRL smiles at
him and then walks away
toward the pony rides.

JHON

(mumbling)

Ok, that's it. I'm quitting this job. I only got \$10 an hour
anyway.

He walks toward a building
In the distance. It says
OFFICE on it.

JHON walks into the building
and turns into the first
door on the left.

A man sits behind a wooden
desk. The sign in front says
MR. MILLER.

JHON

(firmly)

Mr. Miller? I'm sorry but I have decided that it's time to move
on.

MR. MILLER Looks up
From his book and nods.

MR. MILLER

(Sadly)

I'm sorry to hear that. You have been a great help, on staff and
off staff, with calls asking you for help. I hate to let you go
Jhon.

NEXT DAY

JHON is at the front gates of
the Wonder World Fair buying his
ticket for the first time.
He waits at the gates for a
Bit then the tiket box comes into
Vew.

LADY AT THE TICKET BOX
Ticket please.

JHON hands her his ticket,
his hand shaking with
excitement, and she
scans it.

He walks through the
Gates and looks around.

JHON takes a map and
heads across the pathway
Leading to the roller
coaster. But the is
Blocked off.

JHON
(says to himself)
Oh no! The path is blocked! Why is this happening? Ug.

He sees yellow tape
And the path dug up.
Then he sees the bushes
And another path across
From the bushes.

JHON climbs into the

Shrubbery and makes his
Way to the other side.

JHON

(shreeks)

OH MY GOD! TICKS! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

Ticks were crawling all
Over and digging into
Him. He makes his way to
the path that he came from.

JHON

(yelling)

HELP! I'M COVERED IN TICKS! SOMEONE CALL 911!

Someone ran from out of
the crowd near JHON. It
Was MR. MILLER. He looks at
JHON to see how many ticks
Were on him then gets out
His phone and dials 911.

MR. MILLER

(on the phone)

Hospital please.

Pause.

MR. MILLER

(on the phone)

Hi, this is Morgan Miller. A man by the name of Jhon Copy is
injured.

Long pause.

MR. MILLER
(on the phone)
Covered in ticks.

Pause.

MR. MILLER
(on the phone)
Wonder World Park.

Pause.

MR. MILLER
(on the phone)
J-h-o-n C-o-p-y

Longest pause yet.

MR. MILLER
(on the phone)
Ok, Thank you.

MR. MILLER
(off the phone)
Ok they will be here in three minutes.

JHON
(weekly)
Thanks.

He passes out.

ONE HOUR LATER

JHON wakes up in a warm,
Soft bed. The room around
Him is painted a light
Blue with white curtains
Hanging around the windows.

JHON
(quietly)
Where am I?

MR. MILLER
(entering the room)
You are in the Wonder Hospital. Right next door to the Wonder
World Fair. And I own both.

JHON
What happened to me? Last thing I remember is being covered in
ticks.

MR. MILLER
The doctors removed the ticks and you are all set to go. It's a
miracle that you didn't die from blood loss or get lyme disease.

JHON
(sitting up)
I feel better already. When will I be released?

MR. MILLER
You will be released tomorrow morning.

TOMORROW MORNING

Three knocks on JHON's
Door. He sits up in bed.

JHON
Come in.

A NURSE walks into the
room.

NURSE
You will be leaving in one hour. We have supplied you with
replicas of the clothes that you wore when you were taken here.

She sets down the cloths
On the foot of his bed.
She walks out the door
With MR. MILLER.

JHON changes into the
clothes. Then he walks
Out the door to the lobby.

He sees MR. MILLER and walks
Up to him.

MR. MILLER
Glad to see that you have received so afficently. If there is
anything I can help you with, you know where to find me.

JHON
Actually I was wondering is there is anything I could fill out
to make a donation to the hospital?

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MR. MILLER hands JHON a sheet of paper and a pen. JHON fills it out and cercles A LOT OF MONEY. He submits it in the mail later that day at his home. The next day he gets ten free roller coaster rides.

Giddy with excitement, he drives to the Fair and lines up in the line for the 1.5 mile roller Coaster. He sits down in the seat and rides the roller coaster.

JHON

(excitedly)

OMG! This is so fun! I can't believe that I had to miss out on all the fun for so long. I quit my job and got ticks... BUT THIS IS TOTALLY WORTH IT!

THE END