BEHIND THE STORY

A Note to Parents, Educators & Industry

The story may be over, but the possibilities are just beginning.

Today's manufacturing is more than many people imagine. Modern facilities use advanced technology, including CNC machines, robotics, and precision equipment, to create the products we use every day. From designing and programming to machining and inspecting, manufacturing offers rewarding, well-paying careers with opportunities for advancement for people with different interests and talents.

Bringing Education and Industry Together

In *The Big Jump*, Ms. Rivera connected her students with a local manufacturer, opening their eyes to new possibilities. **You can help create that same experience!**

Parents & Educators: Encourage curiosity! Contact local manufacturers about facility tours, classroom visits, or hands-on experiences. Many manufacturers love showing off their facilities!

Manufacturers: Reach out to local schools and invite K–8 students to visit. Introduce them to your people, technology, and products. Even a simple tour can spark a lifelong interest.

Now It's Your Turn: Make It & Spin It!

Keep the adventure going! Just like Jordan, students can turn an idea into something they can hold in their hands. Download the files and create your own 3D-printed pedal spinner inspired by the story!

Visit the book's resource webpage to download the STL files for the pedal and two spinner buttons. With a 3D printer and adult guidance, students can print, assemble, and spin their own creation!

Visit **www.es-mgmt.com/big-jump** or scan the QR code.

3D Print a Pedal Spinner!



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> ***We can't expect young people to explore opportunities they don't know exist. It's up to us to open the doors and show them what's possible.***