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Rising Action To End

Directions: Read the passage below. It tells a story's rising action (the build-up of problems, events, and tension). From this, you would be able to make logical predictions about how the story might end. Predictions should be based on **clues from the plot**, not random guesses. Answer the questions that follow.

Diego had trained for months for the big mountain bike race. The morning of the event, he tightened his helmet strap and looked at the steep trail ahead. As the race began, he kept pace with the lead riders, but halfway up the mountain, his chain slipped off. Diego stopped, fumbling with his bike as other racers sped by. He fixed the chain, climbed back on, and pushed harder, determined to catch up.

1. What is the **main problem** Diego faces in the rising action?

2. Predict one possible ending where Diego **overcomes the problem**. Write 3-4 sentences.

3. Predict a different ending where Diego **does not overcome the problem**. Write 3-4 sentences.

4. Which ending feels more likely based on the rising action? Explain your reasoning in 2-3 sentences.
