

The Giants' Fashion Factory

Once upon a time there was a tiny town, Hocydesphufi near a beautiful magic forest. In this town many smart and hardworking people lived, who considered the nature is very important for their children's future. They worked a lot, loved each other and helped everybody who needed. They always cared about their forest and river to keep them clean.

In Hocydesphufi there was a big, modern primary school, where funny, cheerful, clever and diligent students studied. They always did their homework, and they competed who did the most for the environment. They had a huge playground on a lawn in the forest where they often spent their freetime after school and they played together with the animals who were really good friends with them. On this playground there were some spouts, swings, jungle gyms, a football pitch, a basketball ground, a ping-pong table and a climbing wall too. The children loved playing there, the forest was always full of their laughter.



Near this tiny, beautiful town bad and selfish giants lived in a dark, scary cave. They were crazy about fashion. They madly loved trendy clothes, especially the king's

teenage daughter, the little princess, Luella. Oh, what am I saying? She wasn't little at all! She was huge. She had brown hair, blue eyes and in her wardrobe there were many fashionable clothes.



On a beautiful sunny day Joseph, Bob and Jessica were walking through the path to the playground singing, because they wanted to meet their friends Lia and Ralph. They suddenly saw Luella talking to her father. She had a hissy fit, because she wanted a new party outfit, but she couldn't find any in her size. The leaves were thrilling with fear in the trees, she was yelling so loudly:

'I waaant a new dress right nooow! I waaant the trendiest little black dress from Milan in my size NOW!' She was stamping and her tears were as big as a pond.

'You know my dear, you are the apple of your daddy's eyes. I will do anything for you. I order my sevants to build a fashion clothes factory here. They will destroy this forest and on its place they'll build my own factory where the best designers will work on your dress. Just calm down, dear.' the king soothed his furious daughter. He was the greatest of all the giants, he had messy light hair and beard.



Hearing these words, poor Joseph, Bob and Jessica hid behind a big tree. They were very frightened. What could they do now?

'Destroy the forest and the playground!' said the giant king.

'Yes, Your Majesty. We will start it tomorrow morning.'

It was the last the children heard. They ran back to their friends and told them everything then cried and cried.

'Ok, enough of the tears now. We must find out something to save the forest and our playground. We still have time until tomorrow morning.' said the smartest, bravest girl, Lia.

'I am sure, the people and the animals will help us.' continued Ralph.

So finally the children decided to send a delegation - Lia, Jessica, Ralph and Bob - to the giants to beg them not to destroy their beloved forest and playground. After they had been arguing long hours, the giants offered a deal because they had no doubt the children can't pass their tests.

'We promise you if you pass the seven tests, we will let you keep the forest and your playground as well.' roared the giant king. 'But if you fail, you will sew my daughter's dress for her 16th birthday party in my factory.'

The children agreed but they were suspicious, so they made a contract with the giants.

The first test was to collect those 500 plastic bottles that the giants dropped everywhere in the forest and recycle them to produce eyelashes for Luella. The people, children and the poor animals searched for the bottles all over the forest. The wise owl counted the bottles. They found 499 but the last one was nowhere and they had only one hour left. It started getting dark and the parents were waiting for the children for dinner. They were afraid they would get punishment for being late. As they couldn't find the last bottle, the wise owl knew the giant king cheated and hid it in his pocket. He flew to him and found the bottle there. As the king was sleeping like a log after dinner, the wise owl took it from his pocket easily and flew desperately to the factory where the people were waiting for him to have enough plastic to produce the eyelashes for Luella on time. In the very last moment they handed the false eyelashes to the king. They passed the first test.



The second test

The next day they received the second test. The giants already waited for Joseph, Lia, Jessica, Ralph and Bob at the playground. The giant king said: "We have a wonderful new job for you. You guys love recycling so much? Well, you can create new shoes for Luella. Shoes with a pointed front. But.... you have to use leftover leather. And it has to fit properly! Not too big and not too small! And the shoes have to be ready tomorrow! "

Laughing out loud the giants left: they thought it would be impossible for the kids to pass this test.

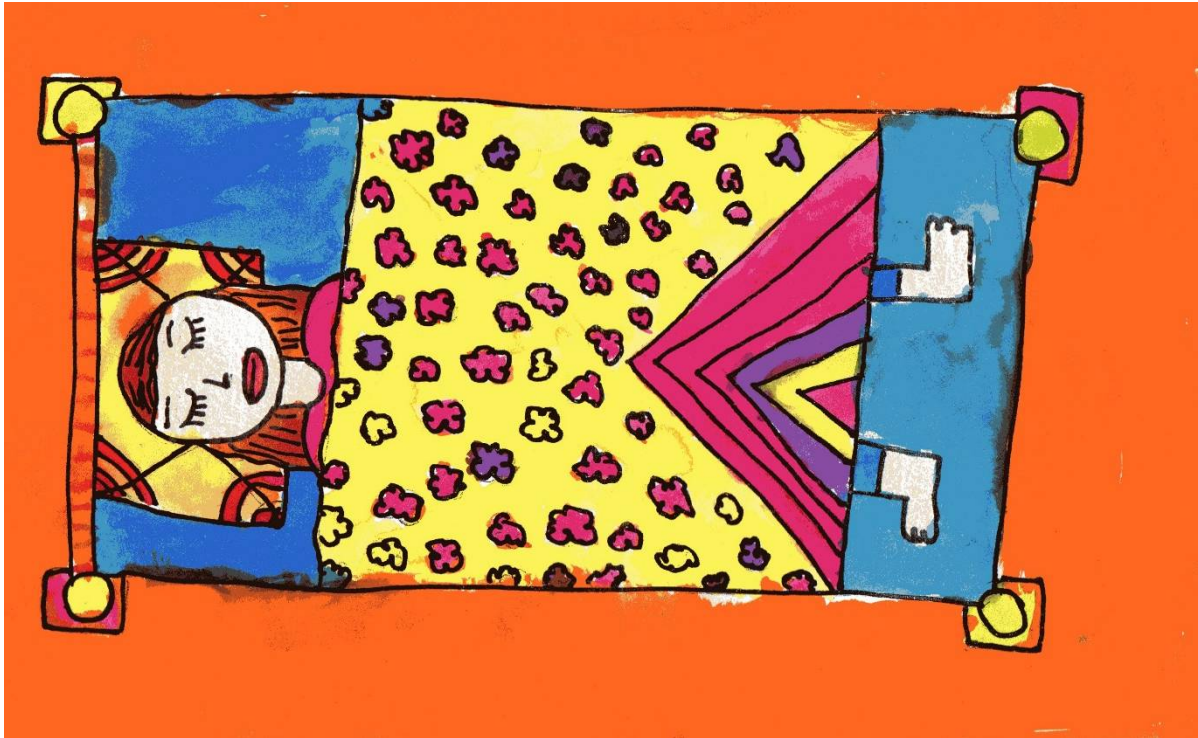
What a disaster. Where could the children find big pieces of leftover leather? And an even bigger problem was, how to measure Luella's feet. There was only one way They needed to go Luella's room and when she was sound asleep at night, if they were very quiet, they could measure her feet!

So late at night the children went to the giant cave. Until it was pitch-dark, they stayed hidden behind a tree near the back entrance of the cave. Then they walked to the entrance, but they saw there they could not enter the cave. A lazy, stupid, fat dragon was blocking their way with his big belly. What to do now?

Joseph and Lia had a good idea. They gave the dragon one of their delicious sandwiches with chocolate spread. Dragons like chocolate very much, and it makes them fall asleep. So that's what this dragon did. After a few moments he slept like a baby-dragon.



Now the kids could climb all over him and slide off its tail, inside the cave. They were walking in the cave. Where was Luella's room? Then Joseph saw a name tag: "Luella". They entered the room quietly. Who snored there so loudly? Luella! Her feet were not covered with the blanket.



They didn't smell so good, but Bob dared to climb on the bed. But Luella suddenly turned around in her sleep and Bob fell in a corner on the floor. Jessica tried, and fortunately she managed to measure one foot. That was enough!

Meanwhile Bob looked at the floor in the corner. He had fallen on something soft: an old bag. An old leather bag. The bag was very dirty. He looked inside. There were smelly sneakers, cookie crumbs and old pieces of gum in the bag. "I have everything we need to make a pair of shoes!", he whispered.

Then they noticed Luella moving. She was awake! The children ran fast back to the back entrance. They carried the huge bag above their heads. The fat stupid lazy dragon was still sleeping happy. They were just passing him, when they heard Luella scream; " I saw a mouse! A mouse! A lot of mice!!! They have my beautiful bag! " The giant queen soothed her, " I told you, all that stuff in your room, that attracts mice! But we buy it new, Luella! And much, much nicer than your old stuff! You are, after all, dad's dearest princess! "

Soon the children were back in the village. Quickly they went to the shoemaker who wanted to help them, for making good shoes is not easy! They cleaned the leather and washed the sneakers. And fortunately, the next day they were dry enough to

start making the shoes.

They used the sole of the sneaker and put some beautiful heels of twisted tree roots beneath. For the top of the shoe they used the leather pieces of the bag. The shoes were tightly sewn. It was wonderful! But very large ...

They had to hurry, because the shoes had to be finished before midnight. Brown is not a good color for giant party shoes, so they painted the shoes in bright colors. And then the shoes were beautifully decorated with gemstones, ribbons, bows and beautiful feathers, brought by the birds of the woods.

Quarter to twelve ... they had to hurry to the giant king! They had to go by horse and carriage, the shoes were too heavy to carry. The children quickly drove to the playground, where they should meet the king. Just in time they arrived. Luella waited for them, standing next to the king.

Luella saw the beautiful shoes in the carriage, and clapped in her hands. "I've never seen such a beautiful pair of shoes!"



The king, who had planned to tell the children that they didn't pass the test, now had to say that the shoes were approved. They passed the test! They went home, to sleep the rest of the night. The next day they had to be fit and rested for the next test!

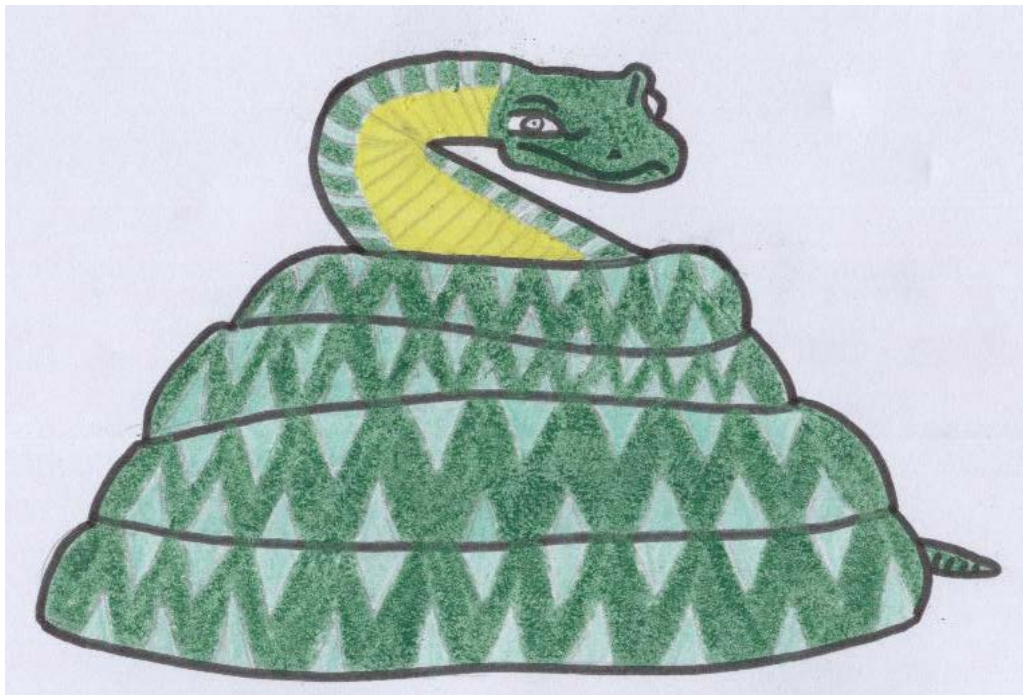
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The third test

Princess Luella wants a new belt for her new birthday dress. She wants a super fashionable belt and she thinks that a snakeskin belt is a fabulous choice. She also thinks that she needs a very big snake because her waist is really large.

The dressmaker told Luella that there is not such a big snake in the world to make that belt. He said, "The biggest snake in the world is the *Enunectes murinos*, also known as anaconda, it's very large, it can eat even a horse, but it's only 8 meters long, and your waist, your majesty, is 9 meters long."

Luella replied, "It doesn't matter. I can breed and feed a baby snake and it'll reach nine meters. I'll feed the baby snake the animals in the forest. There are many animals in the forest."



The king called the kids and told them that the third test was to bring a baby anaconda snake from the Amazon rainforest to make a belt for his daughter. "And you only have two days, guys." He said. The king thought that it was impossible to bring an animal from the other side of the world in just two days.



The children went to talk to the wise owl and they told him everything. They hopelessly asked, "How can we get a baby anaconda snake from the Amazon rainforest in two days?"

"It's possible. It really is", said the wise owl, "the peregrine falcon is the fastest bird in the world. If it makes an effort, it can bring the baby anaconda here in two days". However, we can't bring the snake here. If we take an anaconda into our forest, we can create a natural disaster because it'll eat a lot of animals as frogs, mice, fares, foxes or deer. And that's not all, the poor anaconda will be killed to become a belt. It's horrible! Would you like to be a belt, kids?" asked the wise owl.

"No we don't." Replied the scared children.

Antonio, the old watchmaker of Hocydesphufi was listening to the group while sitting on a bench in the playground. "I can help you, kids". "I can make such a robot in the shape of a snake that the giants won't realize. I just need some materials as cork and a piece of wire to make the body, and something to make the head. I can use some mechanisms from old watches that I have. It'll be the best fake ever", He said.

The children were excited. "We can get corks from empty bottle caps, and a piece of wire from an old fridge in the recycling center," Lia said. "What can we use to make the head of the snake?" She asked.

Everyone was thinking about it when Ralph yelled, "I can't think with that noise!"

"What noise?" Bob asked

"The sheep bells. They're annoying". Answered Ralph. "But I've got it! A sheep bell is a good thing to pretend a head of a snake. Isn't it?" He said

"Yes, it is". The watchmakerreplied. "Bring the materials to my repair-shop and I will make the robot snake".

Two days later, Antonio had a fantastic fake anaconda that could move as a real one and with the same skin colours. The children went with that robot snake to the giant king's cave and showed it to the king and Luella. Luella was very happy looking at his new pet moving, but the king was staring at the snake. "I think you cheat." The King said.

The children were very frightened because they thought the king realised the snake was a toy.

The king shouts, "How?" "How could you bring a snake from so far away in two days? It's impossible! You must be cheating!"

"No, we are not." Shouted Jessica. "The peregrine falcon can do it and did us the favour of bringing the baby anaconda. It is the fastest bird in the world." Jessica tricked the bad giant king.

No giant knows why the snake never eat any animal even though Luella takes it for a walk across the forest every day. Anyway, the children passed a new test.

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The fourth quest

The next day the children went to the playground to hear about their new quest. When they arrived, the giants waited for them and the king said, "For her birthday my dear daughter wants a new neckless made from the giant cave spider's web with Qwerty corals on it, and you have 3 days to make it." The kids gaped it was an impossible quest.

At home the kids discussed with the clever owl, "What is a Qwerty coral and a giant cave spider?" Bob asked. "The Qwerty is a very angry and rare coral which lives deep down the ocean, below 5000 meters," the owl answered. "And about the cave spider, uuuuhhhmm I don't know anything about that, apart from the fact that it lives in giants' caves," the owl said. "That is better than nothing, but it's still a problem," Jessica said, "what if Ralph, Joseph and Bob go for the web, and Lia and I go for the Qwerty?" The others agreed to that.

One hour later the kids were ready for the quest. One mile away there was a very deep ocean. Lia and Jessica wore diving suits and oxygen cylinders, when they jumped into the water.

Meanwhile the boys were walking up to the giants' cave. The boys stepped carefully over the sleeping dragon. Bob turned his flashlight on. The cave was wet and creepy, and there were spiders' webs everywhere. The boys had no idea where to look for the spider.

Boom boom boom! Then a yellow, ugly duck with a green beak, red eyes and pink feet showed up and said, "Hello, my name is Mogens Marleyson, but you can call me M&M's, can I help you?" "We are looking for the giant cave spider, can you help us?" "YES! She attacks me every time I try to eat her web." "Can you lead us there?" "Yes of course, follow me."



Back to the girls.

The girls dived deeper and deeper down into the ocean. There were corals everywhere, but none of them seemed to be the Qwerty. Jessica signaled Lia to swim over to her. She had found a deep ledge.

"Shall we dive down there? I think it's the only chance we have to find the Qwerty coral," Lia said.

So the girls dived down into the ledge. Then they saw a glowing thing deep down the ledge, it was only a tiny spot. "Look down there!" Jessica said. "I think it's a Qwerty coral," Lia said. "That was very easy, too easy," Jessica said. They swam down to the coral. It was beautiful. The outer of it was a shiny white, the bottom was red and between the tentacles it was fluorescent green.

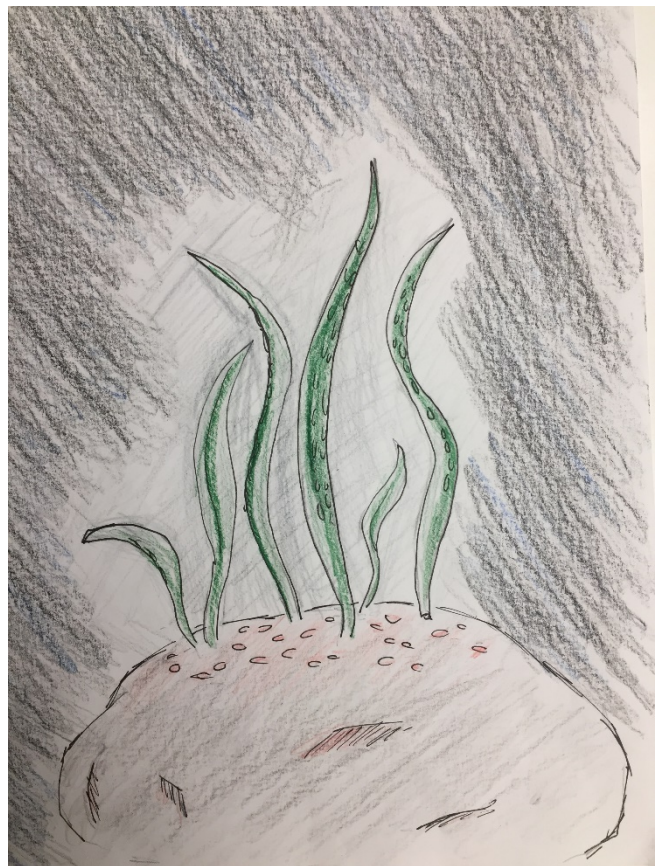
"Take it," Jessica said. "Take it easy you idiots, I'm actually a living thing, and I will bite you if you come any closer." "Can corals bite?" Lia asked. "No, not really, but I am dangerous." "You are?" "No, but I am poisonous." „No, you aren't." „How do you know that?" „Just a hunch, but there's a rotten thing there, can we take that before it spreads?" „If you want one of my tentacles, you have to answer this question: What is 2+2?" "Fou... wait!" Lia said, "it's certainly a trick question." „I think it's fish or five, let's vote." „Fish or five should vote now." Lia and the coral raised their hand and tentacle. "But the answer IS four," Jessica said.

The coral looked crestfallen, if a coral even could look crestfallen.

"Correct answer," the coral said. The rotten tentacle broke off the Qwerty coral. Lia exulted, "Hooray, high five Jessica."

The boys had been following the duck for about an hour, they sent each other worried glances. Finally the duck turned around and pointed at the end of the tunnel. "Down there," he whispered.

"Come on guys, we have to do this and thanks ...M&M," Bob said. "You are welcome. Nobody has come down here since the giants moved in." "If you want, you can wait for us here and then you can come with us to Hocydesphuf," Ralph said. "Hocy what?" M&M asked. "The town we live in." "Thanks buddies, see you later."

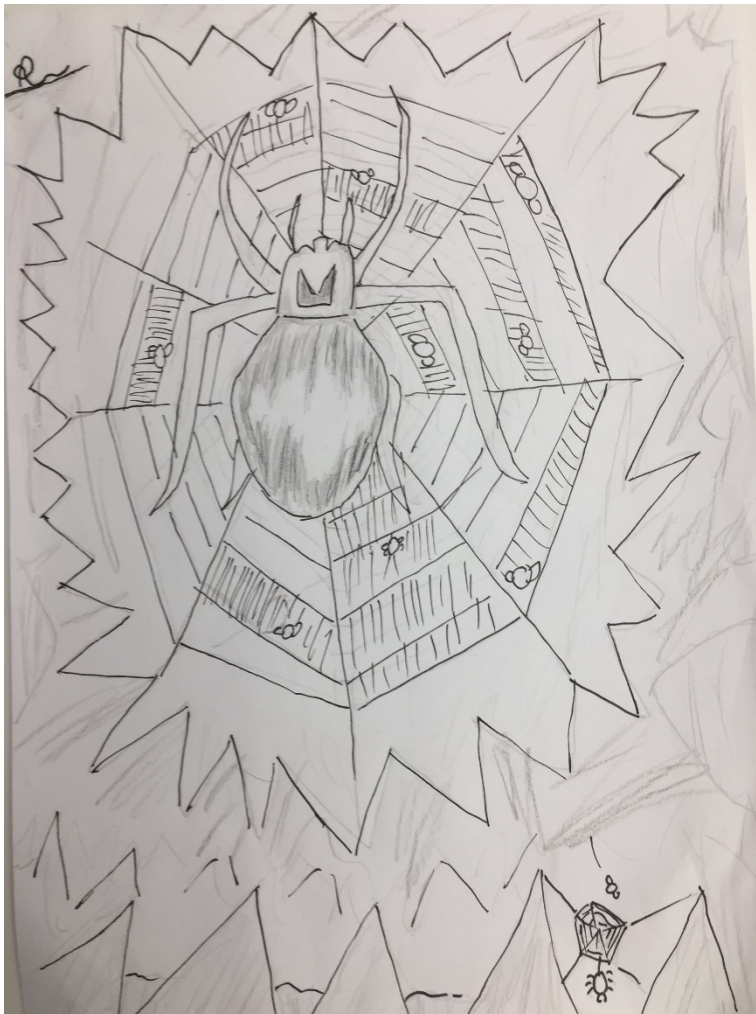


The three boys sneaked down to the giant cave spider's web. They gaped because the web was so big. 30 meters high and 30 meters wide, and in one of the corners a giant spider slept.

"I will do it," Ralph whispered, and he then sneaked the last bit, cut a bit off the web and sneaked back to the boys. Bob got so excited that he shouted, "Well done, Ralph!" and that woke up the cave spider. The three boys started to run away. "Where is the web, Ralph?" Bob inquired. "Oh no, I've lost it." "It's okay, I have it," Joseph said. "That was lucky," Bob and Ralph said. "Hallo my friends, do you want to get out now?" M&M asked. "Yes, we do."

M&M now pulled a lever and they were all catapulted out through an opening in the ceiling. They flew 3 meters out of the cave, and when they met up with the girls, they found out that 2 days had past while they were inside the cave. No wonder they were so very tired. The girls began to make the necklace and after two hours they were done.

At midnight the kids went to the playground and the giants were already there. "What a fine necklace," Luella shouted. "How did you get the tentacle from the Qwerty?" the king asked angrily. "We were just clever." "Fine you did it, so see you tomorrow for the next quest."



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Chapter five

So then, the children proudly presented themselves to the mighty King. Confidently and with great ease they requested the next challenge!



The infuriated King started feeling anxious with the children's success and started realizing that he needed to make things a little more difficult. He thought things over and...came up with a really difficult challenge:

- So you think you will succeed, don't you?

Wait and see what I am preparing for you! I want you to make a brooch for my precious, only daughter. Not just a simple brooch but a shiny, sparkling one made of rare diamonds collected from the Black Mountain! You have two days or else....

The children left the King frightened and sat outside of the cave discussing and trying to decide how to reach the Black Mountain and achieve their goal. Just when they started despairing, their friend, the wise owl heard them and flew purposefully towards them aiming to help out.

- If I understand correctly, you need help to reach the Black Mountain?

It is not very far away but the problem is that you need to pass by the hungry crocodiles that guard and protect the Black Mountain and its diamonds. You also need to walk through the lava emitted from the volcano in order to reach the precious cave with the diamonds.

You must take a flashlight with you as well as a fairly long piece of rope along with your climbing equipment. "You will need these things" the wise owl said and flew far away.

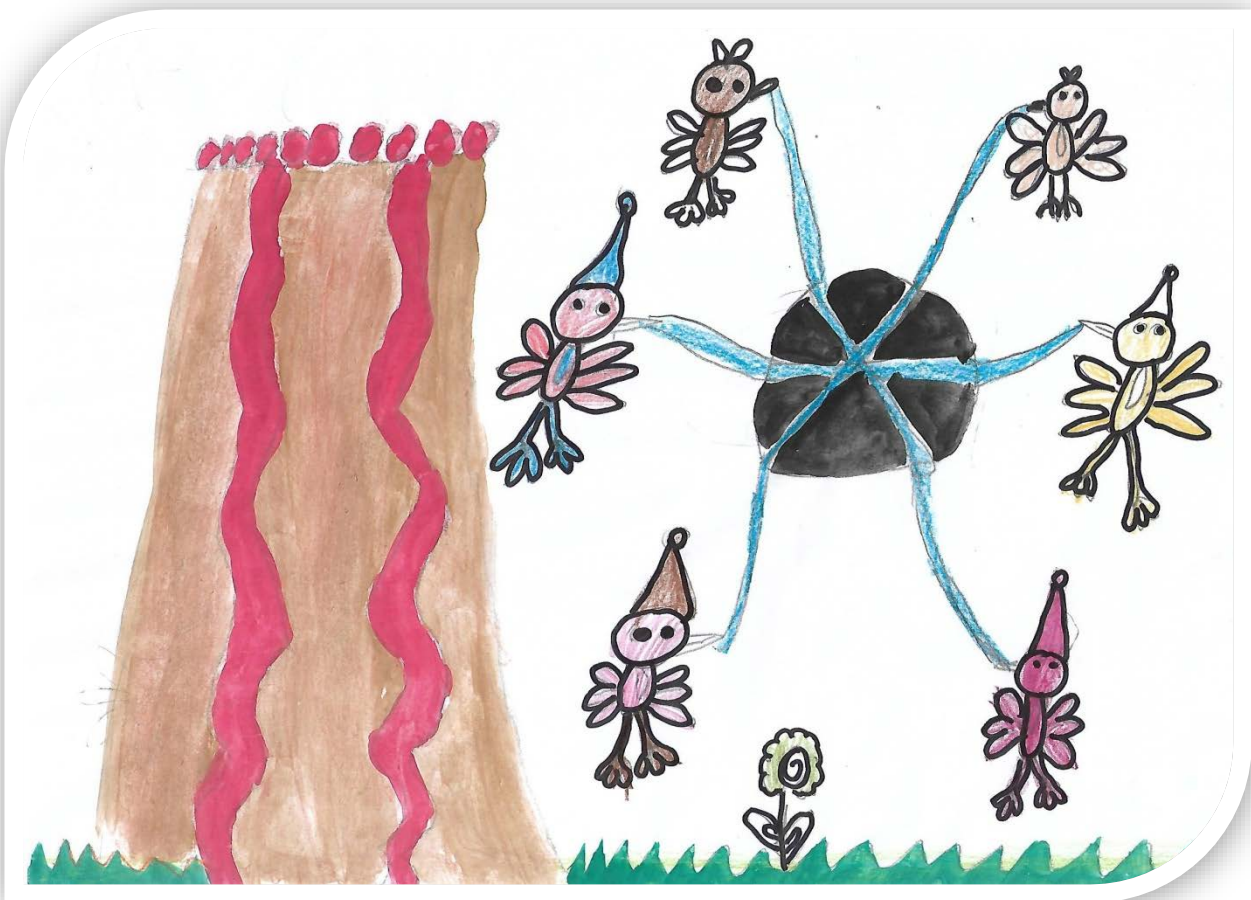
The children did not get discouraged. They knew that they had very good friends, the birds and animals, who would be ready to do anything it takes for their forest. They immediately sent a message with their flashlight to Henry the eagle. He has the power to scan the whole forest with his vision within seconds. At once he appeared to offer his help.

- Henry, we need your help. Could you ask the crocodiles to hold their appetites and let us pass and proceed towards the Black Mountain for the benefit of the forest? We will fetch the best fish from the lake Hocydesphufi as a reward!

Henry instantly and with great pleasure gave way to the children. The crocodiles were so touched by the children's effort to save their forest that not only did they let them pass but they brought their bodies together and formed a bridge with their backs for the children to walk on.



As soon as Lia came across the scorching Black Mountain with the lava trickling from it, she immediately understood the owl's advice. She whistled a signaling tune and she invited the forest birds to appear. By the time the birds appeared and filled the sky with beautifully colored wings, the children had found a huge rock. It was really gigantic!



They tied it with their rope and they managed to make 267 strings out of it, one for each bird who was going to pull it up to the sky. The birds lowered the rock and placed it on the boiling open top of the Black Mountain.

Within seconds the lava stopped oozing out of the mountain and the mountain had already cooled down. The children run and climbed the mountain where they managed to collect the diamonds they needed in order to adorn the brooch for Louella.

In the meantime, Ralph had returned from the village where he went to request the help of Mr. Ben the technician to help them prepare the frame for the brooch. The children managed to prepare the frame in time, however time was running out and their anxiety grew...would they be able to complete the challenge in time?

- We are not going to make it, said Ralph. I am worried. How are my friends going to manage to go through so many difficulties and be back in time?

Just at that moment a voice sounded from far away.

- Raaaalph....is the frame ready? Put some glue on it and we are arriving!

The children arrived to the dark cave hastily, astonishing all the giants with the shine and sparkle of the diamond. The giants were impressed at their persistence and perseverance that brought them to the conclusion of yet another difficult but not impossible challenge!

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The sixth test:

The giants were kind of skeptical about all the completed tests and they started to be pretty worried about the future of their fashion factory.

- Luella..,the king started.
- What is it dad?
- Have you ever been thinking how the children could pass all of our difficult tests?
- Well...no I haven't.
- I think we should watch their backs during the upcoming test.
- I think you are just being paranoid.
- No I'm not. I just don't trust them.

The giants called the kids to hear about the next test.



- So it's time for the next test, the king started.

- All right, what would Luella like to have?
- Uhm...she has almost everything...
- I WANT NEW TIGHTS FROM LEOPARD'S LEATHER!!!! Luella shouted.
- Okey, if you want so your royalty, Joseph said a bit unsurely.
- Fine. Bring me the tights tomorrow at the same time here.

The children nodded, and left the cave immediately. The king waited for a moment and started:

-Fast, Luella, bring me the binoculars from your room! We can't let the go far!

-Okey, dad...?

The children were just going to ask for advice from the owl because they had no idea where to get some leopard's leather.

- Where can we get leopard's leather? Tell it to us oh big smart owl. The children said.
- There is a flea market in the corner of this town, the owl said. I think you should go and search there. It's pretty hard to get a leopard's leather and I know you don't want to kill any of your animal friends.
- I knew it! The king shouted. He was watching what the children did. They cheated. The king send guards to bring the owl to him.
- Now they have to survive only with their own brain and team work! I'm quite sure they can't do it! The king laughed.



After a long hour of searching, the kids started to be pretty frustrated, because they hadn't found any peace on leather.

-Phew...I think this is quite impossible. Maybe we should find another way to to make the giants happy, Lisa figured.

-Yes, that's true, but also a big risk, Jessica answered.

-Well, we have a lot of some cool ingredients here, and with these we could create something awesome for Luella, Joseph envisaged.

Luella had almost everything, except for the dress for her party. The children collected all of the coolest stuff they could find and tried to turn them into a dress. The children worked on the dress for about five hours until it was finally ready.

-Ok guys, We nailed it. this dress is awesome! Ralph said confidently.

-Yes, I'm so proud of us, Bob admired.



The children left to return the dress to the giants. They were scared of the reaction of the giants but the same time really happy about their work.

-Your royalty. We're so sorry, that we couldn't pass the test. It was impossible to find the right materials for the tights, but we did a dress instead. We hope that's okay, the children said.

-HAH! I knew it! You guys are nothing without your smart owl! The king shouted.

-What?!? What are you talking about? The children said in a panic.

-HAHHHAA! I caged the owl, so you couldn't get any help anymore, the king laughed.

- You did what? Did you just cage our friend? He didn't do anything wrong!

-What ever, you didn't pass the test, so it's the time for your punishment. Your friend is going to die!!! The king laughed evilly.

-DADDY WAITE! I love this dress! What if we could just let them go and forget this whole thing?

-No way, We've gotten this far and I can't give up now!

-But dad, You're too evil I want my birthday parties but I just can't be happy if you destroy this all! Luella shouted and started to cry.

- But Luella, all I want is for you to be happy. And if you are not happy this way, let's forget all of this, the king said a tear on his cheek.

Everyone cried for happiness.

-Thank you so much! The people in our town will be so happy! But what about the seventh test? Joseph asked.

-Brufh...Forget it!



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