Elephantastic Adventure – Treasure Hunt in Africa

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DOUBLE SPREADS???

1.

Raindrops splash onto the window. Anton and Timbo look sadly at the wet street. Actually, today they wanted to experience a big adventure. However, this really is no weather for adventure.

2.

“If there’s no adventure waiting outdoors, then maybe there is one in this room,” thinks Anton.

And indeed! Deep under the bed, between a football and the monster trap, Anton finds a treasure map.

The way is described clearly, the treasure probably very large. A cross points at a cave in a mountain.

But where is this mountain? Anton ponders and pulls at his hair.

How should he find the treasure if he does not know which mountain this is supposed to be?

3.

Timbo looks at the treasure map. And because elephants have an elephantastic memory, he remembers. “This is in Africa. I know this mountain,” says Timbo.

“A treasure in Africa! How exciting!” Anton grins.

The next moment he moans, “But how are we supposed to get to this mountain in Africa?“

Africa is far away and the journey is not always easy.

There’s a knock at the door and Luise, the neighbor girl, is there. “Your mom has let me in,” she says. “She has to go to the basement for a moment.”

But Anton is not listening properly. Because outdoors in the hall, right next to Luise, he discovers a big box.

His mom intended to take it down to the basement today. But Anton has a much better idea.

4.

Quickly Anton pushes the box into his room. He and Timbo immediately climb in.

“Come on! Get in!” they shout to Luise.

“But why?” she asks.

“We want to go to Africa. A treasure waits for us there. Come along, the more the better!”

Luise doesn’t need to be told twice. She climbs into the box and their wild journey begins.

5.

They drive up high mountains.

They rattle and rumble and jiggle.

Oh, how steep it is here!

6.

They dive down into the blue sea.

They splash and blow bubbles and marvel:

Oh, how colorful it is here!

7.

They fly above a desert.

They swing and float and whirl.

Oh, how breezy it is here.

8.

They cut their way through the rain forest.

They groan and moan and pant.

Oh, how elephantastic this is!

9.

There’s the mountain! There’s the cave! And here is the treasure.

Deep in the darkness, it sparkles and glitters and glistens: Diamonds and gold, pearls and rubies, rings, necklaces, even a crown.

Anton puts on the crown. “I am King of Africa!” he shouts.

Luise, bedecked with pearls and gems, is the most beautiful Queen the world has ever seen.

And Timbo, with a hoop around his trunk, becomes an important Minister for elephantastic affairs.

10.

Suddenly Anton’s mom enters the room. “What’s going on?” she asks.

“We’ve been to Africa and have found a treasure,” Anton tells her proudly.  “And now we are King, Queen and Minister!“

Mom looks serious. “But this is my jewelry!” she says.

Luise decides it’s better to return to her apartment quickly.

11.

Anton and Timbo sit on the bed gloomily and eat chocolate biscuits. However, neither lemonade nor chocolate biscuits help if suddenly one is no longer a king.

“What’s wrong, Anton?” asks his mom.

“I was King and now I am not,” sniffs Anton.

“But Anton, this is my jewelry and you know that you’re not supposed to play with it.”

“It wasn’t a game,” Anton answers defiantly. “I was King of Africa!“

The doorbell rings.

12.

Anton runs quickly to the door and opens it. It’s Luise.

“Look what I have made!” she says, and holds up two crowns and a minister's hat.

“We have to go back to Africa right away,” she says. “I lost a shoe in the cave.”