

An Adventure into the Amazon

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Along the extensive, dark green river, floated a cramped, wooden sailing boat bobbing up and down on top of the still water beneath it. Aboard the old, battered boat were two children named Olive and James. Olive had a happy look on her face, smiling with glee as she stared into the deep, gloomy water looking for fish in every colour imaginable. Her long, dark brown hair was tied up in a high ponytail dancing in the soft breeze wearing a jungle-green colour gilet with black trekking trousers and grey boots. James, on the other hand, had an adventurous look on his fair-skinned face, his short, light brown hair wildly blowing everywhere, unlike Olive's, and his navy coat covered in dirty water and dark, wet mud smeared all over his lengthy, grey trousers and brown boots.

The two children sailed along the muddy, green river, leaves getting caught in Olive's luxurious, chocolate-brown hair.

"Look, Olive," shouted James. "The Amazon Rainforest!"

Stood in front of the two curious children, were hundreds and hundreds miles long of branches and emerald green leaves, a river with crocodiles, dolphins and many more majestic animals.

"WOW!" exclaimed Olive as they both climbed out of the wrecked boat onto the mud, almost falling into the disgusting water. "What should we explore first, James?"

James took a deep breath and with mixed emotions, he looked around himself.

"Let's get back in the boat and sail down the river for a few minutes more," he finally said after thinking for some time. "This is going to be one exciting adventure!"

A few seconds later, both children were inside the boat sailing quickly across the animal-infested river and facing a pitch-black cave. It was camouflaged in leaves and so it looked almost invisible. Olive leapt into the air aiming for the dry land in front of her.

"Argh!" she screamed as she landed on one of her legs, her big, brown eyes were fixed at the strange cave. "That hurt...a lot!"

"Are you OK, Olive?" James asked his sister. He carefully jumped out of the boat to stand next to Olive.

"I'm fine," Olive answered as she grabbed a lengthy stick of bamboo. The two children wandered into the midnight black cave, Olive leaning on the green bamboo, like it was a walking stick. Then, they stepped into the cave.

In a flash, the whole of the Amazon Rainforest transformed into what looked like a fairy-tail jungle! There were tigers, lions and birds flying in the sky. Every animal you could think of. There was even an incredibly cute koala following Olive and James.

“Oh...my...goodness, James!” Olive stated, astounded at the sight of the now transformed Amazon. “What on earth?!”

“Olive!” immediately shouted James. “There are floating baby pandas holding sticks of bamboo in their paws! Look!”

Olive began walking farther and farther away from her brother trying to find a panda and looking for other amazing animals lurking in the rainforest too. James also started wondering a long way from Olive and soon enough, the two siblings were half a mile away from each other.

‘Oh...no,’ thought Olive. “James? James?” she shouted as loud as she could. ‘Where could he be?’ she wondered. At the thought she might not see her brother again, a small tear rolled down her cheek and she sat on the dusty ground, the koala still near her. Olive shut her sorrowful eyes and sobbed quietly hoping she would find James. James was high up climbing a tree with a smile on his innocent face still trying to find an animal.

“Isn't this fun, Olive?” he called down the tree still thinking his younger sister was there. “Olive? Hello?” and he quickly climbed down to the ground trying to find his sister, but this only made matters worse.

Olive shouted and shouted continuously until her throat was so sore she couldn't say a word. But this made no difference and they were still lost and far away from anyone. James tried climbing the highest tree near where he was standing and took a long stick from a panda and climbed but still, his beloved sister was nowhere to be found.

At that moment, a large panda flew down to face Olive. She thought for a few seconds and walked to the panda and settled on an object that was somehow magically hovering behind the panda. Just then, the amazing animal and Olive, feeling quite shocked, floated up into the sky, only slightly below the clouds. Olive could see thousands of miles of the rainforest, including her brother! The intelligent panda immediately flew down to James as if it knew just what Olive wanted it to do. At last, the two children were reunited with each other once again! Olive and James both hugged and set off to find the river.

The two sailed home with an immense number of memories in their heads and feeling enormously happy and thankful for each other.