

The Adventures of Colin and Elsie

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Once upon a time, just as the stars blinked into the sky, a little girl named Elsie cuddled up in bed beside her smelly best friend, Colin, a very soft, scruffy ginger Cockerpoo-poo who could talk. But only Elsie knew his secret and no one else.

'I'm not tired Elsie, do you want to go on an adventure?" Colin whispered to Elsie, his tail wagging with excitement.

"Where do you want to go Colin?" Elsie yawned, as she was very sleepy and in truth, a bit too tired for an adventure.

"I don't want to get into trouble Colin, I think we have to wait for mummy and daddy to wake up and come with us"

But Colin didn't want to wait, he wanted to have lots of adventures with his best friend and he wasn't at all tired.

Colin leaned in close. "Let me take you to the Rainforest, where the leaves sing, and the animals tell stories and we can have an amazing adventure before mummy and daddy wake up, I'll make sure you're safe Elsie I promise"

Elsie was very tired but decided that an adventure sounded like fun, and although she was scared, she really wanted to go and see the Rainforest with Colin. So in the blink of a sleepy eye, Elsie got up out of bed. She put on her leggings and jumper to keep her warm and grabbed Molin, her favourite cuddle toy dog, to take with her.

They snuck past mummy and daddy's room, where they could hear daddy snoring like a bear, and they both quietly headed downstairs.

Once in the kitchen, they got the keys for the back door and snuck out into the garden through the gate into the park behind their house. Elsie was desperate to go in the play park but as Colin wasn't allowed in case he wee'd in there, they headed into the woods at the back of the park, over the stream with the toilet handle crossing.

Then, once they reached the path the other side of the stream, all of a sudden, it went dark, and Elsie started to feel scared and even wished she hadn't gone. But she trusted her best friend to keep her safe.

Elsie closed her eyes and held Molin the toy really tight, and when she opened them again, they were standing at the edge of a lush, green rainforest.

Moonlight filtered through the trees, and the air smelled like fresh rain and wildflowers.

They had to stop for a moment as Colin needed a poo. Luckily Elsie had some poo bags with her so picked it up like the responsible dog owner she was.

"Let's follow this glowing trail and see if it goes to the poo sticks bridge at Brickhampton Golf course," Colin said, his nose twitching.

They tiptoed past trees as tall as castles and vines that sparkled with dew. Little frogs croaked lullabies, and butterflies danced like floating petals.

Then, in the distance, they saw poo sticks bridge! They ran to the bridge, both picking up small sticks on the way.

When they got there, they stood one side and watched which way the water was flowing. Then, they counted together '1,2,3 go' and at exactly the same time, they both dropped a sticks in. This was Elsies favourite game she thought.

They ran to the other side and waited to see who's stick would appear first.

Elsie won! Her stick slowly appeared closely followed by Colins. They did this game over and over again until they didn't have any stick left.

Suddenly, they heard a soft rustling.

Out stepped a tiny white Chihuahua and it started growling and barking at Colin.

Elsie and Colin tried to make friends with the Chihuahua but he only really liked Elsie, so they decided to carry on their adventure and leave the small white dog to his own midnight adventure.

Then, all of a sudden, they heard another noise, this time it was a Red Squirrel, who sniffled "I lost my magic walnut!". "It helps me sleep, and now I can't find it."

Luckily Colin knew red squirrels are nice, not like the nasty grey ones, so he didn't chase it away.

Elsie knelt down and said "Don't worry, we'll help."

So, the three of them searched for the Walnut.

They looked under mushroom umbrellas, behind snoozing ferns, and even up a tree where a sleepy woodpecker offered clues.

Finally, by a glowing pond, Colin shouted "Found it!"

The Walnut was nestled inside a magic flower that only opened at night.

The red squirrel squealed and jumped around happily and gave them both a hug, being careful not to scratch them with his massive claws. "Thank you, the rainforest feels safe again" Said the squirrel.

Colin and Elsie carried on with their adventure in the Rainforest.

They came to a large stream, and they decided they needed to cross it. Luckily, Elsie knew how to swim, but unfortunately Colin didn't.

Then Elsie had an idea. 'hop on my back Colin and I can swim us both across, that's what me and mummy do in the swimming pool sometimes. And if mummy can swim with me on her back, then I'm sure I can do it with you on mine'.

Slowly and carefully, Elsie swam across the stream with Colin clinging on tightly, but being careful not to dig his claws in. They were both looking out for crocodiles at the same time and Colin had a tight hold on Molin the toy, tying not to let it get wet.

They safely reached the other side. 'Thank you so much Elsie, I couldn't of got across that stream without you' said Colin.

Once they were over the other side, Colin started walking again and as he had been so good, Elsie decided to let him off his lead.

They had been walking for a while and Elsie's legs were getting tired. But Colin still had lots of energy and he kept running ahead of Elsie and she had to keep calling him back 'Colin Come' she would shout while holding out a treat and like a good dog he always came back.

Then all of a sudden, Colin ran too far ahead and Elsie couldn't see him anymore.

'Colin Come' she kept shouting and holding out a treat but he didn't come back! Elsie started to panic and didn't know what to do.

She tried to stay calm and decided to run the same direction Colin had gone to try and catch up with him. She ran and ran as fast as her little legs could go. She kept going until she got a stitch and couldn't run anymore.

Then all of a sudden she could see Colin in the distance. She managed to catch up with Colin as he was distracted sniffing at the ground. Elsie put Colin back on his lead so he couldn't run off again. 'That was really naughty Colin, you know you're not meant to run off' That's when they both realised that they had gone so far that they didn't know the way home!

Elsie felt sad and scared and really wished that Colin hadn't run off like he did. It was his fault they'd got lost. She was very cross.

'Right Colin, you got us into this mess, now you need to find a way to get us home, back to mummy and daddy' said Elsie.

Colin thought for a moment, when all of a sudden he could smell something. He twitched his wet nose and smelt the air to see which direction it was coming from. Then all of a sudden, he recognised the smell. It was a golf ball.

What on earth has he found now, thought Elsie, and as he looked at Colin, she realised, he had found a golf ball.

'Where on earth did you find that Colin' said Elsie.

'Just here, on the ground' said Colin.

Then, all of a sudden, they both had a brilliant idea!

'All we need to do, is follow the trail of golf balls back through the rainforest and that will lead us to Brickhampton.' Said Elsie.

'Then we can go back over the poo stick bridge then cross the stream with the toilet handle crossing then we'll be back home safe' added Colin.

'That's a great idea Colin' said Elsie. And although she was actually quite scared, she trusted her best friends nose to be able to sniff out all the golf balls to lead them back.

Colin started to sniff the air, he couldn't smell anything yet, so they moved around a little bit, then suddenly, Colin got a whiff of something!

'This way' he shouted to his best friend, as he started to pull on the lead and Elsie almost got pulled over, before she started to follow him.

Colin had found another golf ball! This plan might actually work thought Elsie.

And so again, Colin started to sniff the air and pull on his lead again. And so, this went on and on and Colin kept sniffing out more and more bright white golf balls.

Before they knew it, Colin had sniffed out 15 or more golf balls and they both had a feeling they recognised where they were again.

They were back where they had to cross the stream.

Once again, Colin jumped onto Elsie back. Colin held tightly on to Molin so that Elsie could use both her arms to swim them across to safety. All the while looking out for crocodiles, just in case there were any in the water.

By the time they got to the other side Elsie was exhausted. She started to really wish shed thought to pick up some snacks before they left for their adventure.

They sat for a short while next to the stream so that Elsie could get her breath back.

'I'm so glad mummy and daddy decided to get you Colin, you've really been a best friend to me since you came to live with us. As I don't have any human brothers or sisters, I guess you're sort of like my brother' Said Elsie.

Colin looked up and Elsie and said 'I know, I feel the same. Although I miss Benedict, Simon and Daphne, my puppy brothers and sisters, I'm so glad I got to come and live with you, mummy and daddy'.

They had a little cuddle, and although Colin smelt like damp dog from swimming over the stream, Elsie thought to herself how lucky she was to have Colin as a best friend, and as a brother. Once they had both had a chance to get their breath back, they decided it was time to carry on and get home before mummy and daddy woke up and realised they were gone.

Colin kept sniffing the air for golf balls and then, before they knew it, in the distance they saw poo sticks bridge again! They were both so excited that they had managed to get all the way back there.

Neither of them had any energy left to play poo sticks again. They were so exhausted from all the walking they had done. So they just crossed the bridge.

Then they reached the point where they had gone into the rainforest.

Just the same as when they arrived in the rainforest, all of a sudden it all went dark again. This time they knew what was happening.

They both closed their eyes, and Elsie held really tightly on to Molin as even though she had done this before, she was still scared.

Then she felt Colin hold out his little fluffy paw and she realised he must be scared too. So she held his paw tightly and they both felt a lot better knowing they each had their best friend with them.

After a few moments, they both opened their eyes and they were at the toilet handle bridge again, at the back of the park behind the house!

They had done it! The plan of following the golf balls had worked and they had found their way home. They both felt very relieved.

Elsie hugged Colin so tightly he thought his eye balls might pop out. They were both so pleased to be home. Elsie held tightly on to Colin's lead and they crossed the bridge carefully, holding on to the toilet handles as they went.

They emerged into the park that Elsie and Colin knew so well.

Colin and Elsie smiled as they wandered back across the park, towards the back gate into the garden.

Colin did about 20 wee's on each tree like usual and then they headed inside their nice warm home.

Elsie thought about having a snack as she was so hungry from their adventure, but she decided she was too tired to even eat so didn't bother. Soon daddy would be up and making her favourite porridge anyway, as he did every morning.

They quietly snuck back upstairs being careful not to wake mummy as Elsie knew she'd be grumpy if she got woken up.

Back in bed, Elsie clutched Molin very tightly and quickly drifted off to sleep.

Colin went into Mummy and Daddy's bedroom, and the familiar sound of daddy snoring was comforting to hear. He knew they were safely back home again.

The best friends woke up a few hours later, and as they went downstairs for breakfast, they looked at each other with sleepy eyes, knowing that the adventure they'd had would be their secret forever.

They also gave a knowing look to each other, that they had many more adventures to come......

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