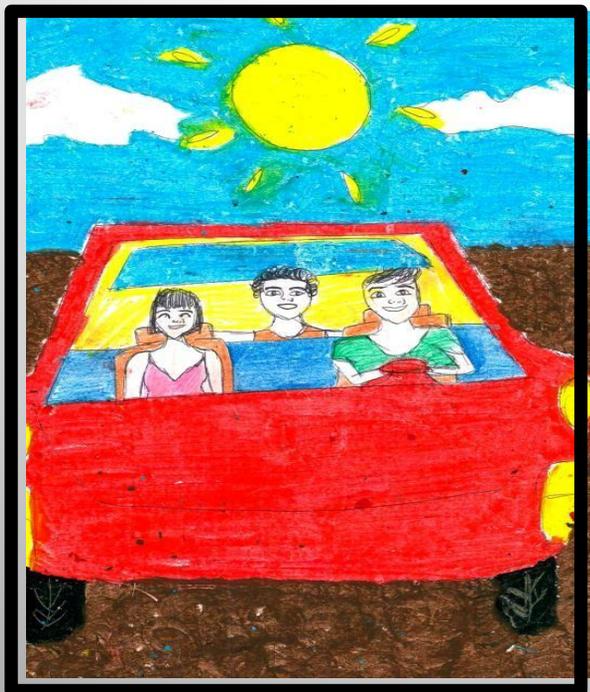


**THREE FRIENDS IN A  
TRAVEL ADVENTURE**

It was a stormy and dark night. In the morning of that night, 3 friends (John, Tim, and Anna) decided to go camping. They prepared their backpack and started the journey. John was the driver. Anna was near him and Tim was in the backseat. At the beginning, it was really fun. It was sunny and warm. However, it started to get cloudier.

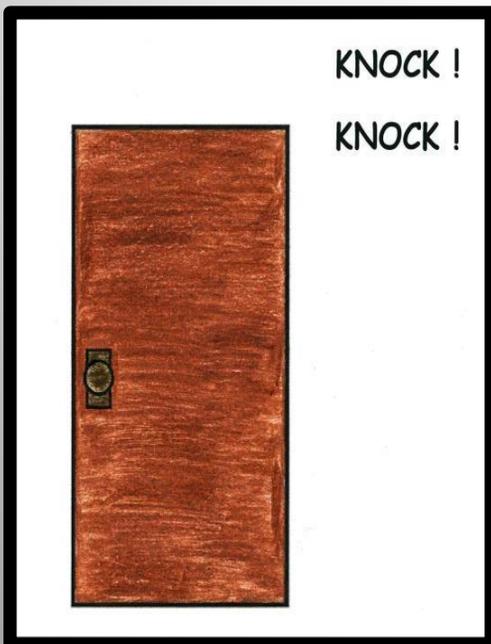


Tim said, "It will be better if we go back home." John and Anna didn't agree with him. Anna said "Don't be silly Tim! Everything is OK. We will have great fun." And they moved on. A few minutes later, it also started to rain and it was night now. Tim began to speak again. He said "I have already told you. We should have gone back home. Now, look at us!"

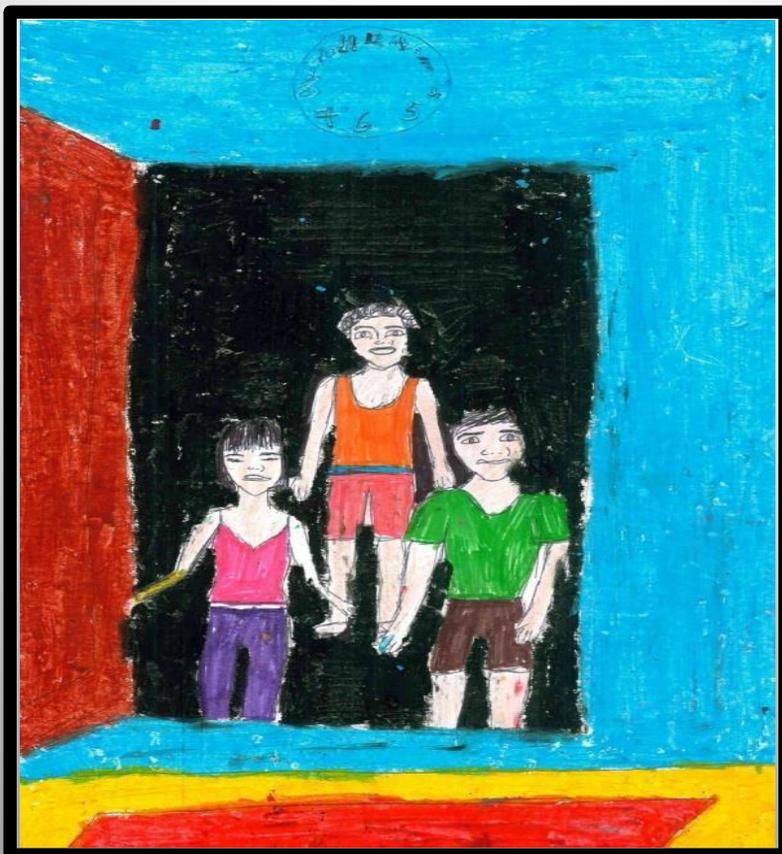
As soon as John heard all this, he got angry. He turned back and said “Shut up Tim! You always do the same thing. We won’t take you with us next time!” While he was saying this, the car stopped suddenly. They didn’t understand what happened.

John tried to start the car again but it was useless. They got out of the car. They saw that their car was stuck in the muddle. There was nothing that they could do and it was still raining heavily so they decided to find a place to spend the night.

When they looked around, they could see a house. They started to walk. When they arrived, John knocked the door. Knock! Knock!

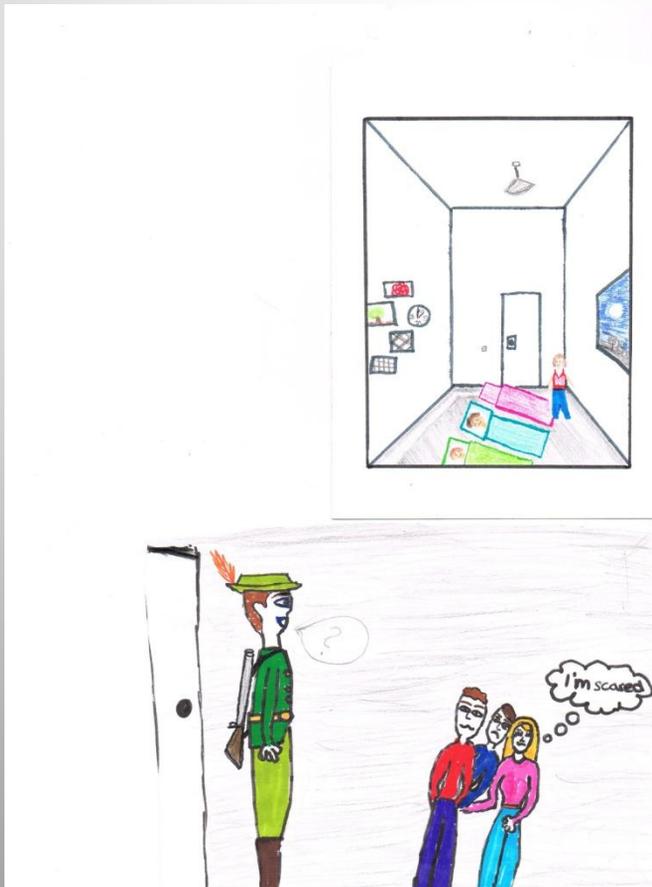


There was no answer. Anna checked it and realized that it wasn't locked. They were tired and really cold so they decided to get in. Tim said, "Are you really sure you want to do that?" Anna replied "We don't have any other choice, Tim. We have to." They got in slowly. It was warmer here. John turned on the lights. There was nobody at home. They were relieved now. They sat down and waited to be morning. A few minutes later they heard a noise from out of the house. It was coming closer and closer. They stared at the door. It was opened and ...



The door was opened and a huntsman came in. The children were scared. After a moment the hunter said: "Hello! Who are you?" The children said nothing. For a second it was quiet. The hunter asked the same question again. The kids were shocked.

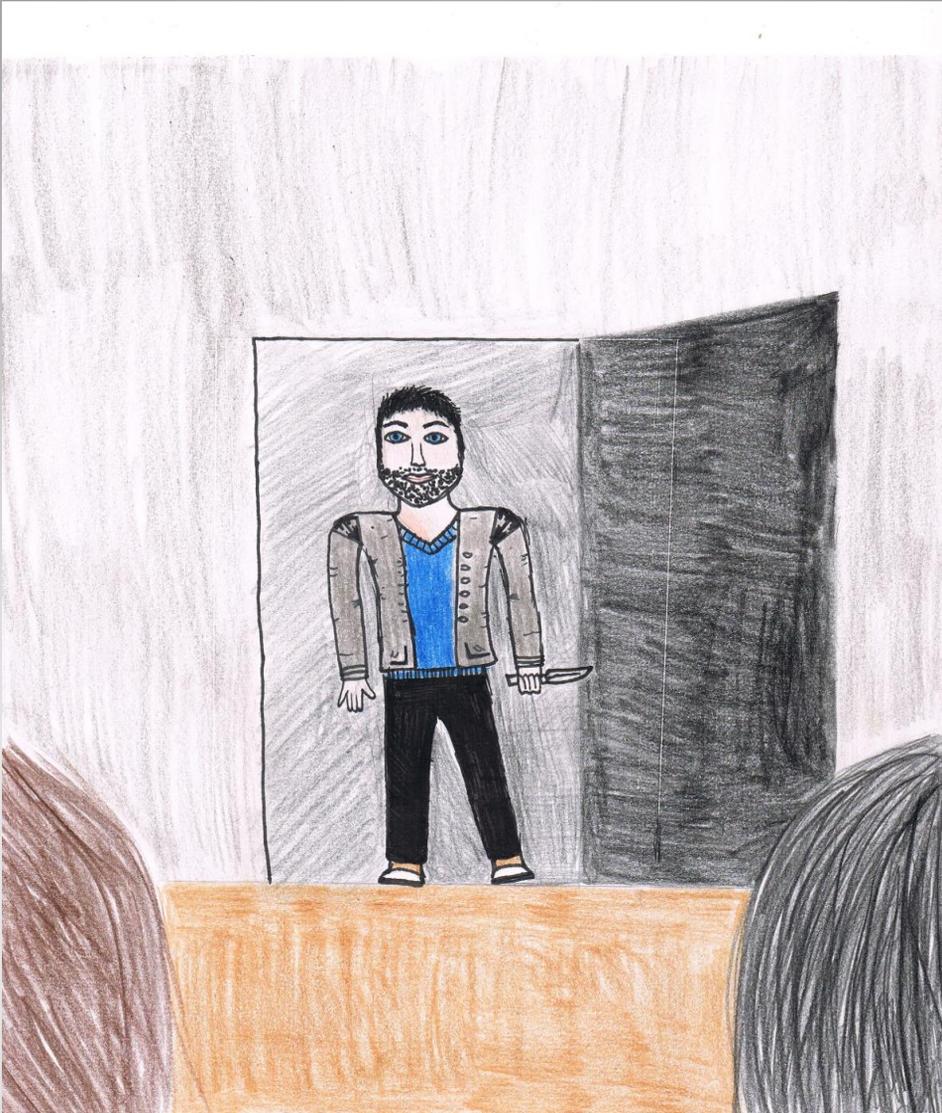
John was very brave and said: "We're three friends and we come from Britain." The huntsman asked: "What are you doing here?" John answered: "We are spending our holidays in Germany and we're camping. Our car doesn't work anymore. May we spend the night here?" The huntsman thought about their suggestion.



He agreed: "Ok, good night everybody." He went away. The friends talked about the strange situation. Anna woke up at twelve o'clock because she heard noises. She tried to get up carefully. When she went to the woods, she saw the moonlight which was shining on the blood on the ground.

She was very shocked and woke up Tim and John as fast as she could: "Tim! John! There is blood in front of the house and I can hear strange noises!" "Are you sure?", Tim asked.





Suddenly, John, Tim, and Anna heard the same noises again and again. They decided to look outside and saw the huntsman with a weapon in his hands. Tim looked at the weapon and then at the ground. He saw a dead reindeer that was... covered in blood. The three kids became scared and they ran away...



They ran for more than thirty minutes until they left the forest and found a really high bridge. A deep river stormed under it. "Oh, no! What can we do?", exclaimed John. "We'd better cross it", said Tim.

They crossed it carefully, as it was old. The bridge led to a small cave, and when they got there, Anna turned around and shouted, "Where's Tim!?". "He must have fallen down!", said John looking worried. "We must find him", said Anna. "Let's explore the cave. There should be another exit".

It did, straight to the riverside. They looked for Tim, but instead, they met a man in strange clothes. He was eating fish by a fire he had made. He invited the kids to eat and told him about the huntsman and Tim. "I saw your friend, he was hurt in a leg, and the man took him along". Anna and John looked worried. "I'll help you find your friend if you want".

The man was from Spain and his name was Iago. He had been living near the river for some months. He loved adventure and animals.





They were talking when suddenly, a huge black bear appeared. It was huge! But Iago calmed it down with some words. "This is dark magic!" thought Anna, "we must be careful!"

They rode on the bear to the place where Tim had fallen. There, they could see blood on the rocks and the bear, on smelling it, went crazy and threw them to the floor.

"This is the end", said John, "It's going to kill us!". Iago stretched out a hand and...





Iago stretched out a hand and caught a rock, and then he hit the bear, that fell down into the river. Anna said:” Good job, Iago!” But a loud voice screamed “help me, please! Help me!”

Running they climbed down to the river and found Tim with a hurt leg near the riverside.

John asked Tim:” Tim, what’s happened?”

“When we were crossing the bridge, I fell down because a part of it was broken. Luckily; I was able to come out from the river. I was sitting near a rock and shouted help. You guys saved my life, thank you.”



Iago medicated Tim with special cures and John, Tim and Anna started again their walk to.....

They could not imagine where.

About one hour later...



One hour later three friends heard a familiar noise. "Listen! It must be a car." Anna whispered quietly. So, they ran out of the forest, following a narrow path all covered in leaves and bushes. Suddenly, they saw a grey, dusty road. All three of them started waving their hands and the car stopped right in front of them with a loud squeak of tires.



“Please help us! We are lost, hungry, scared and all we need right now is a shelter until the morning.” “Of course I will help you. “The man said, “This forest can be quite scary during the night.” He spoke slowly and calmly and his voice had a strong, foreign accent. „I am Ivan from Croatia. I know what it is like to be a foreigner in an unknown country. ““Luckily, Ivan's camper van was parked near Südharz, so he offered them a proper meal and a place to stay until the morning.

While they were driving, they saw two police cars rushing in the opposite direction. Their sirens were on and it seemed as though they were in a big hurry. As Ivan was parking the car next to the camper van, Tim caught a glimpse of funny looking stains at the back of his car. But, he was so tired that he was thinking only about the food that Ivan was putting on the table at the moment. „This is delicious! “. „Enjoy!“ Said Ivan, „These are the specialties from my country...cheese from the island of Pag, smoked ham and lamb“.



While they were eating, Ivan turned on the TV and went out to start a camp fire in front of the van. Look, “Anna whispered. Her face was awfully pale. The breaking news was the murder that had happened earlier that night in a nearby cave. The victim’s name was Iago and he was Spanish. „I can’t believe what I see! Is this really happening?!“ Tim asked. At that very moment, Ivan returned to the van. John, Tim, and Anna turned and looked at him. He was smiling. The time stopped.



They all looked at each other confused, but they were too tired to think. The next morning, Tim woke up earlier than the others and got out of the van. The whole night he was bothered by his thoughts about the murder. He looked at the van once again and he saw blood which was more visible than before. He was being stunned by this whole situation when he heard a car approaching. The noise from the car woke everyone up. A young, handsome boy came out of it followed by a shaggy dog that immediately ran into the forest nearby..

Everyone ran after him instinctively. Then, they saw the dog on top of Ivan, whose hands were covered in mud. "Sharko, stop!" – The young stranger said. Sharko listened to his command. "We meet again, my friend!" – The handsome boy was talking to Ivan while handcuffing him. The group was left amazed by this whole situation.





Then, the young man whose name was Aleksandar called the police and they arrived as fast as possible.



Aleksandar was explaining to the group that he was a part of the international police which was chasing Ivan for committing international crimes for a really long time when the dog started giving weird signs and ran even deeper into the forest. Aleksandar started following him and so did the others. The dog ran towards a hut and inside a surprise awaited. The hunter was tied inside. Aleksandar freed the hunter who later told them how he witnessed Iago's murder unintentionally and apparently became a victim of Ivan himself. Then Aleksandar told everyone how he and Ivan were working together as partners, and how Ivan tried to make more money illegally by selling weapons to Iago. When Iago opposed and didn't give Ivan the money, a fight happened, resulting in the killing of Iago. The tree friends will never forget this camping.

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