

The Journey to Become Brave

One morning, Mike woke up and felt something very strange in his heart which caused him to panic. Mike ferociously entered his living room and noticed that his parents were gone! He checked the kitchen full of hope that his parents would be there; but unfortunately, they weren't there. Immediately, he went to the garden because usually his dad was there taking care of his plants. Instead of finding his parents, he stumbled across an ancient rock that swiftly emerged from the ground. As fast as lightning, the rock becomes twice the size of the house. Then, surprisingly, an ancient door appeared inside the rock. Mike opened it and that door led to a very mysterious and big jungle filled with talking dinosaurs, plants and even fish that can swim on water and land. Now is when the adventure begins!

As Mike frantically walked around the jungle, a dinosaur asked him, "Who are you?" The boy replied, "Help! I want to find my parents." The dinosaur said, "Calm down. I know where your parents are, but first, you are going to have to follow me." Mike followed the dinosaur with the hope of finding his parents. Suddenly, a mysterious man appeared along the trail. Nervously, Mike asked, "Who are you?" The man replied, "I am unknown, but the only thing you should know, is to fear me."

"Why?" the boy questioned.

"Because if you don't fear me, then you're a pathetic loser," said the man.

"Why would I be a pathetic loser if I'm not scared of you?" Mike shouted.

"Because if you're not, I'm going to hide your parents and I'm going to take over the world, especially you," the man said.

The boy frowned and said, "I don't believe you. You're the worst man ever!"

The mysterious man replied, "The minute you find out your parents have disappeared, you're going to be sorry."

"Well, I'm going to hurt you if you hurt me," the boy stated.

As soon as he said those words, he vanished into the next morning. Mike opened his bedroom door to a room full of mysterious creatures and even mysterious vases. When he touched one vase, it broke. Whenever he stepped on the floor, it broke. When he touched the sink, it broke completely. He got scared and fell out of the house only to discover the same exact jungle from the day before. "I believe that my parents wouldn't disappear. Maybe I'm just having a bad dream," Mike thought. So, he went on exploring the whole jungle until he found his parents stuck to a tree. It must be that the mysterious man kidnapped them in the middle of the night. The boy untied them quickly, but the mysterious man shouted in shock, "If you don't get them back to the tree by tomorrow morning, I will kidnap all of you!" Mike and his parents ran wildly back to their house. The mom said, "Maybe we should go to sleep and tomorrow morning it will have just been a bad dream."

When Mike woke up the next day, he found himself sitting on a tree sleeping on dust in the desert full of sand and cactuses. The boy screamed in terror when the mysterious man appeared in front of him. The scream was so loud that every single bird surrounding the jungle flew away. Mike shouted in shock, "What are you doing here, again?" Then the mysterious man replied, "You should have believed me that I would kidnap you all."

“I want to get out of your life permanently!” Mike screamed.

The man said, “If you want to get out of my life, you’re going to have to follow complex orders.”

The first request the mysterious man wanted Mike to do was to go through the hanging ropes without touching any of the ropes. The boy gathered all his strength and managed to go through them easily. The next step was to climb up a hill that was almost 900 meters high. Mike refused, but then had an idea to ask politely for a walking stick. Luckily, the man allowed that. Finally, after 55 minutes, the boy reached the top and the man clapped for him and said “Bravo.” After the boy came back down, the man explained the last and final activity that he had to do which was a very dangerous and long journey. Mike had to walk to his house and back. He knew he couldn’t do it without some protection, so he asked the mysterious man for help. Luckily, the man agreed and gave him a flashlight. It took Mike five hours in total to return to the jungle. After the man saw the boy completed all of the activities, he told Mike that he would stay away from him.

The boy was so delighted that he never has to see the mysterious man again. He grew braver and stronger each and every day. Randomly, five years later, Mike woke up in a mysterious room (filled with luxurious gold and silver) with the mysterious man inside. Mike screamed, “How dare you! Remember years ago when you said you would stay away from my life?” The man said, “You will understand why I am here if you follow me.” Then the mysterious man leads him to the same desert where he accomplished the activities five years ago. The man wanted to show Mike memories of how he was before the adventure and how he is becoming the brave boy now. The boy was pleased and happy with his accomplishments. He is very proud of the person he is now. The mysterious man helped Mike to become a very strong and brave boy. The man never wanted to make Mike angry, instead he wanted him to become a tough and fierce boy. Also, he wanted Mike to be able to accomplish anything he puts his mind to.