

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a blue shirt, brown shorts, and a large brown backpack. He is walking along a dirt path in a lush, mountainous landscape. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains, a blue lake, and green pine trees. The scene is bright and sunny, with soft shadows on the ground.

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"Cock-a-doodle-doo", woke up Karim, an adventurous eight-year-old boy, to the sound of the rooster in his yard. Karim lives in a beautiful village called "Kfar Helda". His house was painted in vibrant colors that stood at the edge of the village, almost teasing the magical forest.



One Saturday morning, when the birds were waking up their little fledglings preparing them for a nice trip, Karim woke up with a twinkle in his eye.



"Today is the day for a wild, wild adventure!" he declared to his favorite stuffed cat, CiCi. Ignoring the wise words of his parents, who warned him about the tricky forest paths, Karim packed a backpack filled with snacks, tied on his sneakers, and set off on a mission filled with excitement and wonder.

As Karim crossed the line between his house and the enchanted forest, he was mesmerized by what he saw; "Wow!! This is AMAZING!" he said excitedly. As he delved deeper, he was astonished with the tall trees and the colorful butterflies that danced around him, leading the way. It was a thrilling sight that fueled his curiosity even more and encouraged him to explore more, and more non-stop.



Walking around the bushes, Karim could finally see his science textbooks coming to life; all the jasmines, the tulips, daisies, roses, sunflowers, and many more were around him as well as the pretty colored red and black ladybugs, the green grasshoppers, the vibrant colorful butterflies and lots and lots of other insects.



A fast small monkey caught his eyes, and Karim started running in the forest trying to catch him up. Losing track of time, as the sun began to set, he realized that he had lost track of his way back home. He



noticed himself walking in circles and got lost between the similar curly paths, plants and flowers. Panic set in, and Karim felt a shiver run down his spine.

In the dimming light, he stumbled upon a wooden, dusty house. Karim stood in confusion, "Should I enter the house or spend the night under the oak tree" he thought. It looked a bit



scary when Karim heard the howling of the wolves and frightening sounds getting closer to him. He decided to spend the night there, hoping to find his way back in the morning. He curled up on a creaky wooden bed cuddling CiCi, hoping to find his way back home in the morning.



A ray of sunshine sneaked from a small hole in the door and hit Karim's face. This is when he woke up, packed his stuff and went on a new adventure determined to find his way back home.

After a long search, Karim noticed some of his footprints emerged in the mud from the day before. He felt a sense of hope and was



encouraged to continue his trip. He followed his footsteps until he noticed a big Oak tree. "This is the tree I scratched its stem yesterday!!", he said as he continued searching. As he walked closer, he could smell the unforgettable aroma of flowers he encountered yesterday.



Karim!! Karim!! Where are you", his parents screamed in the forest, their voices filled with worry and concern. The dense trees seemed to absorb their desperate calls, creating an echo that reached Karim. He started following the direction of the sound. As the sound became closer and closer, his heart started pounding faster and his worried mind started to cool down. His parents continued to call out, their voices became nearer and nearer.

Karim stumbled upon his parents
with tears filled in his eyes.

"Ihamdella, you're safe" said
his parents with worried
eyes and heavy hearts.

Relief flooded over him as he

hugged his parents and returned to his beautiful colorful
house. His parents hugged him tight but then scolded him
for wandering off but are relieved to see him safe and
sound. Karim promised never to wander into the forest
alone again.



Though his adventure was scary, Karim was grateful for the lessons he learned along the way.

And so, with newfound wisdom and a heart full of stories, Karim continued to live in the village of

Kfar Helda, sharing his adventurous tales with the other children, always remembering the magical and scary day he spent in the enchanted forest.



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