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FINDING OUR FRIEND



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The story starts on a sunny summer day when Mr and Mrs Robinson decided to go for a picnic in the forest with their children, Jack and George.

Jack is 16 and George 12 years old.

-Guys are you sure you want to go for a picnic there? It may be dangerous.

-Mum, you know how much I love adventure! Don't worry we'll be careful. Jack said

-I agree with him! George said

-Ok then!

Jack is very adventurous, he loves to explore nature and discover new places. As he is older than his brother, he is always sure about himself and able to make important decisions. He also loves his family and he protects George.

Mary is the second child of the Rosembergs. She is 14 years old, she is clever, beautiful and romantic! One day she'd like to meet a woman with supernatural powers and do a research on them. Moreover, she'd like to go to a camp on holidays because she is outgoing, friendly and she makes friends easily, but her parents can't afford it.

Tom Wilson, 14, leaves in England with his family and he has a good character. He likes reading books and especially mystery stories. He is also very clever, that's why his friends call him "genius"! Tom is able to solve difficult problems in maths as well as problems which need imagination and intelligence! Also, he likes travelling to new places and living for some days with unknown people just as it happens in a camp!

-Good morning Christine! Are you ready to go to the museum today?

-I don't want to go at the museum. Instead, I'd like to go to the camp and see the children, the people and the horses there! Please mum...

-Ok sweetheart, tell your brothers to get ready and we'll go.

-Thank you so much mummy!

This is Christine. She is 15 years old, she is sweet and she loves animals and nature so she has always dreamt of seeing how life is in a campsite! Christine has two brothers John and Mark. She gets on very well with them and she likes helping them in everything they need. Moreover, she enjoys writing her own stories and drawing pictures!

During the Robinson's short travel Jack and George were talking about the forest , the animals and how it was like .



They were looking forward to doing some exploration! When they arrived there, the children went away from their parent's and started to run and play together. Sometime later was ready and the family were about to start eating.

At that moment Jack announced his decision to them :

- Mother, father I like the forest very much and today I realized that I'd like to go to the camp here.

- I think that is not a bad idea! If you really want to go

His father said:

- No, Max. He is too young to manage to stay alone his mother opposed.

- Please mum.... I'm 16 and mature enough to do it . I want to go to the camp!

-I'm worried that you may not find friends and be alone . But I trust you so, go. -Thanks !

Christine had no problem to persuade her parents to let her go there. She had always helped with the house work , and they knew how much she loved camping so they felt that she would be safe. But let's see what happened with Mary

- Dad , I'd like to go to the camp this year !

- Come on dear! We all know that you aren't able for that ! You can't take care of yourself at all!

-Yes I am and I'll prove you that when go to the camp !

- That's a good joke!

The situation with Tom was similar to Christine's , so he didn't have any problem about that .

At Ann house things were different....

-Hello Ann ! Would you like to go for a walk in the woods with us?

- Mum I want to tell you something about your suggestion of me going to the camp. I'm afraid at animals...

-Don't worry my dear! You'll be alright. You are old enough to take care of yourself. I'm sure about that...

-Maybe you are right mum, thanks!

In contrast to Christine, Ann doesn't like camping at all because she is afraid of the reptiles in the forest. She is of the same age with Christine and she has already decided what she wants to do as a profession in the future! She'd like to be an engineer! Ann loves constructing and repairing things all by herself!

As the days went by the children were getting prepared for the camping. At last, the day everybody longed for came and everybody was ready. When the children got there, they were very excited of seeing the place and guess what! Mary, Ann, Jack, Tom and Christine stayed all together in the same tent!



On their first day, they tidied their luggage and started talking to each other about their interests.

-I've always wanted to the camp but my mum was worried. I am adventurous and I love exploring nature, Jack said.

-I like nature, too. Also I have always dreamt of seeing how life is here. I think that it is adventurous, isn't it? Christine said.

-Sure! My favorite thing is reading mystery books. Generally, I like mystery a lot! Tom said.

-Mmm... That's interesting because it has to do with action, exploration and discovering! You know what, I'd like to meet a woman with supernatural powers one day! That would be a very interesting mystery to discover! Mary said.

-If this woman really exists! Ann said. Anyway, the truth is that I was really afraid of coming here... I'm afraid of the reptiles in the forest. But maybe it will be very nice at the end. I'm sure for one thing. All of us love nature, adventure, exploration mystery and discovering! We almost have the same interests!

Day by day, the children became close friends and they trusted each other.

They had a very good time together! One night, before sleeping, Tom read to them one of his mystery books. The story was about an Indian tribe who had taken some children without their will. As the story went on, a woman with supernatural powers appeared for help and an unknown guy protected them. This story was quite similar to a strange which took place while the children of the camping were going for a walk in the forest...

Suddenly Christine heard a noise from the deep of the forest. She was curious to see what it was there, so she walked towards that direction. When she got close the noise stopped. Suddenly, the girl started screaming when four African explorers kidnapped her but there was nobody around...

The children had no idea about what had happened to her. It was only a while when they realized that she hadn't been with them for a long time so they started looking for her but they didn't manage to find her anywhere.



Meanwhile Christine was in a cave far away from the camp and her parents. "Oh my God, I'm alone in a cave away from everyone I know! They must be really worried now!"

Back in the forest Mary, Jack, Ann and Tom were trying to find her. Some time later Jack found a piece of her dress and some of explorer's rope, so he was sure that they were heading for the right direction. At last, the night came, that's why they couldn't be in the open anymore. They decided to put up a tent there. At first, Ann was a little scared because she heard a noise coming from animals but she got over it quite soon.

Next morning the children started looking for their friend again but they couldn't find her anywhere, so most of them started to be pessimistic...

-Guys, we have looked for Christine in every place she could be but she isn't there! I think that it's no use searching anymore. Mary said. When Tom heard that, he was really surprised. As he was the only one who knows so many things from his books and his family, he tried to comfort Mary.

-Mary, we can't stop now. Christine is our friend and if we give up, it will be like we leave her alone when she is in a very difficult situation for her. She may be in danger. Moreover, she has always been there for you when you were in trouble or you were bad-tempered ...For this reason we should help her this time. I believe that this is what real friendship is about! -You can't understand why I'm so scared. She said

- Everyone is scared. This isn't easy for anyone, but we must do the best that we can!

-Besides, we've found evidence, very useful for us, which proves that we are in the right direction. Anyway, we have to keep trying for the best! Jack added.

The truth is that although was the bravest of all, he was so afraid for Christine because for him, she wasn't just a friend; he had started falling in love with her! The surprising thing is that she had the same feelings for him too! Still none of them believed that there would be something between them anyway.

It was time for dinner so, all the children gathered to eat. Ann was the only one who wasn't there. She was under a tree some meters away from them. Ann had collected some materials such as wood, leaves from palm trees, ropes and paper boxes. As she would like to be an engineer in the future, she loves constructing things by herself.

'Maybe we'll need this one day!' she thought. One of the things she made was a box in which she could store some of the tools she needed. Ann also made sticks from wood and branches. ' They may be useful for us here! ' she thought. Truly, she had the abilities to make this items and she helped her friends when a very strange happening took place that night...

Everyone was about to go to sleep after dinner when Tom heard noises from snakes and a fox!



Mary thought that Ann's constructions could be used then! Suddenly, three men appeared and said;

-Are you afraid? It's such a pity that nobody can help you now!' Mary gave the children four sticks and Jack started fighting with the wild fox!

The men caught Ann and Mary, so they weren't able to help the boys in any way. One of the guys trapped them at a dead and dark passage. Where they couldn't see anything; for this reason people who go there, have the feeling they are in a box. -Ann I'm afraid. We are alone, those men will do everything they like with us and Tom and Jack are in danger! said Mary.

-So am I but I'm sure that they will come and save us! Ann answered.

Jack was trying to injure the fox with his power.

Fortunately, he had already killed the snakes using a heavy stone. Suddenly, a light appeared. This made the men and the fox really scared so they ran away.



The girls were free and met Jack and Tom. Everyone thought that Ann used her paper box and made a light, but they realized that the wasn't the one who did it.

-If you didn't do it, who did this? Tom asked.

-I can't understand! It was as if someone wants to protect us...Ann answered.

Meanwhile, the four explorers were talking near the cave.

-You are totally incompetent! You mustn't let those children escape. Now, they'll come here any moment to save their friend. We need her magical powers!

-We did our best!

After a while, they went to Christine:

-Hello little girl..

- Let me go away! I hate all of you! I can't understand, what do you want from me?

-Your power! It's so easy! The power you inherited from your mother! I imagine you know how to give us your supernatural powers... -What? I have no idea what are you talking about, but I know one thing; I don't have the powers you want instead I want to go home, m mother is a normal human like everyone else. I think that you would like to live in a fairy tale but listern. Achile life is not a game! Wake up!

-So, you aren't willing to do what I'm saying. I'll tell ou one more time. Give us your supernatural powers! It's a command! Otherwise, you'll stay here forever! Don't expect your friends to come here and save you. They will be dead if they try that!

Three days later, the guys continued searching for Christine. They were very worried about her as well as for their own lives. The most courageous of all, was Jack.

While they were walking across the road, they met a very young boy.

-Hello! What are you doing here in this forest alone? What's your name? asked Jack.

-Go away from me! I didn't do anything bad!

-Don't worry, we don't want to do something bad to you...It's OK, tell us some things about yourself. Ann and Mary said.

-My name is Sam and I'm 8 years old.

-OK, where are your parents?

-My parents are dead... I live with my grandparents.

-Oh, I'm sorry...

-I came here with them on a two-days-trip. Last night, four men attacked us and stole my grandparent's wallet. We didn't have much money but the bad thing is that they took them away from me and I don't know where they might be! The guys also threatened to kill me if I screamed! They kidnap children and take anything, they consider useful.

-Do you know where they live? Asked Tom.

-I'm not sure, but I know that there is a cave in which they imprison children. This I have heared...

-Perhaps these guys have kidnapped Christine! They all assumed.

-Come with us Sam, you won't be alone from now on. Will you show us the way to this cave? It may be dangerous I know, but it's the only way we can find our friend. Don't worry, we'll help you find your grandparents. We are all together in this now!

-Ok guys, I'll help you. I hope we'll find them all very soon.

So, on that day a new member joined the group. They were five of them now, Sam as their leader. They hoped that they would have no other trouble and manage to achieve their purpose and be happy and safe again.

Near the cave Christine's kidnappers were talking;

-The girl said that she doesn't know anything about the woman with the magical powers... who is her mother! Isn't that strange?

-Perhaps she lied to us!

-I don't think so! She is in captivity and she may be thinking of a way to escape. She hates us as much as she is terrified of us. I don't think she is a liar!

-We should force her to tell the truth.

-Or visit another person...

- What's on your mind Steve?

-You will see...

Christine was thinking about "her mother" the guys told her, all the time. 'It can't be true. My mum doesn't have supernatural powers. I can't doubt her! On the other hand, they were serious about it. Oh God, I don't know what to do! If Mary, Tom, Ann and Jack come here for me, the guys would take them as prisoners or even do something to hurt them. I wonder where they are now! But I'm most worried about Jack. I hope he is fine in the forest. I love him...

Meanwhile, the five children arrived at the edge of a waterfall. Ann couldn't see very well because it was dark.



Suddenly, Tom's foot sank in a pothole, so the other children tried to help him so they got worried. A while later the pothole disappeared unexpectedly and they continued on their way. Nevertheless, it seemed very strange to them how the pothole had disappeared so suddenly... After a while, the five friends stopped because of the cold weather.

-I think that we should find a place to spend the night. It's too cold here, we can't keep going. Mary said and the other guys agreed.



-Ok, we can go to that house over there. I hope the person who lives there will let us in for the night. Sam said.

So they went towards the house and knocked on the door.

-Hello! We have lost our friend and we're trying to find her but we are too tired and it's too cold out here so we can't go on our way. Could we stay here? Don't worry, it will be only for tonight... Jack said.

-Of course you can! Please come in! You are right it's freezing outside! Please sit, would you like something to eat?

-Thank you sir. My name is Sam, this is Tom, Ann, Mary and Jack. What's your name?

-My name is Michael, this is my house and I am a carpenter. Tell me... Are you searching for your missing friend?

-Yes, we lost her and we're trying to find her. We have no idea where she can be but we think that someone may have kidnapped her. She doesn't lose her way that easily...

-Ok, but you are very young to be outside alone. Can't her father or her mother help her?

-Her father is dead and her mother can't go outside because she suffers from a dangerous illness. Do you have children or a wife Mr Michael?

- I have a daughter called Christine. My wife and I couldn't bring her up so we gave her to Ms Sally. I miss her so much. Every night I dream of her blue eyes, brown hair, her pink lips, the white skin. She was thin and so beautiful!

-You are describing our friend, Christine! She is exactly like the girl you described! You have to come with us! We'll find her and you'll meet her again! Also, her mother's name is Sally!

-She can't be my daughter! You see, my wife had magical powers. I don't think that the girl's mother has supernatural powers...

-No, Ms Sally doesn't have any magical powers. Where does your wife live now?

-In the "Bright village". I haven't heard from her for a long time. We broke up after we gave Christine. We couldn't live together anymore. We had many arguments. We were deeply sad about that. In the "Bright village" the woman with the supernatural powers was lived in a big house. She used to help people when they needed her and she was hospitable, but after she gave her daughter she turned into an antisocial and very bad tempered person.

-Richard, what happened? Did you find her? She asked

-No, I didn't. I can't find her anywhere. We don't know where she could be, we don't have any evidence about her. I'm sorry...

-Oh my God, help me find my daughter. I'm so worried about Christine. I don't know anything about her, if she is fine or not... I miss my little daughter very much! Richard, I decided to go outside look for her. I will visit Ms Sally, the woman who raised Christine.

-You can't go and visit them now. The girl knows that her mother is Ms Sally. Maybe she hasn't told her anything about her biological mother and her adoption, Richard said.

-I know that it's not easy at all Richard, but I am her real mother and I want to live with her and meet her after all these years! I need her... Don't worry I will try not to scare her and destroy the family and their relationship.

Back in the house the five children were talking with Michael:

- Why don't you come with us and meet Christine when we find her? Ann suggested

-I don't believe that she is my daughter. Maybe you are wrong.... Even if she is , I don't want to terrify her , she

doesn't know who I am and she'll probably think I am a liar who to take her away.

-This would be a great chance to talk to her ! I know her character and she is calm , she listens to what other people say. If you explain who you are and what happened she won't reject you. She would like to have a father and you are her real father ! Just try ! You may not have this chance later... Mary said

-It won't be easy for her to believe me , but I will try! Ok , I'll come with you!

Next morning , they go on their way..

Christine's kidnappers arrived at the woman's house but they didn't find here there so, they asked them who they were, they told him that they were some relatives and they hadn't seen her for 10 years so they were looking for her.....



Carmen , who is Christine's biological mother , arrived at 'Christal town' and she started to search for Christine. Although she asked many people she only found one person who knew where she lived.

-Hello madam! Could you tell me where Ms Sally and her daughter Christine live please? She asked

-On your left hand side , next to the bakery. The woman said But don't stay there long because Ms Sally is ill and that's why , she mustn't get tired at all

-Oh! I didn't know that! Please, tell me more about her illness... -She has a very dangerous illness and she will probably die in a few months!

-Oh! Anyway, thank you for the information. After a while, Carmer met the kidnappers unexpectedly... They asked her to give them her supernatural powers but she refused so they started to fight !

-Don't look for your daughter. It's useless. She will stay with us forever ! One of the guys said

-Do you have Christine as a prisoner in your place?

Suddenly an earthquake started which was caused by Carmen and her magical powers. The guys were so afraid that they ran away immediately.

After that she visited Christine's foster mother...

- Hello Ms Sally . My name is Carmen . Could I come in for a while !

-Yes please. How do you know my name , how did you find me?

- Thanks a lot! I know your daughter's name .Christine.

-Yes , but how do you know us?

-I also know that you adopted Christine. Look Ms Sally I am her biological mother. Don't worry , with Christine but I'd like to see her and create a good relationship with her after all these years!

-I don't know what to say ! It wouldn't be right, not to let you see her... Ok , I'll help you...

-Ms Sally , I know about her illness . I promise I'll help you to get over it.

The woman knew that she would die but she was happy that Christine found her mother and that could live happily after her death.

Meanwhile, the children and Michael were talking while they were walking. Michael thought that he didn't make the right decision to follow the children and search for Christine with them but they tried to make him understand that this was the best he could do for her. A father who loves his daughter who he hasn't seen for years has to look for her and never stop that because, this maybe the last chance for him to find her...

In the afternoon the woodcutter with all the guys arrived at Ms Sally's home where they had a conversation.

- Hello everyone! How are you? She asked.

- Hi Ms Sally ! We would like to see you and talk about something with you, Tom said.

- Weren't you at the camp? What happened?

- Yes , we were but something very serious happened. Please, stay calm. I Know it will be very difficult but try . This is Mr Michael Actually, our discussion is about him and Christine .

- Tom I am so worried tell me ! I can't understand, did something happen to Christine? Ms Sally asked.

- One day, Christine was kidnapped by some guys... We have been searching for her everywhere. We won't stop until we find her. Don't worry, Ms Sally. We'll definitely find her. We promise! Tom replied.

- Can you and the others, go to another room please so that I can talk with Ms Sally ?

- All right.

Ms Sally was upset and the woodcutter told her:

-Don't worry, everyone will do the best he can.

I'm sure you're wondering who I am. Listen . I know that Christine is adopted and you are her foster mother. I have a daughter too, called Christine. I am sure that she is my daughter who I lost many years ago. Believe me , I don't want to scare her , I only want to meet her . He said:

- I believe you . There is something I want you to know. I am ill from a very bad disease. It's cancer. So , I would like to take care of Christine. She is sensitive and she will be in a very bad mood . I know that. She replied.

- Oh my God! I promise I'll take care of her Mr Sally...

- Please, don't tell anyone about that.

After a while everyone left Mr Sally's house and went on their way.

Back in the cave, Christine was alone and a guard was outside She told him what had happened and begged him to release her agreed to let her go and not only that ... he offered to help, her find her friends!

First , she went to her mother's house.

When Sally saw Christine she couldn't believe that she was really there!

She was very surprised but also so happy.



- Oh, God ! Christine! How are you ? Are you injured? Sally asked, with great concern

- No , mum . I'm fine! Oh, I missed you so much!

Me too sweetie! I was so worried about you.
Some time later, they discussed about Mary, Ann, Jack and Tom.
Mum, must find them . I 'm really worried about them but most of all about Jack. I love him, mum!

- I see... Yesterday afternoon they all came here searching for you.

Probably, they are going to the place you were.

- So I have to go now! It will be dangerous but I have to! She said and left.

Meanwhile, the kidnappers went back to the cave and saw that Christine wasn't there, They suspected that the guard had realesed her. At last, they killed the guard in an inhumane way....

The guys and Christine's biological father arrived at the cave, ready to help her, specially Jack who loves her.

" I hope she is all right" he kept thinking all the time. When they got there , they met the kidnappers.

- Where is Christine? Her father asked, tell me !

- She is not here , but certainly all of us will see her again because I'm sure she will come here to save you all ! They replied and laughed contemptuously.

Suddenly the children and the woodcutter found themselves prisoners in the cave!

It was noon and Christine had arrived at the cave. There she met the guards and her imprisoned friends .

- Set my friends free ! You want me . Let them go!

- Ok little girl. Give us that we want and then we will let see them free ... Otherwise, I will kill them one by one! It is up to you, dear! We want you to give us your supernatural powers! Then Christine's father realized that the person the kidnappers mention is his ex-wife, Carmen!

Carmen, arrived there after asking many people about where Christine might be. When she saw her daughter, she was full of happines! But she was also worried about what was happening... After a while the kidnappers realized that Carmen was the woman they wanted for her powers.

Suddenly, she cast a spell and they were gone. Everyone was free!

Her foster mother Sally, went there too . Carmen met Christine's father there, who was still her lover even after all these years.

- Christine, can I talk to you for a while? Sally said

- Of course mum! She replied

Her biological parents wanted to speak with her and tell her the truth but they couldn't yet.

- Mum, did you see that woman with the magical powers? Who is she?

- Ms Sally, can I speak with Christine for a while? Please! Jack interrupted them.

- Ok , but only for a few minutes Jack. I want to tell her something very important.

Christine and Jack went for a short walk in the woods.

-Christine, I was so worried about you! I was thinking of you all the time ! There is something , I want to tell you. I believe that now, I'm ready. I love you Christine!

- Me too ! She said, unexpectedly for Jack.

Then Sally interrupted them to talk to Christine.

- Sweetheart, I have to tell you something. Sometimes, parents who care about us, aren't our biological parents.

Christine , I am not your biological mother . This is the woman with the supernatural powers, Carmen.

- What ! No , it can't be true!

- It is ! Moreover, there is something else I want to tell you... This man is your biological father

- It's not true ! I don't want them to be my parents , I love you !

- Please listen to me . I am very ill. I have cancer. That's why I have to go to France. Fortunately , there is a doctor there who can help me deal with cancer and get over it .

- So , this means that I have to come with you.

- Unless you want to stay here with your biological family.

- Wait a minute...

Christine turned to talk to Jack.

- My mum has to go abroad to deal with her illness and I must go with her .

- Oh, no! Do you really have to do this ? Isn't there another solution? He said sadly

- Actually, there is, Sally said. My doctor said that he can able come here to cure me.

- That means that I can stay with you Jack !

- We'll stay here together for life time Christine! He said and suddenly he kissed her!

After a few days, she accepted her biological parents, Sally got over her disease and everyone lived happily ever after !



THE END