

Dodos Lost and Found

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Once upon a time, there were two kids named Jessie and Jordan. They were the best of friends, and they loved to adventure together in all sorts of things from under water to inside the playground treasure box. As they were playing near a cave one day, Jessie made a huge discovery!

"Jordan, come quick!" she exclaimed.

"What?" Jordan asked as he came running over.

"Look! What do you think this is?" she asked, picking up a small capsule-like object from the ground.

"I don't know," Jordan replied slowly as he carefully examined the mysterious object. "Maybe it has something to do with...", but Jordan didn't get a chance to finish his sentence because the capsule started to glow and slowly coil around them!

"Yikes!!!" they cried hugging each other tightly. A slightly purple portal started to appear and before they knew it, they were blasted back in time!

"Whoa," Jordan exclaimed as they stared in disbelief. "That was cool." Jessie was dazed, so she shook her head a few times before walking out of the portal.

"Greetings, my friends," came a croaky voice as an old man appeared from behind a rock.

"Where are we?" Jessie asked.

"My friends, you are on the Mauritius Islands," the old man replied.

The children had seen pictures of Mauritius on their computer, but the place they were in did not look like what they remembered. As they followed the man, they saw gigantic, marvelous trees full of berries. They saw monkeys that were swinging on the branches of giant trees. Rats scurried everywhere they looked. It was a world full of creatures.

"Come with me as I can find you a furry buddy to play with," the old man said, motioning for the kids to follow him.

"Furry buddy? What could he mean?" thought Jessie and Jordan. They followed the old man for another mile and a half to reach a deserted part of the island. "

The baby dodos should be out here any minute," the old man said.

"Wait! Did you say dodos?" cried Jessie. "I thought they went extinct in the seventeenth century!" exclaimed Jordan.

"You are in the year 1635, when dodos still walked the Earth," said the old man.

Before they had a chance to reply, Jessie and Jordan saw two tiny baby dodos walking past. They exclaimed "Awww, cute!" and picked each of the baby birds.

"Tell you what, take them to your world and raise them as your pets!" said the old man. Jordan and Jessie thanked the old man for his amazing gifts and used the portal to zoom back to the present.

"I think I'm going to name mine Cutie," said Jessie. "And I'm going to name mine Fluffy," Jordan said. "What an amazing adventure!" they both exclaimed as they high-fived each other. "I can't wait to show these guys to the class," announced Jordan as Jessie stroked the fur of the dodo.