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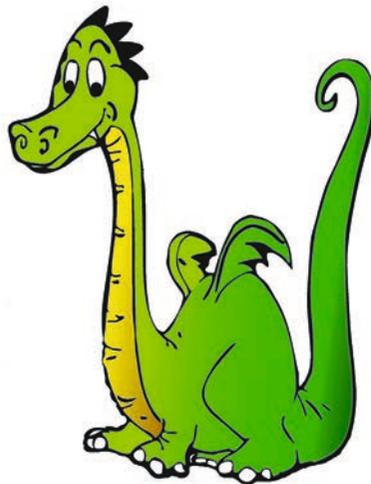
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HENRY SAVES THE RAINFOREST

Benni Over





This is Benni.

He wants to tell you a story about the orangutans. Orangutans are monkeys that live in the rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra and their habitat is under threat.

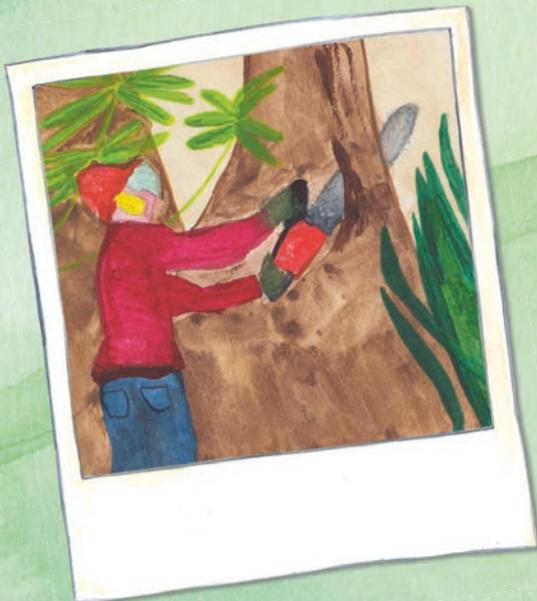
The rainforest is home to countless animals.

A green world filled with sounds and life. In Benni's story, a little orangutan named Henry has a grand plan: He wants to save the rainforest.

Henry has this terrible dream over and over. In it, he is still a very small orangutan.

He is happy because his mommy takes good care of him. Right now, she is on her way to find food for them both. All of a sudden Henry is startled by a loud noise. Carefully, he keeps watch. What he sees is as new and scary to him as the loud creaking noise. But the little orangutan can't see his mommy anywhere.

"Mommy, mommy, where are you? Don't leave me alone!", Henry calls out in desperation into the rainforest.



Henry shuffles from branch to branch in panic, looking for his beloved mommy. When he finally finds her, she is lying on the ground. Her eyes are closed.

“Mommy, please open your eyes,” Henry begs. But Henry’s mommy is asleep. She will sleep forever. Something very bad has happened.



Dripping with sweat and trembling in every limb, Henry awakes out of his dream with a start. He calms down slowly once he realizes that he is in the comforting arms of his human surrogate mother Mary. For more than five years, the animal attendant has been looking after the young monkey, which has grown into an adult male.

“Mary, why don’t I have an orangutan mommy?”, Henry asks all of a sudden. “Oh, Henry, you were found in a piece of woodlands near a palm oil plantation when you were barely a year old. Your mother was probably killed as she tried to find food on the plantation. Here, in this camp, you have found a new home. You grew up with other monkey children who, just like you, lost their mommy.”

“But why are our mommies being killed?”, Henry asks in shock.



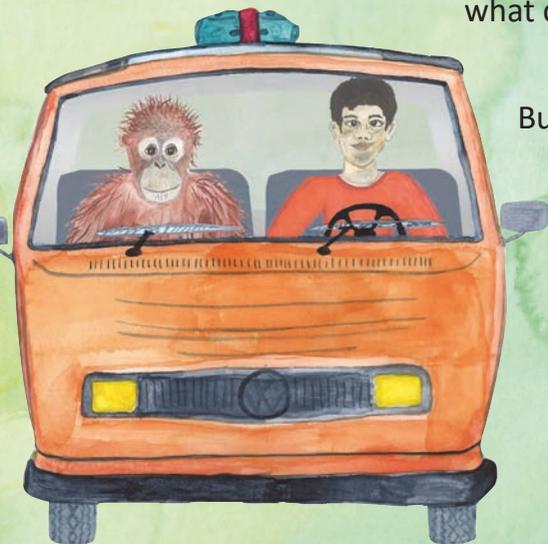
“This happens because humans are clearing more and more rainforest, destroying the habitat of the orangutans. Some experts claim that rainforest the size of over 200 football fields is being cut down every day,” Mary replies. “But why are they doing that?”

“It happens because of money, Henry!” Mary explains. “People are selling the wood and need more and more space for their palm oil plantations.”

That’s when Henry makes a decision: “This is not right and must be stopped! I will leave and tell the people to stop cutting down the rainforest.”

Surprised at so much courage, Mary says: “Perhaps this really is the only way, Henry! Do you know that you have a godfather in Germany? His name is Benni and he loves the rainforest as much as you do. Maybe he can help you with your mission.”

The next morning before sunrise, Henry sits next to Wang Yong in an old van, completely focused on his task, as it rattles on bumpy roads through the rainforest. Wang Yong is Mary’s friend. He supports Mary and the monkeys whenever he can. But in this case, he finds Henry’s mission too risky and hopeless. He says to Henry skeptically: “How is that supposed to work? Come on, Henry, how are you going to manage the long journey to Germany – and just think, what can an individual like you accomplish?”



But Henry can’t be talked out of it: “I can do this! And Benni will help me to find people who support me. It is not right that the rainforest is being cut down and that orangutans are losing their habitat. I will tell that to everyone!”

