

Da Story on Da Stane

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Dear Aunty

Today I was going out fishing with father but on the way I saw a little dog. It looked quite friendly so I set my things down and gave the dog a pat. To my intense surprise it grabbed my things and ran off with them. I followed it because my simple fishing things got me most of my food. Father did not follow me and the dog. Father stayed patiently waiting for my return by a large stone. The dog stopped by a piece of driftwood and waited until I had caught up. When I caught up it ran on again then ... it vanished!

I decided to look for the dog so I followed the dog's neat, little footprints. The footprints led up to a stone archway. This puzzled me for I was almost sure the archway had not been there before but I must have been mistaken because there was thick ivy growing up the walls. I stopped a moment to look at this wonderous thing then. I went through it. As soon as I went through it I found myself in a different world!

In front of me I saw a creature, it was a lion like creature. "Hello," it said solemnly. "I am Calicor king of the magical beasts" it added even more solemnly.

"This is a time of great need in my kingdom for we now have a deadly enemy, who is going to attack tomorrow at midnight", he told me. "The enemy look like bird men," said Calicor. It was then that I had my idea!

"I am going to make you some weapons that will make this fight easy but I will need some flint and some strong, dry driftwood," I said. Calicor told me that he greatly appreciated my help to his kingdom, then he ran off to look for the materials I had asked for.

When he came back I sharpened the flint into points then I put them on to the sticks in a way that the flint wouldn't fall off again. Once the spears were finished I showed them to Calicor. He was very pleased with them and so was I. When I looked at the sky I suddenly realized how late it was. I said a hurried good bye but no sooner had the words left my lips than everything had disappeared! I was back in the ordinary world.

I went home silently and went to sleep in our simple, stone, circular, turf roofed home. I couldn't wait until tomorrow! It was very hard to get to sleep that night but I did eventually fall asleep.

20.06.77

Dear Aunty

It is now two nights since I met Calicor and made those spears and last night I met Calicor again but this time I met the bird men to!

It was the middle of the night and ever thing was dark and a bit scary but I went to the place the dog lead me to and went through the archway.

I came through the archway into a scene of destruction, every magical beast there was, was out there fighting. As soon as I saw all this I grabbed my flint headed axe and helped the magical beasts. We fought for hours and hours.

Eventually everyone stopped fighting I looked around to see what was wrong. It was then that I realized we had done it, we had won!

The beasts walked up to me and Calicor said to me "Thank you, for helping us to defeat the bird men." "Thank you!" repeated all the other magic creatures. "There is no need to thank me," I told them. "At least let us give you a small gift, the gift will be ready by tomorrow" they said to me. "Very well you may give me a small gift," "Goodbye" I added. "Goodbye," they chorused.

I walked back through the tunnel slowly and thoughtfully, wondering what the gift would be. Maybe it would be a new flint knife (my old one has been broken.) With these thoughts I went to sleep.

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Dear Aunty

Today has been brilliant. The gift was much better than I had expected. Early this morning I snuck out of the house and hurried to the archway. The sun was just rising so I could see my way around.

When I reached the archway I took a deep breath and went inside. Once inside I saw the serene landscape again. Calicor, the lion like beast lead me up to a huge, stone, open roofed building.

Inside the grand building there were two rows of hooded monks some of which had bags hanging from their shoulders.

I walked up the middle of the two rows with Calicor at my side all the other magical creatures followed behind and joined the monks. Once I was at the opposite side of the room everyone clapped and thanked me for helping them then Calicor raised his paw and the cheering stopped.

The two monks who had shoulder bags came up to me and stood on either side of me. The monk on my right side opened his shoulder bag and took out a deerskin cloak and gave it to me I was speechless with joy!

I was overjoyed with this gift but the other monk stepped forward and gave me a golden broach which was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen! I am not someone who stammers but I admit that I stammered then, "th th thank you I said to them.

I told them that I would make a huge stone with our story on it so that it will never be forgotten and I will Aunty, I really will!

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Dear Aunty

Today I started on the stone so this morning I went out to look for a huge stone to carve the story on and I found one at the beach. First I rounded of the top into a semi circle.

It took so long that by the time I had rounded of the top it was time to go inside and to bed. My last thoughts before I went to bed were of the stone, the Papiil stone.

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Dear Aunty

It took many moons to get the stone the way I wanted it, when it was finished it had by broach carved at the top and underneath were the two rows of monks that I saw. The difficult part was carving Calicor but I managed to do it in the end. I carved some bird men at the bottom of it. When it was done I took it through the ivy covered archway for Calicor to see. Calicor was amazed how good it was. He said it was a work of art and so did father. I agree with them about that although I don't want to boast.

I am going to stand it outside, near the archway where my adventure started!

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Dear Aunty

Earlier I took the stone to where the archway was before, but the archway was gone! Something that had happened in one of my dreams began to make sense. I stood there for a couple of minutes, thinking, then I suddenly understood.

In a dream I had had recently I saw Calicor and all the other magical things and Calicor said “things come and go, the world is made of illusions but we,” he raised his paw and made a gesture towards the others, “are not illusions,” he said to me. I cannot remember exactly what happened in my dream but I remember what he said to me next and it was this, “this will be the last time you will see me, thank you for your help and good bye to you,” then he was gone!

I stood there for a moment stunned then I levered the Papil stone upwards until it was standing straight. After that I made sure that the Papil stone would not fall down then I left it standing erect for everyone to see!

As I walked home I thought and I realized that Calicor had given me three gifts two of them were solid and extremely precious but the third was not solid but it was priceless. The third gift was the memories.

And that, Aunty is the end of my story!