

Zulu & Echo's Journey!



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Hello, my name is Zulu, and
I am a trouble-maker. Echo
is my pony. Uh oh! My parents
are upset because of me!
We're going on a journey. Find
out what happens Next!



Zulu the Mischief Maker

My name is Zulu Kaber. I was at home sleeping but I felt something pulling my shirt. It was Echo, my pony, that woke me up. It was 10' o clock in the morning and I knew that I woke up late. I went downstairs and I saw my mom at the kitchen looking upset.

Mom said to me, "This is your 10th time waking up late!" Then she shouted, "Did you refill the hay for Echo and give water?"

I said, "Uhhhhh, yes." Mom was still sick in the bed but at least she can walk and cook.

Mom knew that I was lying so she told me to refill the water and give it to Echo. I went to the well in my garden to give Echo his water and the barn to give him hay. I waited for the bucket to fill up with water, but it was taking so long.

I gave the one third filled bucket to Echo and I heard his voice in my head.
"Why did you give me little water?"

"Well, uhh, the water was taking too long to fill up the bucket", I said in my head for



One important thing about Echo and I is that we can talk in our heads. Nobody else can hear what we say. We have a special power. Echo knows what I think and feel. I also know what Echo thinks and feels too.

Later, Dad came home and Mom was cooking dinner for Dad and me. After Mom was finished, she asked me to set the bowls and plates on the table, but I did not do it and just played with my toys. She told me to do it three more times, but I still did not do it!

Mom got so mad she glared at me and said, “Why aren’t you answering me!” I then lied, “Yeah, I did answer you.” After I got into trouble, I went to the barn and kicked all the animals’ food on the floor slightly because I was so annoyed and didn’t want to get caught.

Mom came to the barn. She heard a clank when I kicked the bucket of food and rushed to me, “ZULU! WHY DID YOU KICK THE ANIMALS’ FOOD! LOOK AT THIS MESS! ENOUGH! I..... (Cough - Cough - Cough)!”

Mom coughed and suddenly looked pale as snow. Mom went back inside the house and Dad was really shocked. Mom explained what I did.

Dad got really sad and mad, he got pale too just like Mom!

Echo said, “*Oh no! They fainted! Take them to bed and call Grandma quickly! Maybe she can make them feel better.*”



“*But I don’t want to because I will get double the trouble! Maybe Grandma will be sad and mad too!*” I responded to Echo in his head.

“*But you must! You want Mom and Dad to feel better*”, insisted Echo.

Accepting to go on a Journey

After listening to Echo, I quickly laid Mom and Dad on the bed and called Grandma.

Grandma came home and was shocked. Grandma asked me, "What happened?"

After explaining what I did, Grandma knew Mom and Dad got sad, and sick because of me.

Then Echo said, *"I want to tell you something important. You know, there is a legend that can help your mom and dad feel better. You need to get one special fish from the Unknown Place, and the magic stones from a man. Then, grill the special fish on the stones. You have to feed your parents the grilled fish to heal them."*

I confusingly responded, *"The Unknown Place? But there's no such thing as the Unknown Place! How am I supposed to know where it is?"*

Echo went to the barn to get something.

Hmmmm, I thought mysteriously.

When Echo came back, he gave me a shabby rolled up paper.



I opened it, and it was a map.

"What is this for?" I asked.

"For the Unknown Place, but you must go to the forest and find the special items," Echo said to me.

“Then what about Grandma?” I asked.

Echo then said, “She will stay here taking care of Mom and Dad.”

I told Grandma what Echo said.

I said, “I don’t want to go, it’s too far and scary.”

“I’ll go with you.” Echo’s voiced popped in my head.

I sighed.

Grandma gave me a lunch box for when I get hungry and a sweater in case it gets cold.

I then went on the journey with Echo.



Meeting Ampersem

“Ughh!” I groaned. I didn’t want to go, it was too far!

Then Echo said, “*You barely walked.*”

But as I kept walking and walking, I still continued to complain.

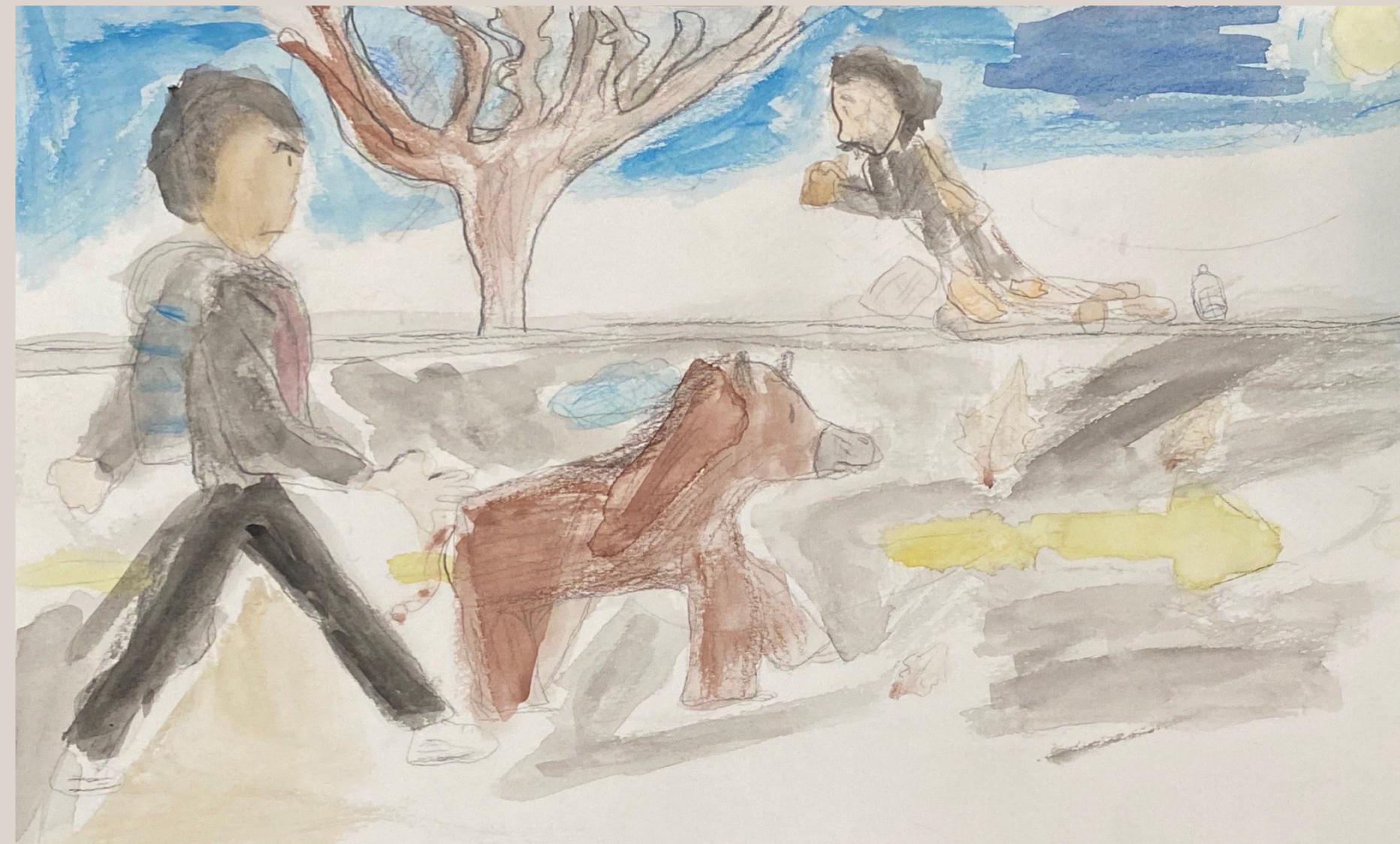
My belly started to grumble. I opened the lunch box. There was bread and apples with some yummy can of juice! I ate it. Echo was hungry, but I did not care.

15 minutes past!

Then I saw a poor man saying, “Please give me some food.”

I did not care and left.

While walking, Echo pulled my shirt because I did not look where I was going.



Echo then said, “*Look, the almost torn sign, it says The Unknown Place.*”

“*Wahoo!*”, we both said.

“*We need to get the fish,*” said Echo.

Then I tripped on something. Oh, it was a SHINY rock!

“It’s mine!”, I said, but then I accidently dropped the shiny rock when I threw it in the air and tried to catch it.

Then POOF! A man appeared.

“What’s your name, young man?” the man asked.

“My name is Zulu, and I need the special fish. And who are you?,” I asked.

“Who am I?,” the man said. “I am ...Ampersem and why do you need the special fish?”

“I just need them. You don’t need to know”, I said.

“I saw you from before, you were not showing a true act of kindness to the poor man. I was the poor man, and saw that you were not caring”, Amperem said.



“How am I supposed to show a true act of kindness?”, I asked annoyingly.

“That is for you to find out. When you show a true act of kindness, you will get the special fish,” Ampersem said and disappeared.

I got so mad that I did not get the special fish!

I stomped my feet so hard that the birds on the trees flew away.

Then Echo called me, *“Zulu, there’s a hurt deer. We need to help the deer! His leg looks painful!”*

“Why do I have to help the deer? Who cares”, I said.

Echo replied, *“But he’s hurt. What if the deer was your Mom or Dad but you just left?”*

I thought for awhile.

“Y-you’re right. I have to help him”, I said.

I grabbed my sweater and the leaves on the ground to bandage the deer’s leg. Then the deer moved its leg and did not complain. The deer hugged me, thanked me, and left.



Amperssem poofed just right at my face.

“You have shown a true act of kindness... And thank you Echo”, Amperssem said.

The Two Stones

“You have an assignment. Your assignment is to show a true act of selflessness to get the two stones. So go hurry.” Ampersem said and disappeared again.

I started walking. I did not know where to go. Then poof, a woman appeared.

The woman said, “My name is Charlemia and is that pony your friend?”

“Yes,” I answered.

“If you give me that gorgeous pony, I will make you rich and have tons of money and jewels!” said Charlemia.

“OK!” I said excitedly.

“Zulu, are you going to leave me, betray me, your best friend?”, Echo quietly asked me. I thought for a while.

I said bravely, “NO. I am not going to give you my best friend, Echo. I don’t care about money! I won’t leave my best friend.”



Poof again. “You have passed the test Zulu. You’ve shown a true act of selflessness!” Charlemia and Ampersem said proudly.

“I-I did?”, I asked. Charlemia and Ampersem nodded their head. I smiled and hugged Echo!

The Berry Patch

Echo's belly grumbled. "Do you have some food left?" Echo asked.

"Sorry Echo. I-I ate them all. I was being selfish." I said.

Then Amperssem said, "You know, there is a place called THE BERRY PATCH! It has all the berries!"

"Whoa! Then let's go! What are we doing." I said.

Amperssem used his magic to carry us.

After we arrived...OH MY GOD! It was like a castle full of berries! Echo thanked both of us. Then Echo braked like a car stopping suddenly and said, "Can I have some?"

Amperssem nodded, and we both joined Echo. We were having so much fun!



Arriving Home

“Appetizing!” I said.

Ampersem said, “Should I teleport you home?”

“Yes, thank you again and goodbye!” I said while smiling.

Echo then bowed as a goodbye too.

Suddenly fog formed everywhere in the forest. The two stones and special fish appeared in my hand and a picture frame popped in my hand.

It was a picture of me, Echo, Charlemia, and Ampersem, so I won't forget them and the lessons I learned. I then waved goodbye and said thank you to Ampersem, so did he.



The Sickness Cured

Poof! We're home. I went to Mom and Dad. They still looked pale.

I then asked Grandma if she can grill the fish on the two stones.
"Sure thing." Grandma said.

After that, I gave the grilled fish to Mom and Dad.

"What's this?" Mom and Dad asked.

"It's grilled fish stone to cure you! I now understand what I did to make you feel so heartbroken. I am sorry", I said

They ate the fish. A few days had passed and I was taking good care of Mom and Dad.



Soon, they felt better! They hugged me and said thank you. Echo came and hugged Mom, Dad, Grandma, and me.

I said sorry again about making them sick, sad, and mad.

My lesson was to be kind, care for others, be honest, and not lie or ignore. I will try my best to be a good humble boy.

THE END

