Episode 10 - Bedtime Story Problems, Part 3

By Three Kids in a Closet

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208.360.3410 she11003@byui.edu AMANDA (V.O.) (PRE-LAP) Ready? Okay, story time.

EXT. AMAZON JUNGLE - DAY

Sophia and Emmy on a tour boat floating gaily down the Amazon. Emmy's wearing a hat (that's important for later). Their backpack sits on the deck beside them.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Our brave heroines Sophia and Emmy
adventure through the lush Amazon
rainforest.

A brightly colored toucan suddenly swoops in and confidently grabs the backpack. Its wings pound rapidly with the effort as what it assumed to be an easy theft turns out to be naught but drudgery. It slowly lifts the backpack just high enough to scrape the boat railing. The toucan continues to flap as madly as his little heart will let him, and he and the backpack slope toward the water. A black caiman, almost completely submerged in the water, patiently awaits touchdown. Just as the bottom of the backpack touches the water, the caiman erupts, swallowing whole both toucan and backpack. He licks his chops and smiles the way caimans do.

Beat.

The smile abruptly turns into a frown, and the caiman spits out the toucan. The toucan flaps away as madly as his little heart will let him, albeit slightly lopsided and covered in caiman slime.

Returning to the girls, Sophia and Emmy stare dumbfounded.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D) The girls realize that their tickets and keys were definitely in that backpack. So they'll have to find a new way home.

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EXT. MONSTER TRUCK/BOAT RENTAL BUSINESS - LATER

Sophia and Emmy stand in front of a random rental business by the river. A large sign in front says, "We accept credit cards." Emmy stares lustfully at a monster truck displayed in front of the business, beside which is a sign with a picture of a monster truck and "\$37.50 per day plus \$.88 per kilometer fuel fee." Sophia, on the other hand, looks contemplatively at a display boat, beside which is a similar sign with a picture of a motorboat and "\$60 per day plus \$.19 per kilometer fuel fee."

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AMANDA (V.O.)

Our brave adventurers have two options. The monster truck is \$20.00 cheaper--

Sophia and Emmy turn hopefully to the monster truck.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

--but only per day. The boat costs more per day, but the fuel is cheaper.

Emmy and Sophia turn equally hopefully to the boat.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

And the girls have to make a decision.

The two girls look concerned.

Sophia reaches down and picks up a stick and draws a graph with two linear functions, circling where the lines intersect.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Based on how far they have to travel, Sophia and Emmy figure out which option is better.

Sophia pulls a credit card from her pocket.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

And although the girls have an emergency credit card with no foreign transaction fees, they do have limited credit...

The toucan makes a sudden reappearance. Still covered in caiman slime, it swoops down and snatches up Emmy's hat. It carries it aloft in slippery talons. Sophia and Emmy turn from the monster truck and boat signs and stare dumbfounded.

The black caiman erupts from the water and swallows the toucan and hat whole. After a brief moment, it spits out the toucan, and the toucan flops away slimy but unharmed.

Sophia and Emmy look on in fascination.

Beat.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

...So our brave adventurers know they have to pick the cheaper option. CONTINUED: 3.

Sophia and Emmy nod sagely to each other, and then they turn excitedly toward the monster truck and boat signs--though it is unclear which one the girls have chosen.

AMANDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

The end.

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