

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE:

TREVOR AND TILLY'S TANGLED TRUNKS

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In the depths of the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil, lived the largest animal kingdom. The animals, large and small, lived in harmony with a variety of tropical birds, whose stunning bright feathers radiated in the glistening sun, as they gracefully glided throughout the rainforest.

Two baby elephants, called Trevor and Tilly, lived in the Rainforest. Unfortunately, Trevor and Tilly's homes were on opposite sides of the rainforest, but they took every opportunity to spend time with each other! As fun - loving elephants, they enjoyed playing together, spraying cool water from the river through their trunks and munching the sweet bananas in the lush rainforest.

Then one day, Covid, the global pandemic struck! The Chief Elephant Leader made an important announcement to the elephant herd. He commanded boldly, "All the animals must stay in their camps because we are unsure if this Covid virus can also affect us animals, therefore we have to follow safety measures. Everyone in the Rainforest should remain in their camps for a month, to prevent possibly catching the virus." All the elephants bellowed in agreement, except for Trevor and Tilly, who both bowed their heads in disappointment. They knew that they would definitely miss their precious friendship when they could not meet! Still, rules were rules and they had to be followed for everyone's well being.

The month seemed to go on forever. Trevor and Tilly were filled with sorrow and desperation to play with each other again. At last, the isolation time was over and the animals were free to mingle once again. Trevor stomped excitedly to Tilly's camp, as fast as a raging bull, and gave Tilly the biggest trunk hug ever! Oh no! Their trunks had got tangled together in the tightest knot!

The other animals and birds spotted the humorous sight from afar and rushed closer to see what the commotion was. Before long, a crowd had gathered around Trevor and Tilly and they were shocked! The Goliath birdeater, a massive hairy spider, the strongest and heaviest in the world, leapt on the tangled trunks and tried with all its might to tug the elephants' trunks apart. It was impossible! Along came the Hyacinth McKaw, a beautiful parrot with iridescent blue feathers. She was determined to help and tried to peck the trunks apart with its razor-sharp beak, but it was firmly knotted.

"Boo hoo! Boo hoo!" sobbed Trevor and Tilly. They had been so eager to meet but now they were frustrated at not being able to separate from each other!

All of a sudden, the Poison Dart Frog came strolling along with some Cayenne Pepper in a small, open pouch. He wanted to sprinkle it on his delicious lunch of juicy slugs, to spice it up! The smell of the pepper powder wafted around the Rainforest and entered all the elephants' trunks.

"Aaa...Choo!" sneezed Trevor and Tilly in unison, closely followed by several more sneezes from the other animals. The whole area vibrated with the force of the sneezes! In the blink of an eye, Trevor and Tilly's trunks unknotted themselves, as if by magic! Everyone breathed a huge sigh of relief! Loud cackling laughter echoed around the Rainforest as all the birds and animals enjoyed the wonderful sight of the freed elephants. They were delighted!

From that day on, Trevor and Tilly decided not to greet each other with trunk hugs; instead, they would always shake their trunks, to make sure that they never got tangled up again. After all, that is a better way to prevent Covid, too!

The End

