

Afrika-kinders

deur XIA DU TOIT



Felix en Felicity is terug in hulle ruimtetuig. Hulle het al hierdie ongelooflike avonture gehad, maar hulle bly nooit lank op een plek nie. Dit voel dan ook nou of al die lekkerkry verby is. Of is dit?

Skielik is daar 'n **KNAL, KLAP** en **KNERS!** Die ruimtetuig tol en rol, volstoom tot teen 'n groot grys gedoente.

“Wat het nou net gebeur?” skree-vra Felix benoud. Felicity bewe. “Ek weet nie 'n maar ek is baie bang!”

Twee potblou oë verskyn skielik vinnig in hulle venster ... knip ... Felix en Felicity wil wegkruip, maar hulle verstar ...

“Ek is soooo jammer julle, ek het nie die ruimtetuig gesien nie! Ek soek so hard na die krokkenoster, ek kyk nie voor my nie!”

Die vreemde wese tel hulle saggies uit hulle ruimtetuig. Felix kry eerste sy stem terug. “Ons ... ons ... waar is ons dan nou?”

“Julle is in die Krugerwildtuin. My naam is Xia. Ek is op soek na al die wilde diere.”

“Ek is Felicity,” antwoord Felicity skaam.

“Wag 'n bietjie, is julle dié Felicity en Felix wat saam met Keschrie, Kylie en Mibono die ongelooflike avonture gehad het? Ek het al so baie van julle gehoor!”

“Ja, dis ons,” antwoord Felix.

“Wil julle saam met my diere soek? Ek leer sommer vir julle 'n liedjie!”

Hulle klim by Xia in die vaalgrys skedonk, die enjin brul en vertrek stadig.

“Ons soek die krokkenoster, ons soek die krokkefant, ons soek die krokodil en ons soek die olifant!”

Hulle sien oom Olifant, Losper die leeu, Wikus die

wildehond, Kallie die kameelperd, en nog baie ander diere. Soos hulle ry, begin daar so 'n warm gevoel in hulle posvat.

“Ons wil hiér bly,” begin hulle dink. Ons hoort in Suid-Afrika, die reënboogland met al sy wonderlike mense waar selfs ons twee vreemde ruimtewesens 'n plekkie het. Hier voel ons tuis ... hier is ons Afrika-Kinders!

Children of Africa

Felix and Felicity are back in their spaceship. They are enjoying all these amazing adventures, but don't stay long in one place. They are also now feeling that all the enjoyment is over. But is it?

Suddenly, there is a **CLAP, CRACK** and **CRUNCH!** The spaceship spins and rolls, full steam against a big grey thing.

“What just happened?” shouts a scared Felix. Felicity is shaking. “I don't know ... but I am soooooo scared!”

Two bright blue eyes suddenly appear in their window ... blinking ... Felix and Felicity want to hide, but they are frozen ...

“I am soooo sorry, you two, I did not see the spaceship! Searching so hard for the croconoceros, I forgot to look in front of me!”

The strange creature lifts them carefully from their spaceship.

Felix finds his voice first. “We ... we ... where on earth are we now?”

“You are in the Kruger National Park. My name is Xia. I am searching for all the wild animals.”

“I am Felicity,” Felicity answers shyly.

“Wait a minute, are you the Felicity and Felix who had

the unbelievable adventure with Keschrie, Kylie and Mibono? I've heard so much about you!

"That's us, yes," answers Felix.

"Do you want to search for animals with me? I'll also teach you a song!"

They climb into the dull grey jalopy with Xia, the engine roars and pulls away slowly.

"We are looking for the croconoceros, we are looking for the crocophant, we are looking for the crocodile and we are searching for the elephant!"

They see Uncle Elephant, Losper the lion, Wikus the wild dog, Gerry the giraffe, and lots of other animals. While they are driving, they start getting a warm feeling.

"We want to stay here," they are thinking. We belong in South Africa, the rainbow nation with all its wonderful people where even us two strange creatures from outer space have a home. We feel welcome here ... here, we are Children of Africa!

ABantwana be-Afrika

UFelix noFelicity babuyele kwisiphekepheke sabo kwakhona. Bazonwabele zonke ezi hambo zabo zinomdla nezingaqhelekanga, kodwa abahlali ixesha elide kwindawo enye. Kwangokunjalo, ngoku baziva ngathi sele kuphele nolo lonwabo lwabo. Kodwa ingaba kunjalo?

Ngokukhawuleza, kuvakala **u-QHWA, QHEKE no-KRWAM!** Isiphekepheke siyasipina siqengqeleke, ngesantya esiphezulu ngakwinto enkulu egreyi.

"Kwenzeka ntoni?" wakhazwa uFelix esoyika. UFelicity uyangcangcazela. "Andazi ... kodwa ndothuke kakhulu!"

Ngequbuliso kuvele amehlo amabini aluhlaza abengezelayo kwifestile yabo... eqhwanyaqhwanayaza ... UFelix noFelicity bafuna ukuzifihla, kodwa imizimba yayome nko ingashukumi ...

"Ndicela uxolo kakhuluuuuuuu, kuni nobabini, and-ikhange ndisibone isiphekepheke! Bendikhangela ng-amandla ikhrokhonoseros, ndalibala ukujonga phambi kwam!"

Isilwanyana esingaqhelekanga siyabaphakamisa ngocoselelo kwisiphekepheke sabo.

UFelix unako kwakhona ukulifumana ilizwi lakhe. *"Si ... si ... siphi kanene ngoku?"*

"NiseKruger National Park. Igama lam nguXia. Nd-ikhangela zonke izilwanyana zasendle."

"NdinguFelicity," UFelicity waphendula eneentloni.

"Yima kancinci, ninguFelicity noFelix aba bebenohambo olunomdla nolungaqhelekanga olungakholelekiyo noKeschrie, uKylie noMibono? Ndiva okuninzi ngani!"

"Ewe sithi abo," waphendula uFelix.

"Niyafuna ukukhangela izilwanyana kunye nam? Ndiza kunifundisa nengoma!"

Bakhwela kwisikorokoro esigreyi esingacacanga noXia, yagquma injini, sasuka kancinane.

"Sikhangela ikhrokhonoseros, sikhangela ikhrokhofanti, sikhangela ingwenya yaye sikhangela indlovu!"

Babona uMalume Ndlovu, u-Losper ingonyama, uWikus oyinja yasendle, uKallie indlulamthi, nezilwanyana ezininzi ezizezinye. Lo gama baqhubayo, baqalisa ukuziva besiba shushu.

"Sifuna ukuhlala apha," bacinga njalo. Singabalapha eMzantsi Afrika, ilizwe elineenkubeko ezininzi elinabantu abamangalisayo, apho sinekhaya, nkqu nathi zidalwa zibini ezingaqhelekanga ezivela emajukujukwini. Siziva samkelekile apha -apha, singaBantwana be-Afrika!

