

Introduzione

La nostra storia parla di un personaggio piccolissimo che vive nella giungla.

Il richiamo della foresta che sente nel cuore, lo spinge ad uscire dalla sua piccola tana, fino ad oltrepassare un ostacolo che lo divide dal mondo esterno.

Il protagonista attraverso una serie di avventure scoprirà il significato dell'amicizia.

Darigybe

In the deep deep jungle, between the roots of a willow tree, there is a clean and tidy lair. Here live a father mouse and mother mouse with their twenty little mice. "Don't go outside," mother mouse tells her children: "It's full of dangers. You don't know who is there."

Mice are indeed shy animals because of their tiny size. This family in particular seems to enjoy the warmth of its lair.

Only the parents can face the vastness of the jungle. One of their children, however is not a normal mouse. His name is Darigybe, one day he asks his father: "Why can't I come with you?"

"The jungle is too big for a little mouse" his father answers. But Darigybe was born with the call of the jungle in his little mouse heart. He is curious of the mysteries of the world and he wants to discover his place in the jungle.

One day, during a tempest, Darigybe follows his father who is going out hunting. The father is too fast for his little legs, and Darigybe remains behind. Next to a bush, he hears a

voice: "Come here, I want to play with you!". Suddenly, a big black bird flies on top of him and brings him away.

From the talons of the hawk Darigybe sees something he has never seen before: the jungle is huge, and it contains a thousand shades of green. On the horizon, where the trees meet the sky, there are seven snowy mountains.

It's known, hawks are one of the worst enemies of mice, but Stone is unique of his kind: he recognises himself in the mouse.

They have the same call of Darygibe.

Stone was born outside the jungle near a human village. One day, the humans caught him with a trap and broke his wing.

When he fell on the ground he saw a big python.

Surprisingly, the python helped him bringing into his lair and medicated Stone. The day after, Stone was ready to fly again going in the nature away from humans.

This is what Stone explains to Darigybe. With this story Stone tells Darigybe that he hasn't got friends.

This story touches the mouse heart and Darigybe comprehends that Stone wants to become his friend. Also Darigybe has this desire.

But Darygibe wants to explore the jungle, with no fear the dangers of the world and discovery his place in the jungle. One day for demonstrate his friendship, Stone brings Darigybe to fly above the jungle in the blue and white sky. After the flight, they land in the middle of the jungle, and

suddenly the snake Skarr attacks. He wanted to reclaim the bill suspended (the bill was when Stone caught the mouse) and when Stone sees him, they start fighting.

The fight doesn't start in the better way, Stone attacks from the sky, but Skarr avoids Stone and counterattacks, wounding him, but Darigybe helps Stone with shrewdness and entrapping the snake. Stone said: "what do you want from me?" and the snake answers: "I don't want you, I want the mouse, leave it to me." The snake is losing his patience: "You made me lose my prey, and I want to get it."

Do you remember when Darigybe was next to the bush? Yes, the voice was Skarr, he went hunting, then Stone arrived and he caught Darigybe.

Skarr is a lonely snake, when he was young his parents started to fight with Stone's parents who won, but they tried to fly away and they fell down like a rock, and they died. This is the matter of the rivalry of the of Stone and Skarr's families.

Stone saves Darigybe again, getting him in his talons and flying away, leaving the snake with a dry mouth. If you are a little mouse it doesn't mean that you can't explore the jungle, it means you need good company.

But the call of the jungle doesn't stop right here. Darigybe one day falls into a river.

The river is big and strong for Darigybe and so he gets crushed by the water.

When he gets back to his senses, Darigybe was next to a henhouse with a lot of hens and he is surprised, because the hens are marked with a strange symbol: a crocodile. The bane of the henhouse is Strongage, a huge crocodile with a wound on his right front leg.

Darigybe continues wandering, the call of the jungle doesn't stop him.

As he is walking, he meets a moongose with a broken leg. This mongoose is Rikki-Tiki-Tavi, a brave and cunning animal.

"Who are you?" says Darigybe "I am your friend" answers Rikki.

"Can you help me with this broken leg?" "Yes of course, let's go into the henhouse."

Darigybe helps Rikki go to the henhouse and when they arrive they see that all the hens were disappeared. They see only one hen, who tells them: "I saw Strongage catching the hens, they're going to the river." Strongage's plan is to carry the hens to a secret place, then he will eat all of them.

Darigybe and Rikki are walking next to the river and they hear a rustle. It is Strongage and they hear his voice: "If you try to escape it isn't good, I will eat you." So Darigybe and Rikki start running. Rikki isn't a real friend. He only thinks for himself. He makes Darigybe fall to distract Strongage and runs away.

So it is Darigybe by himself who has to save the hens and kill Strongage. Darigybe jumps out of a bush and says to Strongage: "Come to get me little crocodile." Strongage

starts to chase the little mouse. But Darigybe calls Stone who attacks the crocodile from above. Strongage falls into the water. The current is too strong and so he falls down into the waterfall.

Trust your real friends and not a new one, because he might betray you. But you have to try to trust to find real friends.

One day Darigybe and Stone are flying in the sky, watching the beauty of the jungle. Darigybe likes the jungle, but he wonders if there is something outside of the great jungle. He never went beyond the mountains. Maybe there are some big predators, or maybe good friends. "Have you ever been beyond the mountains?" he asks stone.

"It is too dangerous!," Stone answers.

As we saw in previous adventures, Darigybe isn't scared and he's always ready to explore new places.

Unfortunately, a storm is arriving and it starts raining. Stone's wings are getting heavier, Darigybe almost falls from the hawk's back. With his strong little arms, Darigybe holds tight. "We have to go back," Stones says. "The wind is too strong." Darigybe tells Stone that they can't stop now, because he has the desire of going beyond the mountain.

Stone tells Darigybe to hold on tight. He wants to spin very fast to dry his wings. Darigybe's words gave him courage. He takes a breath, and then he goes.

Darigybe is afraid, but he knows that Stone can do anything because he is his best friend. Stone is spinning and the

water is falling off his wings, making him lighter. He then continues to fly.

The wind is pushing them on, and the mountains are getting really close. Stone is going twice as fast as his top speed. They start to see all the details of the mountains: the white and soft snow, the huge rocks, the icy trees... They close their eyes and push through. When they open them, they see the big and yellow sun and a beautiful rainbow. They are behind the mountains.

Darigybe feels like a hero in his little mouse heart. He realized his dream and found what he was looking for. A huge world, all to explore. Fear can't stop two friends' journey towards discovery. Maybe beyond the mountains Darigybe will find himself. Maybe he will find something else. But surely he will find new challenges.

This story allowed us to discover ourselves, working together like friends and brothers. Darigybe opened our hearts, bringing us friendship and courage.

This is just the start of Darigybe's life: he has whole worlds to explore.

RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI



STONE



DARIGYBE



SKARR



STRONGABE



HEN



