

## Buskerfest

An elderly man named Colin despised airplanes with all his heart but he really wanted to go to Buskerfest. He had always heard it was the funnest place on Earth and wanted to see it for himself. He took some sleeping pills before getting on the aircraft and dozed off as soon as the plane took off and would sleep right through his flight from England to Niagara Falls. When he fell asleep, he began to have a strange dream...

A floating sensation enveloped his body and his mind massively erupted in a rainbow of colours and a cacophony of sound. He could see that nobody else was on board...except for a clown named Gina. She didn't speak at first but started making him his favourite balloon animal. It was a tiger. Using hand gestures she signalled they needed to jump and opened the hatch. He was able to move now and walked over to the door and when he looked out Gina pushed him and jumped herself. While falling Colin pulled the cord and instead of a parachute balloons shot out... Gina noticed a hot air balloon below and pointed towards it. They landed on the balloon and fell through the basket on a crash course to Earth.

Suddenly on their descent, the balloon picked up velocity and ignited into an aggressive inferno until landing into the water. They swam to an island and on the beach they saw an ex-fed package that ended up having a cell phone inside. Gina suggested they call for help but he didn't listen and played games instead, ultimately losing track of time and the phone died. He looked for somewhere to plug it in and by some kind of luck there was a recharging tree nearby. He plugged it in and after it was charged Gina called her parents for help. Her mom used GPS on the phone to track their location. Like most moms she was there in a hurry yelling "Gina, I'm here!!" and boy were they glad to see her. She made a balloon motorcycle with side cars and it worked most of the journey, well until the wheel popped at the superhero car wash. Gina was all out of balloons so they went to the store down the road to make another wheel.

When they arrived to the counter, the clerk said they were out of balloon wheels too. He referred them to his friend, also a clown, and they asked him for balloons. Looking puzzled, his friend thought hard, but realized there was a serious shortage of balloons in this city. He had a rubber ball and he told them they could use it as a wheel. The rubber ball was blue with red stars. He then proceeded to put the ball on his motorcycle. Shortly after they ran over an ear of corn and it popped the other tire. He soon realized that he was doomed and the only thing left that he could do was to walk. His feet were tired after walking for miles, so Gina and her mother wheel-barreled him towards Niagara Falls. They saw signs that had directions to Buskerfest and Colin was finally happy to be going. Gina and her mom however already booked them on the Maid of the Mist to cool off. After parting from the boat he thought they were on route to the festival but ended up in a helicopter ride over the falls. Just as his nerves were going back to normal a comet struck the helicopter and it fell into the Niagara river headed for the Horseshoe falls. No one could save them in time and they went over the falls and landed in Candy-land.

They started eating gumdrops from the gumdrop tree and with their strength renewed, set off on a new course. As he was walking, he heard a sound that he had never heard before. It ended up being a kangaroo jumping on a pogo stick. Upon noticing Colin and the clowns he fell off the pogo stick and broke his leg. A magical unicorn with massive wings landed and offered them to hop on his back. He asked "Where to?" Colin barely got to say "Busk..." before Gina shouted "Outer space!!!" Once out of our atmosphere the unicorn passed out and they were drifting. They couldn't make it back to Earth so they landed on the moon and found a cool magical horn. They took the horn to the kangaroo's wicked step mom. She was pleased to see they found

the horn because it had been lost for a thousand years. Inside was a peanut and it exploded when they tried to use the horn. Instead of sound they were showered with magical gold coins, like millions. The step mom showed them a trail that led them to a coral cave that will get them home and she kept the gold in return.

While following the map she gave them they found themselves lost in a forest of candy trees. "Don't eat my forest," came an ominous voice. Out from the bushes came a candy turtle, it had skittles on its back and popcorn for eyes. The turtle said "my name is Michelangelo." but the sound of a giant coming in the distance cut him off. "Satisfy my sweet tooth" said the giant and continued "I love skittles," The turtle ran away saying, "Bite me." to which the giant replied "I plan to!" The giant swung at Michelangelo but he used his awesome ninja move called the 'circle throw' and blocked it. The giant got mad and threw the reverse knife hand strike and rainbow sparks flew out of Michelangelo as he flew across the forest and landed in a dandelion field.

He woke up to Colin poking him to see if he was alive. While resting they heard someone coming. It was a fish named Finn and he was exiled. They told him he could join them and he happily hopped in the kangaroo pouch and they all went looking for the cave. They went through the field and up a mountain. As soon as they crossed they saw an ocean with a pod of dolphins swimming in it. One jumped up and waved and Finn waved back. They started to head back down the mountain. When they got to the ocean they spotted a shark named Larry and he directed them to the land of Coral. The land of Coral was a mysterious and dangerous place but it's where the cave was located so they had to go.

When they were travelling they didn't know where the cave was so they tried to find help and they found a dwarf and his pony. "Hi, my name is PoCo and the pony is Whaley." PoCo the dwarf said he's had a bad day and he needed a hug. However, Whaley, not being into hugs, stood up on his hind legs and said, "Neigh, neigh! I would much rather have a kiss!" to which PoCo added, "Only if I get a hug too!" Tired they decided to take a nap and continue their journey in the morning.

They woke up and went outside to the sight of some beautiful flowers. When they looked closer they found bumblebees on the petals. PoCo the dwarf got stung, poor PoCo! He had an anaphylactic reaction. The faerie on the bumblebee spoke to them and said, "I like bananas and pickle juice." Her wings were the colour of dandelions and her hair was green as grass. The guy hiding in the bush whispered to himself "I've got to go call someone quick." He ran to the nearest phone booth but noticed someone stole the receiver. He took a branch from the bushes and a vampire nearby noticed. The man threw the stick but the vampire deflected it and it shattered. He knew he couldn't kill the vampire so he summoned his best friend Ajillio. He may still be a baby but he was a 1st class ninja.

Feeding time for Ajillio had always been problematic because the local supply of sea slugs were in critical supply. Ajillio hated sea slugs but had to eat them but always said "I like butter on my toast, butter, butter, on my toast."

Ajillio defeated the vampire with ease and decided he'd never had vampire before and tried a taste; it was awful and he regretted it instantly. They decided to check back on Poco because Ajillio had a bottle of pickle juice and half a banana, luckily it was enough for the faerie to cure PoCo. They asked the faerie if she knew how to get to the cave and she replied "bad news, it's hidden inside the cave at the bottom of Marianas crater. It was the deepest depth on the moon and only a few people have ever been there. Luckily they had a unicorn with wings and now that he was fully awake he flew them all down one by one. They were about to enter the cave for the first time when the unicorn jumped off the ground to fly back up and grab their gear and his wing

broke. They decided checking the cave was the only smart plan so they went in.

It was dark inside and they couldn't see anything except a silhouette in the distance. Lit by a flickering light, well until it abruptly turned into an intense ray of light. It was so bright none of them could look. Colin thought that he was in the highlands and so decided to dance an Irish jig. Although everyone cheered, nothing else happened. Upon further investigating the silhouette turned out to be a door, a big golden door. When they got close they heard knocking and it made them jump. Gina was voted to be the one to answer the door and her hand shook as she turned the handle. They saw a pretty girl named Oasilda who was an amazing stunt performing witch. They asked what she was doing tonight and she replied, "Going to a party but I can't drink... I'm pregnant," she continued. "The father is a very rich man from Earth whose ball I'm attending this eve. "Wow a party that sounds fun" said the Kangaroo and the girl continued "At this party, there will be buskers from Niagara Falls and all around the world."

All of a sudden Colin jumped on top of the table and started dancing because he was that happy to hear she was going to Niagara Falls, he might have a ride to finally visit buskerfest. She agreed she would bring the whole crew with her but they had to wait for a few hours so they sang songs and told stories. Finally a pirate ship appeared from nowhere and let them on board and half way into the journey they took all their stuff. So Rutabaga (The man who summoned Ajillio) said "Give back our money" but the pirates decided tying them up in the brig was a better idea. A pirate named Jimmy started throwing jars everywhere, he was mad now. A jar hit the captain in the eye and he fell overboard. Jaxson (The kangaroo) and Hudson (the unicorn) took over the ship and Jimmy and Nadine (the fairie) fell in love. Nadine healed all of the passengers and it seemed like everything was now at peace on the ship.

All of a sudden some fresh poutine flew by Colins head and he didn't know who threw it. Along came the wicked witch from St. Catharines (she's not really wicked just misunderstood)"I really wanted an ice cream cone," said the witch. "So I could be cool while watching Platinum Elvis," she continued. "I waited for the red line, then the purple. All I really wanted was to borrow a smile and steal a laugh... Alas I had to settle for cheese poutine." she ranted on.

Nobody on board knew what was happening. The witch walked over and opened the fridge. "Debbie get out of my fridge," Everyone gasped as a woman jumped out of the fridge. "This is not your ship witch" said Colin and the witch replied "Yes it is! Since you tossed over the only person able to stop me, who among you would like to try and discredit me of this claim?"

"Mom?" said Oasilda "Yes dear it's me. The captain had me trapped in the ship"

"You weren't in this ship I have been living on this ship for 8 years myself and I'm sure I would have seen you" said Jimmy.

"I was trapped in the ship... Like literally in the ship. Why do you think it had super powers? I was the power. Now that he is gone I will never lose my daughter again and I vow to every single day have the most absolute fun we can have"

"Exactly! We want the same thing as you...to go home... I'm sure you can be happy to know we're not going to stop you from having any fun with your daughter in fact, I want you to join us... I mean look who my friends are" she looked around the room as Colin continued "We're probably one of the funniest looking groups

you'll ever meet. Come with us to Buskerfest, the funnest place on Earth."

"Wow nobody has ever invited me out before I think I might like to go with you guys. My name is Kaerla and I want to be your friend"

Kaerla bowed, winked at Colin, and snapped her fingers and as soon as she did he awoke to the sound of the flight attendant saying they landed. Colin arranged his schedule and unpacked in the hotel. He couldn't believe his adventure wasn't real and it kind of saddened him to not be dreaming anymore, he wanted to be exploring with his odd group of friends again. He knew one thing that would bring up his spirits and make him happy. He called a cab and told the driver to take him directly to Buskerfest.

A few minutes later he was in front of a boy with a saxophone, playing next to a rabbit named Peter on his bucket drums. If that wasn't cool enough there was a couple groups of acrobats juggling, twirling, and spinning around fire, lights, and, other cool props like chainsaws. There was even a shiny silver Elvis dancing and a living statue that was handing out candy. All this was complimented by some of the best entertainment and food anyone could ask for.

When Colin went to bed that night he had never been more tired in his life. As soon as he was in bed he literally couldn't move. He took a deep breath, closed his eyes and said goodnight. Colin opened his eyes and he was on the pirate ship again surrounded by his friends. He took turns hugging them and was the happiest person in the entire world to have finally visited Buskerfest. "Where to?"asked Oasilda and Colin replied "Anywhere is fine with me as long as I'm with you guys"