



# THE STORY OF MORRIS THE DODO

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EVERYTHING IS PEACEFUL AT THE LAGOON, WHEN, SUDDENLY, A STRANGE NOISE IS HEARD: **CRACCK!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING? QUICK, ALL THE DODOS HURRY UP TO THE BIG NEST. AN EGG IS BEGINNING TO HATCH! „ALREADY!“ THE DODOS SHOUT IN UNISON.



“WHAT WILL WE FEED ALL THESE HUNGRY LITTLE BEAKS?” SAYS BIG-DODO, “LET’S HURRY TO THE FOREST TO FIND SEEDS AND FRUITS!”

ONLY MORRIS, WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE HIS NAP, SAYS: “GO WITHOUT ME, SOMEONE NEEDS TO STAY HERE!”



NO SOONER HAVE THE DODOS LEFT  
THAT MORRIS HEARS ANOTHER  
STRANGE NOISE - LIKE  
THE SOUND OF STEPS COMING CLOSER!

**"WHO CAN IT BE?"**

IN THE DISTANCE, MORRIS CAN  
ALREADY SEE SOMEONE: IT'S AN EXPLORER  
WHO SEEMS DETERMINED  
TO TAKE WHATEVER HE CAN FIND!

MORRIS STARTS TO SHAKE!



FRIGHTENED, ALL THE ANIMALS ARE LEAVING THE LAGOON.

MISTER CHAMELEON PASSES BY MORRIS AND SHOUTS:

"HEY, MORRIS, YOU SHOULD COVER UP THE NEST WITH LEAVES!

COLOR IS THE BEST WAY TO CAMOUFLAGE!"

MORRIS LOOKS DOWN AT HIS BIG ROUND BELLY

AND HIS SHORT LEGS - HE'LL NEVER RUN FAST ENOUGH

TO GET GIANT TARO LEAVES IN THE FOREST.



AS THEY PASS BY MORRIS, THE LAGOON BIRDS SHOUT:

"HEY MORRIS, YOU SHOULD PUT THE EGGS ON TOP OF  
THE MANGO TREES. THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE IS HIGH UP  
IN THE AIR!" MORRIS LOOKS DOWN AT HIS BIG ROUND BELLY  
AND HIS TINY LITTLE WINGS  
- HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE IT UP THERE!



IT'S THE TURN OF THE HEDGEHOGS, ALL SPIKES OUT, TO SHOUT AS THEY RUN PAST MORRIS: "HEY MORRIS, YOU SHOULD MAKE A MEAN FACE! IF YOU FRIGHTEN HIM OFF, THE EXPLORER WON'T DARE COME ANY CLOSER!" BUT MORRIS KNOWS THAT WITH HIS KIND EYES AND SOFT FEATHERS, HE COULDN'T SCARE EVEN A LITTLE SPIDER.



AS THE STEPS KEEP COMING CLOSER TO THE NEST, MORRIS, DISCOURAGED, LOOKS DOWN AT HIS REFLECTION ON THE WATER - AND THEN HE HAS AN IDEA.





IF HIS BIG, ROUND,  
SOFT BELLY PREVENTS HIM  
FROM RUNNING AND FLYING,  
IT'S PERFECT FOR SLIDING!

HOP, MORRIS THE DODO GRABS  
AN EGG AND GLIDES  
ON THE SURFACE OF THE RIVER  
LIKE ON A SLIDE!  
THEN, HE DOES IT AGAIN,  
AND AGAIN!

THAT WAS CLOSE, BUT MORRIS AVOIDED  
THE WORST! ALMOST ALL THE EGGS  
ARE NOW HIDDEN BEHIND THE LOGS  
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WATERFALL.  
WHEN THE EXPLORER ARRIVES,  
THE NEST IS COMPLETELY EMPTY!

MORRIS WON!



THAT NIGHT, THE LAGOON IS PEACEFUL ONCE AGAIN -  
OR MAYBE NOT QUITE! BECAUSE SOON ENOUGH -  
**CRACK, CRACK, CRACCK, ALL AROUND!**

