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## The Wonderous Club

Once upon a time there were some explorers called the Wonderous Club. Their names were Indi, Lora, Paton, Jack, Jasmine, and Kaden. Jasmine had the brains, Jack fixed things, Kaden was a doctor, Indi told the jokes, Paton was bossy, and Lora had to be perfect.

For their next adventure they wanted to go to the jungle so they could see a dinosaur and win the "find your own dinosaur of the year" award. But there was one problem, Lora didn't want to go because she didn't want to get dirty. So, Lora stayed home and guarded the cave. (They always needed someone to guard the cave). They all went hunting except Lora which was a shame because it was so much fun.

A few hours later, after trekking through thick jungle, they discovered something moving in the bushes. Then, a turquoise body with pink curly hair popped out from the bush. It was a baby dinosaur. They made such a big deal over the baby dinosaur. Everyone screamed, even the baby dinosaur sounded like it was screaming.

After a minute, Jasmine said,

"EVERYONE CALM DOWN! We need to sort this out."

Once everyone had calmed down, they discovered the baby dinosaur could talk. It turned out that the dinosaur was lost. Its name was Tilly the T-Rex. Tilly couldn't find her parents and Tilly was scared.

"Don't worry Tilly, we will look after you and we will help you to find your parents," said Indi. "Let's go back to our cave and show Lora."

It was a long walk back to the cave, so Tilly said to the gang,

"Jump on and I will give you a ride."

It was a bit bumpy, but it was much better than having to walk all the way.

Lora, who had been waiting for them to get back, met them at the entrance. Lora said, "I was waiting for you for 6 hours! That's too long!"

Then, Lora saw the dinosaur, she screamed at the top of her lungs for 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Lora, who didn't like mess, had a very strict No Pets rule in the cave. So Lora said, "GET THIS THING OUT OF HERE!"

Paton stood up for Tilly and said, "Tilly is only staying with us because she lost her parents."

"What?" Lora said. "This thing can't stay with us, it's too big!"

Tilly got sad because Lora wouldn't let her in. When Lora saw how sad Tilly was, she had a change of heart and said she could come in but only until they found her parents. Tilly was so happy, she licked Lora on the cheek.

It was getting late, they had to get some sleep so they would be fresh to search in the morning. Jasmine said Tilly could sleep in her bed and she would sleep out on the couch. But Tilly just broke the bed. Then they tried the couch. But that was too soft. They tried outside. But it was too cold. Finally, they found the perfect spot near the campfire. Tilly went straight to sleep.

When the Wonderous Club woke up, Tilly was gone. Jasmine was worried. "What if Tilly got lost again . . . or stolen . . . or . . . or . . . killed?" worried Jasmine. Luckily, Tilly walked back into the cave, with a basket full of berries. She had woken up early and decided to go for a walk and had found a big berry bush and thought they would be delicious to have for breakfast. Everyone was relieved and very grateful for such a delicious breakfast. They all tucked in.

"Yummy!" said everyone, including Tilly.

After breakfast they went to the jungle to spend the day searching for Tilly's parents. While they were searching, they heard a noise that sounded like growling. The growling got louder when they got closer to the bushes.

Indi said "I think there's something behind the bushes. Kaden, can you go check it out?"

But as Kaden got closer, something charged out towards him. It was a giant bear. Kaden froze, he didn't know what to do. Tilly saw what was happening and came, and head butted the bear just before it got to Kaden. The bear ran away with a very sore head.

"Thanks Tilly, you saved my life," said Kaden, giving Tilly a huge hug. They spent the rest of the day searching the jungle again for Tilly's parents, but they had no luck.

That night, back at the cave, they heard a roar. Tilly roared back.

"Every dinosaur knows what their parents call is," said Jasmine, running to the entrance of the cave.

Tilly spoke. "That's right."

Tilly roared again.

Following the roars, Tilly's parents found her in the cave. They rushed to give her a big hug and thanked everyone for looking after her. The club and the dinosaurs all sat around the campfire, eating some dinner, and keeping warm. Tilly's parents told the club how a tornado had come through and destroyed their home and had blown Tilly and her parents in opposite directions. And they had been searching for Tilly ever since.

"Hey, I have an idea!" said Paton. "Jack is very good at fixing things, I am sure he wouldn't mind helping to fix your home. What do you say Jack?" "Count me in," said Jack.

"And," said Lora, "I guess, seeing as you have nowhere else to go, you can all stay here in our cave whilst Jack is fixing your home . . . as long as you tidy up after yourselves!"

Everyone laughed.

The End.