

Detectives Puisi and Tiphok

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Summer 2050.

It is abnormally hot in the country of the midnight sun.

The ice float, this immense piece of ice on which the seals like to nap in the summer is almost completely melted. Only a few big icebergs still float on the Glacial Ocean that should change its name, because with every passing year, its waters become warmer.

Overwhelmed by this situation, a lot of the seals will begin to fight each other to obtain a place on one of the rare pieces of ice. In the North Pole, there is a threat of war.

Because the situation is becoming aggressive, the seal king summoned all of the seal population onto his private island for a meeting.

With authority, without even greeting anyone he says:

- “Our people will survive only if we help each other. The places on the icebergs henceforth are reserved for the babies, the sick and the elderly seals. Guards will keep watch over them and will send an alarm signal if a bear approaches. Let me remind you that on the ice, it easily catches us, but that in water we swim faster than him.”

The King of the seals continues his speech by explaining how the country had changed in the past few years. He also advised how to nap in another manner, lying on the back while watching the sky.

Then, he finished by saying:

- “I entrust a very difficult mission to our two detectives Puisi and Tiphok. I ask that they go to the other side of the earth, to our cousins of the South Pole to find the very old seal who possesses all of the secrets. He will have the solution to make the ice return in our kingdom. “

At these words, all of the seals clapped their fins together, applauding the decision of the king.

Puisi and Tiphok, proud to be chosen as the detectives, left on their mission. They swam two days and two nights without eating before stopping for a nap on their back.

They had scarcely gone to sleep, when Tiphok awoke with a start. Above his head, hundreds of white birds with black heads and red beaks screamed "sk – sk – sk – k".

Frightened and tired he did not recognize the Terns that each year spend their vacation on the other side of the world.

Then, Friski, one of the beautiful white birds approached:

- “Sk – sk – sk – k (which means "hello") Everybody is missing the ice in the North Pole.
All alone you will never find the South Pole. Follow us, we know some short cuts.”
- “First a nap, then a good meal, please” said Puisi. “Then we will follow you.’
- “No discussion! We’re leaving!” , shouted Friski., “The South Pole is far. “
- “No, no, I am tired”, moans Puisi.

To gain time, Friski ordered that the Terns fish a good meal for Puisi and Tiphok and a few minutes later, the two detectives were enjoying five delicious fish each.

Puisi and Tiphok found that it was pleasant to be thus served and they lay down for a nap.

To prevent them from going to sleep the Terns screamed very loudly "sk – sk – k – k – k".

This racket attracted the attention of a big blue whale that swam nearby. She was also sad that the ice had disappeared and when she met the detectives that everyone spoke about, she had an idea.

She took a deep breath in and then dove. Next she darted back to the surface under Tiphok and blew out a spray of water. Tiphok found himself projected three meters above the sea.

- “You hang onto my fins and take your nap on my back!” she said in a deep voice.

Puisi and Tiphok were afraid. They hung on without saying a word.

- “She will eat us”, whispered Puisi.
- “ K –k – k – sk – sk “(which means "No, She won't!") whispered Friski. This whale does not have teeth. She drinks big quantities of water then spits through a filter. With this method, she swallows a lot of small fish and spits the shells back into the ocean.”

Reassured, Puisi and Tiphok let themselves be taken.

The trip was quick.

The big whale was very attentive. She swam to the surface of the water so that Puisi and Tiphok could breathe.

Fortunately they had this means of transportation, for it was getting hotter and hotter and Puisi and Tiphok became quite uncomfortable!

The whale stopped suddenly and gave a big swat with its tail, throwing Puisi and Tiphok onto a beach of hot sand.

- “We are at the Equator, she said “and it is the end of the road for me.” I do not travel any farther. We whales always swim on the same side of the equator. Remain here; someone else will come for you.

And as she dove, she gave them one last piece of advice:

- “Be careful, the grease on your skin will make you hotter. Remember to keep your skin wet so that you will stay cool.”

Puisi and Tiphok did not even have the time to thank her ...

The Equator sun burned. To refresh themselves, Tiphok and Puisi started to jump into the water when the fin of a shark appeared. It would be impossible to leave the beach without getting eaten.

They were prisoners.

One problem with being a detective is that you hear and see everything ...

On this beach, near the Equator, Puisi and Tiphok overheard a conversation. A war was about to start because the inhabitants of this region were thirsty. They were going to have to fight one another for the drops of drinkable water that remained.

- If rain does not fall, we all will die. Sea water is too salty, we cannot drink it. It is necessary to fight for the last well of fresh water.

- This is even more serious than at our place, said a worried Tiphok. He was also getting very thirsty in this heat. Let us continue on our trip! We must get in the water. Too bad about the sharks!

Courageous, Puisi and Tiphok dove.

Soon a starving shark spotted them. The two detectives swam as quickly as possible, but the shark caught them.

- This is finished, thought Tiphok, while at the same time being moved by a sort of big wave. He closed his eyes believing to be eaten.

Feeling nothing, he reopens them slowly and sees a gigantic Orca dressed in black and white and smiling at him, showing its big teeth.

Tiphok trembled with fear, but Puisi said to him:

- She confronted the shark and saved us. She is here to take us and not to eat us!

Puisi and Tiphok hung on stoically to this impressive giant for several days of their trip to the South Pole.

- “There is no one here,” said Tiphok, when they at last arrived.
- “ Ah! Ah! Ah!” laughed the Orca while showing its big teeth.
“Many seals live here, but on my last trip here I ate a few of them.
They hid when they saw me.”

And in an instant the giant dove deeply back into the black waters of the Antarctic Ocean, leaving Puisi and Tiphok feeling a little lost.

Friski,, the Tern, had traveled faster than them and approached them with good news.

- “ K – sk – k – sk (which is to say "I found him!") The one that you look for is located under the 7th iceberg to right. It is necessary to call him "The Wise One" otherwise he pretends to be deaf! “

By using his magic moustaches, The Wise One already knew all and before Puisi and Tiphok could say a word, it splashed them with a magic potion making them disappear.

He also splashed the powder on Friski, while saying,

- “Comes with us beautiful curious bird! “

Then he splashed himself.

In an instant, all four had traveled back in time about 40 years.

The Wise One said:

- “The bad habits of the men from this time have upset our climate!
And what's more they waste drinkable water!”

He then pulls two tiny bottles from beneath his fur. One bottle is as orange as the sun and the other bottle is as blue as the water.

- “These are two elixirs of knowledge”, he says. Every man splashed by an orange drop will open his eyes on his bad behavior for the climate. Every man splashed by a blue drop will not waste any drinkable water. These men will become very contagious by the simple contact of the hand.

- There! I see three people. Go there!” he said. Puisi wanted to return as fast as possible to 2050.

- “Be careful!” replied The Wise One. There are only a few drops in every bottle. It is necessary to find what can easily be changed, so as not to discourage anyone. If your mission with the elixir succeeds, it will have a big effect on the future. If you succeed, you will close your eyes and be again in 2050.”

- “Our mission is impossible”, moaned Puisi and felt depressed. We don’t have enough elixir to succeed in our mission.”

- “But wait,” reassured Tiphok , the optimist. The elixir is very contagious. If we can infect a few people they will pass it on to others.

For several days, Puisi and Tiphok did the true work of detectives. They tried to find easy things to change.

They finally decided that Friski, who was very precise and could fly, would distribute the drops of elixir from the sky.

- Start with the orange elixir! said Tiphok showing him the people to splash :
 - it is necessary to splash the driver of this car so that he will want to walk. He will contaminate all of the other motorists ;
 - it is necessary also to splash this store director. She leaves the doors of her shop open while the heating works to the maximum ;
 - this man must also receive a drop, for he forgot to turn off the light when he left his room ;
 - a drop also must fall on the Director of the environment so that he makes good decisions.

When Friski splashed a drop on each of the people, the light in the room turned off, the store door magically closed and the car stopped immediately in the closest parking space. Friski was so surprised by the power of the elixir that she loosened her grip and the blue bottle of elixir crashed on the sidewalk.

A single and unique drop of elixir splashed by chance onto a passerby. This was a catastrophe!

One big tear flowed alongside the beak of Friski.

- It is my fault, she thought, that people will die from thirst.

But, a few hours later, a radio station announcer gave the following suggestions on how not to waste water:

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- do not leave the water faucet on when you brush your teeth or wash your hands ;

- take a shower instead of a bath, you will use less water ;

- place a filled plastic bottle in the tank of your toilet to reduce the quantity of water used.

Friski could not believe her ears. The elixir had splashed a well known radio announcer and it had already had an effect.

Tiphok, Puisi and Friski were moved. They had succeeded.

Thanks to them, the future generations could enjoy a planet where it was safe to live.

Nevertheless, before returning to their year, they took the time to contemplate a last time the people shaking hands and working together.

No one could stop the contagious effort to protect the climate and the drinkable water supply.

And you - are you contaminated?