

## THE ADVENTURES OF "RAINBOWMAN"

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Once upon a time, a little girl named Georgia, a little boy named Bryan and their little dogs named Space and Ace, went walking in the woods. As they walked along they sang a happy tune..trala..la..la... and giggled, (INSERT OPENING SONG).

Suddenly, in the distance they saw a multi-coloured light. "Look at that!" said Bryan. "What's that light over there?" "Oh wow! It's cool!" said Georgia "What could it be?" At first they were afraid but after a while, slowly, slowly they became calmer and calmer. The light seemed to be drawing them closer and closer to itself.

When they finally arrived in front of the light, a multicoloured figure came out of it and said: "Hello, children and doggies, I'm your RAINBOWPERSON, don't be afraid, I shall not harm you."

The children stared with big googly eyes. The dogs barked--woof,woof. Rainbow person said, "Be calm!" and suddenly Bryan and Georgia were both smiling and the dogs stopped barking.

"That's good", said the Rainbow person. "Now I have something to tell you." "Would you like to come with me to visit my planet?" "Yes! Yes!" cried the children. "Woof, woof". barked the dogs. "Oh,oh,oh", said the Rainbowperson. "Nobody makes those sounds on my planet, there everybody talks even the animals." He pointed his hands at the dogs and from then on they could talk. "How nice!" said Space. "I like it!" said Ace. And they started laughing and rolled around on the ground on their backs.

"What's your Planet called?" said the little girl. "Where is it--what does it look like?" said Bryan.

"It's called Rainbowland." "And it's far--far--away --way up in the sky," said the Rainbowperson. "Come jump on my back, and I'll take you there."

So they jumped onto his back and away they flew--up--up--up--higher--and higher surrounded by a multi-coloured light shield which protected them in outer space. On the way, they passed many different coloured planets like Blue Planet, Red Planet, Green Planet, Yellow Planet Pink Planet, Black Planet,Brown Planet, White Planet and many more.

After a while, they looked ahead and saw a bright multi - coloured light in the distance. "That's Rainbowland over there," said the Rainbowperson. And they all started cheering. "Hooray! Hooray!" They flew closer--and--closer, until with a smooth swish swash they landed on Rainbowland.

As they landed they were greeted by many waving cheering multi-coloured people and animals.

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"Hey, this place looks great," said Georgia. "Oh wow! It's so cool," said Bryan. "Yippee! Yippee!" cried their dogs. The Rainbowperson said, "Welcome to Rainbowland."

Then everybody gathered around and started singing a happy welcome song (insert song). Everyone seemed very happy, loving and free.

Suddenly, a long flying object appeared in the sky. "Don't be alarmed," said the Rainbowperson. "It's only the flying bus. Very soon, we'll all board the bus and go to the Rainbow Palace."

Everyone cheered joyfully.

As soon as the bus had landed, a stairway slowly came out of it's side until it touched the ground.

"Okay everybody, let's climb aboard," said the Rainbowperson. "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" shouted Bryan, Georgia and everyone else.

After everyone had boarded the flying bus, the multi-coloured bus driver pressed a button and the stairway started moving upwards towards the side of the bus. Suddenly, a little voice could be heard from outside. "Wait for me, wait for me," it said. "Who--er-- what's happening out there? Who is it?" said the bus driver. "It's me, Ace." yelled the little dog. "Please don't go without me."

The Rainbowperson laughed and asked the bus driver to let down the stairs again. After Ace had boarded the bus, the stairs came up and with a whirrr--they took off into the sky. Up, up, higher and higher they flew towards the Rainbow Palace which was on top of a multi- coloured mountain. All the way there, everyone sang and joked happily together.(insert song).

When they had finished singing, the Rainbowperson started preparing them to meet the one and only--the dynamic RAINBOWMAN. "Be quiet, everyone, I have something important to tell our new friends Bryan, Georgia, Space and Ace. They have not yet met Rainbowman." Then all the Rainbow people on the bus hushed and the Rainbowperson explained to the new comers all about Rainbowman-who he was and what he did for the Rainbow people and Rainbowland. " You see," said the Rainbowperson. "Here in Rainbowland, we all only believe in peace, happiness and love. Rainbowman taught us that it's the only way to be. He is the wisest, the kindest, the most loving person in the whole universe and always ready to help someone in need."

Georgia and Bryan said, "Oh, man, we can't wait to meet him. What a beautiful person. If only everyone could be like that."

Not long afterwards, the bus touched down at the Rainbow Palace. The stairway came down and everybody got off the bus--including Ace.

The palace was a huge and beautiful building made up of sea-shells, silver and gold. High above the large entrance, on the wall, written in rubies, sapphires and diamonds, were the

words-"WELCOME TO RAINBOW PALACE AND RAINBOWLAND". The two children and their dogs stared up in awe with gaping mouths.

"Hey, this is just fantastic," said Georgia. "It's incredible!" said Bryan. "Very pretty! Very pretty!" said Space. "I like it! I like it!" said Ace.

In the meantime, everyone was being taken into the Rainbow Palace by friendly and smiling multi-coloured palace attendants. The Rainbowperson called out to the two little children and their dogs. "Come, come now, you'd better follow the crowd. This is where I leave you. If you ever need me, all you have to do is close your eyes and think of me and I'll be at your side. Bye,bye," he said, and off he flew. Then Bryan, Georgia and the two dogs quickly followed the crowd into the palace.

The palace walls were decked with paintings of smiling faces and hearts. The floors were lined with marble and smoothly ground oyster-shell which were cleaned every day by palace robots. Soon they arrived at a very, very large mirrored dining room/theatre. Everyone was seated around tables facing the stage.

"This is all so very, very exciting," said Bryan. "It sure is," said Georgia. "Woof--er I mean-yes! yes! It is," said Space. "I do like it,I do," said Ace.

The place was filled with laughter, smiling faces and chatter.

Suddenly, the lights began to flicker and someone appeared on the stage. "Hello! Hello! Hello!" she said. "I'm a Rainbow palace Person. I welcome you here. Please have a happy time. Soon the robots will bring in your food. But first, the moment you've all been waiting for,the moment of all moments." As she walked off the stage, it spun around slowly and a big space band appeared on it. The drummer started drumming and the spot-lights started darting around the room as if searching for something or someone and a voice started saying:(insert RAINBOWMAN song). At last Rainbowman appeared. Everybody cheered loudly throughout the song and joined in the chorus.

After he had finished singing the song, Rainbowman said, "Thank you, thank you very much, you make me so very, very happy. Please let me not keep you waiting much longer for your meal. Send in the robots! Please enjoy your meal!"

With that, a long row of robots entered the room carrying silver platters above their heads. (insert ROBOT SONG).

There were multi-coloured cheeses, multi-coloured vegies, multi-coloured eggs, multi-coloured puddings, multi-coloured cakes. multicoloured this and multi-coloured that and lots and lots of lollies and ice-cream.

While the audience was eating, the band played soft melodies and accompanied many other artistes like: Acrobats,jugglers, dancers and a Golden Planet magician who transformed herself into different forms. Afterwards,they too went for dinner.

After everyone had eaten, the row of robots reentered the room and carried out all the dirty dishes and placed them into a large electronic dishwasher which cleaned everything spic and span in a flash. Then they went back into the dining room/theatre and stood waiting against the wall awaiting further orders.

Suddenly, the lights started flickering and RAINBOWMAN appeared on the stage. "Hello! Hello! Hello! Everyone. How are you all feeling now?" he said. Of course everyone was feeling very, very good and they all waved back at him and shouted "Yeah, yeah, we feel great." "Wonderful!" "Beautiful!" "Marvellous!" "Outa sight." Everyone was obviously feeling very happy and free.

RAINBOWMAN stretched up his arms and said: "Okay! Okay! That's goooood! I'm soooo happy for you. I'm glad you're enjoying yourselves so much. It's so nice to see such happiness and love. Now my friends, listen to me. I have something to tell you. First of all, the adults. Over there on your left, you'll find a doorway which will lead you to escalators. These escalators will take you one floor up to another large room. There you may dance, sing, act, read, play board games, exercise, enter a booth from which you may communicate with beings from other planets, or just do absolutely nothing." "Wow! Wow! Hey, it sure sounds fantastic!" said some of the people while others just whispered among themselves.

"Now, my lovely children," said RAINBOWMAN. "You will find a doorway over there on your right. It will lead you also to escalators which will take you one floor up to a large maze. You will be escorted through this maze by palace attendants. This maze will lead you to an enormous play room. There you will find the largest variety of toys your mind has ever imagined. There you will find magic moon dust; Red Planet marbles; Golden Planet balls; Blue Planet hologram-machines; Green Planet bikes; Silver Planet dolls; Golden Planet make-up; Purple Planet kites; White Planet remote-controlled flying saucers; Black Planet radio-controlled time machines and much, much more."

"Oh gosh! How exciting it all sounds," said Georgia. "This is just too good to be true. I must be dreaming. This is going to be fun!" said Bryan. Space and Ace also started jumping up and down with excitement.

Just then, RAINBOWMAN said: "Well, I see we also have a few animals here with us. I can see by their faces they're also enjoying themselves. I suggest some of the animals go along with the adults and some with the children. It's up to you to decide. Go! Go! now my dear friends, have fun." And everyone went in the direction they were meant to go.

After everyone had left the dining room/theatre, the robots sprang into action and cleaned it. (insert part of ROBOT song). They cleaned it so well until everything was bright and shiny. In fact, it was so clean that one could almost eat off the floor.

In the meantime, the children were having a mountain of fun in the toy room. The room was buzzing with activity. The place was filled with laughter, joy and excitement.

The adult room was also overflowing with musical sounds, laughter, dancing and expressions of happiness and amazement. While some of them joyfully joined in the fun, others sat locked in their sound-proofed booths quietly communicating with beings from other planets.

Then, after quite a long while, amid all the activity, a voice boomed from unseen speakers up in the ceilings of both rooms. "Hello! Hello! Hello! Attention! Attention! My friends, this is your RAINBOWMAN. Sorry to disturb you. I know you're enjoying yourselves, but it is getting rather late and I'm sure you must be quite tired. As soon as you're ready, the palace attendants will come and escort you to your sleeping quarters." Some people said: "Yeah, yeah, yeah. We are getting a bit tired now." Georgia said: "Yes, I'm just a bit sleepy, even though I'm having so much fun." Bryan said: "Yeah, me too. But it's sooo nice here. I feel so happy and excited I'm in no hurry to get home home". Space and Ace were almost fast asleep on the floor.

Then RAINBOWMAN said: "Tomorrow, all day, you will be free to roam around the Rainbow Forest and mingle with the beautiful multi-coloured animals and vegetation of RAINBOWLAND. Thank you very much. Have a good night's sleep. See you in the morning.. Oh! another thing before I forget. Some of you might want to watch the sunrise in the morning. Let me tell you, we have a most beautiful sunrise here in RAINBOWLAND. Also you must remember, here the sun rises in the West and sets in the East. Thank you once again. Good night friends!"

A little while later, the palace attendants arrived and escorted all the Rainbow people, Georgia, Bryan, Space, Ace and whoever else was visiting, to their sleeping quarters.

They were whisked down a moving corridor into a huge enclosed space platform where each and everyone was given a beautiful colourful and spotlessly cleaned room with their own private bathroom, toilet, spa and swimming pool. There were mirrors all around the walls, thick, soft cotton-wool-like carpets on the floor and the ceiling was made of thick unbreakable glass through which they could view millions of twinkling stars. On one of the walls, next to a large oval window, was a notice which read: "Press this button and your bed will appear." The bed turned out to be a large cushion of air with a sheet draped over it to make it visible.

Georgia exclaimed: "Oh, isn't this just wonderful!" and ran over to the bathroom to have a long refreshing bath and spa. After having had her bath and cleaning her teeth with a special mini-mini robot which one put in one's mouth, she walked over to the wall, pressed the button, jumped onto the bed and fell fast asleep.

"This is just the most incredibly marvellous thing that has ever happened to me," said Bryan in his room and threw off his clothes and dived straight into the pool. Afterwards, he had a shower, cleaned his teeth and also jumped onto the air-cushion bed and said: "How nice it is to have a room like this all to myself." then he fell fast asleep. Spot fell asleep in Bryan's room and Ace fell asleep in Georgia's room on the floor.

The next morning, just before the sun started peering over the horizon, Georgia slowly awoke. She stretched her arms up above her head, yawned then jumped out of bed. "I must go and wake Bryan. He must come and watch the sun rise with me." So, she darted over to an adjoining door in her room which lead to Bryan's room.

Bryan was just about ready to wake-up when he heard her voice: "Come on Bryan, we must go and watch the sunrise before it's too late." she said. Bryan rubbed his sleepy eyes, yawned and said: "Yes, yes, ..er..mmm..good morning. Okay, let's go."

Then they went through an automatic sliding glass door onto a verandah and sat down on a sofa. Space and Ace followed them. There were other people on other verandahs too.

They watched in awe as the sun slowly, slowly centimetre by centimetre, revealed its happy face gradually lighting up the blue sky with shades of orange, amber and golden-brown, (insert SUNRISE SONG).

When it had risen completely, it just hung in the sky suspended like a magical golden ball.

Everyone just stood there gaping.

"Uh..it..it..it's very, very, VERY beautiful," said Georgia.

"I..I..didn't think something so ..beautiful really existed," said Bryan.

"It's so beautiful," said Space.

"I like it. I like it," said Ace.

They all just sat there for a while, as if in a trance.

About thirty minutes or so later, a beeping sound came from the automatic sliding door behind them. A robot entered carrying a large platter of food. "Breakfast is served. Breakfast is served," it said. And placed the platter on a nearby marble table. Another robot walked in and placed crockery and cutlery made of special sea-shells on the table.

"Oh, thank you! Thank you!" said Georgia. "Yeah, yeah, thanks very much robies..we're starving," said Bryan.

Space said: "Like man..like wow...like..this looks good."

"Yummy, yummy, yummy, this will satisfy my tummy, said Ace.

The robots said: "We're at your servce. We're at your service." And walked over to the wall to await further orders.

So, Bryan, Georgia, Space and Ace sat down and had the most scrumptious breakfast they could ever have imagined.

As soon as they had finished eating, the robots went over to the table, cleared off the dishes and carried them out.

After the robots had left, the two children and their dogs just relaxed for a while to digest and clear their minds of any bad thoughts (INSERT ISOTERIC MUSIC).

Then, they reentered their rooms, dived into the pool for a swim and afterwards had a refreshing shower and cleaned their teeth.

Just as they were dressing, a beeping sound and flashing light came from one of the walls, and a large t.v. screen appeared. A message flashed on the screen: "If you wish to go on a trip to RAINBOW FOREST, please say 'yes'. If you do not wish to be disturbed and wish to stay in your rooms all day or do whatever you wish, please say 'no'. However, it is strongly recommended to our new visitors, to say 'yes'.

Georgia, Bryan, Space and Ace all said "Yes!"

In a flash, RAINBOWMAN'S face appeared on the screen.

"Hello! Hello! Hello! Good morning friends. I hope you're feeling good. Did you have a good night's sleep? Did you enjoy your breakfast? How was the sunrise?"

Georgia said: "Good morning, RAINBOWMAN. Yes, yes we feel excellent. Thank you for everything."

Bryan said: "Yeah, thank you very much. Yes the sunrise was wonderful." Meanwhile Space and Ace were rolling around on the floor giggling.

Then RAINBOWMAN said: "Okay! Now we'll get ready to go on our trip to Rainbow Forest. Just close your eyes, think of the first Rainbow person you met and he/she will appear. You will then be taken on the Rainbow person's back to Rainbow Forest. When you have finished there, you will all be brought back to the Rainbow Palace for refreshments and then...then.. my dear friends.. I'm afraid it will be time to say.. farewell...goodbye. However, go now, and have fun. See you later. 'Bye for now. So, RAINBOWMAN's face disappeared from the screen and so did the screen.

The children did what they had been told and suddenly the Rainbow person appeared .

"Hello,hello," he said. And they all hugged together.

"It's good to see you again," said Georgia.

"Where have you been. How are you?" said Bryan. "I'm just fine, thanks." said the Rainbow Person.

"Yippee! Yippee!" exclaimed Space and Ace.

The Rainbow person said: "Okay! Hop on board. Let's go!"

So, they hopped onto his back and off they flew into the clouds.

Not long afterwards, they landed at Rainbow Forest. There were many other Rainbow people and other visitors there.

The Rainbow Forest turned out to be the most beautiful, colourful forest they had ever seen (INSERT RAINBOW FOREST SONG). There were multi-coloured flowers, multi-coloured trees, multi-coloured bushes, multi-coloured plants and even little multi-coloured insects and other creepy-crawlies.

Of course, there were also many larger, colourful animals who could speak and fly.

Rainbow person said: "Now before we start exploring, I must warn you, especially the children, not to go too close to the edge of the cliff over there on the far side of Rainbow Forest. The soil there, is rather loose and someone could just slip..and ...well.. you know what could happen. Follow me."

So, they made their way behind Rainbow person through the tall colourful trees and grass.

"Look! Look! a herd of red and blue elephants! shouted Georgia," pointing.

"Wow! Hey look at that! A pack of yellow and white Zebras!"

uttered Bryan.

In the distance, a pride of orange lions with red manes were seen, drinking from a lake.

They were joined by pink and green rhinos, purple and black

hippos, violet and indigo pelicans and multi-coloured flamingos. A flight of multi-coloured lorikeets and swallows whisked overhead.

Suddenly, a group of seven or eight pink and blue kangaroos came hopping right past the people. As they passed, they waved and shouted: "Hello, hello."

After having walked for some time, the Rainbow person said: "I think we should rest here for a while. What do you think?"

"Yeah, why not!" everyone agreed.

After having had a drink and light snack which the Rainbow person had brought with for them, they were allowed to wander around on their own for a bit and go for rides on the backs of some of the animals. There were also caves to explore.

The Rainbow person said: "Now please be careful not to wander too far, and remember my earlier warning about the cliff. We shall meet here in two hours and then head back to the Rainbow palace."

Space and Ace looked at each other and Space said: "You know, Ace, I wonder what's so special about that cliff. I'm going to have a look there. I'll just be very careful. What do you think? Let's go. Rainbow person didn't say we couldn't go there. He just told us to be careful."

"Yeah! Yeah! Let's go! said Ace, "We're smart enough to look after ourselves." So off they went towards the edge of the cliff. Nobody seemed to notice them leave.

They scampered through the forest till they finally got to the edge of the cliff. Slowly, carefully, they stretched their necks and peered over the edge trying not to go too close.



"OH, wowee! MY! MY! It sure is very, very steep and far down!" said Space.

"I..I..don't believe it. It's a bit scary!" said Ace.

"I don't think we should stay too long." said Space.

"No, no..let's just play around here for a while." said Ace.

So they moved backwards slowly.

Suddenly, the ground began to give way under Ace's paws and he started slipping forward over the edge of the cliff.

"Help! Help! he shouted. and Space tried to grab him.

Alas! It was too late.

Poor Ace just went spinning round and round down the side of the cliff screaming.

"Oh no! Oh no! Oh no!" cried Space. "What will I do?"

Ace just kept on falling and falling. Eventually he landed with a thud onto a thin branch.

Spot ran as fast as he could go back to where the others were resting.

"Please! Please! Come quickly! Rainbow person, Georgia, Bryan. Ace has fallen over the edge of the cliff" shouted Space.

Everyone jumped up.

The Rainbow person said: "Calm down, calm down don't panic. I'll go and save him."

And off he flew towards the edge of the cliff with everyone following him.

Just as the Rainbow person started approaching Ace, the branch upon which he was resting gave way and he started falling down again. The Rainbow person flew over to him as fast as he could, swooped under Ace who then landed onto the Rainbow person's back. Then he swooped up and flew Ace up to the top of the cliff to safety.

The crowd jumped for joy and cheered loudly.

"Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! they shouted.

Then Georgia, Bryan, Space and the trembling Ace all cuddled together.

The Rainbow Person said: "Hope you're feeling alright now, Ace, but you were warned not to go too close to the edge of the cliff, yet you did it. Why?"

Space and Ace hung their heads and put their tails between their legs and said: "Sorry, we were just very curious. It all happened so fast. We were just looking.."

The Rainbow person said: "Well,well, you're forgiven, but for not being obedient, you'll have to go without the special toy bone I had for you. Sorry. Now everyone, I think it's about time we headed back to the Rainbow palace. Have you had enough fun?"

Everyone shouted: "Yeah! Yeah! Thank you."

So,they flew back to the Rainbow Palace.

Upon their arrival there, RAINBOWMAN was there to greet them. "Hello! Hello! Hello! he said. Did you enjoy yourselves?"

"Yeah! Yeah!" shouted the crowd.

Then RAINBOWMAN said: "Well, as you all know, it's almost time to say goodbye. But first you must have some delicious Rainbowland refreshments."

The refreshments were already all prepared on tables and everyone helped themselves to whatever they desired.

After they had had enough to eat, Georgia said: "Oh, I'm sure this has been the most wonderful time of my life."

Bryan said: " Oh yeah man! I couldn't possibly think of anything better."

Space said: "It was such fun."

"Even though I had that little mishap at the cliff, I still had a most wonderful time. I mean, just being able to talk human language made it all worth while," said Ace.

Then RAINBOWMAN's voice came over the speakers and said:

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Everyone, please listen! I have something to say to you."

The crowd hushed and looked up at RAINBOWMAN.

"The time has come to part. The moment of sadness as we go our separate ways. However, before you board the flying bus back to where you landed when you first arrived in Rainbowland, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for coming to visit us here. May you all go in peace with love and happiness in your hearts and a great respect for one another and nature. And remember, you're always welcome here. Goodbye, my friends, goodbye." (insert GOODBYE SONG) And he slowly disappeared.

Suddenly, the sky became filled with rainbows.

Everybody cheered. Some were crying. Others were just smiling and a few were half laughing half sobbing.

Bryan, Georgia, Space and Ace were huddled together waving and shouting: "Goodbye! Goodbye! Goodbye RAINBOWMAN. Thank you for everything."

Then they were all escorted into the flying bus and flown back to the place of arrival and departure. Here everyone said goodbye to each other.

Bryan, Georgia, Space and Ace jumped onto the Rainbow person's back and off they flew back to Earth.

Not long afterwards, with a swish, swash, they landed on Earth. The Rainbow person hugged them and said : "Bye, bye, all the best. And you doggies, well I'm afraid it's back to normal for you. What I mean is .. back to barking."

Then he stretched his arms up high and said: "May the great Supreme RAINBOWMAN be always with you." And off he flew...up..up.. higher..higher into the blue sky.

The two children and their dogs waved as they looked up into the sky.

"Well!" said Bryan, "Wait till we get home and tell everyone this story."

"Do you really think anyone will believe us?" said Georgia.

"Woof! Woof! Woof! Yap! Yap! Yap!" said Space and Ace as they made their way home through the forest.

When they finally got home, it seemed as if nothing had happened. The wall clock had advanced only two hours since they had left for their walk.

Their mum said: "Well, well, well, you had a long walk today. We were starting to worry about you. Where were you? Dad went out to look for you and now even he hasn't returned."

Suddenly, their dad entered the room carrying a bunch of the most beautiful multi-coloured flowers which he handed to their mum.

Their mum said: "Oh, thank you love. Where did you get those?"

Their dad smilingly winked his eye and said: "That's my secret....ha, ha, ha, ha, ha."

Bryan said: "Do we have a story to tell you."

"Yeah! Yeah! It has been the most incredible time of our lives, said Georgia. Well, we were walking through the woods, when, sudd.....etc...etc.. (insert Rainbowman song).

**THE END.**