

# The Explorer

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Ding dong! Something was at the door. "Who is it" Annabelle hollered. She was only 10 years old. She opened the door. She got swept off her feet. She landed somewhere special...

She opened her eyes. She looked up and she felt a gust of wind. She wondered what the thing was. She saw all weird animals. There was a six foot rainbow bird! She heard a voice. "I have to follow it" she said. So she did.

She headed towards a big grey cave. She saw 3 tunnels. First, she took the second one. But that didn't work. She had to go back. Next, she took the 1st one. That didn't work. Back again. Finally, she took the 3rd one. It worked!!! She headed towards a waterfall. She screamed at the top of her lungs. She dropped and landed with a thump.

She heard the voice again. It was slightly louder. The waterfall lead her out of the cave. She walked on a wiggly bridge. It started to collapse. She ran as fast as she could. She looked down, there were hungry blue alligators ready to eat her. It was a long fall before she could reach the ground. She ran and ran. She made it.

She started walking and noticed she was older, much older. She was 20. She couldn't believe it. She went on

her path. She didn't stop for 5 hours. She kept going in circles. She didn't notice until the 6 hour. Annabelle decided to head to an animal and ask where to go. She asked a monkey. It gave her a cheesy smile and chased her! It got her and ripped the pant leg off her pants. The monkey saw food and stopped. She was now bleeding on her knee. She saw a long leaf and wrapped it around her cut. It was still bleeding but not as bad.

She could barely keep her eyes open. It was dark but she was too scared to go to sleep. She didn't know if she would ever get back. The voice rang in her head. She woke up. She got up. She thought it had been over. Maybe it's the person who picked me up she wondered. Annabelle went straight to what looked like a lump of soil but it wasn't. It was a bear. It got up and grabbed Annabelle. The bear brought her into a lair. It was dark and smelled like a gutter. The person who kept calling me was there!

Annabelle was tied up to a rusty pole. Annabelle's mouth was stuffed with a sock. She spit it out and asked, "who are you?" It was a boy. He looked and said "I can't say". "Why not?" she asked. He immediately turned and bowed. The whole lair went quiet. "Who is that?" she asked.

"Shhhhh!" he hollered. "Our ruler!" Annabelle now had butterflies inside. What if he kills me? The King came near

her. Annabelle didn't know what to think. He let her go! He said run. "Why?" she asked. He repeated run. She did. Annabelle ran like the wind. She fell in a pit, but something happened. She swished all around. She saw her house. She looked down. Annabelle was 10 again and she was home safe and sound in her living room. Annabelle thought about what just happened.

Then she woke up!