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Looking for Blu

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Linda and **Blu** live together in a small town in the USA. Blu is a Spix's Macaw.

bird

Blu

Tulio comes from Rio in Brazil. He saves birds from the rainforest at the Rio Conservation Centre.

Tulio

Jewel is a blue Spix's Macaw too. She lives in Rio.

Jewel

Linda



Tipa

Armando and **Tipa** have no money. They steal birds from the rainforest to make money.

Fernando

Fernando is a young boy from Rio. He has no home.

rainforest

Rio is in Brazil. In Rio in February or March, it is **Carnival**.

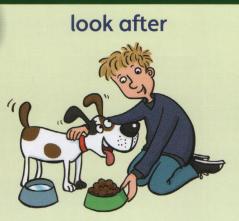




Before you read ... What do you think? How does Linda meet Tulio?



What do these new words mean? Ask your teacher or use your dictionary.



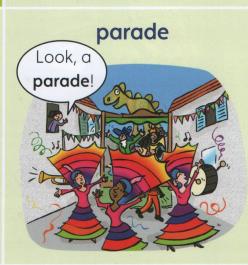
He looks after his dog.



They are wearing costumes.



This is a **float**.



plane



The **plane** is flying.

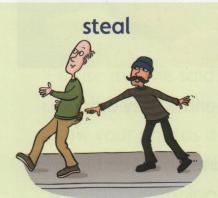


Save our park!

security guard



This man is a security guard.



He's **stealing** the man's money.



They always walk to school **together**.

wall



This is a wall.



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Present	Past
fly	flew
steal	stole
take	took



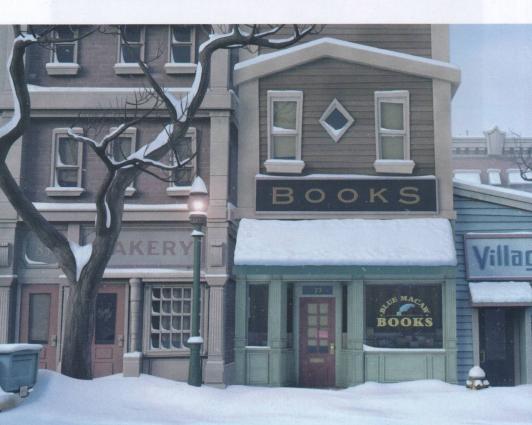
CHAPTER ONE Best friends



Linda and Blu were best friends. They did everything together.

Linda had a bookshop and Blu loved helping her. He liked reading the books too.

Today the bookshop was quiet. Blu looked out of the door. It was cold outside.



Suddenly the door opened and a man came in. 'Excuse me,' he said.

Linda and Blu looked up.

'I saw your photos of Blu on the Internet,' the man said. 'He is great!'

'Yes,' said Linda, 'he is.'



'My name is Tulio,' said the man. 'I'm from Rio. There are not many Spix's Macaws in the rainforest now.'

'I didn't know that,' said Linda quietly.

'I have a Spix's Macaw too,' said Tulio. 'Her name is Jewel. Blu and Jewel must be together. They can save the Spix's Macaw. Come to Rio and meet her, Blu.' 'Rio?' thought Blu. 'But that's in Brazil!'

Tulio gave his phone number to Linda. 'Think about it,' he said. 'Please!'

Linda thought about it. Rio was far from their small town ... but she wanted to save the Spix's Macaw too.

'Let's go to Rio!' Linda said to Blu. 'Don't worry, I'm going to look after you.'



CHAPTER TWO Rio!



In Rio, everything was very different. It was hot and sunny and noisy. People danced everywhere. 'It's Carnival!' laughed Tulio. 'You are going to have a great time!'



Tulio took Linda and Blu to the Rio Conservation Centre.

'Come on, Blu,' he said. 'It's time to meet your new girlfriend. This is Jewel.'

Tulio opened a door to a room and Blu walked slowly in. A blue Spix's Macaw flew down next to him. She was beautiful.

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Linda waited outside the room.

'Come on,' said Tulio. 'They need time together.'

'Is Blu going to be OK?' said Linda. 'Yes, don't worry,' said Tulio. 'We have a security guard.'



Tulio took Linda to a restaurant.

'Are you OK?' he asked her.

'It's very different from home,' said Linda. 'But I like it – it's exciting!'



Then they saw the security guard.

'Come quickly,' he said. 'Someone stole the birds.'

'Oh no!' Linda started to cry. 'Where's my beautiful Blu?'

CHAPTER THREE Looking for Blu

All night Linda and Tulio walked through Rio. They had a photo of Blu. They put the photo in shops and on walls.

'Do you know this bird?' Linda asked everyone. 'We can't find him.'

But nobody could help.



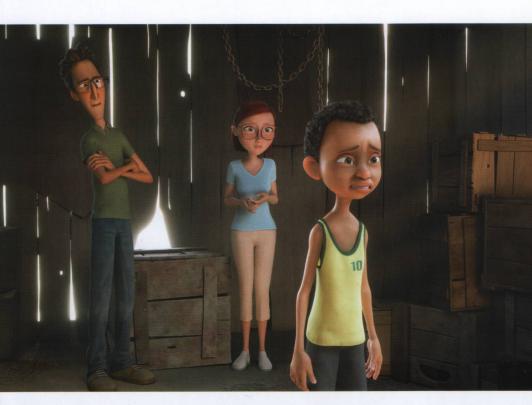
A young boy saw one of the photos on the wall. He looked at it for a long time. Then he walked quickly to the Rio Conservation Centre. Linda and Tulio were outside.

'I'm Fernando,' said the boy. 'I can find your bird.'

Tulio wasn't happy. 'We don't know this boy,' he said.

'Maybe he can help us,' said Linda. 'Come on!'





Fernando took them to a small dark house. They went inside, but there were no birds there.

'They were here yesterday,' said Fernando.

'How do you know?' asked Linda.

'I stole them,' said Fernando quietly.

Now Linda was angry. 'Why?'

'I had no money. But I'm sorry now.'

Suddenly there was a noise. Some men were outside.

'Quick!' said Fernando. 'They mustn't see you!'

Two men walked in.

'Hi Tipa,' said Fernando. 'Do you have anything for me to do?'

'No,' said Tipa. 'We're going to Carnival. The ...' 'Don't tell him,' said Armando.

But Tipa liked Fernando. 'The birds are on a float,' he said. 'We're going to put them on a plane.'

'Can I come too?' asked Fernando.

'No, you can't,' said Armando.

'Yes, he can,' said Tipa. 'He's only a boy.'



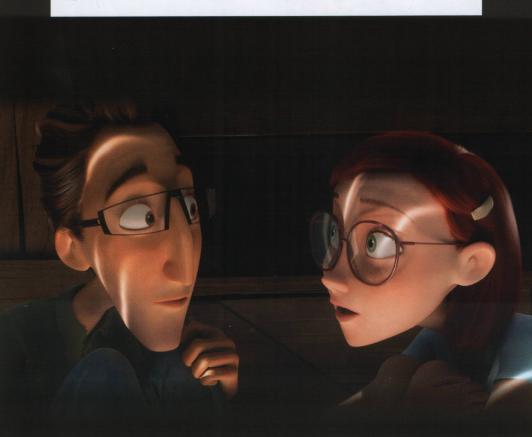


CHAPTER FOUR Carnival

'Come on!' Linda said to Tulio. 'Let's go after them!'

They ran to the Carnival parade.

'Wait!' shouted a security guard. 'You can't go in. It's for dancers only.'



'Now what are we going to do?' asked Linda. 'We're going to be dancers,' said Tulio. They found some Carnival costumes. 'Look!' he said. He had two blue costumes. 'We can be Spix's Macaws.'



Tulio looked at Linda in her costume. 'She is beautiful,' he thought.

'Come on,' shouted the security guard and suddenly they were in the Carnival parade.



Linda looked around her. There were a lot of people. 'This is great!' she thought.

But where was Tulio? She couldn't see him.

A man saw her and started to speak very quickly. Linda didn't understand him so the man opened a door.

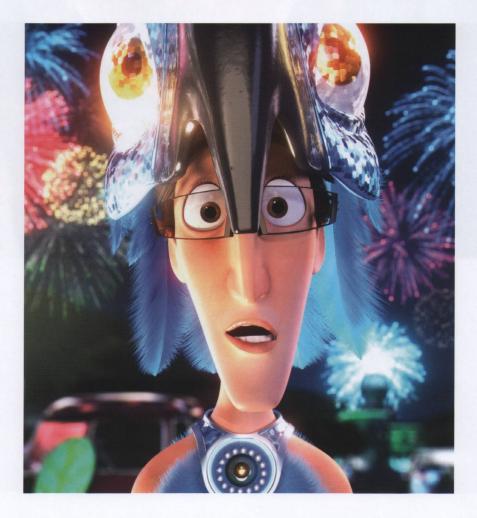
'Go in!' he said.

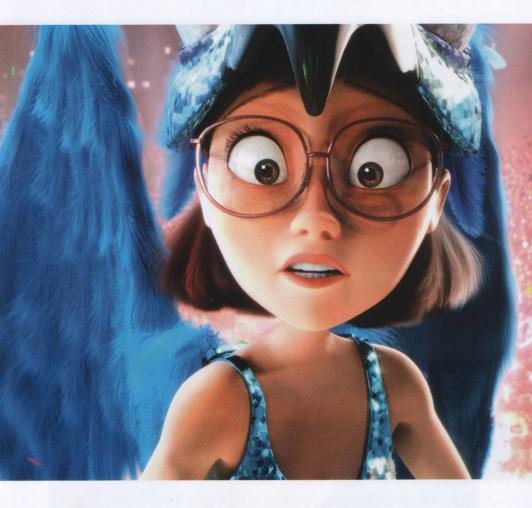
Linda was in a dark room. 'Where am I now?' she thought.

Suddenly the walls of the room opened. It was a Carnival float and she was on the top!

The people shouted and laughed and then Tulio saw her too.

'Linda, what are you doing?' he shouted.





The man shouted at her too.

'What is he saying?' Linda asked Tulio.

'Dance!' said Tulio. 'Have a good time!'

'Oh no!' Linda started to dance but she wasn't happy.

Then she saw Blu and Fernando on a float in the parade.



'Quick! I saw Blu,' shouted Linda to Tulio. She jumped off the float.

Tulio and Linda went after Blu.

'Look!' shouted Tulio. 'There's a plane! They're getting on it.'



'Stop!' shouted Linda. But the birds were on the plane now. Only Fernando was there.

Linda started to cry. 'What am I going to do?' Then, Fernando looked up at the plane.

'Look!' he shouted happily. 'It's Blu! And he's flying!'

Blu flew down. He had Jewel with him. She couldn't fly.

'Don't worry,' said Tulio. 'I can look after her.'



One year later ...



What did Blu and Linda do next? Did they go back to the USA? No, they didn't!

They stayed in Rio with Jewel, Tulio and Fernando ... and they were all best friends!

THE END





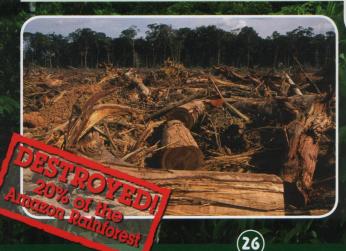
The Rainforest of Brazil

The Spix's Macaw comes from the rainforest of Brazil. How much do you know about the rainforest?



Rainforest facts

- 60% of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil.
 One tenth of all animals and plants come from the Amazon rainforest.
- In Brazil, more than 120 species of bird and more than 380 plant species are in danger. This is because people are cutting down the rainforest.





Why are people cutting down the rainforest?
 People want to put farms there.

The Spix's Macaw

Many birds and animals in the Brazilian rainforest are in danger because people are cutting down the rainforest. The Spix's Macaw is one bird that is in danger. People also steal birds like macaws.

The golden lion tamarin

The golden lion tamarin lives only in the rainforest of Brazil. In the 1970s there were only about 200 golden lion tamarins. Now people are helping them and there are about 1,500.

What other rainforest birds and animals do you know? Are they in danger?

What do these words mean? Find out. plants species in danger destroyed farm

After you read

1 Match the names and the sentences.

- a) Blu -
- b) Tulio
- c) Linda
- d) Jewel
- e) Fernando
- f) Tipa

- i) He steals the birds.
- ii) She has a bookshop.
- iii) She comes from Rio.
- iv) He likes Fernando.
- v) He likes reading.
- vi) He saves rainforest birds.

2 Put the sentences in order. Write numbers 1-7.

- a) Linda saw Tulio for the first time.
- b) Fernando saw a photo of Blu.
- c) Blu saw Jewel for the first time.
- d) Tulio saw the photos of Blu.
- e) Linda saw Blu in the parade.
- f) Fernando saw Blu and Jewel in the sky.
- **g)** A security guard saw Linda and Tulio at the parade.

Where's the popcorn?

Look in your book.

Can you find it?

Puzzle time!

1 Find seven more words from the story that begin with S.

A D E B S M N E S O C S U D D E N L Y S S T D E S O R R Y L W O V I T T P E K O S P I X S M A C A W A Q U P N F Y V G L V S I S T O L E O Y E H J A P G Y S S R D I S H O U T E D R

2 How does Linda feel? Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives from the box.

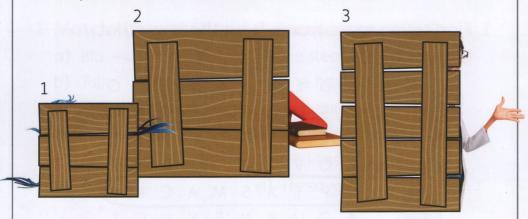
angry dangerous <u>different</u> exciting great horrible sad tired



At first Rio was different
and
Then someone stole Blu and I was
and
Now I live in Rio and it is

3a Who is behind the boxes? Talk to a partner.

Example: Blu is behind box 1.



b Now you draw! Who is it? Ask your partner to guess.



4a Answer the questions.

What's your favourite part of the story?

Do you like the ending?

b Now ask two friends.

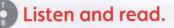
Imagine...

1 Choose a character. Choose and learn a line that your character says in the story.



2 You have two minutes. Say the line to as many people as you can. Do they know who your character is?

Chant



Blu! Where are you?

Can you help me, please? Someone stole Blu. Blu, Blu! Where are you?

Fernando knows a place But the birds are not there now. Blu, Blu! Where are you?

The plane is in the sky. Maybe Blu's inside. Blu, Blu! Where are you?

Look up at the sky! I'm very happy now. Blu, Blu! We found you!

Say the chant.

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Level 3

'Come quickly! Someone stole the birds!'

Linda and her Spix's Macaw Blu are best friends. They go to Rio in Brazil to meet the beautiful Jewel. It's Carnival time but there are some bad people around. Who are Marcel and Nigel? And where are Blu and Jewel?

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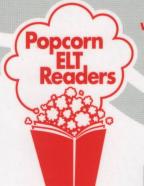
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