

The Bossy King

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Once inside a castle there lived a servant called Max and an old King. The King was grumpy and always in an upside-down mood. One sunny afternoon the people in the village were at the beach or eating ice-cream on their balconies. Max was on his balcony in the castle dreaming of what it would be like to be free! Then interrupting his elegant dream he heard the sound of the King furiously calling him from downstairs, 'Get me food!!' 'COMING!' Max shouted in a very high-pitched voice and he ran down the stairs like he was late for a performance!

Max ran out of the door like a weird maniac and fetched an elephant from the gate outside. Max's elephant was a secret elephant that even the king did not know about! The elephant's name was TJ. He wore a fancy golden tasselled saddle. Max and TJ set off on their long winding journey to the market. On the way they passed a beautiful beach. There were young children playing in the sea. Max thought for a second... 'It won't hurt to have a little swim will it?' announced Max and before you could say STOP! they were having the time of their lives! They splashed in the sea and TJ was squirting water at Max with his long, twisting trunk. As night slowly came, they carefully plodded over lands towards the castle. Max was sure that he had to do something before they got home.

As they arrived at the castle gates, Max quickly put TJ away and let himself inside the castle. The King was furious. 'You're useless!' he said. 'But, but, but...' said Max. 'No buts' interrupted the hungry King. Max now had a surprised look on his face. The King was turning into an odd-looking animal, no a monster! How? The King started to gurgle, 'You need to make me happy!'. Max had an idea. So he brought in TJ and the King slowly turned back to normal and finally smiled. It was a bit of a squash and a squeeze, but they soon became the best of friends.

The next day, after all the excitement, the King realised that he was still very hungry. He ran upstairs and got into his best disguise. Max, the King and TJ went out for a day trip to find food. Yet again they passed the beach and the King was blown away by its beauty. He wanted to feel the sand between his toes. He hopped off TJ and strode out towards the sea. It was then that he realised that the beach had all that he needed. There were plenty of fish in the sea, coconuts hanging from the palm trees and ice cream shacks selling all sorts of flavours. The King was in heaven!

The King soon quit his job and realised what fun meant and how it felt to not be stuck in a castle all day!