



FOREST Quest Adventures

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NICOLE

Chapter 1

Nicole McCarthy was not hoping to have a boring summer like the last one. She would constantly sit on her front steps hoping for something awesome to happen. But NO! She was the only one that had no fun adventures planned.

*Come on, seriously!, Nicole thought. For once, just once can I have an epic adventure like some of my friends!?!? Nope, I guess not. I have been going through this process **every single day**, this is so boring!*

Nicole was waiting for, you know the PERFECT situation to happen. She waited and waited, but nothing happend.

UUUGGHHHH.....I am so tired of this. I WANT SOMETHING TO HAPPEN RIGHT NOW!!!!!!!!!!

BOOM!

Right then, Nicole spotted something strolling across the street.

What is that ? Oh! It's just a group animals that belong in the forest and are in the city, and are about to get hit by a car, Nicole thought.

“WAIT WHAT!!! IT’S A GROUP OF ANIMALS THAT BELONG IN A FOREST AND ARE ABOUT TO GET HIT BY A CAR?!!!!”

Nicole looked at who was in the car that was about to hit the group of animals. She recognized the person, it was her 1st grade teacher Mrs. Florence with her big shiny gray car. Nicole quickly ran up to Mrs. Florence’s big gray shiny car, and even though she knew it was dangerous, she wanted to save those animals. Nicole had been waiting for this special moment all her life.

“MRS.FLORENCE! PLEASE STOP! YOU ARE VERY CLOSE TO A GROUP OF ANIMALS AND YOU’RE GOING TO RUN THEM OVER!!!!” Nicole yelled and screamed as she pointed at the group of animals.

“What was that Nicole honey?” Mrs. Florence said as she applied her blood red lipstick while slowing down. Nicole shuddered, she hated Mrs. Florence. Sure she was a nice teacher and all, but Nicole hated the fact that Mrs. Florence cared so much about her looks, she was into new trends and all.

Instead of Nicole asking her to stop *again* a horrible idea popped into her head.

Hmmmm...Maybe I could jump in front of Mrs. Florence’s car and I know for a fact Mrs. Florence WILL stop.

Nicole hoped she wasn’t fooling herself. She jumped in front of Mrs. Florence’s car and yelled,

“STOP!”

SLAM! Mrs. Florence had just slammed on her breaks.

Nicole jumped out of the road and lead the animals to her yard. As Nicole lead the animals she kept saying

“THIS WAY FOLKS,”

Nicole certainly thought the animals would not know what she was saying, but she felt that they could actually understand her.

GEE! I wonder what would happen if the animals could understand English, that would be so cool. But I doubt that could be true.

Nicole muttered to herself.

“Come on! I’ll show where you’ll be staying. Oh! Sorry I forgot to mention my name, so my name is Nicole ”

“My name is Roxie and these are my friends,” the tiny turtle said.

“ Oh My Gosh!!! I can understand you! I knew there was something fishy about you guys! Wait a second, can all of you guys talk?”

“Of course,” said all the animals at once.

“As puzzled as I am right now I’m also very excited to meet all you guys!” Nicole said with enthusiasm.

“ So I’m gonna ask each of you your names and also state what animal you are” Nicole exclaimed.

Nicole met and heard each and every animals name and what animal they were. There was Lily, the poisonous frog, Ellen, Lily’s sister, Nisha the baby bunny, Skylar the hummingbird, and of course Roxie the turtle.

The sun was setting and...

“It’s getting late, we should hurry up so I can show you where you will be staying.” said Nicole.

“Okay,” All the animals said.

Nicole felt so energetic, but at the same time she felt tired. Nicole still couldn’t believe that the animals could talk.

Gradually Nicole lead the animals to Dodo’s doghouse (Nicole’s long lost dog). Whenever Nicole saw Dodo’s old house, she wanted to sit inside the doghouse and sob, because Dodo was Nicole’s favorite dog out of all three of the dogs that she owned.

“This is where where you will be staying, ” Nicole said as she showed the animals Dodo’s dog house.

“THIS PLACE IS HUMONGOUS!!!” squeaked the tiny hummingbird named Skylar.

“ Yep I know it’s my old dog’s-” Nicole got cut off by Ellen , Lily’s sister.

“OMG! This place IS SO FILTHY! Nicole, honey you NEED to work on this place, it needs A LOT of patching up to do in order for me to stay in it! SO I’m

gonna look for a different place, maybe some hotel, so tootles!” said the annoying, but fashionable Ellen(Hard to believe, but she’s a FROG)!

Lily had told Nicole all about her sister, Ellen. Lily had said that her sister always cared about the new “trends” and Lily hated to have her as her chaperone, because Ellen always was making Lily and her friends do all the work when *SHE* was the chaperone. Lily explained that they took so long because of her sister. Nicole could certainly tell that Ellen was one big drama queen!

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

Somebody was banging on the door and it was raining. Nicole hadn’t even noticed that it was raining very hard.

“Come on in!” Nicole shouted

Then slowly Ellen walked inside with her head drooping down low, she was soaked with water.

“ Forget it! I quit I’ll stay here, the slimy and filthy rain has covered me. Oh help, please help me! LILY! BRING ME SOMETHING TO DRY MYSELF OFF!!!”

Lily turned to Nicole “Can you help me with HER?” Lily said as she glared at Ellen.

Nicole ran to her house grabbed a towel and right when she reached for the door, Nicole’s mother called and said, “ Where are you going it’s 9 o’clock. Time for bed.”

“ Mom, just 30 more minutes then I’ll be in bed!”

“Okay,”

Nicole hurried back to the doghouse and gave Ellen a towel she then tucked the animals in and said goodnight. Once Nicole was settled in bed she felt so exhausted, but at the same time so excited for tomorrow. She fell asleep very quickly.

ROXIE

Chapter 2

The next morning when Roxie woke up the first thing she saw was Nicole, standing over her, grinning.

“It’s about time.” She said.

“Mmmmmmm,” Roxie groaned. “Isn’t it, like, 6:00 in the morning?”

“Nooooooo,” She said. “It’s like 8:00. You must have been really tired. You passed out right after I left.”

“Yeah. It was a long day of traveling.”

“Well anyway, I brought you food. I hope you like bananas.” She said

“What’s a banana?” Roxie asked questioningly.

“Seriously? You have *never* heard of a banana?” She asked with surprise.

“Well, it’s this yellow thing in a peel that is sweet. Also, it is healthy and a fruit.”

“Sounds interesting.” Roxie said “I’ll try it.”

Roxie reached out for the banana and Nicole gave it to her.

Nicole laughed. “What’s so funny,” asked one of the other animals’.

“Her face,” Nicole responded with a giggle, “It looks like she just ate a lemon.”

Nicole was cracking herself up and mimicking Roxie’s face. Roxie had no idea she had been making that face. Roxie had just been analyzing the taste. She had come to the conclusion that the banana was delicious.

“Why are you here?” Nicole asked

“We came here to try and save our forest. People are cutting it down and putting in cement.” Roxie said.

When all the animals were done eating a breakfast of bananas (which they all loved), they got down to business.

“So you don’t have any ideas on how to save the forest?” Nicole asked hopefully.

“No. I don’t.” Roxie felt a little bad. After all, it had been Roxie and her friends who had been walking down the street and Nicole who had taken them in and given them food and shelter. That was why Roxie felt bad to crush her hopes.

“That’s alright. I was thinking maybe we could do some kind of protest. You know, like maybe we could make signs?” Nicole suggested.

“That’s a good start. Though maybe we could do something a little more creative than shouting and making signs.” Roxie said.

“Ya, that would be a little disruptive. Plus everybody who disagrees with something does a protest. OOOOOHHHHH!!!!!! I GOT IT!!!!!!” Nicole

exclaimed. "You know how everybody loves the forest right? Well, anyway I was thinking we could have everybody draw a picture of their favorite part of the forest."

"That's a wonderful idea, Nicole!" Said Roxie. Nicole looked very proud for coming up with this idea and to have been contributing to the conversation. Roxie had no idea how they were going to get all of the drawing done before the forest was destroyed, but for now was going to let Nicole have her moment.

"When should we get started?" Asked Nicole, excitement sparkling in her eyes.

"Today," Replied Roxie with a serious tone.

Nicole

Chapter 3

It had been an exhausting day. Roxie and Nicole had gone around the city, all day asking people for drawings. In the end they had gotten around 50 of them. So it had been worth all the effort.

When the group was walking to the forest, Nicole would not stop chattering the whole time. She was talking about how she was so happy the animals were getting their home back. All of the sudden she stopped dead in her tracks.

“What is it?” Roxie asked.

“If we save your forest you will live in the forest, but how will I see you again?” Nicole answered.

“My friends and I will come visit you.” Roxie replied simply.

“Okaaay...” Agreed Nicole uncertainly. All of the animals walked in silence for a while, including Nicole.

Roxie

Chapter 4

“We’re here!!” Roxie finally said excitedly after a long time of silence. Everybody looked around excitedly at one another.

When they were at the edge of the forest, Nicole looked back at them nervously.

“It’ll be fine. We’ll see you again.” Roxie reassured her.

“Okay then. Here we go.” Nicole said. As Nicole pushed aside the bush, Roxie moved forward so she could see better. When everybody took in the sight, they all gasped and Nicole dropped the papers. What they saw was a terrible sight.

To be continued!!!