

CREEKY CREATURES

Roz, the young rhino, loves to help her vet-ranger dad, Nigel, run SUNSET RETIREMENT PARK. Here, wrinkled, toothless, creaky-kneed animals from around the world come to retire, (dis)gracefully! Roz inspires the elderly guests to join in with the daily activities and have fun!

One day, Roz ran to tell dad her latest idea. "An IRON MAN-IMAL CONTEST! I've split the animals into two teams. King Luther the lion and Donna the elephant are captains. And Granny Rose is joining in! It's going to be WICKED!" Nigel was very proud of his daughter but sometimes her ideas worried him. Granny Rose was his frail rhino mother who shouldn't be doing anything strenuous!

"Sounds challenging Roz!" said Nigel. "A bit too tough for our guests?"

"Dad, they'll love it!" said Roz. "First, they'll swim across the swimming-pool. Then race around the gardens on mobility scooters. And lastly, go on a power-walk through the woods. With walking sticks or Zimmer-frames if they need them." Before Nigel could say another word, Roz rushed off to the pool.

Roz blew the starting whistle and King Luther and Donna dived in. Donna's splash wave was so big it lifted King Luther over a hedge. Kylie the crocodile jumped on a Li-Lo and floated around, soaking up some sun. And Grumpa the grizzly bear's wig fell off!

In the mobility scooter race, Monty the Highland Bull crashed into Humphrey the camel, who got the hump. Bella the pot-bellied pig's scooter battery went flat so Granny Rose gave her a lift. But being so short-sighted, Granny drove straight into a tree!

And in the power-walk, Doddedydoo the kangaroo accidentally tripped up Bamboozle the panda with his walking stick. Bamboozle wasn't amused! At the finishing line, Roz waited patiently but nobody crossed it?

Roz found them all back in the woods, looking for the things they'd lost. King Luther's false teeth, Grumpa's wig, Bella's belly-button stud, Dodderydoo's walking stick, Kylie's after-sun lotion, Humphrey's back-pain tablets, Donna's swimming goggles, Monty's driving cap and Granny Rose's lipstick... all had mysteriously disappeared!

Looking up, Roz saw that the thief was a magpie! He'd taken the items and hung them from the highest branches. Roz had another idea to settle the contest. "The first team to climb the tree and get back down with all their possessions, wins!"

When Nigel discovered his mum hanging from a branch, he nearly had a heart attack!