

# The Quest for the Cure

Splassshhhh! Deep down in an amazing ocean, lived the mighty king of the ocean named Arcturus. Arcturus was a noble king, made smart decisions and had three sons. The three sons were named Oliver, Mathew and Austin. Oliver, the eldest son was ambitious, high tempered and adventurous. Mathew, the second eldest son was interested in painting, was sensitive and short tempered. Austin, the youngest son was compassionate, encouraging, brave, obedient and intelligent.

One day, the King got terribly ill and nothing could help him recover. Then the Queen asked his three sons to get the best doctors in the underwater kingdom to cure him. The three sons did as they were told but the doctors could not cure Arcturus because despite trying all the cures to the symptoms, it just did not work. The Queen tried prophets, nurses, surgeons and monks but nothing helped and the King's health was deteriorating every day.

Then the Queen said "if any one of you can cure the king, you will become the future king!". The following night, Oliver, Mathew and Austin left their home to find a cure to the King's illness. As Austin was going to touch the bottom of the ocean, a whirlpool mysteriously appeared near the Ocean Rugby Stadium. Austin swam towards the whirlpool but the whirlpool was getting further and further each time Austin tried to get closer.

Austin started to get really confused and thought for a moment on how to get inside the whirlpool because he believed the whirlpool would take him to the cure. At that instant, Austin got a brilliant idea! He used his grappling hook to launch himself in the whirlpool. Whoosh! While Austin was being teleported, he was really looking forward to find a solution to the King's illness in the world he was teleporting in.

When Austin arrived inside the new world, he noticed that he had been teleported into Waves United Swimming Pool. Luckily, Austin was inside a large, deep swimming pool so he could breathe properly. As Austin looked outside the window, he surprisingly saw spiders and skeletons. Unluckily, the whirlpool had moved from where he was teleported. How could Austin return to his world?

Meanwhile Oliver and Mathew landed up on a secluded Island in a totally different world in the quest for the cure. They believed that the Island held the secret to the cure. The Island was covered in luscious green palm trees, hibiscus, and several variety of ferns, frangipani, and orchids to name a few. They found the sea very calm with translucent turquoise waters which was pristine and picture perfect. Oliver and Mathew were mesmerised and felt themselves in a trancelike state. They had already forgotten the main purpose behind their trip because the Island absolutely conjured dreams of paradise and a perfect patch of sand where they could relax under the rustling palms and just gaze at the serene blue sea. After filling their lungs with fresh air, they decided to explore the forest.

Back at Waves United, Austin noticed that one part of the wall was loose and displayed a unique sign on it. He cautiously pushed the part of the wall and unexpectedly found a mysterious looking scroll hung on the wall. The scroll had something written on it in Chinese language. Luckily, Austin knew Chinese language and was able to read the scroll which actually displayed the Ingredients together with pictures for a potion which could cure any ailment. It asked for various types of plants, leaves and spring water from seven different places.

Austin then headed to the mountains to get the leaves and spring water. It was an extremely long and exhausting trip to secure all the ingredients so he could help the King recover from the unknown illness.

While Austin was concentrating on the cure to keep his dad alive, Oliver and Mathew were taking a zip- line through the trees in the forest and it surely made them feel like Tarzan in the middle of the jungle. They discovered the jungle was full of bright looking and delicious fruits including papayas, mangoes, oranges, mandarins, bananas, guavas, coconuts and passionfruit. Both boys gobbled down several fruits and headed down to the beach. They basked on the beach for a little while and then went diving underwater witnessing the corals in all their multi- coloured magnificence, manta rays and sea turtles swimming by. At this instant, they started to miss their family and remembered the main reason for leaving their homes. They were so lost enjoying in this amazing and fascinating world that they had forgotten their purpose. Oliver and Mathew felt distraught because of their selfish behaviour and they hurriedly began to search for some clues for the cure.

By now Austin had gathered all the required plants and leaves except for the water from the springs. He rushed towards the springs to get the water. As he reached the first spring, he heard some rustling sound coming from the bush nearby the spring. Each second the sound became more obvious and was getting closer and closer. Austin was really petrified and wondered what it could be. He was shivering with intense fear and recited all his mantras he knew.

As the mysterious creature walked out of the bushes, Austin realized that it was his brother! "Phew", muttered Austin feeling relieved. "Let's work as a team" suggested Mathew. "Sure, but where did Oliver go?" Austin said, worryingly. "Hey! I've found two types of spring water from the mountains" yelled Oliver from a distance. Mathew and Austin hurriedly rushed to catch up with Oliver. The three sons travelled far and wide to collect the spring water travelling through several jungles, oceans, mountains and tropical rainforests.

At last, the three sons had collected all seven types of water and was ready to proceed to the next step on the scroll. The next step said "Find a brewing stand in the rainforest near the seventh spring and brew the ingredients together. Once all the ingredients have been brewed, pour it in a glass bottle and your potion is ready!"

Oliver, Mathew and Austin then split up and searched for the brewing stand in the rainforest. Near the seventh spring, "Hey! I found a brewing stand!" yelled Mathew, excitedly. Oliver and Austin heard Mathew and sped up towards the direction the voice was coming from. After a little while, Oliver and Austin found the brewing stand and Mathew. The boys took out all the ingredients carefully which they had and started processing the potion for the cure. Austin then bottled up the potion and secured it tightly to his bag, for his father's life laid in his hands.

The quest was not over yet, as they had to deliver the potion safely to the King who lived in a different world. The boys dashed towards the ocean hoping to find the whirlpool that could teleport them back home. They all dived into the ocean and swam and swam until they found a massive whirlpool approaching them in an extremely rapid speed. This was the only ticket to their World so they all grasped each other's hands tightly and leaped into the whirlpool.

Within seconds Mathew, Oliver and Austin reached their Kingdom and hurried to the King's chamber. The Queen was ecstatic to see her sons back home and at the same time was very anxious. She fearfully asked the boys whether there was any hope to cure the King. Austin took out the bottle of potion from his bag and quickly poured the potion into a small bowl to feed his father.

Magically, after a little while the King sat up on his bed and smiled. He then stood up on his feet and started to walk around as if nothing had happened. The Queen and the boys were surprised and beaming with joy to see the King walking on his feet for the first time in the past several months. Hooray! The potion did work!

Finally, the whole family sat at the dinner table and had a great feast together with discussions about the future king as the Queen had promised. The King and the Queen were very proud of their sons. Oliver and Mathew shared the story of their trip to the Paradise Island and how they became distracted by the extreme beauty of the Island. They apologised to everyone because they had lost the focus of the main task. Everyone forgave them because Oliver and Mathew took responsibility of their actions and worked together as a team afterwards to obtain the cure. The King and Queen praised Austin for his dedication, hard work and not losing focus. The King then announced that the sons will be given the responsibility to take charge of one each of the major three territories in the underwater kingdom. Oliver, Mathew and Austin were overjoyed with this announcement. A few days later, they left their home to serve their own individual territory.