

## Hoo's Writing Corner



### The Amazon Calls

Hoo and Zebby are busy in the kitchen making pancakes when Hoo's phone goes off.

'I'll get it,' Zebby calls helpfully before dropping the phone several times on the floor before giving it to a frowning Hoo.

'Thanks!' Hoo says, shaking his head at his stripy friend.

Hoo reads the message, while Zebby jumps up around him in excitement, he knows it will be another mission, but he just doesn't know what or where.

'Well, well?' Zebby calls.

'Our mission has just arrived.' Hoo says looking at Zebby. 'It's time to pack the bag.'

Hoo walks with Zebby trailing behind wagging his tail.

An hour later the pair are securely fastened in their makeshift jet-saucer, a flying machine that the boss gifted them.

'Right, first stop the Amazon rainforest.' Hoo says with a smile.

'Won't you tell me what the mission is?' Zebby pleads.

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Hoo's sometimes reluctant to tell Zebby the full mission from headquarters. Unfortunately, his partner in crime isn't as discreet as he'd like him to be and ends up ruining the mission.

Hoo decides maybe this time he'll let Zebby in on it, he can't resist his lopsided goofy smile.

'OK, there are poachers in the rainforest, trying to steal the elephant's tusks. We have to expose them and get some pictures.' Hoo pulls out his fancy camera. 'Just one picture and our rescue team will do the rest.'

Zebby wiggles with excitement, his favourite missions are the ones where they rescue animals. A few hours later the friends arrive in Brazil, South America. The baddies are easy to spot with their large trucks and lorries, but Hoo spots something else. There, hidden in the tall trees, is Axel, Hoo's biggest rival. Axel works for the second biggest news agency in the world, Newsflash. Hoo works for Brains Broadcast, the biggest broadcaster in the world, and Axel is always trying to beat him to the story.

Hoo shakes his head, he won't win this time. Hoo swoops the jet-saucer down so it's hovering quietly in the trees and gets out his camera.

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'Here Zebby, you take the pictures.' He hands his precious camera over to the clumsy zebra, hoping it won't get dropped. While Zebby takes picture after picture, Hoo flies the aircraft towards Axel, so slowly that his rival doesn't see him coming.

Zebby is almost right behind Axel's jetplane, when he hears a squeaking voice. He looks around and see's that Zebby has fallen from the aircraft, he got too close to the edge to take his pictures and fell. The baddies below have heard the commotion, and so has Axel. All eyes are on Hoo.

'Zebby, hold on.' Hoo cries as he sees his friend holding onto a branch for dear life. In a flash, Hoo turns the jet-saucer around and flies downwards, but the baddies have got their jetblasters out and are shooting firebombs through the air. Hoo dodges them, but one of the firebombs catches the tree that Zebby is in. Hoo's Writing Corner

Zebby screams through the air, as Hoo tries again to reach him. A second blast is heard and the tree that Zebby is holding onto, breaks in two. Zebby plunges to the ground. Hoo aims the craft to the ground, but he's too late. Axel is there before him and pulls Zebby to safety. The three of them dart off leaving the baddies behind.

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'Thanks.' Hoo says as a little while later they land in a safe spot next to a fast-flowing river.

'No problem, we may be rivals, but we're not enemies.' Axel says smiling before he flies off.

'Did you get the shot?' Hoo asks a shaken Zebby.

'Yup.'

'Great.' Hoo says before pressing send on the camera and pressing his rescue team alert button.

With the rescue team on their way, Zebby and Hoo settle down to watch the sunset fall in the beautiful Amazon rainforest.