

The crowd was full of unfamiliar faces as the clock struck 7 o'clock to signal that the show was about to begin.

Leo the Lion could not contain his excitement about showing everyone his brand-new trick that he had been practicing for months.

All eyes were on Leo when he took to the stage and jumped through the ring of fire like he had never done before.



PERFECTLY!!!

Leo had never been as proud of himself as he was in this moment. Although, he could not help wondering about each and every face in the crowd.



Who were they? Where did they come from?
What did they do?

After all of the other animals had performed and the unfamiliar faces had gone home, Leo and his friends celebrated the incredible show that they had put on.

But Leo still couldn't stop thinking about the people in the crowd.

So, while everyone else continued to celebrate, Leo silently slipped away to begin his adventure. He didn't know where he was going to



go, but he knew he wanted to explore the world.

Little did he know that Ali was coming with him too. Leo's first stop was the beach.



"WOW this place is awesome, everyone looks so happy!" said Leo. He continued to walk along the sand, amazed at the sight of children

building sand castles, sunbathing and playing games.

UNTIL he got closer to the sea and saw the waves that looked like they were about to come and swallow him up so that he would disappear forever.

Leo leaped away from the water which made him think that maybe the beach wasn't the place for him so he moved on.

He must have been so busy thinking about his adventure he didn't realise that Ali was with him.

His second stop was the farm.

"WOW, I could stay here and never get bored.

There is so much room for me to play!" said Leo. He thought about all the new friends he could make and all the exciting games that they could play together in the huge, freshly cut fields.

UNTIL, a loud rumbling noise sounded like it was getting closer and closer to him by the second and all he wanted to



do was run away so he moved on.

He must have been so busy running away that he still didn't realise that Ali was with him.

His third stop was the mountains.

"WOW, I REALLY want to climb to the top of that steep, tall mountain!" said Leo.

He thought about how proud he would feel telling everyone that he managed to get to the top all by himself.

UNTIL, he saw the heavy snow at the top of the mountain and felt the gusts of cold wind pushing against him. The mountain began to look even taller and even more impossible to climb.



He must have felt so defeated that he still didn't realise that Ali was with him. Leo stopped for a minute to think about the circus and all of his friends that he had left behind.

Yes, the beach was awesome
BUT the waves



were terrifying, and the farm had so much room for him to play.

BUT he thought the tractor was chasing him, and the top of the mountains looked breathtaking BUT he was never going to be able to make it to the top.

Leo started to wonder, were any of these places actually better than his own home?

As Leo turned around, he noticed something that he hadn't the whole time he was exploring.

"Ali! What are you doing here?" Ali nervously explained to Leo how he had followed him out of the circus and been with him the whole time.



To Ali's surprise
Leo ran towards
him and hugged
him like he was
never going to let
go.

"I have never been so pleased to see you! Exploring all of these different places has been magnificent but all I want to do now is go home."

Ali didn't waste a second and just like that they were on their way home.

Leo and Ali spent the whole journey home talking about everything they had seen and heard on their adventure.



They anxiously approached the circus worrying about what the others would say about them leaving.

"Leo! Ali!" all of the other animals exclaimed. "We are SO glad to have you home!" and just like that it was as if they had never left.

They all sat down before Leo said, "well don't we have a story to tell you..."



The End