



Princess Amara and the Lava Lake

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It was a rainy day at the castle. Princess Amara was playing inside with her best friends: Potato the cat and Stephanie the fluffy chicken. Suddenly, their tummies gave a loud rumble because it was time for a snack.



But when they opened the door to the hallway, they gasped in surprise. The floor was completely gone! Instead, there was a bubbling, glowing lake of hot red lava stretching out before them.



The lava lake was much too wide to cross safely. Stephanie flapped her little white wings anxiously, but she knew she couldn't fly that far. They were stuck right on the edge, looking for a way over.



Potato the cat wiggled his bottom, getting ready to take a giant leap across the glowing heat. 'Wait!' cried Amara, holding up her tiny magnifying glass. 'If we jump right now, we might fall in! We need to stop and think first.'



Amara suggested they look around for a safe way to cross. They searched the room and soon found a pile of soft pillows, a long cardboard box, and a heavy jump rope.



Working as a fantastic team, the three friends made a clever plan. Potato used his paws to push the box forward, Stephanie pulled a pillow with her beak, and Amara carried the heavy rope.



First, Amara carefully dropped a pillow onto the lava with a soft plop, creating a perfect, safe island. Then, she pushed the long cardboard box out to make a bridge all the way to the kitchen door.



Potato got ready to run across the brand-new bridge. 'Wait! What if the box slips?' asked Amara, thinking ahead. She pushed down hard on the box with the heavy rope to test its strength, and it didn't move at all.



Now they knew it was totally safe to cross. Potato walked bravely across the box bridge first, and then Amara and Stephanie stepped onto the pillow island and carefully crossed together.



They safely made it to the kitchen without touching a single drop of imaginary lava. As they happily ate their yummy snack, they smiled, knowing that slowing down and thinking is always the best way to solve a big problem.