

## The Great Gondwana Quest

One sunny January day, Dr Thinkerwizz was walking to his lab in the city of Adelaide. He had a big white beard, a white moustache and he was wearing a long white lab coat. As he looked up at the rooftops, he had a great idea, maybe if added solar power to the machine he was trying to design, it might work. When he tried his idea, it finally worked, so he went to call his friends, Larry, Barry and Harry.

Larry was running at the oval with the brand new running shoes he got for Christmas. Barry was in the middle of making pies with his pie making machine and Harry was working out at the new outdoor workout station near his house. When his friends arrived at the lab, they all started talking and eating Barry's pies. All of a sudden, it felt hot inside, so they opened a window, but a galah flew through the window and accidentally started the machine.

They went back in time to the dinosaur times, but they didn't realise it had happened. Then, they heard a loud roar and opened the door and saw a t-rex, his huge head was sticking through the door and it tried to eat them, but then an ankylosaurus used its big clubbed tail to wack the t-rex and the t-rex ran away.

Dr Thinkerwizz, Larry, Barry and Harry thanked the ankylosaurus, then the ankylosaurus said his name was Bumpy and he needed a favour. He needed to find the magical herbs of Gondwana to make himself invisible to meat eaters. To get there, you need to go through the sarcosuchus river rapids, over the cliffs where the pterosaurs nest and pass the valley of volcanoes to arrive at the magical herbs. Dr Thinkerwizz spied a large pumice rock in the shape of a basin and suggested it could make a good raft to travel across the river but would not be too heavy to carry.

They waded along the riverbank through thick mud and reeds carrying the pumice rock and then lowered it down into the fast flowing river. They quickly jumped onto the rock and the raft rushed downhill and they gripped tightly trying not to fall in the sarcosuchuses mouths. Finally, they reached the other side of the river, then they walked a long way to the cliffs where the pterosaurs lived and scaled up the cliffs.

They saw pterosaurs and their nests but they had to make sure they didn't step in the pterosaurs nests or the pterosaurs would think they were trying to steal their eggs and they would eat them. They had to carefully walk on tiptoe, not even talking to each other and then they slid down the other side of the cliff towards the treacherous Mount Erupterous volcano. Then, Larry had an idea, to place the pumice rock on top of the volcano and they all climbed on and the volcano erupted sending them flying across the valley of volcanos, skidding into the home of a hungry herbivore, who looked over at them from his pile of plants but was only interested in his lunch.

Ankylosaurus spotted the magical herbs and charged over to feast on them. The friends all sank down in the field to rest and plan how to get back really fast. The hungry herbivore told them of a shortcut but they need to travel through a meateater highway so the people would need a disguise. They all worked together to overturn the pumice rock and using sticky berry juice, they covered it in bushes and leaves. Then climbed up Bumpy's tail onto his back and hid under the pumice rock. The friends squished together as Bumpy navigated through the meateater highway. It felt like they were travelling for hours but it was only a short journey. Soon, they arrived back at the laboratory and discovered that because it had been a hot day the solar panel had got enough energy to power the machine and they could get home.

The friends said goodbye to Bumpy who thanked them and gave them a tail wave. They went forwards in time until they got back to present day. They were happy they met Bumpy but they were not sure if it was real, or if it was just a dream. Then they looked down at their hands and noticed dinosaur scales and knew it had happened.

