

MAV AND MOONY

RIDERS OF THE ARK



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★ ONE SECOND...★



One second Mav was chewing his favorite sock.

The next second — he wasn't.

A swirl of golden light.

A sound like a thousand trumpets.

THUD.

“WHERE ARE WE?!” Mav yelped.

“More importantly,” said Moony,

“WHEN are we?”

☆☆ Ancient Lands



They landed somewhere hot.
And dry.
Very, very dry.
The sky was deep blue.
The trees looked ancient.
And from somewhere nearby came the sound
of hammering.
Lots and lots of hammering.
“Follow the noise?” said Moony.
“That is always your worst idea,” said Mav.
They followed the noise.

☆☆ **That's a BIG Boat**



The hammering was coming from the biggest boat anyone had ever seen.

Four stories tall. As long as a football field. Being built in the middle of the DESERT.

Mav stared for a very long time.

“There’s no ocean here,” he said.

“There will be,” said a voice behind them.

★ ★ Meet Noah



An old man walked toward them.
Long white beard. Strong hands. Kind eyes.
He had sawdust in his hair
and a hammer the size of Moony.
He knelt right down to their level.
“I’m Noah,” he said. “God told me you were coming.”
“God knew about US?” said Mav.
“God knows about everyone,” said Noah.

☆☆ Why the Boat?



“So why are you building it?” asked Mav. Noah sat on a log. He looked serious. “Because a great flood is coming,” he said. “Waters that will cover the whole earth.” Mav blinked. “ALL of it?” “Every drop,” said Noah. “But...WHY?” said Moony. Noah looked at them both. “Because the world is full of sin.”



What Is Sin?



**“What’s sin?” asked Mav.
Noah thought for a moment.
“Sin is when people choose what THEY want
instead of what GOD says is right.
Lying. Stealing. Hurting others.
Pretending God doesn’t exist.”
“Oh,” said Mav.
He was quiet.
“...Does eating someone else’s food count?”
Noah looked at him.
“Yes. Exactly like that.”**

★ ★ Why Judgment?



“But why can’t God just ignore sin?” asked Moony. Noah picked up a piece of rotten wood. “If I leave rot in this boat,” he said, “it spreads until the whole boat sinks. Sin is like rot. Left alone — it destroys everything and everyone.” Mav sniffed the rotten wood. He sneezed so hard he fell over. “Okay,” he said from the ground. “I understand now.”

☆☆ One Hundred Years?!



“How long have you been building?” asked Moony.

“One hundred years,” said Noah.

Mav fell down.

Just — fell right over.

Every day for a hundred years,
the neighbors had laughed at Noah.

But Noah just kept building.

Because when God speaks —
you build the boat.

No matter what anyone says.

☆☆ The Mockers



A crowd stood nearby, pointing and laughing.

“Still building, old man?!”

“There’s no rain coming! You’re CRAZY!”

Mav growled low.

“Shouldn’t someone warn them?” he said.

“Noah did,” said Moony quietly.

“For a hundred years he warned them.”

“Did anyone listen?”

Moony looked at the crowd.

“No,” he said.

Mav went very quiet.

★ ★ The Big Parade



Then the animals came.
Two by two. From every direction.
Lions. Elephants. Giraffes.
Penguins. Beetles. Butterflies.
Every creature God had made.
Mav's jaw hit the ground.
"ALL of these are getting on the boat?!"
"Yes," said Noah.
Mav looked at Moony.
Moony looked at Mav.
"...Can WE come?" they said at the same time.

☆☆ All Aboard!



Noah looked at them for a long, quiet moment. Then he smiled wide.

“God told me someone special was joining us,” he said.

“I believe He meant you two.”

Mav puffed up so big his collar dug in.

“I KNEW it,” he said.

“He was talking about both of us,” said Moony.

“I KNOW THAT,” said Mav.

☆☆ One More Question



As they walked up the ramp, Mav had one more question.
“Noah — if God is loving, why does He judge?”

Noah stopped. He turned around.

“Because He IS loving,” he said.

“A good father doesn’t let his children
destroy each other forever.

He steps in. He makes things right.

Judgment isn’t the opposite of love.

Sometimes — it IS love.”

Mav walked the rest of the way in silence.

☆☆ Dark Clouds



When the last animal was aboard, the sky changed.
In every direction — dark clouds.
The air went heavy and still.
Even the mockers went silent.
Noah looked up, then looked back at his sons.
No words were needed.
“Is this it?” Mav whispered.
Noah placed his hand gently on Mav’s head.
“This is it,” he said.

★ ★ It's Raining!



One drop hit Mav on the nose.
He crossed his eyes looking at it.
Then another.
And another.
Then the SKY OPENED.
Thunder cracked like the earth splitting in two.
Rain came down in walls of solid water.
“INTO THE ARK!” Noah shouted.
They ran.

★★ God Closes the Door



Everyone was inside.
The animals. Noah. His sons. His family. Mav. Moony.
Then —
the massive door began to close.
No one pushed it.
No one pulled it.
God closed it Himself.
Mav and Moony stood completely still.
“Did you see that?” Mav whispered.
“I saw it,” said Moony.
Neither of them moved for a long time.

★★ Safe Inside



The ark lifted on the water and began to float.
But inside — it was warm. Dry. Peaceful.
Mav looked around at every creature.
All safe. Because one man trusted God.
“Noah,” Mav said quietly,
“were you ever scared?”
Noah smiled.
“Every single day,” he said.
“But scared just means you’re trusting
something bigger than yourself.”

☆☆ Forty Days



Rain for forty days. Forty nights.
Exactly as God had said.
The whole earth — covered.
But inside the ark, every heart beat safely.
Every paw. Every wing. Every fin.
On Day Thirty-Nine, Mav asked one last question.
“What if it doesn’t stop?”
Noah looked at him with steady eyes.
“God said it would stop.
That’s enough.”

☆☆ The Rainbow ☆☆



The rain stopped.

The ark landed on solid ground with a mighty CREAK.

Noah walked outside and knelt on fresh green earth.

He gave thanks to God.

Then — a rainbow.

From one end of the sky to the other.

Every color. All at once.

“What does it mean?” Mav breathed.

“It’s God’s promise,” said Noah softly.

“He will never forget us. Not ever.”

★ ★ See You Next Time



The golden light came back.

Time to go home.

Mav pressed his nose gently into Noah's open hand.

Moony bowed his long little head.

"Why did God let US come?" Mav asked.

Noah leaned close.

"Same reason He let me build the boat," he said.

"Because He wanted to.

And when God wants something done —
it gets done."

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"Then the Lord shut him in."
Genesis 7:16 (NIV)