

Ms. Duzinski's First Grade Class

**Through the Portal**

**The Children**

Eleanor

Monica

Bella

Kim

Nina

Lilyit

Jon

**The Creatures**

Liam the Lion

Jack the Rat

Stephany the Flamingo

Chicken the Elephant

Spike the Monkey

Mr. Mar the Mayor

Pat the Cheetah

Water Lily the Fairy

Tom the Tree

Thor the Temple Lion

Spike the Spinosaurus

Max the Portal Lion

**Narrators**

Vanessa the Narrator

Sarah the Narrator

Cristy the Narrator

Pipcin the Narrator

Popu the Narrator

## Through the Portal

VANESSA THE NARRATOR

Eleanor and her friends are playing kickball in her back yard.

ELEANOR

Over here, kick it to me.

MONICA

I got it!

BELLA

Good kick! Way to go Monica!

CRISTY THE NARRATOR

All of a sudden the girls notice a movement in the corner of the yard. They go to investigate.

KIM

Hey! What was that?

NINA

Did you see that? I think I just saw a lion!

LILYIT

A what? That doesn't make sense.

NINA

I'm pretty sure I saw a lion over by that tree.

ELEANOR

Oh my goodness! It's a lion in my garden!!!

MONICA

What is a lion doing in your garden?

MAX THE PORTAL LION

Come here! Join me in the animal world. I came to show you the animal world.

KIM

Did that lion just talk?

LILYIT

Lions don't talk. This is silly. We must all be having the same dream.

NINA

Dream?! This is not a dream. It is a lion and it is talking and it came out of that tree. Look, the tree has a thing-a-ma-jig.

ELEANOR

Yes, there is a big circle in the tree. The lion must have jumped through that.

SARAH THE NARRATOR

The lion was getting impatient by all this chatter.

MAX THE PORTAL LION

Yes!! Yes, I did! I came through the tree and I came to bring you with me to the animal world.

KIM

Hold on this is too weird.

POPU THE NARRATOR

The lion roars trying to frighten the girls who don't seem to be very scared at all. The girls are startled. Just then an old man walking by sees the lion roaring at the girls and rushes in to save the them.

JON

Shoo! Shoo lion! Shoo! Get away from those girls and pick on someone your own size!

PIPCIN THE NARRATOR

The lion, frightened by the old man, rushes back to the tree to try to get back into the portal.

TOM THE TREE

Password!

MAX THE PORTAL LION

Please! Please! Just let me in!

TOM THE TREE

Negative. Try again.

MAX THE PORTAL LION

Fine! Where the heck am I going?

CRISTY THE NARRATOR

The portal opens and the lion disappears.

GIRLS

(To Jon)

Thank you! That was amazing!  
ELEANOR  
Thank you! You saved us from a talking lion.

MONICA  
I don't know how you did that. You scared the lion away.

NINA  
The lion just ran through the tree hole over there.

BELLA  
Look the tree is gone!

JON  
My pleasure. Well, should we be friends?

GIRLS  
Yes! That would be great!

BELLA AND LILYIT  
Do you want to play kickball with us?

JON  
Sure, I'd love to.

VANESSA THE NARRATOR  
Meanwhile, back in the animal world...

WATER LILY THE FAIRY  
Everyone, we need more animals in our world.  
The trees are starting to wilt

JACK THE RAT  
We sent Max to get some more humans.  
He should be here soon.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR  
Now look here, you can't go kidnapping  
humans in this way. It's not the right thing to do.

WATER LILY THE FAIRY  
But the trees are wilting because there  
aren't enough animals to take care of them.

THOR THE TEMPLE LION  
I don't want humans meddling in our world.

They might steal the treasure at the temple.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR

Well, how are humans going to help you?  
Didn't you say you needed animals?

STEPHANY THE FLAMINGO

Well, they won't be human for long in this world.  
None of us started off as animals,  
we just became animals once we got here.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR

Oh my stars! I think I feel my ears growing fuzzy!

SPIKE THE MONKEY

It usually starts with the ears, then the tail  
and then fur all over your body.

LIAM THE LION

Don't worry, it won't hurt...too much.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR

Now look here, I am the Mayor of Texas and I won't stand for any of this  
nonsense. I can't afford to be looking like this. I'm running for reelection. Please  
take me back to my world.

PAT THE CHEETAH

Come with me Mr. Mayor. I'll take care of you.

SPIKE THE SPINOSAURUS

I hope I don't scare the humans when they get here.  
Maybe if I'm eating an ice cream I won't scare them so much.

CHICKEN THE ELEPHANT

I think I see Tom the tree with Max coming now.

MAX THE PORTAL LION

Please don't send me back! They are so many of them.

CHICKEN THE ELEPHANT

What happened?

TOM THE TREE

He got scared.

MAX THE PORTAL LION



There were so many...

LIAM THE LION

I told you, you should have sent me.

STEPHANY THE FLAMINGO

What do we do now? We need to get those humans.

SPIKE THE SPINOSAURUS

Well, I guess I could go and scare them here.

WATER LILY THE FAIRY

We have to try something different because that didn't work.

JACK THE RAT

I'm really small, I could sneak in there and become human and...

WATER LILY THE FAIRY

I know, why don't we send a fairy in to trick the people into the portal?

SPIKE THE MONKEY

Yes! Fairies are very beautiful so then they'll probably try to catch her.

LIAM THE LION

Yes, and she could lead them to Tom the Tree.

WATER LILY THE FAIRY

Okay! I'll do it!

THOR THE TEMPLE LION

I still think we should try to scare them.

CHICKEN THE ELEPHANT

I think we should be as friendly as possible  
when they come through.

STEPHANY THE FLAMINGO

Yes, we need to show them that it's fun to be here.

SPIKE THE SPINOSAURUS

I'll eat some ice cream. That's fun!

SPIKE THE MONKEY

We could sing our song!  
The one we've been practicing.



JACK THE RAT  
Sounds like a great idea.

SARAH THE NARRATOR  
The animals get ready for the arrival of the humans. Water Lilly goes with Tom the Tree. The girls are still playing kickball.

LILYIT  
The tree! Hey look!

CHILDREN  
It showed up again and it's got that thing-a-ma-jig.  
(They ooh and ahh)

NINA  
Look a fairy!

KIM  
She's so beautiful!

BELLA AND MONICA  
Maybe she's come to play with us.

JON  
I don't feel good about this.

CRISTY THE NARRATOR  
Water Lilly runs and grabs the ball away from them.

ELEANOR  
She took our ball!

CHILDREN  
Come back with our ball!

VANESSA THE NARRATOR  
The children and Jon chase Water Lilly into the portal. They are transported to Animal World. When they arrive they see Spike the Spinosaurus eating an ice cream, Stephany the Flamingo and Jack the Rat taking pictures of Spike the Monkey, Chicken the Elephant and Spike the Spinosaurus who break out into song.

(singing)  
There is nothing to be afraid of.  
Nothing to worry you.



This land is a happy place  
meant to put a smile on your face.  
Animal land, Animal land  
We all live in Animal land  
Animal land is a happy place  
meant to put a smile on your face.

BELLA  
This place is great!

ELEANOR  
It is great! But I don't understand how the animals are talking.

CHILDREN  
Yeah! That is strange!

MONICA  
I don't know what. But something feels wrong.

KIM  
Yeah, something's not right.

JON  
I'm sure it will be fine; this is an incredibly beautiful place.

PIPCIN THE NARRATOR  
The children begin to wander and explore the animal world. Moving away from  
the other animals. They see Pat the Cheetah and Mr. Mar the Mayor.

PAT THE CHEETAH  
Hi! You don't need to be afraid of me.  
We can tell you about this place.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR  
The animals tricked you into coming here.  
They all used to be humans.

PAT THE CHEETAH  
When you come to this world, you turn into an animal.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR  
Just look at my fuzzy ears and tail.  
I'm turning into a Saber Tooth Tiger.  
I'm a gonner unless I get back to Texas.

LILYIT



You're Mr. Mar the Mayor!

ELEANOR  
You were all over the news.  
You've been missing for a week.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR  
Yes, yes! I need to get back.

NINA  
You're turning into a Saber Tooth Tiger? That's scary.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR  
Well Saber Teeths don't eat people. They only eat meat.

MONICA  
(To Pat the Cheetah)  
Uhhh...How do we get back?

PAT THE CHEETAH  
You have to get the secret password from Thor the Temple Lion.

BELLA  
Will he give it to us?

PAT THE CHEETAH  
Yes. He's afraid you'll steal his treasure.  
He wants you to go back.

KIM  
We don't want his treasure.

NINA  
We just want to go home.

JON  
Let's go and see if he'll give it to us.

CRISTY THE NARRATOR  
They all go off to the temple to find Thor.  
On the way they meet Tom the Tree.

TOM  
Who goes there?

ELEANOR

My name is Eleanor and these are my friends.

JON

Can you take us home?

TOM

No, you need the password.

EVERYONE

Okay.

PIPCIN THE NARRATOR

They continue walking and come upon Thor guarding the temple.

THOR

Who goes there?

ELEANOR

My name is Eleanor and these are my friends.

THOR

Leave this place now.  
There is nothing here you want.  
There is no treasure here.

MONICA

That is exactly what we want to do. Leave this place, I mean.

BELLA

Can you give us the password?

THOR

Firgonnafir!

KIM

Excuse me?

THOR

Firgonnafir!  
Now get out of here.

NINA

Is that the password?

LILYIT

We should try it.

POPU THE NARRATOR

They go back to Tom the Tree. They are about to say the password when Water Lilly and the other animals appear.

JACK THE RAT

Where are you going?

CHICKEN THE ELEPHANT

Didn't you like our song?

SPIKE THE SPINOSAURUS

I hope we didn't scare you!

SPIKE THE MONKEY

We practiced for hours on that song.

MR. MAR THE MAYOR

I am going back to Texas!

WATER LILLY

No! You can't go! You are our only hope.

ELEANOR

What do you mean?

WATER LILLY

The trees are wilting because there aren't enough of us to water them.  
We need more animals so the trees will be healthy and happy.

LIAM THE LION

Plus, it'd be nice to have some more friends.

MONICA

I have to go home because my mom will be worried, it's almost dinner time.

CHILDREN

Yeah me too!

We want to go home!

JON

Well, I'm already an old man.

This place is a beautiful place and I think I'd like to stay and water those trees.  
If I stay will you let the girls go back?

ANIMALS



Yes! Okay! You can go.

ELEANOR  
Thank you!

PAT THE CHEETAH  
I'm going too. I miss my mom.

ANIMALS  
We'll miss you! Come visit any time.

VANESSA THE NARRATOR  
The girls say the password.

CHILDREN  
Firgonnafir

CRISTY THE NARRATOR  
They go through the portal, waving goodbye to the animals.  
The animals go off with Jon to water the trees.

SARAH THE NARRATOR  
The friends arrive safe and sound in the garden.  
The Mayor makes it back to Texas and goes on to win the election.

PIPCIN THE NARRATOR  
Every once in a while, the girls will notice Tom the Tree waving his branches to  
them calling them back to Animal World.



