

# CATSCAPADES AROUND THE WORLD

Mr **Jacob** Le Roux is a wealthy man, really **easy on the eye**, living in **Bogdana**. He belongs to the posh **Ayrton** club in London. One Saturday he makes a bet with the members that it's possible to go around the world in 80 days. Since thousands of pounds are at stake, he fetches his butler **Harvey** and they head off immediately to board the first boat via the Mediterranean to Egypt.

Waiting at the Port Said harbour is a detective named **Picasso** who is planning to board the steamer **Aurora** to India with Jacob. Apparently, Jacob is accused of robbing the Bank of **Rockefeller** and Picasso hopes to receive the warrant to arrest Jacob in **Kaattru** near Bombay.

They arrive in Bombay two days ahead of schedule but the arrest warrant Picasso needs has not yet arrived. While they wait for their train east, Harvey decides to visit a temple. He enters with his shoes on and get chased off by the pujari. Fortunately manages to get back to the train in time.

On the train, Jacob and Harvey get introduced to **Benjamin**, an Englishman who lives in India and his wife, **Magnolia** and daughter **Franja**. He entertains them with his travel stories. When the train suddenly stops, the conductor, **Casper**, tells them there's a span of track that is under repair and they must arrange their own transport to Calcutta.

In a nearby village, **Khalindi**, Jacob buys an elephant from an Indian man. He hires a guide, **Mufasa**, to lead them.

The next day they encounter a tribe about to sacrifice a young woman, **Sapphire**, whose husband, a prince, just died.

Jacob decides to save her. Harvey disguises himself as the dead prince and manages to grab Sapphire before they can throw her on the pyre.

When they finally reach Calcutta, they are arrested. Jacob assumes it is because of what happened with Sapphire, but it's Picasso who got them detained because of Harvey breaking the law back in Bombay

Jacob easily bails them out with a large sum of money and they get on the steamer to Hong Kong. Picasso and his new partner **Jerry**, follows them on, knowing that Hong Kong will be the last bit of British territory they'll travel to, and thus the last chance to arrest Jacob.

When they reach Hong Kong, all of them have to go for Covid tests, but thankfully the boat taking them to **Miko** in Japan will not be leaving until the next evening.

Picasso and Jerry get **Allegra** to con Harvey and drug him before he can tell Jacob that the boat to Russia via Japan is actually leaving the next morning

Next morning Jacob realises Harvey is missing and the steamer left without them. He meets a big man called **Kawasaki** in a hotel who offers to share his coach on the train to Shanghai with them where they can catch the passenger ship, **Sahara**, that is sailing to San Francisco. Meanwhile, Picasso learns from **Ertugal**, Jerry's replacement, that the plans had changed and he manages to get on the train, that Jacob is on.

An aggressive tribe of pandas on the rail line delays them and they reach Shanghai just as the Sahara leaves the harbour for San Francisco

Meanwhile, Harvey managed to get on the steamer to Yokohama, even in his disoriented state. He is distraught when he realises, he left his master behind. In Yokoyama he joins a circus troupe, the **Calypsos**, to earn some money to survive.

Jacob encounters two ladies, **Aurora** and **Kia Ora** who tells him where Harvey went. He is able to find him with the help of **Jaimi**.

With some clever bribing, Jacob gets the shipping mogul **Archibald Iron foot** to detour the steamer **Ruby Rose** to turn back and the whole group, including Picasso, board to San Francisco.

Once in America, they board the train to New York. In Colorado they get into a pickle when they get to a bridge, too weak to hold the train's weight. The conductor, **Roli** decides they must speed the train across the bridge. Some of the passengers, **Giselle**, **Raphael** and **Grace** decided to get off before that stunt. The train driver Arien tells them they **can't stop him now** and the train raced across, but the bridge collapsed before the others could get back on board. Raphael got so mad he yanked out his **9mm** and shot at the disappearing train.

A few days later the train is attacked by a tribe of **Midget** Indians. They manage to reach an army fort and the soldiers fight like a **Flynn** to victory. But the Indians kidnap Harvey and a few other passengers.

Jacob asks Colonel **Docious** if the army can help him rescue Harvey. The colonel says Jacob is a **pansy** if he can't do it himself. Jacob offers a reward to some willing soldiers and they leave in pursuit of the kidnapped passengers.

The train driver prepares to leave when Jacob doesn't return. Sapphire stays behind and Picasso also gets off the train.

Jacob returns with Harvey. To catch up with the train, they steal a sledge to make their way across the snowy prairie to the **Sunshine** train station.

After a few days, they realise that going this fast, they will not have enough fuel to make it. Jacob offers to buy the ship for a huge amount of money. They start tearing the ship apart and burn bits of it to keep up their speed.

They reach Kingstown in Ireland where they take a train to Dublin. There they get on to a mail boat to Liverpool.

As soon as they reach English territory, however, Picasso finally arrests and detains Jacob for allegedly robbing the Bank of Rockefeller.

Clearly there is no way Jacob would now reach London in time to win the bet.

Early the next day, MI6 General Leeuloop, the head of MI6, summons Picasso and tells him the real bank robber was arrested three days before. Picasso immediately gets Jacob released. He, Sapphire and Harvey hire an express train to get them to London, but they arrive too late at the station.

Jacob is disappointed and very despondent now that he has lost his wager.

Sapphire tries to comfort him. He embraces her and they realise they are both in love.

He asks her to marry him and she immediately agrees. He asks Harvey to make wedding arrangements for the following day, a Monday, with the reverend.

At the church, Harvey realises that the following day is actually Sunday. They had gained a day when crossing the International Date line. That meant that it's Saturday now, the actual day he had to return to London to win the wager.

Harvey begs his former boss Le Chasseur to rush Jacob to the Ayrton Club in his Bugatti. They get there just in time for Jacob to win the bet and earn back his fortune.

Later, the editor of the London Times, Lord Thimble, tells Jacob that he really got it made. Jacob replies that his real dream came true and that was finding Sapphire.

But then, none of this actually happened. You've all had a trip via the table of Holland with the Netherlands' second-best flora, after tulips.