

# UNICO THE LION AND HIS SON PALU THE RELENTLESS

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Unico The Lion and his two sons were out roaming the plains of Africa one sunny day when his younger son Keiva saw something moving in the brush so he ran over to investigate.

“Hey Dad, look something is moving around over there in the bushes.”

“Be careful son, you never know what it could be.”

Unico’s older son ran over to take a look too. Then as the younger son got closer a cobra suddenly appeared and took a strike at Keiva missing him by just inches. When Unico saw what was happening he ran over and pushed his two sons out of harm’s way and as he did the cobra took a strike at Unico and bit him right on his neck.

Unico grabbed the cobra violently biting the snake and killing it right on the spot, but sadly the damage had already been done, Unico was badly bitten and they needed to get back home as soon as possible before Unico died.

When they arrived home the whole lion pride gathered around Unico and began praying that God would heal him but as time went on things got worse and poor Unico continued to get sicker and sicker through the night.

The next morning a wise old monkey who knew a thing or two about healing herbs and jungle medicine came by and told the lion pride of an ancient healing herb that would heal Unico, but this herb was only located in a far off land many miles away, the good news was there was still enough time for two of the lions to go to this far off land to retrieve the healing herbs that were needed to heal Unico.

It was agreed that Unico's older son Palu would go with Chara to get the healing herbs. They were told the healing herbs were located on a beautiful plateau just below the top of a snow peak mountain called Shadow Ridge about seventy miles away.

Palu and Chara left right away in hopes of finding the healing herbs and returning back home in time to save Unico. About four hours later the two of them came upon a river. They began looking for a safe place to cross, Palu had an idea he would grab a vine and swim across the river and then Chara could grab onto the vine and then he could pull her across the river.

Well the plan sounded good and Palu made it safely across the river but as Chara was swimming across the vine broke and Chara was swept downstream. Palu jumped in the river and swam with all his might, he was relentless, he would not give up until Chara was safely back on dry ground.

The river was flowing very fast, Chara was trying to swim to shore, but the current was very strong. Then upstream was a huge waterfall it looked like Chara would drown. Then suddenly Palu jumped onto a huge rock in the middle of the river and leaped high in the air and came down right beside Chara and grabbed her and pulled her safely back to shore.

"Thank you Palu, you saved my life. I'll be ok in a few minutes. Let's rest underneath that tree over there."

Soon Palu and Chara were back on their way, Palu was relentless in his quest to get to the mountain to find the healing herbs for his father Unico. Palu refused to rest but Chara was getting very tired so they decided to stop for the night.

Bright and early the next morning these two determined lions were back on their way. Then at some point they came upon a canyon. Palu looked all around but it would seem there was no place to cross. Then Chara noticed that there was a section of the canyon that was very narrow, and then she also noticed that there were tall trees growing right at the edge of the canyon.

“Hey Palu, if we can push one of those trees over we could get across the canyon.”

“Good idea Chara, let’s try to push that tall tree down over there.”

The two lions began pushing the tree but no matter how hard they tried the tree just wouldn’t budge. Then Palu had an idea, if he dug around the tree as Chara pushed on the tree then maybe the tree would fall over.

Palu began digging and digging he was relentless, he refused to quit no matter what. Then the tree began to sway back and forth, to and fro. Then with a great big CRASH the tree fell across the canyon making a perfect bridge for the two lions to cross over to the other side.

As soon as Palu and Chara crossed the canyon they were determined to get to the base of the mountain by sundown, and as the setting sun seemed to melt quietly away in the afternoon sky Chara yelled out,

“PALU LOOK UP AHEAD IT’S SHADOW RIDGE MOUNTAIN!!!!”

Then as they were running with all their might Palu said,

“CHARA WE MADE IT!!!!!!!!!! LET’S HURRY!!!!!!!!!! COME ON, HURRY!!!!!!!!!! RUN!!!!!!!!!!”

About an hour later Palu and Chara finally made it to the base of Mount Shadow Ridge and then they rested for a few before making the long and hard climb to the top to find the healing herbs to save Unico’s life.

Palu and Chara began climbing the mountain, at first the climbing was easy going then they reached the first plateau where the next part of their climb was an area of jagged rocks that seemed to rise straight up into the clouds.

They began carefully climbing the side of a cliff when all of a sudden some rocks came loose causing a rockslide. Then Chara slipped and slid backwards about one hundred feet and got stuck in between some branches.

Palu turned around and began climbing down to help Chara and as he was climbing back down the cliff he fell about twelve feet and was caught on a ledge. Palu knew in order to get to where Chara was he would have to jump about twenty feet but first he had to jump to the ledge that was above him. The ledge just above him was about ten feet higher from where he was stuck.

Palu began to jump over and over again, he was determined to reach the ledge above him. Palu jumped and jumped over and over again he was relentless, he had to reach the ledge if he was to have any chance of reaching Chara so they could continue their climb to the top of Shadow Ridge Mountain.

Then just as a giant eagle was flying by Palu jumped high in the air and grabbed onto the eagle's talons (claws) and the eagle was kind enough to help Palu reach Chara, then the kind eagle flew off to go and get his brother for help.

Palu and Chara were told to wait for their return and the two eagles would help them reach the top of Shadow Ridge Mountain. Then about fifteen min. later two eagles were seen flying high overhead.

"Chara, look, the eagles have returned."

Then Chara looked at Palu and said,

"I wonder what their names are."

The two eagles flew in and landed by Palu and Chara and the older of the two eagle brothers smiled and said,

"Hi, my name is Bruce and this is my other brother Bruce and our other brother Bruce lives in Alaska hunting salmon this time of the year."

Chara looked at Bruce and his other brother Bruce and said,

“Hi, my name is Chara and this is my mate Palu we are on a quest to find healing herbs that grow towards the top of this mountain. Our father Unico The Lion was bit by a cobra and is now very sick. We live in Lion Country about 70 miles away from here.”

“Bruce and his other brother Bruce looked at the two lions and said,

“We can give you both a lift to the top. The two of us can lift you to the top of this here mountain one at a time.”

Then Palu said,

Ok then take Chara first then come back to get me.”

Then Bruce and his other brother Bruce took hold of Chara and together they lifted her upward as they flew to the top of Shadow Ridge Mountain. After Chara was carried safely up to a beautiful mountain plateau with green grass and trees, and colorful wildflowers and a cascading waterfall Bruce and his other brother Bruce flew back to get Palu.

Then Palu was lifted high into the clouds by Bruce and his other brother Bruce as they flew towards the top of the mountain and as Palu stood safely on a beautiful Shadow Ridge Mountain plateau he looked all around as he thanked God, then he thanked Bruce and his other brother Bruce and as he did it was agreed that they would all stay together so Bruce and his other brother Bruce could fly Chara and Palu back safely down the mountain.

Suddenly as they were all walking about simply amazed by the beauty and the majesty of God’s handywork a mighty roar was heard off in the distance, then a winged lion of light was seen flying towards them.

“Greetings, I am Ariel which means Lion of God. I was sent to be your guide in helping you complete your mission in finding the healing herbs for Unico.”

Then after they all greeted each other off they went in search of the healing herbs. Ariel led them over by the beautiful waterfall just ahead. Ariel explained that the healing herbs were located in a cave behind the waterfall. Then Ariel told of a story of when the Great Healer had visited this mountain many years ago and left the healing herbs for anyone who needed them, there was just one catch the person or animal who was seeking the healing herbs would first have to stop the

waterfall just long enough to go inside and retrieve the herbs and get back out in time and if the waterfall began flowing while the retriever was still inside then they would remain trapped in the cave forever.

“Ariel, how are we supposed to stop a great big waterfall like that one?” Asked Chara.

Then Ariel responded with a smile,

“Why, with a sincere prayer of faith, hope, and love of course. We all need to form a prayer circle and begin praying for God’s blessing and help.”

Then everyone gathered all around in a prayer circle and began to pray in asking for God’s blessing in helping to stop the waterfall. Suddenly as they were all praying they couldn’t believe their eyes as a giant hand came down from the heavens and lifted the waterfall up and out of the way.

Upon seeing this everyone gave thanks and praise to God with a joyful shout, then Palu ran inside the cave in search of the healing herbs. As Palu was searching about a bright light appeared which lit up a bowl made of pure gold, the golden bowl was sitting on a table made of solid silver. Palu could not believe his eyes as he slowly approached the golden bowl and very gratefully and very carefully took some of the healing herbs and then turned and ran back outside the cave as quickly as he could. Then just as he made it back out into the light of day the giant hand released the water and the waterfall began flowing once more.

Now with the healing herbs in hand Palu and Chara and Bruce and Bruce’s other brother Bruce gave thanks to Ariel and with that Bruce and his other brother Bruce lifted Chara up and flew her safely back down the mountain. Then Ariel lifted Palu up and flew him safely back down Shadow Ridge Mountain as well.

As all of this was happening, Bruce came up with a really cool idea,

“Hey guys I have a really cool idea, why don’t the three of us fly you two back home? I mean it would be much faster that way and it might even be a lot of fun at that.”

Palu and Chara looked at Bruce and Ariel and Bruce’s other brother Bruce and said, “THAT IS A GREAT IDEA LET’S DO IT FOR UNICO!!!”

Bruce and his other brother Bruce lifted Chara up and flew off in the direction of Loin Country, then Ariel lifted Palu up and flew off in the same direction. About two hours passed and Bruce and his other Brother Bruce were getting very tired, Ariel was getting very tired too, so they decided to land to take a rest. But Palu did not want to rest so he called for Chara and the two of them ran ahead as fast as they could they were determined to get back home to save Unico.

Then Chara began slowing down so she told Palu to go on ahead of her. By this time Loin Country was not too far ahead of them. Palu ran even faster on his own, he was relentless on his quest to get back home to save his father Unico.

Keiva was first to see his older brother Palu with Chara running not too far behind and ran out to meet them, then all three lions ran as fast as they could to reach their father Unico.

When all the other lions in the pride saw Palu running towards them they all let out with a mighty ROARRRRRRRR!!! And began to cheer Palu on. Then Chara was seen running with Palu and Keiva, then all the lions in the pride began to cheer all three lions on home.

By this time Bruce and his other brother Bruce and Ariel were seen flying just overhead. Palu ran up to his father Unico and gave him the healing herbs, then Unico looked at his son Palu and said with a weak voice,

“I’m proud of you son, you were relentless in your quest, you showed real courage and determination. Thank you my son, I love you.”

Then Unico looked at Chara and said,

“Thank you Chara, you showed great courage and determination as well, I love you.”

Unico looked at his son Keiva and said,

“Keiva my son, thank you for staying by my side never leaving me the whole time while I was sick and suffering. I love you my son.”

Everyone gathered around and thanked Ariel and Bruce and his other brother Bruce for their help and they all thanked Keiva for staying by his father's side while he was sick and they all thanked Palu and Chara for their courage and for their unwavering determination in getting the healing herbs for Unico.

And as the setting sun seemed to slowly melt away in the auburn sky the lions rested as they all gathered together in a big prayer circle in giving God thanks and praise that very grateful, faithful day. John 14:27

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Joshua 10:25 Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.



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The Bible teaches us that we are to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated. We are to love thy neighbor as thy self and we are to be Good Samaritans by placing Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others or the glory of God.

