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0. The Zoo Festival

Everyone is busy preparing for the annual Spring Festival in Newtown Zoo, where it is a tradition to collect donations for the zoo. The money is desperately needed to buy food for the animals. After the long winter there's nothing left. Unhappily, the Mayor is also planning a festival on the same day to collect money for his new town hall. He closes the zoo at short notice because the citizens of Newtown should all attend his festival. Benjamin and His friends are shocked, but then Benjamin has an idea: everyone can celebrate together in the town hall square. But this is where the problems start.

1. Benjamin the Veterinarian

The zoo's vet, Dr. Zoolittle has to attend a medical congress and so Benjamin takes his place. He has a lot to do. The new Desert fox, who has just arrived in the zoo is supposed to get his vaccination medicine, which Dr. Zoolittle has prepared on a sugar cube. It is protection against „African Hickhop“, an infectious disease that makes you hop and hiccup. But Benjamin doesn't listen properly and eats the sugar cube himself. The disease spreads overnight like wildfire. Lots of the animals are hiccupping and hopping – even Otto, the roving lady reporter Carla Caramba and Carl the Keeper. Benjamin doesn't know what to do. Then he sees the hiccupping Olga Ostrich being barked at by a dog. Her hiccups disappear with the shock. In this way Benjamin has the idea, which will save them all! He treats all the patients with hiccups using household remedies: giving them a fright, holding their breath and laughter!

2. Benjamin the Weather Elephant

A strong wind gusts through Newtown overnight. The weathercock on the town hall squeaks and wakes up Benjamin and the animals in the zoo. And someone else is unable to sleep: Professor Hailstone, the meteorologist. He's very worried about the weather. When the roving lady reporter, Carla Caramba comes by to collect the weather report, the professor has to disappoint her. He can't make an accurate forecast because his instruments are all too old and the Mayor won't grant him any money for new ones. In addition to this, the Mayor has ordered the weathercock to be taken down and gilded because he fancies the honorary award from the "Friends of the Weathercock" would be good for Newtown. Now Professor Hailstone is unable to make any kind of forecast. When Benjamin finds this out, he immediately steps in as Weather Elephant in order to help the professor. The fire brigade builds him a platform on the town hall tower and Otto supplies his friend with food and drink. Everything would be just fine if the two crooks Hinky and Pinky didn't steal the freshly gilded weathercock, and if there wasn't a storm brewing over Newtown. But not to worry! Benjamin stops the thieves and makes sure of a happy ending!

3. The Forest Ranger

During a visit to the forest lodge, Benjamin and Otto discover that the Mayor is planning on building a road through the middle of the beautiful forest. So that the animals don't get run down, they are to have an enormous enclosure in the zoo. Mr. Woodman, the Forest Ranger can't do anything about it because he's in bed with a fever. Benjamin stands in for him and at once has his hands full: he has to look for a lost baby deer, catch a poacher and, most importantly, make sure that the new road is built round the outside of the forest. But the Mayor is stubborn; he has a holiday home at edge of the forest, and he doesn't want to be disturbed by traffic noise. But with the help of the woodland animals, Benjamin the Forest Ranger manages to achieve a happy ending.

4. The Little Runaway

It's the zoo director's birthday and the Mayor's secretary, Mr. Pickler, makes him a present of a little tassel-eared monkey called Chico. Because the little one doesn't get on with the other monkeys at first, he is put into a cage on his own – at Pickler's protest. But he soon escapes from it. Two children who have made friends with Chico are suspected of having set him free. At the same time, the clocks in Newtown's Station and Town Hall keep going wrong. Someone keeps moving the hands. It is Chico! Before the cute little monkey arrived in the zoo, he had spent a couple of days with Pickler, who has a collection of clocks in his apartment, which Chico was allowed to play with. At the end, Chico makes friends with the other monkeys in the zoo and is allowed to give each one a clock to play with.

5. The Ghost

Cashmir, the ghost at Concord Castle can no longer float or pass through walls. He has to travel to Scotland to get his uncle's help and advice. Benjamin becomes a deputy ghost. But the brothers Heiner and Reiner Keiner have inherited the castle and throw everybody out. Benjamin and Otto haunt the castle at night to frighten the brothers away, but they are recognized. This is when Cashmir's freshly washed white sheet comes in handy and transforms Benjamin into a really scary elephant. Then Cashmir returns, "cured" and the brothers run away.

6. The Baby Hippo

The hippos' pool has to be made larger because there is a new baby. The zoo's neighbor, Baron Blunderbuss feels disturbed by all the building noise. Because of his complaints, the Mayor has the building work stopped. But Benjamin and the zoo animals continue the building work themselves. At this, the Baron orders poles to be driven into the stream, which flows through his land to the zoo, thus cutting off the flow of water. But Benjamin realises that the dam in the stream will flood the Baron's land. He bides his time and when the Baron is flooded out and asks

for help, the poles are pulled out again and harmony is returned to the neighborhood.

7. The Lighthouse Keeper

Benjamin and Otto stand in for a lighthouse keeper on a small island. As well as seeing to the lighthouse, their duties also include watching over the nests of rare birds. During their very first night Benjamin chases away an egg thief and the next day, he and Otto build a trap. Shortly before this, Benjamin and Otto have met a little girl called Pia and have invited her to the lighthouse. During the crossing to the lighthouse island, Pia's sailing boat gets into difficulties. Benjamin and Otto rescue her from the reef in front of the island. On the way back, Pia sees her father's ship steering towards the dangerous passage. Suddenly the lamp on the lighthouse goes out! But Benjamin, Pia and Otto win the race against time, wind and weather. Pia's father, the Captain, reaches the island safe and sound. And the egg thief is also where he belongs.

8. The White Rhinoceros

Benjamin is worried about a newcomer to the zoo. First, Nico, the albino rhinoceros doesn't want to eat. Then he is kidnapped by a wicked circus director and taken off to the harbor. But before the villain can ship the valuable white rhino off to India, Benjamin and Otto are able to track down the crooks and bring Nico back to the zoo unharmed.

9. The Little Ghosts

Benjamin and Otto take part in a guided tour of Concord Castle. They discover that two little ghosts are supposed to have robbed the king of that time. When Benjamin sits in a time machine, which was developed by the Minister of Inventions to the former king, the ancient machinery collapses. Benjamin is hit on the head by a beam of wood, and is sent into the Land of Dreams. In a dream, Benjamin and Otto find out that the King's Minister of Inventions is behind the jewel theft. They make friends with the King's daughter and the little ghosts. Together, they are able to bring the real culprit to light.

10. The Banana Thief

Benjamin and Otto get to know the barrel organ man Gary Grinder and his little monkey Ali Baba when they are performing in the Newtown Department Store. Gary Grinder plays and Ali Baba performs tricks to the music. But then Ali Baba is wrongly accused of theft. Benjamin and Otto decide to set a trap for the thief in the store. When they catch the thief red-handed, they are in for a big surprise.

11. The Pink Car

Pickler gives Benjamin and Otto the Mayor's old official car, which is due to be scrapped. Carla Caramba, the roving lady reporter, tells the pair about a rare bloom in the Botanic Gardens, which only flowers every five years. But this time it won't flower. Carla suspects that Newtown's bad air is to blame. In a bid to be environmentally friendly, Benjamin and Otto transform the car they've been given into a solar mobile and Carla's newspaper holds an environmental competition. The Mayor wants to take part too and orders Pickler to create an environmentally sound invention. Unfortunately it doesn't work very well. When the Mayor sees Benjamin and Otto's fantastic solar mobile, he tries to sabotage it. But they are all in for an enormous surprise when the competition takes place.

12. Benjamin Saves the Beavers

Benjamin and Otto are traveling along the river, when a young beaver takes refuge in their rowing boat. Baron Blunderbuss is building a new boathouse at the mouth of the river and has separated the beaver family. He even captures the mother and father beaver because they are gnawing at his boathouse. Benjamin rescues them and brings them to the zoo. But they gnaw at everything here as well collapsing the park benches and the bridge over the duck pond. The father beaver builds a dam with it, which threatens to flood the zoo. Then Benjamin has an idea to persuade the Baron to let the beavers return to their old home. His plan works; the Baron realizes that the beavers are not in his way, but that they can all live peaceably together.

13. The Magic Flower

The botanist Floribus gives Benjamin the rare Wake-me-up orchid to look after. It's actually quite easy, the magic flower simply needs enough light and shouldn't be watered too often. If only it wasn't for Hinky and Pinky! The crooks have caught on that the Maharajah of Rubistan suffers from sleeping sickness and has put up a large reward for a cure. Hinky and Pinky steal the orchid. Benjamin and his friend Otto manage to give the wake-me-up orchid back to its rightful owner, Floribus, and to cure the Maharajah of his sleeping sickness.

14. The Squirrel Gang

There are thieves at large in the zoo who are after nuts and berries. Benjamin and Otto are quickly on their trail. The thieves are three cute little squirrels who are laying in supplies for the winter. Of course, everyone immediately goes to the squirrel gang's aid. Even the nut tree in Baron Blunderbuss' garden is included in the collection. But the Baron forbids this. A little while later, the valuable walnut brooch which belonged to Baron's great-great-greatgrandmother disappears. It's obvious to him: it could only have been the three thieving squirrels. On the spur of the moment he lets them fall into a trap and locks them up. But actually the Baron's butler, James, is to blame because he dropped the brooch, causing it to

break in two. Benjamin and Otto are able to resolve the conflict to everyone's satisfaction.

15. Benjamin the Gardener

Benjamin and Otto are asked by the zoo director to look after his auntie Hilda's garden. Unfortunately, she has to go away on the weekend of the grand garden pond competition. Auntie Hilda would love to win first prize. Her unfriendly and pernickety neighbor Mr. Greengrass has exactly the same goal. He kidnaps auntie Hilda's frogs and tries to steal her beautiful water lilies. But Benjamin is able to apprehend the culprit in time, and also to capture first prize for auntie Hilda.

16. Benjamin and the Blue Elephants

Whilst watching a science-fiction film on T.V., Benjamin falls asleep and dreams about two blue elephants from the planet Blue Elefantos, who land at his house in their flying saucer, and steal his sugar cubes. There's no sugar left on the elephants' planet because a huge monster is living in the sugar cube mines. Benjamin and Otto fly to Blue Elefantos and reveal the monster to be the shadow of a tiny mouse from the neighboring planet, the yellow cheese moon, which had been hiding from the elephants in the mine. Benjamin introduces the mouse to the elephants and all ends happily.

17. The Petting Zoo

While on an outing, Benjamin and Otto meet the cheeky little lamb Spotty. Willie Woolman, the shepherd tells them that he will soon have to sell his flock because he and his dog are getting too old for watching sheep. The only interested buyer is the sock manufacturer Scratchsocks. But he only seems to be interested in the wool and he certainly won't give the sheep a good home. This gives Benjamin the idea to set up a petting zoo, then the zoo would be able to take over Woolman's entire herd. Unfortunately, the zoo director hasn't got enough money to buy the sheep. When Benjamin is able to convince the manufacturer that the sheep's wool becomes especially soft with a lot of stroking, he achieves not only a happy ending, but also a petting zoo for all the children.

18. Benjamin and the Polar Bear Babies

The photographer Fred Flash wants to take some advertising photos in the park for an ice-cream company. To this end, he borrows the two baby polar bears from the zoo. Benjamin and Otto go with the photographer to look after the polar bears. But the polar bears escape and are a danger to the town. Much to the dismay of the Mayor, who is entertaining two guests from the tourist board in the hope of being awarded the title "Best Spa Town". But Benjamin recaptures the two runaways and everything turns out for the best.

19. The Rainbow Festival

There's miserable weather and a miserable atmosphere in Newtown Zoo. The mood is immediately cheered at the sight of a rainbow. Benjamin gets the idea to paint the zoo in bright colors to put everyone in a good mood. But at the front of the zoo, Sid, son of the paint shop owner, Mr. Splotch, is spraying ugly black graffiti everywhere to impress his friends. Benjamin plans to paint over the graffiti using the paint for the zoo and so he goes to the paint shop. Sid purposely sells Benjamin paint, which isn't waterproof. Benjamin, Otto and many of the animals paint the zoo with bright colors, but their work is in vain. During the night, the rain washes everything away again. When Sid sprays the zoo walls with graffiti a second time, he is recognized and is stopped. He is sorry and helps to put things right again. Together they put on a rainbow festival at the end, where Benjamin performs his "rainbow roll-over".

20. The Golden Egg

Benjamin and Otto collect the Easter eggs for the zoo from Egmond Eggman. Benjamin finds a large white egg inside which he believes he can hear a noise. He also takes some gold-painted eggs, which are the most popular eggs this year, due to the valuable golden egg belonging to Baron Blunderbuss' great-aunt being displayed in the museum. Meanwhile, Hinky and Pinky, two crooks, steal the valuable egg from the museum. While on the run, they collide with Benjamin and Otto; the stolen egg gets mixed up with the gold-painted eggs in Benjamin's basket. Benjamin hatches the big white egg himself and out comes "Beaky" a little goose. The Baron's egg becomes "Beaky's" favorite toy and so the little goose lands in the hands of the two crooks. But of course, Benjamin makes sure of a happy ending!

21. Benjamin and the Little Dog

Of all the places for the Mayor to build a golf course, he chooses the meadow at the dog's home. And the dogs desperately need more space to run around. So the Mayor forbids the dogs to be let out of their cages at all. They are all dangerous he says. The little girl Susie, who is allowed to take one of the dogs "Snuffles" for walks, runs away with him and ties him to the zoo gates for Benjamin to find. Benjamin tries to train him, but the little dog simply won't obey him. While he is running around he gets caught and lands in the dog's home once more. Everyone is very sad, but then Benjamin has an idea to convince the Mayor that the dog's home urgently needs more space. And in the end a new run is built for the dogs instead of a golf course.

22. The Baby Whale

The Newtown Press is running a sailing competition. Because funds at the zoo are low once again, Benjamin and Otto want to take part so that they can spend the prize money on food for the animals. But unfortunately, they haven't got a boat. Then Carla Caramba remembers that the boat belonging to her great-

grandfather, Carlos Caramba must still be moored down at the harbor. He won the same race in it years before. Benjamin and Otto are thrilled. They smarten up the "Santa Carla" and soon they are lined up at the starting post next to Baron Blunderbuss and Cap'n Redbeard with his parrot. The race begins and Benjamin and Otto immediately take over the lead, whilst Blunderbuss and Redbeard are constantly in each other's way. At the mouth of the river, however, an agitated mother whale suddenly swims into the opponents' path. Whilst the two arguing parties, Blunderbuss and Redbeard sail on, Benjamin and Otto take notice: something's wrong! And it's true: a baby whale has become stranded on a small island nearby and can't get himself back into the water.

Benjamin and Otto don't hesitate and immediately help out. Of course, they are able to get the baby whale back into the water. But in the meantime, their boat has drifted away. Just as they are about to swim out to it, the mother whale carries them out to the "Santa Carla" as a thank you. Finally, the baby whale also thanks them by pushing the "Santa Carla" so far until Benjamin and Otto catch up with Blunderbuss and Redbeard. By now they are competing so hard against one another for the prize, that they ram each other and both their boats sink. Benjamin and Otto rescue them and win the competition in the end.

23. Benjamin in the Hospital

Benjamin wants to impress Carla Caramba and Otto with his famous trunk stand but falls badly. His trunk is broken and he has to go to the hospital. There, the children are suffering under the matron's strict regime, which forbids playing on the ward. But Benjamin cuddles and plays with the children. Even the Mayor lands in the hospital with mumps. By coincidence, his secretary Pickler becomes his deputy, and gives a guided tour of the town to a famous toy manufacturer. Who wants to make a generous donation. The toy donation finally ends up in the hospital and Benjamin is able to convince the matron that playing and cuddles are a part of getting better.

24. Benjamin and the Ghost Train

Benjamin and Otto meet a little boy, Petie, at the fair. He is very sad because the pirate in the ghost train hasn't got any treasure any more. The owners have already packed it away because the ghost train is very old and so they are having to close it down. Accompanied by the roving lady reporter, Carla Caramba, a rich sheikh is having a great time at the fair and he gives Carla his bag full of precious stones to look after. Petie happens to find the bag and is certain that it must be the pirates' treasure. When Benjamin and Otto finally find the boy in the ghost train dressed as a pirate ghost, the sheikh's treasure is safe once more, but the ghost train still hasn't been saved. Then Benjamin has an idea: They all play at being live ghosts; the public is eager to see them. They take so much money on that day that the ghost train can be modernized.

25. The Cowboy

Mike Donald from Texas invites Benjamin and Otto to his ranch. Benjamin should teach the cowboys how to do his clever lasso trick. They meet the little Indian girl Red Feather from the Bright Feather Tribe. Unfortunately, there is also a mean cowboy, Gonzalez, who is stealing Mike Donald's cattle while putting the blame onto the Indians. He also kidnaps Red Feather. However, Moo-Moo the calf chews through the ropes tying Red Feather, and leads Benjamin and Otto to the stolen cattle herd. Gonzalez is caught and receives his rightful punishment.

26. Benjamin's Birthday

Benjamin is sad. He doesn't know when his birthday is. But he wants to have a party anyway. That's no problem, says Otto. They simply choose a day and Benjamin invites his 287 elephant relatives from Africa to the party. But this causes a heap of problems for Benjamin. The zoo is much too small for so many elephants. But then Benjamin has a good idea.

27. Benjamin the Nightwatchman

A thief is at large in Newtown. For this reason, the Mayor wants to cancel the visit of Bella Bellcanta, the opera singer, who is coming to Newtown to give a benefit concert for the zoo. The famous singer is well known for her valuable jewelry. It's obvious to Benjamin: the concert must take place because the zoo needs the money. On the spur of the moment, Benjamin decides to be a night watchman. But his reputation is soon dented when the Mayor's official chain and the diva's necklace are both stolen in the same night. But then Benjamin is able to clear up the mysterious series of thefts.

28. Benjamin the Babysitter

Benjamin and Otto are delighted to take on the job of looking after Elmi the baby elephant. He's a cheeky little devil from Oldtown zoo. James the Butler also becomes a babysitter and has to look after Baron Blunderbuss' niece and nephew, Bentley and Beverly, who lead him a real dance. Babysitting soon turns out to be quite difficult for Benjamin and Otto too. Elmi manages to escape the two of them. Bentley and Beverly also run away from James into the zoo. There they meet Elmi and get up to all kinds of mischief.

29. Benjamin and Billy Ballo

During a street ball game in the zoo, Benjamin accidentally demolishes Peppo Penguin's broken-down old igloo with a long shot. So he sets off to look for a job; with his earnings he intends to build a new igloo. But he can't find a job anywhere. Finally Benjamin is taken on as a bellboy in the Newtown Hotel. The famous street ball star, Billy Ballo and his manager are staying there. Billy is to play in a tournament in Newtown. When Benjamin makes friends with Billy against his manager's wishes, he loses his job. Now Benjamin decides to compete against Billy in the tournament: if he wins he can build a new igloo with the prize money. The manager tries to trick Benjamin but it backfires on him. In the end both Billy and Benjamin win something!

30. The Little Genie

Newtown has a good chance of winning the competition LETS MAKE OUR TOWN BETTER, if only the zoo was a bit cleaner. Since Carl the Keeper is ill, Benjamin and Otto offer to take on the work that needs doing. They expect the little genie Saladoodle, whom they found in a delivery of coconuts, to help them. But Saladoodle is really lazy and he can't do magic properly either. Whilst Benjamin and Otto are busy washing and brushing the animals, Saladoodle gets up to all sorts of mischief, which threatens to undo all Benjamin's good work. At the last moment, the little genie comes to his senses and tries to get all his work done quickly using magic. He only manages it when Benjamin shows him how to

concentrate. Now the zoo is clean and decorated in oriental style. Of course the committee is going to award them the prize.

31. The Black Cat

Little Melanie is troubled and begs Benjamin for help. Her father is superstitious and has told her that she must take her black cat “Blacky” to the animal home. Benjamin tries to cure Melanie’s father of his belief that black cats are unlucky, but it’s more difficult than he thinks. Especially since Hinky and Pinky have stolen the father’s lucky charm – a valuable horseshoe. But Benjamin manages not only to catch the thieves but also to convince Melanie’s father.

32. The Magic Circus

When the magician Dimagio’s wagon breaks down in front of the zoo, Benjamin invites Dini and her grandfather Joe to put up their tent on the zoo’s meadow. Dini has lots of worries: lack of money, her grandfather, who keeps getting his tricks wrong, and the suspicious Rob, who has been taken on to help out, but who really wants to be a great magician himself. But then hope is near in the form of the great impresario Pumpernell, who is looking out for an act for his variety show. He comes to watch Dini’s best trick: the disappearing rabbit. But on the day of the performance, Dini’s rabbit has been dosed with sleeping powder as Rob tries to steal the show. But he has reckoned without Benjamin, who – with a little bit of magic – not only gets rid of the bad guy but all the other problems too.

33. Benjamin Finds a Treasure

Benjamin finds a message in a bottle containing a treasure map. According to the map, there should be treasure buried on an island close to the town of Urbs Nova. Benjamin and Otto do some research and discover that Urbs Nova is Newtown. Now the Mayor’s interest is aroused. He forces his secretary Pickler to steal the treasure map, but Benjamin knows it by heart and finds the treasure with Otto’s help. The Mayor confiscates it immediately. But when the chest is opened, it only contains a couple of old potatoes. In earlier times they were a valuable source of nourishment. Luckily, Benjamin finds another letter, naming the zoo director as heir to the island. He uses it as open-air enclosure for the new penguins.

34. Where’s the Gorilla?

Garry Gorilla has escaped from the zoo. Benjamin and Otto set off to look for him. But it’s not so easy since, due to a fancy dress festival, many Newtown citizens are disguised as gorillas. But Benjamin and Otto manage to catch Garry with a trick and retrieve the Mayor’s stolen golden trumpet at the same time.

35. The Treasure in the Mill

When Carla Caramba, the roving lady reporter doesn't appear for a photo call in the zoo, Benjamin and Otto set off to look for her. They discover that Carla has gone off to the old mill to interview the miller's ghost, which is supposed to haunt there. At the same time, little Mary runs away to the old mill with her dog Rudi. Rudi has grown too big for the apartment where Mary's family lives, and so he is to be sold to Farmer Frazzle. Meanwhile in the mill, Carla has got into the cellar by accident and can't get out again. Mary and Rudi, Benjamin, Otto and even Farmer Frazzle arrive at the mill one after the other. There are all kinds of unexpected developments. In the end, Benjamin finds treasure and Mary's parents can use it to get a bigger house – and Rudi and Mary can stay together.

36. The Bouncy Castle

During a sack race in the zoo, Little Kanga hops over a broken down section of the wall and out onto the street. There's nearly an accident when the bouncy castle owner Robert Roll and his daughter Rosa come driving up in their lorry! He is just able to brake in time. Everyone realizes: the zoo wall must be repaired! A festival in the zoo is intended to raise the necessary funds. Robert Roll will present his bouncy castle as the main attraction. It only has to be collected from the Newtown Harbor. Baron Blunderbuss has to go to the harbor too as he is expecting a valuable package from Australia. Hinky and Pinky have found out about this and they steal it from him. In the end, the Baron gets his package back with Benjamin's help, and the zoo gets its bouncy castle.

37. Benjamin the Pediatrician

Otto has the measles. Because all the pediatricians in Newtown are ill, Benjamin takes over Dr. Kinderley's surgery. First he lowers Otto's temperature by tickling him three times with his trunk. Then he also manages to cure the other children with his original methods. However, because Benjamin isn't a qualified doctor, the Mayor tries to put a stop to his work any way he can. But in the end, he too learns to value Benjamin's alternative cures.

38. The Baby Tortoises

In Newtown zoo some rare tortoise eggs are being hatched in the incubator. Benjamin takes great care that the temperature remains constant. But then something goes wrong: nobody notices that a stork has blocked the power station chimney with his nest and there is a power cut. The baby tortoises' lives are in danger! But Benjamin takes the initiative. Together with the zoo animals, he builds a windmill to create electricity. Meanwhile, the town's patron, Baron Blunderbuss gets stuck in the elevator in the town hall. The Mayor sends his secretary Pickler off to set him free. Pickler, in turn, secretly plugs into Benjamin's generator. But suddenly the wind drops and the windmill can't make any more electricity. But Benjamin makes sure that the story has a happy ending.

39. Benjamin the Superelephant

Benjamin and Otto are superhero fans. They would love to be superheroes themselves. While playing Superbenjamin and Flash-Otto on the zoo meadow, they come across Stanley Stuffkins, who is demanding twice the price for the animal feed he has just delivered to the zoo director. Benjamin tries to change Stuffkins' mind without success. Then Benjamin gets accidentally hit on the head by a coconut. He becomes unconscious and starts to dream that he is flying Superbenjamin. Together with Flash-Otto he fights against Rough Jack, who looks uncannily like Stuffkins. Rough Jack first steals the zoo's cash box and then he kidnaps Mike and Molly Monkey. Of course they are able to stop Rough Jack in his tracks. At last, Benjamin comes round and – what do you know! – everything turns out for the best in real life too.

40. Benjamin and the Marmots

The zoo receives new rocks for the goats' mountain climbing range. Benjamin finds a marmot in the lorry. He and Otto decide to bring Munchy back to the mountains. Carla Caramba is delighted to join them. The three meet Harry, the Mountain Ranger's son. He shows Benjamin and Otto where Munchy's friends live: in the middle of Stuart Stoney's quarry. But the Marmots aren't there any more. Instead, the friends find a marmot trap. Could the quarry owner have something to do with the disappearance of Munchy's friends? Of course, Benjamin, Otto and Harry clear up the mystery, whilst Carla gets to write the report of her life: A Day at the Mountain Rescue Service.

41. The Secret Passage

While playing Hide-and-Seek in the zoo, Little-Kanga falls into a secret passage, which opens up under the little animal as she jumps up and down. The roving lady reporter Carla Caramba wants to rescue Little Kanga, but the passage caves in behind her, blocking their way out. Benjamin and Otto realize that the tunnel served as an escape route out of the old town in the Middle Ages. That's where they must now look for the second entrance in order to set their friends free. At the same time, the two clumsy crooks, Hinky and Pinky, discover the second entrance by accident while robbing the town hall. They decide to use the secret passage for further robberies. Meanwhile, Carla and Little Kanga reach an underground river, which they cannot cross. In despair, they wait for Benjamin to rescue them. He gets a puzzling clue from the town librarian, which finally leads him to the entrance he is looking for. Carla and Little Kanga are freed, the treasure found in the passage goes to the museum and the crooks are punished.

42. Benjamin the Engine Driver

The Mayor wants to replace the steam engine Bertha with a new express train, so that he can show off. Benjamin is sorry for old Bertha and so he sets off with the train to a workshop outside the town to have her repaired. The Mayor tries to stop him, by altering the tracks and sending him in the wrong direction. After an adventurous journey, Benjamin reaches his destination and saves the steam train.

43. A Friend for Rocky Raccoon

Baron Blunderbuss is ill and asks Benjamin to represent him at the traditional auction at his house. But Benjamin has to take care of Rocky Raccoon, who is very sad because he hasn't got a friend to play with. Benjamin only agrees to be the auctioneer when the Baron persuades his old friend Mrs. Tulipfield to bring her raccoon along to the auction as a friend for Rocky. The raccoon arrives, the auction can begin. But then nothing goes according to plan: Rocky Raccoon has suddenly disappeared and then the most valuable item at the auction, the Baron's golden butterfly is stolen. But of course Benjamin is able to put everything right again.

44. Benjamin in the Arctic Ocean

Benjamin and Otto are chugging across the Arctic Ocean in their tugboat. They are bringing some circus animals – a family of walruses, two horses and a giraffe – to Icetown where their new home in the circus there awaits them. The two crooks, Hinky and Pinky follow them. They kidnap Wanda the baby walrus so that she can bring up a treasure chest, which they have happened to discover in the sea. Although Benjamin's boat springs a leak and the engine fails, Benjamin and Otto are still able to rescue the baby walrus, get rid of the thieves and bring the animals safely to Icetown.

45. The Strawberry Ice-Cream Robot

It's a hot summer. Benjamin and Otto bring ice-cream cones for the little penguins in the zoo. Although they hurry, the ice cream is already melted before they reach the penguin's enclosure. What a good thing that Benjamin has an idea. Together with the inventor Eddy Eddison, they build a funny robot that hands out free ice cream to the little penguins. Eddy also hopes to win the coveted gold trophy at the Newtown Inventor's Contest with this invention. But then Baron Blunderbuss steals the blueprints for the robot so that he can try to win the competition. Luckily Benjamin is able to put a Stop to the Baron's tricks and in the end everything turns out happily.

46. The Giraffe House

During the night, a storm damages the roof of the giraffe house. The wind whistles through a large hole and in the morning, Gigi Giraffe has a sore throat. Whilst Benjamin and Otto lovingly take care of Gigi, the two crooks Hinky and

Pinky steal the wood that is needed to repair Gigi's house and sneakily offer it back to the zoo director to buy. Benjamin and Otto go looking for clues and are able to catch the thieves. Hinky and Pinky are set to work as a punishment for their crime. Gigi gets better and moves into her house with its new roof.

47. The Lantern Festival

The zoo director is in a fix because he hasn't got enough money to pay his debts to Stanley Stuffkins, the feed merchant. Now Stuffkins wants to take Zelda Zebra instead! Benjamin wades in with a good idea. He wants to hold a lantern festival and to collect donations to pay their debts. They make a lot of pretty lanterns and scary masks – it's Halloween after all! When Stuffkins tries to take Zelda, Benjamin gives him a fright by disguising himself as a pumpkin ghoul. The festival is a great success and to make the happy ending complete, Zelda Zebra is rescued and Stuffkins is ready to make amends.

48. Benjamin in India

Tamira, the little pygmy elephant belonging to the Maharajah of the little Indian province of Turbanistan, is suffering from a rare disease. He keeps giggling and turning somersaults. Benjamin and Otto travel to India to help him. They discover that the palace cooks have given Tamira a strange red plant, which they also want to use to get rid of the Maharajah. Benjamin finds an antidote just in time, chases away the palace cooks and saves the Maharajah and his elephant.

49. Benjamin Falls in Love

A small circus is performing in Newtown. Benjamin falls in love with Maruschka, the lady elephant, who is the main attraction of the small circus. He wants to impress Maruschka with an animal act, but this turns out to be more difficult to train than he thinks. Then Maruschka falls ill with a mysterious disease. Now it's up to Benjamin to show what he can do and save the circus performance.

50. The Polar Adventure

The famous polar explorer Professor Magneticus has set off to find the magnetic North Pole and has been missing for days. Carla Caramba is very worried and wants to go and look for him together with Benjamin and Otto. An exciting adventure begins, whereby Carla becomes separated from her friends and lands up in an igloo village. The Professor is found in the end, but first the friends have to get round the tricky traps set by Eski and Esko Eskimo and to climb the mysterious ice organ.... And Gulliver is there too, of course, this time posing as a polar explorer.

51. Thieves in the Zoo

The zoo's cash box is stolen. Benjamin and Otto set off on the thieves' trail together with Carla. They are Hinky and Pinky, under the guidance of their new master, Robber Ronny from Oldtown. They are also planning to kidnap Loop and Lopp. The safari park owner Cedric Simba just has to have the two lion cubs at any price. When Benjamin finds that out, he decides to set a trap in the zoo for the crooks. All the zoo animals help him. Together, they are able to catch the villains red-handed in the end. And, of course, the Zoo Director gets his cash box back.