

MIMMIT PLOTS

1. MAG, MAG MAGPIE

In this first episode a secret path to Brindlebrass Forest is found. The Mimmit live in their cottage on the edge of the forest with their animal friends: a magpie and a bear.

2. TONIGHT

In the spring the Mimmit set out to look for kindling. But when they come to a familiar clearing they can hardly recognize it, there's garbage everywhere. A fox cub is lying behind the stone, it has hurt its leg on a splinter of glass and can't walk. The Mimmit tidy up the clearing and take the fox cub to their cottage. Soon the fox cub is getting better. As it is playing with the Mimmit in their home yard the Old Tree of the Yard bents over towards them. "As a reward I will give you the ability to run as foxes", the tree says to Mimmit. Soon three foxes are standing in the yard. Night is coming and foxes run to the Brindlebrass Forest. The fox cub stays with the Mimmit.

3. THE WORD OF THE MAGICAL PIKE

In the summer the Mimmit find a seal cub entangled in a fisherman's net on the lakeshore. They release the seal cub. The seal cub asks the Mimmit to meet him and his grandfather, the Seal Elder. In the morning the Mimmit walk again to the lakeshore. There the Seal Elder gives them the ability to turn into fish. The Mimmit swim all day in the lake and meet the king of fishes, the Magical

Pike, mermaids and a sea monster. When the sun sets they turn back into humans again.

4. THE LINGONBERRY BOYS

In the summer sun the blueberries ripened big and tasty. The Mimmit set out to pick the berries. Without noticing it they wander ever deeper into the shadows of Brindlebrass Forest. Suddenly they notice that they are lost. Luckily the Mimmit meet the lingonberry boys and the lingonberry girls who lead the Mimmit safely back home.

5. THE FIRE-SWIFT EAGLE

The Mimmit live in a cottage at the edge of Brindlebrass Forest. Brindlebrass is an age-old, mysterious forest. In fact, the place is a little scary. "We ought to know our home forest better," the Mimmit think one beautiful summer morning. "Let`s set out bravely towards the mysteries of Brindlebrass Forest," they decide. The Mimmit and the fox cub make their way into the depths of Brindlebrass Forest. In the forest they meet the King of Gnomes and also the Forest Spirit. The Mimmit want to run faster in the forest so they turn into foxes. In the centre of Brindlebrass Forest lives the mystical Fire-Swift Eagle. The Mimmit become good friends with this magical bird. With presents from the Forest Spirit, water from the Spring of Life and tree seeds, the Fire-Swift Eagle takes the Mimmit and the fox cub safely back home.

6. THE LITTLE SONGBIRD

The Old Tree of the Yard tells the Mimmit an old story

about a golden bird. The tree heard this story a long time ago when it was still young and agile. An old man found a golden bird and took it to his cottage. When the man and his wife were outside the bird turned into a beautiful young maiden. She cleaned up the cottage. After she had finished her chores she turned back into a bird. It was an exceptionally beautiful bird which made people fall asleep when singing. A young prince heard about this amazing bird. He met an old sage who told the prince that the golden bird was actually a young maiden. "If you can see the bird when it is turned into a maiden the evil spell will be broken", the sage told him. The prince rode to the cottage and saw the beautiful maiden and asked for her hand.

7. THE MERMAID`S STORY

The Mimmit are busy in the garden under the glaring sun "Let`s go swimming", they say. The seal cub is waiting for them. "Hello Mimmit! Come and swim with me," it shouts. The Mimmit quickly say the magic words given by the Seal Elder. "Like fish we will vanish, like the pike we will become." When the Mimmit are swimming with the seal cub they meet a mermaid who has lost her family. The Magical Pike helps the Mimmit and the mermaid by giving them a magical shell which floats the mermaid through the waters like the wind.

8. THE MAGIC MOCCASINS

An old woman lives in small cottage on the lakeshore. The Mimmit call her the Old Lady of the Lake. The Mimmit help the Old Lady to do her chores and also listen to her stories. Once again the Mimmit are helping

the Old Lady. They are baking pies and help to weave mats. "Let's take a break," the Old Lady says to the Mimmit, "and I'll tell you about the magic moccasins. They are no ordinary footwear but rather a kind in which you -can travel round the world if you wished."

9. THE PANDA

It is pouring with rain. The Mimmit are whiling away the time by looking things up on the computer. The bear tells the Mimmit about the pandas which live in China. The pandas are highly endangered. The Mimmit put the magic moccasins that the Old Lady of the Lake gave them and travel to China in a twinkling of an eye. They want to know if they can help the pandas. In China they meet the pandas and have lots of fun with them.

10. THE PEACH BOY

The Mimmit have travelled to China in their magic moccasins to meet the pandas. Now it is time to go home. Or is it? "We have always wanted to go to Japan. What about if we popped in there too," the Mimmit think. The moccasins take the Mimmit across the sea from China to Japan. At the foot of the mountain there is a small cabin. In front of it sits an old man. The old man asks the Mimmit to visit his cabin and offers Japanese green tea to them. While drinking the tea the man tells the Mimmit about his son, the brave Peach boy. The Peach boy travelled across Japan with his friends; a dog and a monkey. Together they defeated evil trolls.

11. CHAPATI

The magic moccasins have already taken the Mimmit to China and Japan, and now they begin to be a little homesick. "Let's fly via India," the Mimmit say. In India they meet a girl whose name is Anju. Anju invites the Mimmit to spend the evening with her. She is baking Indian bread called chapati but she is not very good at baking...Will people in the market place or cows eat Anju's chapatis?

12. THE SAMPO

The Mimmit decide to go and see the Old Lady of the Lake. "Perhaps the Old Lady needs some help again" they think. When the Mimmit have finished the chores the Old Lady tells them about the Sampo. The Sampo is a magical object which will bring you riches and happiness, the Old Lady said. The Mimmit can already imagine the jewelry and coins and riches the Sampo would give them. But it was as though the Old Lady had read the Mimmit's thoughts "You won't get money and valuables from the Sampo but something much better and lasting. The Sampo knows all the songs and tales of the world. And when you ask the Sampo it will tell them to you." While the Old Lady is sleeping the history of the Sampo is told. The gnomes forged it a long, long time ago. But what was it forged of?

13. THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

Autumn came to Brindlebrass Forest. The Mimmit sit around the fireplace in their cottage. This would be a good time to listen to the Sampo's stories. The Sampo tells the Mimmit the story of three princesses. The guardian of the nearby lake, the Nixie, fell in love with the eldest princess. The princess also fell for the Nixie

and accepted his proposal of marriage. But the king was overcome with grief when the middle and the youngest daughters returned home and told him what had happened. A prince came to the king's castle and the king asked him to bring his daughter back home. The prince and the nixie competed and the prince won. But the princess wanted to live with the nixie.

14. THE MAGIC FEATHER

One autumn morning the Mimmit and the bear are playing tag in the yard. A peculiar bird's feather glitters on a branch of the Old Tree of the Yard. Where has it appeared from? "This must be a magic feather," the Mimmit reason. The Old Tree of the Yard recognize it as an Indian feather. At the same time the Fire-Swift Eagle flies to the Mimmit's cottage roof. "If this is a magic feather, it must be returned," the Fire-Swift Eagle says. "Shall we go and find the Indians? In North America the Mimmit and the Fire-Swift Eagle meet the Indians and give the magical feather back to its owner. As a reward the proud Indian chief gives the Mimmit the ability to turn into birds.

15. THE MAGICAL WOODEN DOLLS

One autumn evening there is a knock on the door of the Mimmit's cottage. "Who's knocking so late?" A peddler comes and asks for shelter. The Mimmit ask the peddler to stay and give him an evening snack. During the night the peddlers wooden dolls come to life and cause complete chaos in the cottage while the Mimmit's animal friends watch, horrified.

16. THE SON OF THE FLYING WITCH

The Mimmit ask the peddler to stay for another day. "We want to hear more about your travels". The peddler tells the Mimmit about his friend in Lapland. He is called Oula and is the son of the Flying Witch. Oula herds the reindeer and gets a beautiful brooch from his father, the Flying Witch.

17. THE OWL AND THE WHIRLWIND

The Mimmit are examining a map in their cottage. "It would be nice to go to Australia," the Mimmit muse. "Let's go there," they enthuse. "We haven't travelled with the magic moccasins for a long time!" The Mimmit fetch the moccasins from their chest and put them on their feet. In Australia the Mimmit meet a boy called Banjora and his koala friend. Banjora tells the Mimmit a story about the owl and the whirlwind. The owl and the whirlwind are best friends. But the owl is too curious and wants to see how the whirlwind looks like. The whirlwind gets frightened when the owl emerges from under its blanket. But what happens next?

18. THE TOUCAN

The Mimmit are looking for cranberries in the forest after the first frosty night of the year. A strange looking bird is shivering on a frozen tree branch besides the path. The Mimmit take the bird to their cottage. Finally the bird gains back its strength. It tells the Mimmit that it is a toucan and it has flown across the world to tell people that they shouldn't cut down the rainforest. The Mimmit and Fire-Swift Eagle take the toucan back to its home in

the Amazonian rainforest. In the rainforest the Mimmit meet different animals and help them to preserve the forest by planting magical seeds from Brindlebrass Forest and watering them with water from the spring of life.

19. MARAMA

The Mimmit have accompanied the toucan back home to the Amazonias. They are returning home, holding on tight, on the back of the Fire-Swift Eagle. "Shall we stop and rest in Africa?" the Fire-Swift Eagle asked. The Mimmit and Fire-Swift Eagle land on the savannah and meet a girl called Marama and her friend Subara, who is the king of the crocodile river. Marama asks the Mimmit to stay overnight and tells them stories of Africa.

20. THE LORD OF THE FROST

Winter has come to Brindlebrass Forest. The trees have turned white and the frost crackles on the frozen lake. Having shovelled the snow, the Mimmit warm themselves in the glow of the fireplace. Now it is a good time to hear some stories from the Sampo, they think. The Sampo tells them the story of the Lord of the Frost who brings the snowstorm.

21. THE JOYS OF WINTER

It was wonderful to play outdoors on a beautiful winter's day. The Mimmit skate, ski, sledge and fishe through holes in the ice. They never catch a single fish but that doesn't worry the Mimmit. After fishing, the Mimmit put their snowshoes on and walk to the campfire to roast

bun-on-a-stick and drink cocoa. “Now let’s make a snowman!” The bear and the fox cub help them to roll the snowballs.

22. THE ELEPHANT`S MARCH

The Mimmit are looking at pictures of their friends on the computer. “Look, it’s Anju. I wonder how she is. What if we set off for India to see Anju?” The Mimmit land in Anju’s village. “Hello Mimmit, good that you came,” Anju waves at them. “We need your help!” “They are going to close the Elephant refuge area. They will build a highway through it,” said Anju in distress. The Mimmit and Anju try to find a way to help the elephants. Finally the Maharaja promises that the elephants can live on his lands.

23. SINILEI

The Mimmit are outside in the fresh winter air. They ride down hills on sledges and ski. While resting they ask the Old Tree of the Yard to tell them about the trees. The tree tells them a story of a princess who was turned into an aspen. Her brother broke the spell and the princess turned back into a human again. But can she live with humans after having lived so many years as a tree?

24. CHRISTMAS NIGHT

In winter it is nice to heat up the oven and bake lots of pies. When the rye dough is ready they go to fetch old lady Lyyti’s rolling pin. She has got the rolling pin years ago as a reward for helping a hobgoblin that had got into difficulty. The rolling pin bakes pies completely on its

own. The Mimmit's only job is to shove the ready pies into the oven. During Christmas night different birds will bring their christmas presents to their friends around the world.

25. THE TWELVE RAVENS

Tell us again about princesses and princes, the Mimmit asks the Sampo. The Sampo tells a story of a princess who has twelve brothers. The spell turns brothers into ravens. The princess wants to save her brothers. A witch says to her that she can't speak or laugh for seven years. The princess lives in a cage in solitude. A young king finds her and wants to marry her.

26. THE SONGS OF THE WORLD

The Mimmit are sitting in the cottage again, warming themselves by the fireplace. "Just think how many countries we've been to," they are saying to the fox cub and the bear, who are sprawled out at the Mimmit's feet. "And just think how many new friends we've made. The pandas in China, the Peach Boy and his old father in Japan. Anju in India, Marama and Subara in Africa. And the Toucan, of course, along with all the other animals of the rainforest. In this episode we will meet all of Mimmit's friends from around the world.

