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Journey to the centre of the Earth

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The Plot

Professor Lidenbrock and his nephew Axel find a mysterious message from explorer Arne Saknussemm in an old book. The message tells of a way to get to the centre of the Earth through a volcano in Iceland. The Professor, Axel and their guide Hans set off on an amazing journey. They have many adventures along the way and even see prehistoric monsters. But will they find the centre of the Earth?

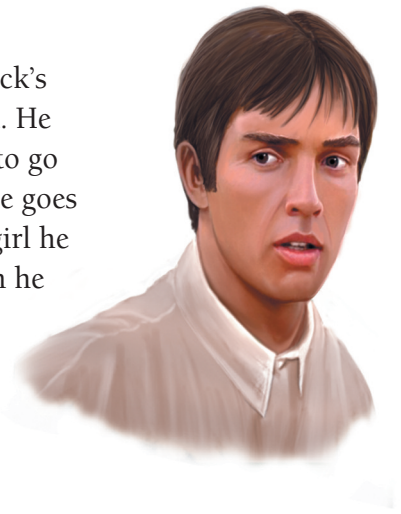


Professor Otto Lidenbrock

is an intelligent but impatient man who is determined to follow Arne Saknussemm's route and find the centre of the Earth.

Axel

is Professor Lidenbrock's nephew and assistant. He does not really want to go on the journey, but he goes so he can marry the girl he loves, Gräuben, when he returns.



Hans

is a brave Icelandic hunter who is the guide on the journey. He is a strong and clever man who does not speak very much. He helps the Professor and Axel get out of dangerous situations many times during their journey.



Gräuben

is Axel's fiancée and the Professor's ward. She is an intelligent and serious girl. She tells Axel to go on the trip even though she will worry about him and miss him while he is away.



Mr Fridrikssen

is a friend and colleague of Professor Lidenbrock. He is a science Professor in Iceland and helps the group at the start of their journey.



1. THE JOURNEY BEGINS

In 1863, in Hamburg, Germany ...



1

My name is Axel, and this is the story of an amazing adventure. I live with my uncle, Otto Lidenbrock, and his ward, my fiancée Gräuben.

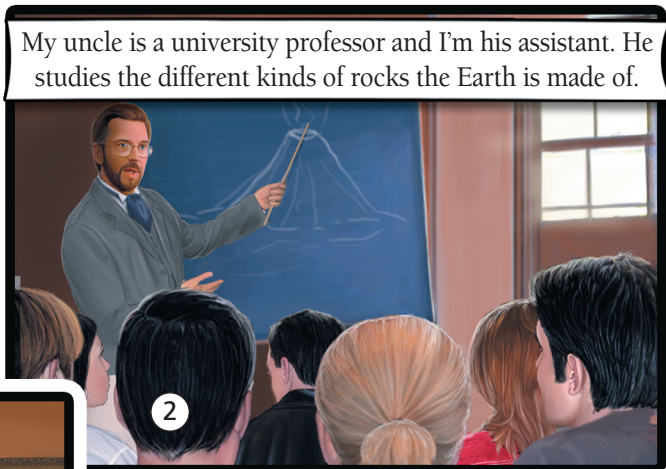
One afternoon in May ...



3

Axel look! I bought this book today. It's 700 years old. It's about the history of Iceland.

Uncle! A piece of paper is falling out!



2

My uncle is a university professor and I'm his assistant. He studies the different kinds of rocks the Earth is made of.



4

Hmm ... It's in an old Icelandic language. Let's translate it.



5

The Professor translates the note.

It's written by an explorer, Arne Saknussemm. It says how to get to the centre of the Earth – from a volcano in Iceland!

But that's impossible!



5.

STRANGE MONSTERS

activities



Before Reading

- 1 Look at these sentences from episode 5. Can you guess what happens in this episode?
 - "... we found something amazing."
 - "This is from a dinosaur!"
 - "We'll never get across it!"
 - "Oh no! What's that?"
- 2 Which picture(s) show(s):
 - a lamp? • giant mushrooms? • dinosaur bones? • a raft?
 - a monster/monsters?



While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode. Were your guesses correct in exercise 1?
- 4 Read or listen to the episode and find words which mean the same thing as the words/phrases below.
 - 1 below the earth = u_____
 - 2 don't exist any more = e_____
 - 3 flat boat = r_____
 - 4 huge, terrifying creature = m_____
- 5 Read again and answer the questions.
 - 1 How is Axel in picture 2?
 - 2 What did the Professor and Hans find while looking for Axel?
 - 3 Describe what they see in picture 4.
 - 4 Are they safe on the raft? Explain.



After Reading

- 6 Read and listen, then take roles and act out the episode.
- 7 Have you ever been in a small boat? Where did you go? Tell the class.



Before Reading

- 1 Look at the pictures in episode 6. Find the picture(s) that show(s):
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1 lightning. | |
| 2 a great tower of hot water. | |
| 3 the raft tipping over. | |
| 4 Axel pointing at something. | |



While Reading

- 2 Read or listen to the episode, then underline the correct word in bold.
- In picture 1, one of the sea monsters is fighting/dead.
 - In picture 3, they decide to examine/leave the dead monster.
 - In picture 4, Axel thinks he sees a(n) island/monster.
 - In picture 6, Professor Lidenbrock wants to continue/stop the journey.
 - In picture 9, the storm is over quickly/lasts for days.
- 3 Make your own sentences using the words below.
- dive(s) under
 - geyser
 - violent
 - tip(s) over



After Reading

- 4 Read and listen, then take roles and act out the episode.
- 5 In pairs, discuss the worst storm that you have ever been in. Were you scared? Tell the class.
- 6 Look at pictures 8, 9 and 10. What do you think will happen in the next episode?



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