

Armchair Adventures: A Join-in Story Podcast For Kids

A Journey into the Unknown Adventure!

Part 1

Connie: Welcome to the Armchair Adventures Travel Agency, journeys of the imagination. I'm Head Travel Agent and Host, Connie!

Music: Armchair Adventures theme

Connie: Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening wherever you're listening from, adventurers! And welcome to season 6 of Armchair Adventures! I have some very exciting news to share with you all, too! Our episodes have just gotten even bigger and better by having three parts! That's right! Even more join in fun per adventure! Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss an episode! The voices of today's join-in-at-home Adventurers are...

Adventurers: Saying their names

Connie: Hi everyone!

Adventurers: Hi Connie!

Connie: And a big shout-out to our fan club member Harla from Patreon, who is coming along for the adventure today! Hi Harla!

Adventurer: Hi Connie!

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Scene 1

Connie: On this week's episode, we're going on an adventure with... drumroll, please!

SFX drum roll

liiiiiiit's Teresa!

Teresa: Hello, Connie! How are you?

Connie: Good, thanks, I'm just playing around with this music maker App on my phone! It helps you make a song...listen to this!

SFX a funky tune to underscore until record scratch

Connie: Get down with my remix and show me some dance moves, adventurers!

SFX Ding

Adventurers: Check out my dance moves!

I'm a disco diva!

Loving your tunes, Connie!

I love a dance party!

Teresa: No, thank you! I've had just about enough of smartphones for one day!

SFX a record scratch

Connie: Why, Teresa, what's happened?

Teresa: Well, I've done something a bit daft...

Connie: Go on...

Teresa: So, my doctors is going online with the NHS app, which stands for the National Health Service, and we will be able to book all our appointments and things online. Me and my friend love to be up to date, so we were quite excited to learn about it. But she asked me to help her understand how to use it on her smartphone...

Connie: Right?

Teresa: And because I didn't want to look silly, I pretended to know all about it... But the truth is, I haven't got the faintest idea about apps! I don't even really know what an app is...

Connie: Uh oh...

Teresa: Big uh oh...and worse still, she's coming round in an hour for me to teach her!

SFX DUN, DUN, DUN

Teresa: Any chance you could help me understand how to use apps before then Connie?

Connie: Oh easy, peasy, my friend Teres-y! I was basically born with a smartphone... where do we need to start? Can you turn it on?

Teresa: Of course I can, cheeky!

Connie: Sorry!

Teresa: I can use it for basic things, like calls, texts and videos...look, here's one of my dog, Ted!

SFX a video playing of a dog barking, excitedly

Connie: Awww, he's so cute!

Teresa: But downloading apps and using them is a no-go!

Connie: *(quickly, getting carried away)* Well, apps are just little tools or games inside your phone that do one job. I'll teach you what you need to know, it's soooo easy! Let's get the gang on the line and adventure inside your smartphone. You can stay outside, and we can help you from inside it! Because on an Armchair Adventure, we can go anywhere we like from the comfort of where we are right now, so they're perfect for everyone, no matter what age you are. Start. Call. Now.

SFX phone ringing

Connie's customers all say hello

Connie: Hi everyone! We're off on an adventure inside Teresa's smartphone to help her learn to use apps!

Linda: Oooh that's exciting!

Pauline: I'd like to learn more about that too!

Teresa: Hang on Connie, I don't know if I'm ready? it might be second nature to you, but I'm a beginner!

Connie: Don't worry, Teresa, honestly, it's really easy! A journey of the imagination, here we come!

Music: Short Armchair Adventures theme underscoring to transition

Scene 2

SFX futuristic phone sounds, a world inside the phone.

Hazel: It's very futuristic in here!

Ada: Aww, I love her wallpaper.

Nina: That's a picture of her dog, Ted.

Steve: All the basic icons are here, too!

Hazel: There's the camera one - say cheese!

Customers: Cheese!

SFX camera shutter

John: There's Messages here too!

SFX a woosh of message

Linda: Don't touch that one!

Nina: It's private!

John: Right you are!

Connie: What can you see in the world of the smartphone adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: The icons all look huge!

Adventurer: Lots of friends' names in her phone book.

Adventurer: She must be very popular!

Adventurer: I hope Teresa has some games downloaded on it!

SFX a warning beep

Connie: What's that beeping noise? Has she left her alarm on?

SFX a tap sound of Teresa banging on the screen

Teresa: Hello in there. Can you hear me?

Hazel: It looks like Teresa is trying to tell us something from outside the phone.

Connie: Teresa? Can you hear us?

Teresa: Helloooo-oh? Can you hear me?

Ada: Well, that answers that!

John: She can't hear us in here, adventurers! What should we do?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Maybe shout as loud as you can?

Adventurer: I don't think that will work!

Adventurer: Then what do you think?

Adventurer: She needs to put you on speaker of course!

Adventurer: Oh yeah!

Connie: Great idea, adventurers! Nina, jump on that speakerphone icon.

Nina: Right you are Connie!

SFX Nina jumping and a button sound as she hits it

Teresa: (s) (loud) CAN YOU HEAR ME IN THERE!!!

Connie: Oooww! Yes, we have put you on speaker! You don't have to shout now!

Pauline: What was that Alarm sound, Teresa?

Teresa: That's what I was trying to tell you, I've only got ten percent battery left, and I haven't got my charger!

SFX DUN, DUN, DUN

John: What are we going to do!

Russ: That's not much energy for the phone.

Hazel: We won't have long to help Teresa.

Ada: And then we'll all be stuck inside here when the battery runs out!

Customers panic

Connie: Calm down everyone. This won't take a minute; it's really straightforward.

Teresa: If you say so...

Connie: Right, everyone, can you see that app store icon there?

Pauline: The one that looks like my big handbag?

Connie: That's the one! Everyone run onto it.

SFX everyone's feet running across the screen

Cyril: Last one there's a rotten egg!

Hazel: Eat my dust, everyone!

Connie: You too adventurers!

SFX Ding

Adventurer: I'm glad I wore my super-fast trainers today

Adventurer: I'm the fastest in my class, you can't catch me!

Adventurer: I'm faster than Wi-Fi - neoooww

Adventurer: Wait for me!

Connie: Right is everyone here?

Customers affirmative!

Connie: Then, all climb onto this bag icon with me, to make sure we all go inside the store together.

Customers struggle to all fit

Lily: It's a bit of a tight squeeze!

Steve: We're all piled up like a Jenga tower!

Customers trying to stay on the icon – 'oooh dear' 'I feel like a cheerleader'

Connie: Well, keep your balance because the adventurers need to get on the icon too! Balance on top of the shop icon with us, Adventurers.

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Easy now don't tip me over...

Adventurer: Look out because here I come! Yippee!

Adventurer: I'm at the top! Look at me balance!

Connie: Right, now, Teresa, press the icon and send us to the app store!

Teresa: Okie dokie!

SFX Teresa pressing an icon, followed by the whooshing and tech landscape from when we entered the phone

Scene 3

Linda: Wow, there's loads of apps bouncing around like emojis.

Pauline: And rows and rows of colourful app squares everywhere you look.

Nina: Like you could just pluck them out of the air!

John: What can you see in the App Store adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: There's so many games.

Adventurer: Everything is brightly coloured.

Adventurer: I never knew all this was going on inside my phone!

Teresa: There's so much choice here! How will I ever find what I need?

Connie: Well, I am about to show you a great way to do just that! Meet your phone's digital assistant CIC!

CICI: Hello, how can I help today?

Connie: CICI is a helper voice inside your phone, just say what you need, and they will find it for you!

Teresa: Very cool, ok, can you find me the app for my doctor's, CICI?

CICI: You want health care? Ok right this way.

SFX the whooshing and tech landscape from when we entered the phone

Hazel: Woooooah, it's speeding us down the rows of apps at lightning speed!

Cyril: I feel like a human rocket!

Pauline: Hundreds of apps whizzing past us.

Steve: Pretend to speed through the rows of apps with us adventures!

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Everything's a blur!

Adventurer: I feel like a lightning bolt – argh!

Adventurer: I can't feel my face...

Adventurer: I'd definitely win sports day if I could go this fast in real life!

SFX the whooshing, slowing and skidding to a halt, followed by apps pinging as CICI mentions them. CICI's list begins clearly and then underscores the action.

CICI: Welcome to Healthcare apps. Would you like Pilates for beginners? Grow yourself well? Exercise for beginners? Exercise for intermediate? Exercise for experts? Hospital at home? GP online? Smoothies for health? Online health service? Why am I sick? Doctor doctor? Life oh life? Germs no thanks? Hop scotch for beginners? Five a day fun? Virtual vegetables?

Teresa: CICI is finding too many apps! I don't know what to pick?

Apps pinging

Pauline: Oh, that CICI is very confusing

Steve: She's going on and on!

Ada: I'm having trouble keeping up too Teresa!

Customers grumble

Connie: CICI, pause!

SFX CICI's never-ending app onslaught pauses.

Customers are relieved!

Connie: Teresa, you need to be specific with CICI and ask for exactly what you want. otherwise, she will keep suggesting lots of things. CICI, find us the NHS app.

CICI: At once! Here is the NHS App. Shall I download it?

Connie: Yes, and take us back to the home screen!

CICI: Downloading now, sending you to the home screen, goodbye!

SFX brief woosh to bring us back to the home screen

Scene 4

SFX futuristic phone sounds, a world inside the phone.

Pauline: That was one wild ride!

Customers agree

SFX alarm beep again

John: Uh oh, there is only 8 percent battery left now!

Hazel: That download really ran it down.

Connie: Don't worry about that, we're almost done, just press the icon for the app on the screen now, Teresa.

Teresa: Hang on, has that got us the app?

Connie: Yep, told you it would be quick!

Teresa: Could I have a go now, then? It was great you showing me what to do, but I think I might need to try it too? Maybe we could delete it and start again, so I can practice?

Connie: Oh no, you don't need to delete it, you'll be fine. Let's just carry on, press the NHS app icon now on your screen

Teresa: Oh, ok then, if you're sure...which icon is it?

Connie: What do you mean? We've only downloaded one? The one that says NHS?

Teresa: The writings tiny? I can't tell. Is it this one?

Connie: Wait, no don't press it! You might load us into the wrong app!

SFX Teresa pressing an app, a whooshing sound, followed by music of a computer game

Voice: Welcome to 'The Slime Zone!' Will you survive?

Cyril: The slime zone?! What's that!?

Russ: We've ended up in a computer game!

Nina: How have you managed that, Teresa?!

Linda: I thought you didn't even use apps!

Teresa: My grandson must have downloaded it. I let him use my phone all the time!

Voice: Are you ready to jump the platforms and avoid the slime?

Customers: Not really!

Customers panic

Hazel: Teresa, can you get us out?

Connie: Stop panicking, everyone. I've got this game on my phone! When you finish a level, it lets you save and exit.

John: But that means we have to finish the level first...

Customers worry

Connie: Don't worry, we can do this everyone, we just have to work together! Join us next time and help us survive the slime zone adventures!

Music: Armchair Adventures theme

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