

# Meetings *that* change things





**Destiny** is lying in the hammock on the terrace of her house looking at the website of “Family Trip Magazine” for a new destination for the next family vacation. Out of nowhere, her daughter **Fly** appears in the room dressed in a cashmere cardigan and plaid pants, with ankle boots on her feet saying: “I’m ready to board!”

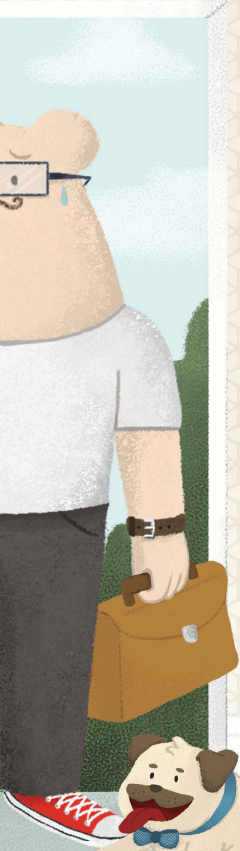
**Nick**, the family pet, suddenly starts to bark and runs to the front door. It can only mean one thing. **Gate**, Destiny’s husband, has just arrived home from work and is perspiring due to the summer heat. As soon as he opens the door to the house, he sees Fly in her outfit and stands there for a few seconds without understanding anything, while Nick licks his shoe and wags his tail. He asks Fly “Where are you going with all this fall/winter fashion?”

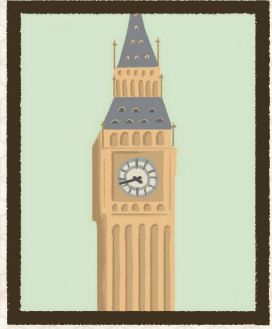
Fly, walking slowly and elegantly across the room, just like a model, responds with another question: “How about the old world?”

Gate, who also loves family trips, replies: “Okay, my sweet girl! But let’s take it easy. We have just got back from a holiday! If we want another family vacation, we need to start organizing everything, especially the budget!”

Fly goes to her father, takes his work bag from his hands, sits him on the couch and says, “Relax, Dad. Mum is already carefully planning our next adventure!”







Hearing the word adventure, **Trip**, the youngest of the family, appears with his new toy plane running across the room and talking like a superhero: “Vrrrruummmm! Adventure is my middle name! Vrrrruummmm! We are now landing in the Amazon Forest!” Nick, who was already sat by Gate’s feet, gets up and is all excited by Trip’s soaring flight across the room. Trip makes an “emergency landing” to lie down next to the dog and to pet him.

Destiny gets out of the hammock and sits next to her husband and says to him quietly, “Now what? Do I pack clothes for a journey to discover nature or to parade down the Champs-Élysées?”

Gate hugs her and fondly reminds her: “Isn’t tomorrow the day for you to visit that project for vulnerable children? Maybe it’s better that we don’t make any decisions today. We can keep thinking about the next trip and consider any destinations in due course.”

Destiny accepts his suggestion with a nod of her head.

The next day, after breakfast, Gate takes the children to school and Destiny goes to the NGO that she intends to help financially.

On her way back from the NGO, she drives to pick up the children from school, but gets distracted by her thoughts and misses the turn, arriving a little late. In the car, she doesn’t pay any attention to what Fly and Trip are saying and, at lunchtime, she swaps the salt for the pepper when seasoning her salad. Fly and Trip both notice that their mother is a little “scatterbrained” today.

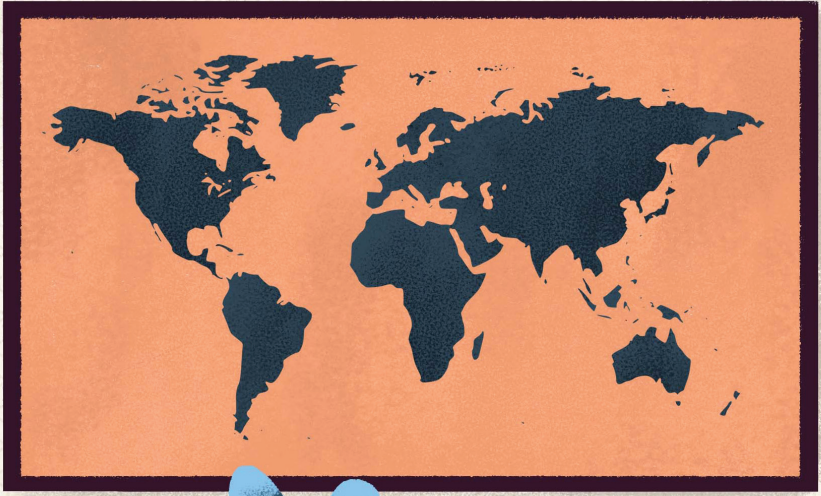
Destiny cannot stop thinking about the two large ebony eyes of the little baby that kept staring at her all morning. Those eyes seemed to be smiling all the time and simultaneously radiating a force, exuding peace and kindness.

Late in the afternoon, when Gate arrived, she ran into his arms and began to tell him everything while Nick was already snuggled at her husband's feet. She said that the NGO provided temporary homes for children while they waited for the decision of their fate by the courts. She explained that the project was very responsible and serious! And she couldn't help but mention that a beautiful and sweet little baby didn't take her eyes off her during the entire visit. Finally, Destiny had found a suitable place to make a donation, and now she thought that, in addition to financial support, she would like to do something more.

Fly and Trip listened as they finished the cakes that their father had brought from the bakery. Trip, still with his mouth full, commented, "Now I understand why Mom was at sixes and sevens this afternoon." Fly looked at Gate and asked, "Are you planning to give us a little sister?" Gate looked at Destiny, somewhat surprised, and said, "You're not wanting to adopt this little girl, are you?" Destiny responded with a wide smile and plenty of conviction: "I am!"

In the period that followed, the Way family saw their daily routine somewhat altered. **Hope** is the name of the baby who seems to have come to stay and has brought new directions to this family of travelers. Now, Paris and the Amazon will need to be reconsidered in the light of a more specific and well-executed planning so that the new member of the family can also be taken around the world!





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You have just met the most excited family on earth, who are ready to embark on an adventure!

Does your family also like to travel? Stay in touch for the tips and stories that we'll tell you here. Gate always knows the most economical way to travel without wasting any money. Furthermore, he knows how to plan incredible itineraries to comply with every wish of his family. Destiny will provide the best tips so that the vacation is comfortable and cozy. She also loves talking to the locals and, therefore, collects the best and most beautiful stories about each place as she passes through. Fly loves art and history, knows the best museums and is always engaged in some humanitarian cause. In addition to culture, she is very fashion conscious. She and Destiny know perfectly well how to pack a beautiful, useful and comfortable suitcase for each chosen destination. And Trip is a true lover of nature and exciting adventures! He is very happy when he can take his dog with him. He is a dreamer with a huge heart. He knows better than anyone how to get around the woods, rivers and waterfalls. He enjoys climbing, trekking and anything else that can be done outdoors. His tips are valuable! Hope, who has just arrived, will teach you all the tips every family traveling with a baby needs to know.

Shall we start on our journey?



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## **Cecília Schucman**

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