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# Pigletté and BoBo In Sud Africa

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Pigletté reads the comics while Dr. Catherine chats with UncleMarkie in the SAS Eurolounge in Seattle, waiting for their flight to Copenhagen.



Dr. Catherine, Pigletté, BoBo, and UncleMarkie all have business class seats. Do you think they serve herring on SAS?





It's an overcast day in Seattle when the gang leaves for Sud Africa. Hopefully the weather on the other side of the world will be better.





Look at this funny South African Airways jet at the Frankfurt Airport. It is a "Combi" — it carries both people and freight.



Dr. Catherine and the boys look pretty comfortable on the Lufthansa 747, flying to Johannesburg.





Finally on Sud African soil, just one more flight today. Next stop is Port Elizabeth. Can you find it on a map?





BoBo is all prepared with his water, his reading materials, and his toiletries. Wonder where Pigletté is? Maybe with UncleMarkie.



Pigletté and BoBo's first night is in a lovely bed and breakfast in Port Elizabeth. Would you look at the size of this room!



The next night is a lovely small hotel where Nelson Mandela stayed. It is the Cock House in Grahamstown.







The next day it was off to the  
German Bay Lodge in  
East London. This doesn't look like  
London to Pigletté and BoBo.





Dr. Catherine likes playing  
on the rocks and looking for  
sea creatures.

Do you like sea creatures?





After a long day of driving and getting lost, the boyz arrive at the Sithela Country Estate in Port Shepstone.



Pigletté and BoBo discover that security is very tight in Sud Africa, owing to the wide disparity of incomes.





This is Derek, our host at the Esselmont bed and breakfast in Durban. Durban is our last stop before we go on safari.





Pigletté and BoBo think that the honeymoon suite is just perfect for them. There is even room for UncleMarkie.





Darcie finds a lovely wire-wrapped platter in the ethnic gift shop in Durban — unfortunately, is it way too expensive.



Pigletté and BoBo look at the sights while Dr. Catherine reads about our next destination, Johannesburg.





The boys are treated to the guest bedroom of Walda, the childhood friend of UncleMarkie's friend, Greg's mother.







On a day trip outside Johannesburg, we take a tour of Soweto. Soweto was the political center of the movement to repeal apartheid in Sud Africa.



One of the leaders of that movement was Walter Sisulu. He died while we were visiting the country and the services were held in Soweto.



Security was very tight around one of the venues for the funeral. This was in front of the Apartheid Museum. Lots of police cars in case of trouble.







In Soweto, you can have your shanty pre-fabricated if you have enough money. Pigletté and BoBo think this is very strange.





Or, you can build your shanty yourself with materials found around town. Pigletté and BoBo think this is even stranger.





Most of the shanty towns lack electricity and running water. There are often open sewers as well. It doesn't look comfortable.



Even pigs are allowed to roam through the garbage. Funny, that pig looks nothing in Pigletté or Aunt Piggy.







There are nicer places in Soweto, like  
this house that belongs to  
Winnie Mandela, wife of former  
president Nelson Mandela.



Our final stop in Soweto is at a traditional restaurant. These restaurants are usually built into the garage of the owner. How strange.





For the next day's tour, Pigletté and BoBo wanted something more up-scale — Sun City, here we come. Think Las Vegas, all by one designer.





In Sun City, bridges rumble and  
casino wheels clatter. Pigletté and  
BoBo think they could get used to  
hanging out here.





In following day we see Pigletté and BoBo plus Dr. Catherine and UncleMarkie going on a mine tour at Gold Reef City.



Gold Reef City is part mine history museum, part casino, and part theme park. Doesn't this ride look scary?  
Ask Dr. Catherine.





While we were there, we watched  
them pour ingots of gold. Pigletté and  
BoBo could use an ingot of gold.  
Could you?



After the ingot cooled, it was put in a large press and stamped into gold coins. Jewish people give gold coins on Hanukkah.



The next day Pigletté and BoBo  
are off to the bird park; no sitting  
around for these two.  
This is our bird handler, Chip.





There are lots of pretty birds on the grounds, some loose, and some in the aviary. Pigletté and BoBo are glad they are in a cage.





There are even pelicans wandering around. They sure look funny, those pelicans. Who is funnier looking, this pelican or BoBo?



There are whole flocks of birds in this part. Suddenly Pigletté and BoBo are getting hungry. Flamingos, anyone?







Time for a little lunch in the courtyard of the casino. It seems that everyplace in Sud Africa has a casino attached. This one is in an Italian theme.



Pigletté likes the look of this ottoman made from a zebra skin. BoBo thinks it is too expensive, but knows UncleMarkie would love it.





And at the end of the day, Walda,  
her daughter, and her  
granddaughters say goodbye to  
Pigletté and BoBo.





The End



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