



E and S in Albufeira

E and **S** are two friends who like to travel. They travel around the world by sea. **E** is a friendly and funny chameleon. **S** is a brave and adventurous boat. They had already travelled to many places but they still did not know the Algarve. They were trying to get to Albufeira because **E** had heard, from his father, much about extraordinary sites and animals that existed there. After many days away from the shore, they saw a beautiful landscape, a beach with golden sand and crystal clear water. A seagull approached and greeted:

- Good morning, who are you? - I am **S** and he is **E**.
- We are looking for Albufeira. Can you tell us if we are still very far away? - asked **E**.
- That village you see over there is Olhos de Água.
- Wow! Seen from here, it is really beautiful! - Said the chameleon – Look, a boat like you, **S**!
- Yeah!
- Follow me, I will take you to Albufeira. There, you will see more boats like you. - said the seagull.

The three went to Albufeira. After a few minutes they were already in front of Praia dos Pescadores.



- This is the Fishermen's Beach! - said the seagull.



- Where are the boats and the fishermen? - asked S.

- The boats are in the marina, which is on the other side of this cliff. Previously, they occupied this beach. That's why it's called like that. They followed the path around the cliff, and finally S could see the boats.

- I only see seagulls. Aren't there any other animals in Albufeira? - asked the chameleon.

- I know what you are looking for! - said the seagull

- To find what you are looking for, you will have to go up Quarteira's riverside, and you'll find what you are looking for.

The seagull showed them the way and they left, hoping to find the chameleons that E was looking for. They went up the river and, on the way, they found many animals and plants. They saw, on the top of a mountain, a castle and on the banks of the river, a family of lizards, which was sunbathing. Meanwhile a heron, which was looking for food, saw them and asked:



- Who are you? I have never seen you around here!
- Hello, I am **E** and this is my friend, **S**.
- My name is Grey. Are you lost?
- We went up the river in search of a family of chameleons. Do you know any? - asked **E**.
- Here we are close to Paderne. There are chameleons, but the ones you're looking for should be in Guia.



- How can we get there?
- Your friend can not get there, but if you want I can give you a ride.
- They accepted the help of the heron who asked for the help of other friends. The chameleon crawled inside the boat and the three herons took the boat and flew towards Guia. On the way, **E** and **S** were very frightened when they saw a giant snake that seemed endless.



- Be careful, Grey. That snake seems to be very dangerous! - shouted **S**.

- Where is it? I can't see it. -said, surprised, the heron.

- Under us! - warned **E**.

- Do not worry friends! It is a train. It just left the station in Ferreiras. People use the train to move from one side to another. They continued their journey to Guia.

- Do you see that park down there? It is Zoomarine. That's where we are going to.

- Wow! It is a huge park! - said **E** – Look! So many animals! Look, **S**, so much water for you.

- I think you will finally find the family you are looking for - said **S**.

They arrived at Zoomarine, left **S** in the pool and **E** went in search for chameleons. He found many animals, spoke with macaws and turtles, had to hide from prey birds and crocodiles. He saw animals he had never seen before, including giant chameleons who did not move or speak.

S was amused in the pools. He played with seals, dolphins and sea lions. He saw sharks and other large fish enclosed in a giant tank.



E went back to the place where **S** was. The heron was there to take them back to the Fishermen's beach. They spoke about their adventures in the park. **E** said he had seen a kind of giant chameleons. The heron told him they were dinosaurs and that they were not real. **E** did not find the chameleons family he was looking for, but he was happy to have met other animals and places and for having made new friends.

They left towards the beach. There they found the seagull. They told him their adventures in the municipality of Albufeira. They invited the heron and gulls to travel with them, but they preferred to stay, because they love living in Albufeira.

E and **S** said goodbye to their new friends and promised to come back soon. The crane went to the Salgados lagoon. The seagull returned to its nest, by the marina and **E** and **S** continued their journey looking for new adventures.