



National Geographic TV Pilot -Profiles in Adventure

INSERT –Montage of adventurers in action

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Adventurers are people who are curious about the world, who like to explore and solve mysteries about nature and human culture.

EXT. MUSEUM – DAY

The NARRATOR, dressed all in black, peaks out from behind a bush.

NARRATOR

My name is Trevor Jones and I run an underground network of Secret Adventure Profilers. Our mission is to locate True Adventurers in their natural habitats and learn how they do what they do. But before we do that, we need to locate a few Adventure Kids to help us with our mission.

INSERT - KIDS FACES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

EXT. MUSEUM - DAY

NARRATOR

There are of course, Adventure Kids in every city, you just have to know where to look. Adventure Kids sometimes hang out here - at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, California an amazing natural history museum, planetarium, and aquarium.

Two twelve year old kids walk by. They are JACKIE and PETER.

NARRATOR

Aha! Perhaps I've found them. One way to know for sure...

GRAPHIC MAGIC --ENVIRONMENT SHIFT

An Adventure Card appears on the ground in front of them.

Peter sees the card on the ground, picks it up and reads:

PETER
Are you adventure kids?

They look around.

JACKIE
Who wants to know?

Trevor steps out from behind the plant.

NARRATOR
Trevor Jones, at your service. I seek kids who dare to explore.

JACKIE
Count me in!

NARRATOR
I have to be sure you are true adventure kids before I entrust you with this mission. Answer this riddle -

JACKIE
A riddle? I like riddles.

NARRATOR
This riddle comes from the ancient Greeks: What walks on four legs in the morning, two legs in the afternoon and three legs in the evening?

Jackie watches an elderly person walk by using a cane.

JACKIE
Check this...it's a person!

NARRATOR

You got it! Okay. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find the world renowned scientist -Louise Leakey.

PETER

No sweat. What does she do?

NARRATOR

She's part of one of the most famous scientific families. Louise and her family study Paleo-anthropology.

JACKIE

Paleo –what?

NARRATOR

Good Question. Pale-anthropology is the study of fossils from our early ancestors..

PETER

Wicked!

NARRATOR

Before you get started, here are some important clues about Louise Leakey.

INSERT - Archival footage & photos of Louise

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Louise was born in 1972 in Nairobi, Kenya, where she and her family still live. Her parents and grandparents have discovered many of the most important human ancestor fossils. Her family kind of invented the science of paleo-anthropology. They have created a scientific legacy, as they've tried to answer one of science's biggest questions: Who are our ancestors, and what can we learn about our species by studying them?

BACK TO SCENE

JACKIE

So, in a way, Louise and her family study our great, great, great, great, great, great grandparents, right?

NARRATOR

That's it!

PETER

What are we waiting for, let's go find her!