

THE TOAD CHRONICLES

INTRODUCTION

Welcome Aboard!

Please watch your step, ladies and gentlemen, and take your time boarding the swamp buggy. There is no need to hurry. *The Toad Chronicles* adventure ride will not depart the terminal until everyone is seated with their seat belt securely fastened.

“Hello, ma’am. I’m Zeni, the ride’s narrator. Welcome aboard.”

“Why, thank you, Miss Zeni. I’m Winnie. And this ol’ coot behind me, he’s my husband, Virgil.”

“It’s very nice to meet you, Winnie. Careful there. . . . Please hold onto the handrails on your way up the steps. . . . Hello, Virgil. I’m Zeni. Thank you for joining us today.”

“That’s my wife you were just talking to, young lady.”

“We’re happy to have you on board. . . . Please watch your step.”

“Ah, I don’t wanna be here. But my old lady, she insisted. That’s how it goes when you’ve been married fifty-five years.”

“That’s quite an accomplishment, Virgil. I wish you and Winnie many more happy years together.”

“Oh, I don’t know if I’d call all them years happy. Me and Winnie.”

“Virgil, shut your mouth, and get up here in this buggy.”

“My apologies, Miss Zeni. . . . Coming, Winnie. Hold onto those britches of yours.”

As you’re proceeding up the steps, ladies and gentlemen, please hold onto the handrails. While beverages are permitted on board the buggy, food items are strictly prohibited. Please discard any such items in the waste receptacle located to my left.

“Hello, sir. Welcome aboard. I’m Zeni. Thank you for choosing *The Toad Chronicles* adventure ride.”

“It’s nice to meet you. I’m Rudy, and I really dig your boots.”

“Thank you so much, Rudy. I hope you enjoy today’s ride.”

“Ma’am, can I bring these bags with me? I bought some presents for my kids.”

“Absolutely. There’s a compartment located beneath your seat cushion where you can store them, or you can hand them to the driver for safekeeping. I’m Zeni, by the way.”

“I’m Shaniqua. Thank you, for having me today.”

“You’re most welcome. It’s a pleasure having you on board.”

Please continue moving forward onto the buggy, ladies and gentlemen, and take a seat as quickly as possible. The quicker everyone is seated, the sooner we can depart the terminal.

“Hello, ma’am. I’m Zeni. Welcome aboard. . . . That’s a beautiful handbag you’re carrying.”

“Why, thank you. It’s a Henri Bendel. I bought it last week.”

“There’s a compartment located beneath your seat cushion, if you wish to store it during the ride.”

“Thank you. I’m Emma, by the way.”

“It’s lovely meeting you, Emma. Please enjoy the ride. . . . Pardon me, sir. I didn’t mean to step in your way.”

“Oh, that’s okay, Zeni. I’m Charlie.”

“It’s very nice to meet you, Charlie. I hope you enjoy our adventure.”

“I’m really excited to be here. A friend of mine came on this ride a few months ago and said you really inspired him. I sure could use some inspiration in my own life.”

“Well, I hope I can inspire you. But remember, it all starts with you. You, and only you, hold the power to change your life for the better.”

“Thanks so much. I’ll keep your advice in mind.”

Ladies and gentlemen, if everyone would kindly take a seat, we are waiting for one more guest to finish her purchase in the gift shop. In the meantime, please stow your personal items in the compartment located beneath your seat cushion and make certain all electronic items, including cell phones, are turned off. Please note that photography and video of any kind is strictly prohibited during today’s ride.

Now, in just a few minutes, we—

“Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh! I’m soooooo sorry I’m late.”

“That’s okay, miss. Take a deep breath. I’m Zeni, and I’m the narrator for today’s ride.”

“Oh, I know who you are. I’m soooooo honored to meet you. You’re my biggest inspiration.”

“That’s very sweet of you to say.”

“Seriously, you are. I’ve read your chronicles at least a dozen times. I bought another copy in the gift shop. I’d love to have your autograph.”

“I’d be more than happy to autograph them at the end of the ride. What’s your name, by the way?”

“I’m Jennifer.”

“Well, it’s lovely to meet you, Jennifer. You can take the vacant

seat in the front of the buggy.”

Introduction to the Ride

All right, ladies and gentlemen, it looks like everyone is on board the buggy. Please fasten your seat belt by inserting the buckle into the metal fitting and tighten by pulling on the loose end of the strap.

Now, while our maintenance crew is performing one last check of the engine, I would like to officially welcome you aboard *The Toad Chronicles*, what is being hailed as the hottest, new, adventure ride to hit the *Zenilution* theme park. This ride is like nothing you could ever imagine, filled with many ups and downs, twists and turns, starts and stops along the way.

As you travel with me on this adventure, you will find yourself laughing one minute, crying the next, shaking your head in amazement, even gritting your teeth in anger, as you meet a whole bevy of toad personalities living in the swamp. You will also become privy to a boatload of Earth-shattering wisdom, all guaranteed to change Humanity for the better, once the public learns about it and comes to fully embrace it. But first, let me properly introduce myself.

I’m Zeni, an author, inspiring speaker, animal advocate, and creative entrepreneur. I’m also a bit famous, having successfully escaped the swamp and become the hero of my very own fairy tale. While I wear many hats on any given day, my favorite one to wear is narrator of this adventure ride where I meet the most amazing guests from all around the world.

You see, after reading the chronicles I wrote about my escapades in the swamp, the creators of this adventure ride contacted me, wanting to buy the rights to build this most amazing ride. They wanted to share my incredible journey of transformation

as a way of inspiring folks like yourself to rise up and escape the swamp as well.

I must admit. I was a little skeptical at first about the concept of an adventure ride based on my chronicles. But as you will soon come to see, it was a truly ingenious idea, not to mention a profitable one, as *The Toad Chronicles* adventure ride is now the most popular ride in the *Zenilution* theme park.

But before I go any further, I'd like to take a moment to introduce José, our driver for today. Hailing originally from the mountains of central Mexico, José has been navigating this swamp since the very first day *The Toad Chronicles* adventure ride opened to the public.

“José, can you please turn around, so our guests can see you?”

“Holá, amigos! Happy you could join me and Zeni on the ride.”

Now, for those swamp buggy aficionados on board today, the buggy we will be traveling in is one of the largest buggies manufactured in the industry. It stands twelve feet high with sixty-inch tires and measures two hundred inches long by ninety-eight inches wide.

The buggy is powered by a four hundred fifty horsepower, state-of-the-art electric engine and can travel up to fifty miles per hour. Thanks to the buggy's manufacturer, a special noise reduction system has been installed in the engine, so you can hear me narrating today's ride.

The buggy has also been custom-retrofitted with additional seating to accommodate up to seven guests, plus José and myself. To learn more about the buggy's specifications, please visit our information center located inside the terminal building.

“Scuse me, señorita. Maintenance has signed off.”

All right, ladies and gentlemen, our maintenance crew has

given the thumbs-up that all systems are a go. That means it's now time for you to open your eyes, perk up your ears, and get ready to be whisked away on an exciting adventure through the swamp where you will meet a virtual smorgasbord of toads.

As you travel with me in my adventures, you will be introduced to nine species of toads scattered across six of the seven continents. There are no toads presently living on the continent of Antarctica due to below-freezing temperatures, but climate change may change that scenario very, very soon.

During this first leg of *The Toad Chronicles* adventure ride, you will encounter two of these nine species. The first species you will meet is the overly zealous “religious freak” toad. Hold onto your rosary beads, ladies and gentlemen! Not to sound sacrilegious, but this species of toad has some bizarre, even fanatical, beliefs and practices.

You will also get to know the rather arrogant, and often unfaithful, “commitment creep” toad. This species of toad is either married, seriously involved with someone, or who, as you will soon come to see, has some distorted views about commitment in relationships.

And while the creators would like to introduce you to all nine species of toads during this first leg of the ride, well, the luggage you would have to pack for that adventure would be so huge, so voluminous, you would have to possess the strength of Hercules to carry it. Either that, or you would need your own entourage of toads to carry it for you. So please be patient, ladies and gentlemen, as future legs of *The Toad Chronicles* adventure ride are currently under construction.

Now, let me get back to that wisdom I mentioned to you earlier.

Well, truth be told, as I was trekking through the swamp, I

unknowingly unearthed some life-altering wisdom from the Universe. At first, I had no idea what I had uncovered.

Once I came to realize the immense value of my discovery, though, my perception of life, love, and most importantly, myself, was changed forever. I slowly awakened from the deep slumber I had been in and escaped the swamp, becoming the hero of my own fairy tale. And while I am not yet able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, I am able to accomplish some pretty amazing things now that I am free.

Come to find out, ladies and gentlemen, this wisdom has been coveted for eons by dark, evil forces who don't want Humanity to learn about it. They want to prevent folks like yourself from rising in your empowerment and escaping the swamp as well. Lucky for you, though, the creators of this adventure ride are incredibly altruistic souls who want to share this invaluable wisdom to assist Humanity in reaching its Divine potential.

So sit back in your seats, ladies and gentlemen, and get ready for a most marvelous adventure. When we pull back into the terminal at the end of the day, you will be thanking the creators of this adventure ride for bringing my chronicles to life, empowering you to escape the swamp and become the hero of your very own fairy tale.

I thank you for your attention, ladies and gentlemen.

Now, let the ride begin.

Thanks for reading!
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