

Lee's Special Elixir

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My name is Oliver Lindemann, but everyone calls me Lee. I live in a kingdom called Bavariaville, which is about to become a city, ruled by the protective but kind-hearted King Olaf and Queen Christiane. They have had many terrorists trying to terrorize many areas in Bavariaville and most of the terrorists have been caught and placed under arrest, which was the reason why King Olaf was very protective.

Ever since I was just a boy, I was fascinated with science and experiments that people on TV have made. I was also fascinated with inventions. I then decided to try and do some experiments right after I spent hours reading many science books. I used trial and error like other scientists should do while experimenting.

Unfortunately, in my school, there has been a rivalry between another science geek named Richard Colivs and me. We often had a stalemate through our assignments and school work. Even though we were proud of our grades, we tried to keep distant from each other for a long time but Colivs vowed to compete with me again.

I was then awarded with a certificate for making some excellent science experiments. Everyone else, even my parents, were impressed about me. My parents said to me, "Lee, you have great talent!" and that made me feel proud of myself.

However, there was a problem between Colivs and me. One of his big experiments was a lot better than mine. We experimented on what keeps Venus Fly Traps alive. Colivs used many sun lamps and kept them on for a long time numerous times and put in some water on different occasions.

What I did that didn't work as well as what Colivs did is that I kept giving my Venus Fly Traps lots of water and put them in real sunlight. I found out why my Venus Fly Traps died quickly. It's because they need lots and lots of heat and sun lamps give more heat than the sunlight from a window sill.

I'm okay if someone does better than me but Colivs was a big jerk. He treated me like I was not going to be the best scientist in Bavariaville. It made me feel very sad, especially when my Venus Fly Trap experiment didn't work so well. But many of my experiments were better than Colivs'. When he found out about my experiments being better than his, he often said, "Don't even think this is the end of it, Lindemann!"

As some time passed, as I was still a boy, there was news about the King and Queen that they were going to have a baby and mentioned they are having a boy. That soon gave me the idea of making a special elixir for the new prince to help bring world balance.

I went to my own science lab to create the elixir. It took a long time to create it as I knew that experiments take time. I mixed in some different essential oils that were safe when swallowed. Then, I mixed with different herbs, and grains. Finally, I mixed all those ingredients together, heated it up, and set the timer to five minutes.

As I waited for the elixir to be ready, I felt anxious about the baby because he was coming soon, but I put on some of that essential oils (which are the same essential oils I used for the elixir) on myself to calm myself down. I was also afraid I was going to screw up after the elixir was heated up, but those oils soothed me very well.

After the timer rang, I turned off the blow torch, and picked up the container, with a pair of tongs to avoid getting burned.

Then, I remembered that trial and error method I used on my other experiments. That way I wouldn't worry so much about screwing up. I then mixed those ingredients again and heated them. I then labeled those other containers to know which time I tried again.

Next, I tested each of those different elixirs on some pieces of paper, mice that I have captured, and even some of my hair I shed off. One elixir blew a mouse up, some made no change to the paper or mice at all, one made the paper and my shedded hair disintegrate and made a mouse choke and die, and, finally, one elixir made the mice I tested it on feel brave and courageous. That elixir even made the remaining mice squeak in delight. And that elixir that made someone brave and courageous was the best elixir of the others. I called it, Lee's Special Elixir of Bravery. As I was done with the mice that tested on the best, I opened my window for them to go free in the wild.

On the day the king and queen's new baby was born, he was named Fritz. I got my elixir delivered to the castle. King Olaf was feeling suspicious, but I showed him evidence that my elixir will work. Olaf and Christiane cautiously fed Fritz the elixir, his eyes popped wide open, and he smiled broadly. Olaf and Christiane were happy and surprised. They soon invited me and parents over for dinner at the castle in the next few months.

A few months later on the night we were invited to the castle, the new prince, Fritz, who was a few months old, laughed in my arms and I learned that he hardly ever cried. It made me feel very ecstatic about myself.

"Lee, you did it perfectly," I thought. But then, at dinner, the king and queen questioned me about the elixir. They had very stern looks on their faces, especially King Olaf.

I explained, without hesitation, "The elixir is supposed to make Fritz brave and courageous. I have dreams of keeping the world in balance. The elixir should also make Fritz feel prepared for almost everything." I went on and on as the king, queen, and even my parents became very fascinated.

“So far, Fritz has not been giving me much trouble, and you should’ve seen him really happy when I held him. Has he ever given you any trouble?” I asked to King Olaf and Queen Christiane.

“No, hardly at all,” replied Queen Christiane.

“But we are going to watch him carefully and see if your elixir gives any other changes to our child,” added Olaf strictly. “And Lee, we will be having you and your parents know about those changes. But don’t worry, young man, there aren’t going to be many hard feelings.”

When we got home, I made plans to invent something that which I hoped it would help make this world a better place. I had thoughts of inventing a special machine that gives someone superpowers. I was going to give Prince Fritz some superpowers. But then I realized, I had to wait for many more years until Fritz was old enough to do anything dangerous. Instead, I decided to invent something else.

I was going to invent some special obstacle courses that were more appropriate for younger people including preteens and teenagers. But I was going to take a break from all the excitement, so I decided to wait for a while until I built the obstacle course. I then went to bed that night, a few minutes before my bedtime, to get a good night’s rest.