THE BRUSINO MONSTER

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IN THE SOUTH OF SWITZERLAND, AT THE LAKE OF LUGANO, IN THE SHADE OF THE MOUNT SAN GIORGIO WE FIND THE SMALL VILLAGE NAMED BRUSINO ARSIZIO. IN OVER 12 CENTURIES THINGS HAVE STAYED MORE OR LESS THE SAME.
Traditionally Brusino Arsizio is a village of fishermen, but for some time fishing is not going well. It seems as if the lake is empty......
SIGH... AGAIN A POOR CATCH

LUCKILY, IN THE SUMMER WE STILL HAVE SOME TOURISTS
TOURISTS, MOST OF THEM ARRIVE BY BOAT
AH... BRUSINO ARSIZIO....

......SOME FISHING, RESTING, WALKING AND QUIET EVENINGS AT THE BEAUTIFUL LAKE SHORE
BEAUTIFUL LAKES. INCREDIBLE DEEP. AT SOME POINTS THE LAKE IS EVEN DEEPER THAN THE MOUNTAINS ARE HIGH.... MYSTERIOUS...ANYTHING CAN BE DOWN THERE
WELL, MAYBE I’LL CATCH SOMETHING INTERESTING. LET’S SEE WHAT HIDDEN TREASURES BRUSINO ARSIZIO HAS TO OFFER
KASPLASH..... SPLASH...
ONLY THE WATER AGAINST A DRAIN

FIRST, LET'S SEE THE VILLAGE AND FIND SOME REAL ITALIAN COFFEE
NO FISH.... BLA....BLA.... TERRIBLE....BLA....THE LAKE IS EMPTY....BLA....ALL GONE

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THE FISH MISSING.....THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE POWER FAILURE, A WHILE BACK......
A FEW MONTH AGO THERE WAS A MAJOR POWER FAILURE IN BRUSINO ARSIZIO, REALLY HUGE. PROBABLY ONE OF THE OLD CABLES. THEY COULD NOT FIND THE PROBLEM AND HAD TO PUT IN A NEW CABLE. WE WERE WITHOUT POWER FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND.

EVER SINCE THE FISH REDUCED DRAMATICALLY, AND NOW THE LAKE SEEMS COMPLETELY EMPTY....
RIGHT... FISH DISAPPEARING BECAUSE OF A POWER FAILURE...

WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT...
I'll find out myself. That looks like a nice place to fish.

Four hours and two fish later...
THAT SOUND AGAIN...
MAYBE I AM IMAGING IT, AND IS IT JUST THE NOISE OF THE TRAFFIC???
NO... I WILL HAVE A LOOK
HMM... DEAD END. NO THIS CANNOT BE THE CAUSE OF IT

SPLASH
IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM HERE....
WHAT IS THAT???

A DINOSAUR SKELETON....
AH, YES, I HAVE READ ABOUT IT, THEY FOUND FOSSILS IN THE AREA. THERE EVEN IS A SMALL MUSEUM NEAR BY, IN MERIDE.
LUCKILY EXTINCT SO I DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RUNNING INTO ONE DOWN HERE...

ALTHOUGH IT LOOKED EXTREMELY WELL PRESERVED FOR BEING HERE SEVERAL CENTURIES
WHAT IS THA......

AAAAAAAGHHH...

...
MY DINNER... IT JUST WANTED MY FISH...

KASPALSX SPLASH
AND THAT SOUND... NOTHING MORE THAN A TAIL WIGGLING DINOSAUR....

HOW DID YOU GET HERE.... OH, AN OLD MINE SHAFT
OF COURSE... ALL THE LAKES IN THIS AREA ARE CONNECTED... IF NOT BY NATURAL PASSES THAN FOR SURE BY ONES MADE BY HUMAN
Although this one seems cut-off.

But you could squeak through... oh, what is that?... an broken power cable....
... so that is what is scaring you off...

Let's see... maybe I can find something.
An on-off switch??

It cannot be this simple, could it??
IT ALSO FIXED IT FOR ME... DINOSAUR FOOD AFTERALL.

AH... NOT INTERESTED IN ME... JUST EAGER TO GET TO ONE OF THE OTHER LAKES.
A DINOSAUR TRAPPED IN LAKE LUGANO ... NO WONDER FISH DISAPPEARED AND WITH THE PASSAGE OPEN NOBODY WILL EVER FIND IT AGAIN...

AND ALL FISH WILL SOON COME BACK TO LAKE LUGANO
ALL FISH WILL COME BACK... EXCEPT FOR MY DINNER...
AH WELL, MAYBE THE OSTERIA DELLA POSTA HAS SOME DINNER LEFT
PART OF THE STORY IS BASED ON REAL EVENTS. WELL, A VERY SMALL PART.
- THERE ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN DISCOVERIES OF DINOSAUR FOSSILS ON THE SAN
GIORGIO - NOW A PROTECTED AREA - WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN A MUSEUM IN
MERIDE.
- THERE ACTUALLY WAS A HUGE POWER FAILURE PUTTING THE OLD City OF
BRUSNIO ARSIZIO IN THE DARK FOR MORE THAN A WEEKEND.
- THERE REALLY IS A DRAIN THAT MAKES SPLASHY NOISES, NO DOUBT WAVES
SMASHING AGAINST THE INSIDE OF THE DRAIN. BUT CAN IT BE THAT SIMPLE?

WATER AGAINST A DRAIN? COULD THERE BE SOMETHING MORE TO IT? MAYBE NOT
SOMETHING ‘FISHY’, BUT SOMETHING ‘FISHING’? A SET OF STRANGE EVENTS AND
A PLAUSIBLE YET UNREALISTIC EXPLANATION. ADD TO THAT THE AMBITION TO
‘START A RUMOR’ AND THE IDEA FOR THE BRUSNIO MONSTER WAS BORN.

EVENTUALLY, THE STORY MADE IT INTO THIS CARTOON, WHICH WAS PRINTED AS A
SMALL BOOKLET AND DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE CHILDREN OF THE LOCAL
SCHOOL IN BRUSNIO ARSIZIO.

THE STORY CAN BE DOWNLOADED IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES FROM MY WEB SITE
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