LENKOR THE GIANT FUSSPOT

A children's story by Lidl



Background

All the locations in the story are real.

For example:

- Clifton Country Park on the outskirts of Manchester where Lenkor's circus marquee is pitched
- The Lidl branch on Bury New Road in Manchester
- The Jodrell Bank radio telescope that Lenkor uses as a coffee cup, in south Manchester
- The cooling towers in Scunthorpe, where Lenkor works and which he uses as a loo

The Lidl products and prices featured are real too.

A couple of rough sketches and other dubious visuals are included, as placeholder only.

The story

Visual:

A huge circus marquee under a cloudy sky, with "zzzZZZ" sleep marks coming from it. The marquee's pitched next to a river, with cityscape in the background.

Text: **Meet Lenkor the giant.**

Lenkor lives on the outskirts of Manchester, in Clifton Country Park.

He's a very fussy giant.

Fussy about absolutely everything.

Even about which mornings he gets up on.

The sun has to be shining, and the birds have to be singing the right tunes.

Or else he stays in bed.

Visual:

A sunny morning and Lenkor rinsing his hair in the River Irwell, with his marquee in the background.

Text:

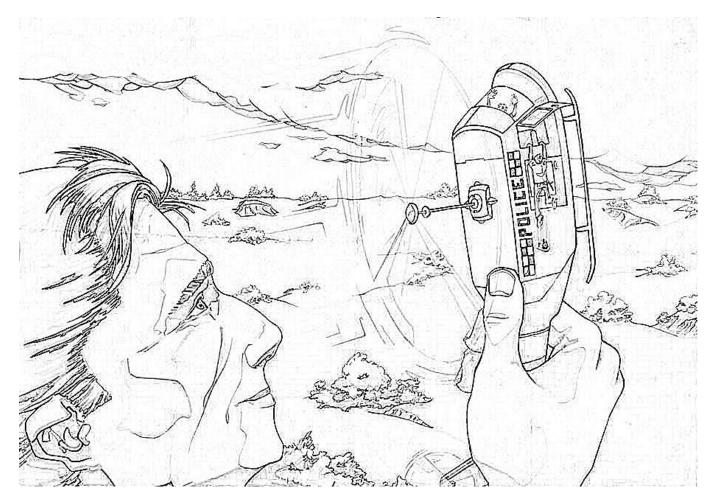
When the sun and birds cooperate, Lenkor gets up and has a wash in the River Irwell.

He's very fussy about the shampoo he uses to wash his hair.

It has to be professional standard, and it has to be hair-repairing.

And as he uses three bottles each time, it's a good thing Cien Professional Hair Repair Shampoo is only £1.79 a bottle at his nearby Lidl supermarket.

Visual: Policemen desperately clinging on to their inverted helicopter.



Text:

It's also a good thing that police helicopters often fly around Lenkor's neighbourhood. Otherwise how would he get his hair dry?

Lenkor holding a cow with one hand, gently squeezing its udders with his finger and thumb, so that its milk squirts into a radio telescope filled with black steaming coffee. The radio telescope resembles a huge cup: Lenkor has his other hand closed around it. Astronomers from a nearby building are sprinting away from the scene.

(Shown below: the Jodrell Bank radio telescope in south Manchester...the sheep would be replaced with cows.)



Text:

Lenkor likes a cup of coffee in the morning.

But not just any kind.

It has to be fragrant, rich, and <u>incredibly</u> smooth.

Fortunately, he can get award-winning Guatemalan coffee from his local Lidl.

It's only £2.59 a pack. Which is also rather fortunate, because Lenkor needs four packs just to make one cup.

Lenkor lying across the tops of two "First Class" carriages of a travelling train.

Text:

After his morning coffee, Lenkor gets on a train from Manchester to Scunthorpe, which is where he works.

He travels First Class, because he's too fussy to travel second class.

Visual:

Lenkor placing a massive steel beam on the top of a building under construction in Scunthorpe's redevelopment zone.

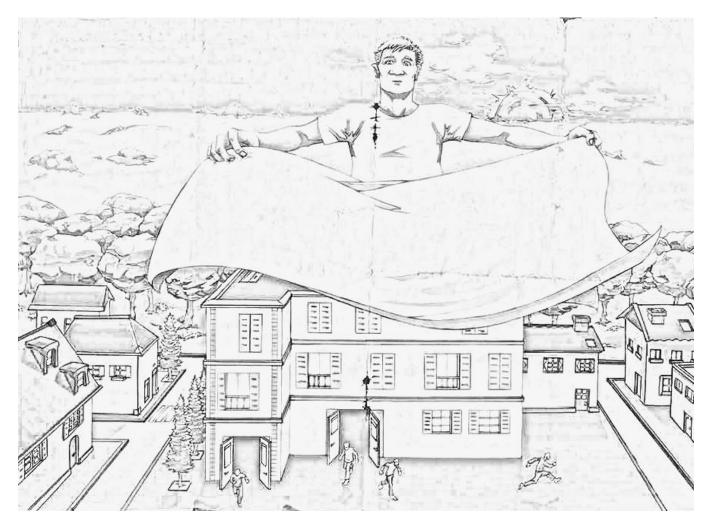
Text:

Lenkor works as a crane on a construction site, building a new shopping centre in Scunthorpe.

An everyday shopping centre?

Heaven forbid. It's a very upmarket one.

Lenkor spreading a huge sheet over a building's flat roof. Executives in suits running out and escaping.



Text:

Sometimes Lenkor has fish for his lunch break.

Not any old fish mind you. It has to be exceptionally flavoured, perfectly white, wild-caught and MSC-certified.

Good job Deluxe, wild-caught, MSC-certified Cod Loins are just £4.49 a pack from Lidl.

Because Lenkor eats about fifty of them.

They won't all fit on a lunch table at the construction site, so he has to use the nearby town hall.

Lenkor using one of Scunthorpe Steelworks cooling towers to relieve himself. Steel workers looking up and scratching their heads with bemusement.



Text:

Conveniently, there are some public conveniences near the town hall.

As you'd expect, there's never any loo paper.

So Lenkor brings his own.

Premium, quilted loo paper.

He wouldn't stoop to using anything less. Even though he gets through three roles a time.

You might think that's a bit extravagant. But nine roles of premium, Floralys Quilted Toilet Tissue are only £3.09 from Lidl. So it isn't really.

Lenkor lying on two "First Class" carriages of a train, going in the opposite direction to his morning train.

He's watching the Six o'clock News. Not on a mobile phone, but on a mega widescreen monitor cupped in the palm of one of his hands.

Text:

After he finishes work in Scunthorpe, Lenkor gets on the train back to Manchester...

Visual:

Lenkor lifting cars and vans from a congested Manchester hight street, and putting them down on the pavements and flat rooves – to clear his way. Drivers beep and raise fists at him.

Text:

...where he has to face Manchester's rush hour traffic.

Visual:

Lenkor's circus marquee with a giant-size handbag outside it.

Text:

Today, when he finally gets back to his marquee, he hears Aunt Melkor's voice coming from inside.

"Is that you Lenkor?" she asks. *"I thought I'd pay you a visit, and I've brought you some beef stew as a nice surprise!"*

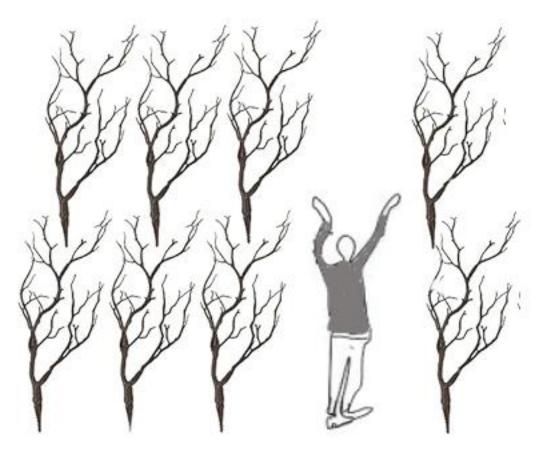
Visual: A look of panic on Lenkor's face.

Text: **What a nightmare.**

Lenkor knows all about Aunt Melkor's beef stew.

She makes it with beef that isn't grass-fed, carrots that aren't organic, and salt that's not Mediterranean sea salt!

Lenkor unconvincingly pretending to be one of the trees near the marquee.



Text:

He's about to run away, but Aunt Melkor's already coming out of the marquee.

Thinking quickly, Lenkor pretends to be one of the nearby trees.

His disguise isn't very good, but neither is Aunt Melkor's eyesight.

She calls out for him. And keeps calling out for him, until she starts sounding upset.

Lenkor feels bad.

Aunt Melkor's the only other giant in the whole wide world.

And she's always been very kind to him.

Visual: Lenkor talking to his aunt.

Text: So he stops pretending to be a tree, and strides over to her.

"Sorry to keep you waiting Aunt Melkor.

I know you don't live near a Lidl. And I know I'm fussy.

But I've just realised something.

I'm <u>SO</u> fussy, I could even be fussy about WHEN I'm fussy.

So I could be unfussy, when eating your slightly-less-than-premium beef stew.

Isn't that great news?"

Visual: Aunt Melkor clipping Lenkor round the ear with her giant handbag.

Text: "That is great news, Lenkor" replies Aunt Melkor cheerfully.

And gives him a mighty clip round the ear with her giant handbag.

Visual: Lenkor and Aunt Melkor silhouetted at sunset next to the circus marquee.

Text: Lenkor and Aunt Melkor eat the beef stew.

All thirty kilograms of it.

And because Lenkor can now be fussy about when he's fussy, he actually rather enjoys the meal.

Even though it's not made with grass-fed beef, organic carrots and Mediterranean Sea Salt.

And even though his ear's still a bit sore.

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