

Letter 2 – Rainbow Earthworm

To my lovely princesses,

Today I was visited by a rainbow earthworm. When I say earthworm, it's not just a little puny thing like the ones we dug up at home in the back garden. Cloudland's earthworms are 10-20 meters long when they're born, and they never stop growing. And they can get reaaaaaally old.

The rainbow earthworm looked a little faint, so we started a rainstorm.

In Cloudland, you can always start a rainstorm if you have plenty of salt and a little rhythm in your body.

We sprinkled five big sacks of road salt down into the clouds, and then I ordered my entire rhythmless crew to dance as though their lives depended on it. It did, a little, because if you don't follow orders, I throw you over the railing.

You should have seen the rainbow earthworm when the rain began to pelt down. It was like seeing you dance in the sprinklers in the garden in the summer heat at home. The rainbow rainworm shone and glimmered in every possible and impossible color. It sparkled in colors that haven't gotten a name yet. It danced through the clouds and the rain caused it to grow before my eyes.

They say the largest rainbow earthworm can become several hundred kilometers long. Those are the ones you can see when the sun shines through a storm. It'll probably be some years before this rainbow earthworm gets to be that big, but it will get there. Until then, it can come call on me and get a little rain. But I don't know what I will call it.

Do you have a good name for a rainbow earthworm?

Big hugs from Captain Dad.