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Summary:

***O Loukas, o Nikos kai to Loukaniko\****  
***(Lucas, Nikos and the Sausage)***  
(a fairytale for children of 9 years and over)

Lucas and Nikos are cousins who have grown up together. When they finish school, they decide to open a shop and make sausages.

One day, feeling tired of their monotonous life and wanting to see the world, they make a sausage with a difference: it has a steering wheel, wheels, oars and even wings on occasion. From being sausage-makers, Lucas and Nicos become captains in the world of the fairytale.

Their crew is made up of the Policeman who shows them the way by opening up maps and charts, the Confectioner who sweetens their way by making pastry, Lola who is always making mistakes, the Fisherman who provides oars for the water, the African Twins who keep guard to ensure that wild animals don't eat the Sausage, and the Fairy who has good contacts in the depths.

And what doesn't this motley crew come across! Sunflowers with life-giving seeds, wolf cubs with a magic flute, three-nosed Cyclopes with a cold, hungry octuplets, witches and mermaids.

If necessary, the sausage/bus/boat/plane can also be transformed into a delicious sweet to satisfy its hungry passengers.

(\*The original Greek title contains some clever wordplay which does not translate into English: The Greek word for sausage is "loukaniko", a combination of Loukas and Nikos, the names of the two main characters.)