

The Oriboos going to Nepal

A story of playful encounters

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Abstract—We created a fictional story about a bunch of interactive robot toys, the Oriboos, which travel to different schools where children interact and play with them. The story was based on two workshops done in Sweden and Nepal.

Index Terms—Video, Oriboo, children, game, play, dance, robot.

I. THE STORY

Once upon a time in Sweden, a bunch of Oriboos woke a young woman up. She was called Elena, and had heard stories about them before: charming gizmos from outer space that had come down on Earth to look for restoring the harmony in their planet; which they could only do only by finding children who would dance and play with them. They had an assignment for her [4].

The next day, she went to a school where she met a group of children. They all played and enjoyed. At the end of the day, the children made sure to pack a luggage full of them for Elena. An amazing trip was about to start and the children said goodbye: “Hej då!!!”

After traveling for days, they finally arrived to Nepal. This land was full of charm and fascinated both the girl and the Oriboos. All was new to them... The scent, the colors, the music... those views... so much to discover! Then, the very much-awaited moment arrived: they met a group of local children who had never seen anything like the Oriboos before!

II. MATERIAL

The Oriboo [4], is a movement companion created by Moen [2], and developed and commercialized by Movinto Fun AB [3]. Different games have been designed for the Oriboo and already tested. Research about the Oriboo revolves around how to design games for limited sensing game platforms like the Oriboo [1]. The material used in this video belongs to two workshops done in Stockholm and in Kathmandu; the latter was part of the conference ACE2012. There is some footage of the first encounter of one group of children with the Oriboos (Fig.1.), and some more about their play and interaction with the device. Some images are from Paris, Stockholm, and Nepal.

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Fig. 1. Screenshots from the video – the first encounter with the Oriboos (Rudrayani School, Kathmandu).