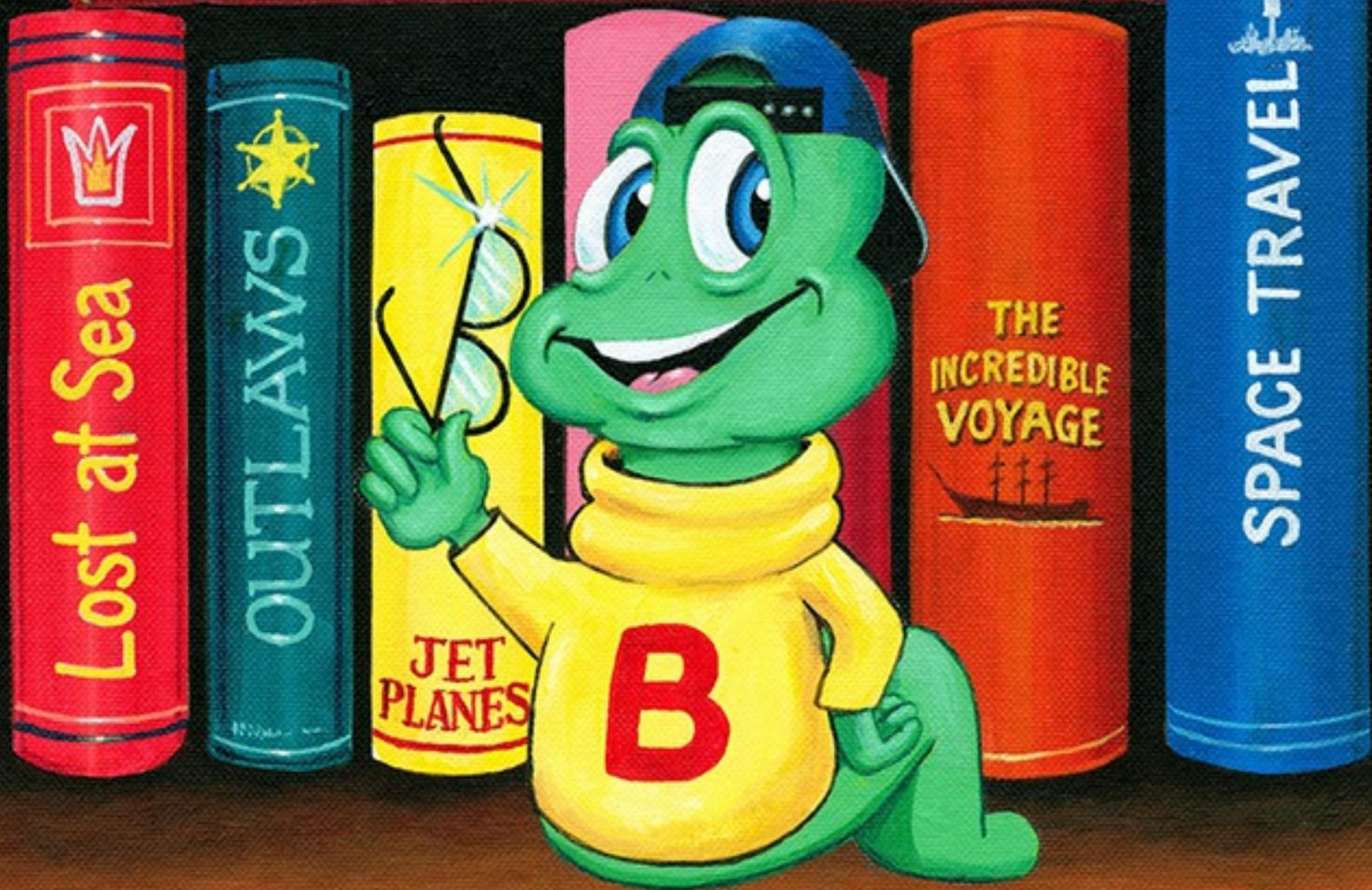


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For Isabella

Barnaby had quite an adventure when he left the library and was almost eaten by a crow! He met Doctor Will Seemore who gave Barnaby a special pair of glasses that helped him see words, pictures and everything else more clearly. But Barnaby had no idea of the adventures yet to come and the magic in his new glasses.



Barnaby couldn't wait to read more books. It was Saturday, a good time to explore the library shelves. He climbed up to the shelf above him. It was the "Hi" shelf where History books were kept. "My goodness" said Barnaby, "there are so many wonderful books here I don't know where to start!"



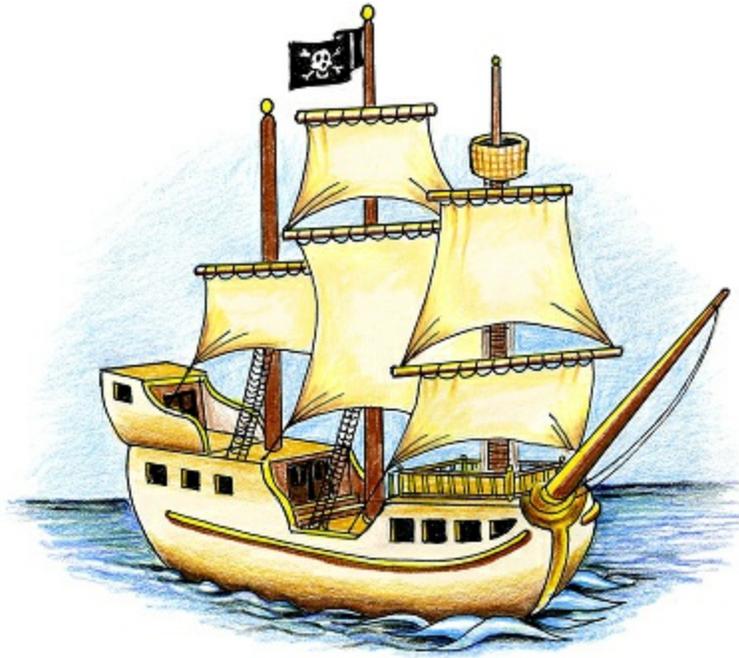
As Barnaby continued along his way, he heard his friend Lewis call him, "Barnaby, where are you going?" said Lewis. He was with Bonnie, another one of Barnaby's classmates, and they were searching for him. "I'm looking for some books to read." replied Barnaby. Lewis and Bonnie climbed up to the "Hi" shelf. "How about reading some books about jet planes and big ships?" asked Lewis. Bonnie said, "I would like to read about a princess and her castle!" "There are so many books in the library, and we can read them all! Let's go to where they keep the Adventure books" said Barnaby. "Okay" said Lewis. The three friends went to a special part of the library where many adventure books were kept. Barnaby didn't know it yet, but his new glasses and the special section of the library, would open up a new world of adventure for the three friends!



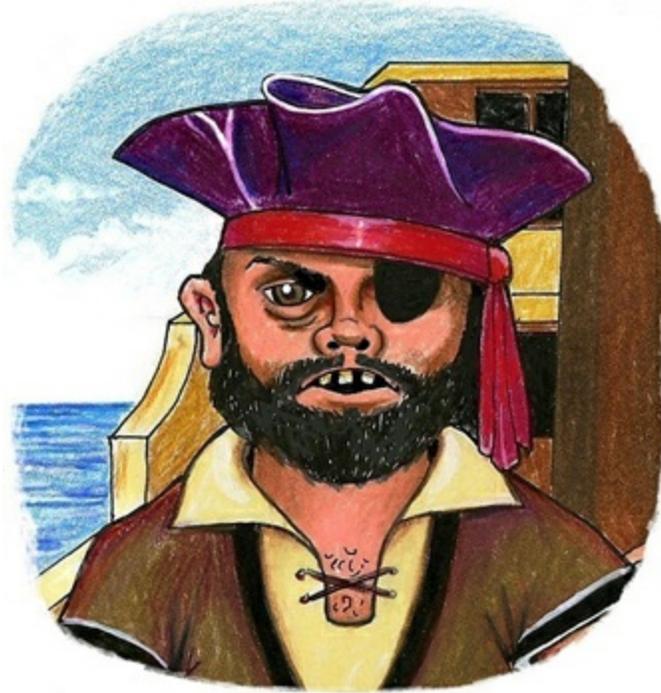
They found a book entitled *The Treasure of the Golden Clipper*. Barnaby said "I wonder what this story is about." He put on his glasses and opened the book. He read the first line, "*Long ago, there were very large sailing ships and one of them was called The Golden Clipper. It sailed the Oceans with a crew of Pirates looking for treasure.*" All of a sudden, Barnaby, Lewis and Bonnie were swept away, into the book and onto this huge ship as it sailed through the night seas!



"Where are we and how did we get here?" asked Bonnie. She was very frightened and so was Lewis. Barnaby said "I don't know, I just started to read about the ship and here we are.....on the ship! The night air was chilly so they hid under a pile of blankets on the deck to keep warm.



As the ship sailed into morning, the sun warmed the three adventurers and they crept out from under the blankets to see where they were. "Oh my goodness" said Bonnie, "we are far away from the library!" "I don't know how we got here" said Barnaby, "but we have to find a way to get back!" They looked around and saw some of the pirates with a pretty young girl who was tied up with ropes. She was dressed very well with expensive looking clothes. They heard the pirates say, "Her father the King will pay a ransom to get her back! She is a princess and worth a fortune in gold!"



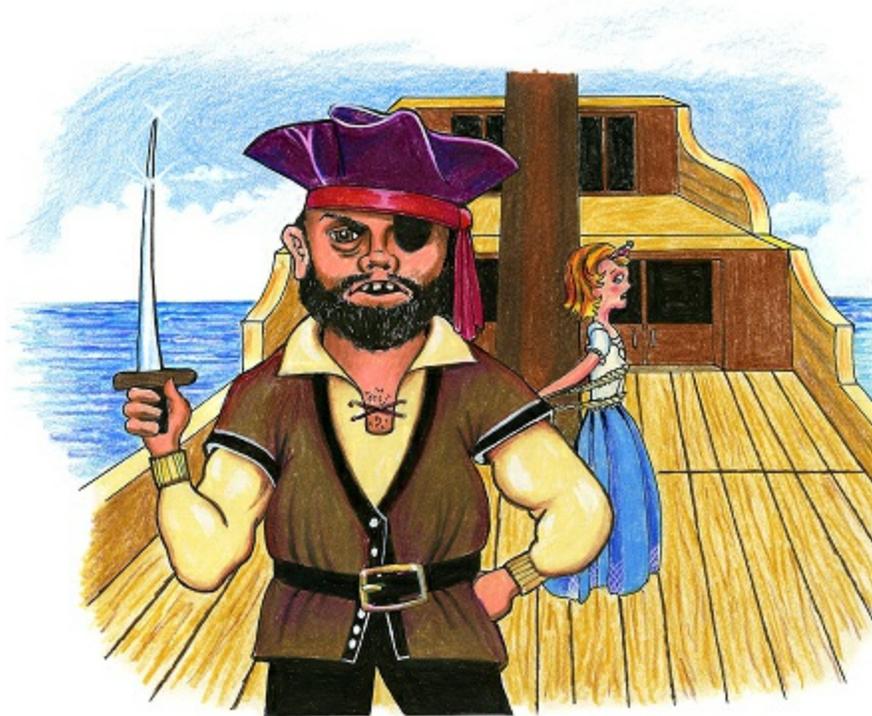
"Oh my" said Bonnie, "she's a princess!" As they crept back under the blankets, Barnaby took off his glasses. All of a sudden, they were back on the shelf in the library! "What happened?" asked Lewis, we're back in the library! "I took off my glasses. That must have brought us back from the ship, and out of the book" said Barnaby.



"Can we go back?" asked Bonnie. "Why do you want to go back?" asked Lewis. "That was scary." "To save the princess" said Bonnie. "She was in trouble, and we need to help her." Barnaby said, "We might be able to go back, but are you sure you want to take a chance like that?" "Yes," said Bonnie. "She's a Princess, and she's in trouble!" Barnaby said " I told my parents that I would never leave the library without their permission." "Well we didn't *really* leave the library," said Bonnie. "we were in the book on the library shelf." Barnaby thought about it for a moment and realizing that they could possibly save the princess, he said "Okay, let's do it. Let's see if we can save the princess!"



He put his glasses on and read the next line in the book, "*Sometimes the treasure was gold and coins, and sometimes it was prisoners who were traded for gold.*" All of a sudden, the three friends were back on the ship and there was the princess, tied to a huge mast.



"We have to be careful." said Barnaby. "Let's see if we can untie her and set her free." "What then? asked Lewis. "If we set her free she will still be a prisoner on this ship." Barnaby said, "Let's do it anyway and we can worry about that later. "They crept up the ropes to get to the Princess. She saw them climbing and said "Who are you?" Bonnie said "We're friends, and we are here to help you escape!"



As they worked to untie the princess, she said "That's very nice of you and I appreciate your help, but we are out to sea and far from my castle in Spain. I am the Princess Isabella." "Don't worry" said Barnaby. "I have an idea." Once the ropes were untied, the Princess and the bookworms hurried to the top deck of the ship and Barnaby said to the Princess "Hold onto us!" He took off his glasses and in a split second, they were all back in the library! "Wow" said Bonnie! We did it! We saved the Princess!"



"Thank you for saving me" said Princess Isabella, "I'm very grateful. But I'm still far from my mother and father and our castle." They were happy that they were able to save the princess, but how could they help her get back home? Barnaby said, "All we need to do is find a special book." "What book?" asked the princess. "A book about castles" said Barnaby. And they searched the Adventure section until they found a book about Spanish castles.



They opened the book and looked at all the pictures of castles. "There it is!" said Princess Isabella, "that's my castle!" The castle in the book was called the Alcazar of Segovia, and Princess Isabella lived there with her mother and father, the Queen and King of Segovia. "Hold onto my hand" said Barnaby as he put on his glasses and read a line from the book, "*The Alcazar of Segovia is a large and beautiful castle in Spain....*" All of a sudden they were swept into the book and appeared at the gates of the beautiful castle, the Alcazar of Segovia.



"Oh thank you Barnaby, and thank you Bonnie and Lewis" said the Princess. "I can't wait to see my parents." "You're welcome Princess Isabella" said Barnaby, "but we have to go now." "Good-bye Princess" said Bonnie. "So long princess" said Lewis. "Be well and stay away from pirates" said Barnaby. He took off his glasses, and the three friends were back in the library. They closed the book and decided they had seen enough adventures for one day. Lewis said, "Barnaby, the title of the book was *The Treasure of the Golden Clipper*, but I didn't see any treasure on the ship." Barnaby said, "The treasure was the Princess Isabella."



The three friends had gone on such a wonderful adventure and Barnaby said, "This is our secret and no one else can know about it. We can have many great adventures anytime we want!" Lewis and Bonnie agreed. They could visit the special section of the library anytime, but for now, it was time to go home. Tomorrow is another day and another adventure!

The End.... Until the Next Adventure!



