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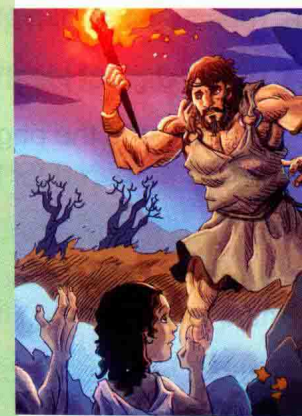
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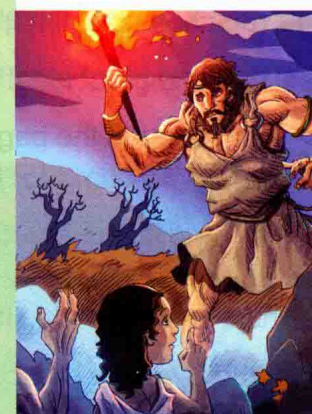
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The Gang Met Amelia Earhart

By MB Abroad

Sophie, Jack and Robbie had a magical book. It was called *Adventures in History*. When they read the book aloud, it took them backwards in time. They met famous people and witnessed famous events. They learned something new every day. And their teachers were the most important people who had ever lived!

Sophie, Jack and Robbie were in a dusty old attic. They were sitting in a circle, surrounded by candles. *Adventures in History* was in front of them. It had a worn leather cover. It looked like it had been read a thousand times.

"Where are we going today?" Jack asked.

"Ancient Rome," Robbie quickly replied.

"You chose last time," Sophie said. "It is my turn and I want to meet Amelia Earhart."

"That is a great idea!" Jack said. "Find her page, Sophie. It's time to meet the famous flyer!"

Sophie found the page she wanted and together they read, "On May 20th, 1932, Amelia Earhart prepared for her historic transatlantic flight."

The attic disappeared and they fell through a long white tunnel. It didn't scare them. They were used to it. They thought it was fun. They saw sunlight at the end of the tunnel. And then, they landed softly in a grassy field. The wind was strong and the air was cold.

"Where are we?" Jack asked.

"Newfoundland, Canada," Sophie replied. "I should have remembered to wear a jacket."

Jack took off his hoodie and wrapped it around his little sister. She smiled in thanks.

In the distance, a woman with fiery red hair was shouting orders at a group of mechanics working on an old plane. The woman was of course the famous Amelia Earhart. The first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. The first woman to fly from California to Hawaii. And the woman who famously disappeared when trying to make an around-the-world flight in 1937.

The gang approached. Amelia spun around when she heard their footsteps.

"What are you children doing here?" she asked. "This is a restricted area!"

"We are local students," Robbie said.

"And we are writing a story for our school newspaper," Sophie continued.

"A story about the famous Amelia Earhart!" Jack said.

Amelia stood up straighter and smiled. She obviously liked being called "the famous Amelia Earhart". Sophie, Jack and Robbie had learned through their adventures that famous people liked to talk about themselves.

"Where are you flying to this time?" Sophie asked.

"I'm going to be the first woman to cross the Atlantic!" Amelia said proudly. "I'm going to have breakfast in Paris. I'll be more famous than Charles Lindbergh!"

"You don't make it to Paris. You are going to have breakfast on Culmore Island, Ireland," Robbie said softly.

"What was that, sport?" Amelia asked.

"Oh nothing, Ms Earhart," Robbie mumbled. "Paris sounds nice."

"Why are you doing it, Ms Earhart?" Jack asked.

"Because it is a man's world, my boy," Amelia said. "But it doesn't have to be. I believe a woman can do anything that a man can do. And I'm going to prove it!"

Sophie pulled Jack and Robbie in close. She whispered, sounding very worried. "We have to tell her not to attempt the around-the-world flight in 1937. We can save her!"

"You know we can't," Jack said gently. "We can learn from history, but we can't change it."

Amelia climbed into the plane. She waved to them, looking every bit the hero that she was.

"Come on," Robbie said. "It's time to say the words."

They stood in a ring and held hands. Suddenly, Sophie broke away from the circle and ran to the plane. She climbed a ladder and leaned into the cockpit. Amelia removed her goggles and smiled sweetly.

"What's the matter, little one?" she asked.

"You can't fly around the world," Sophie said.



“Someday, you will want to try. But you can't. You just can't.”

“Around the world,” Amelia said dreamily.

“Promise me you won't try, Amelia! Promise!” Sophie pleaded.

Amelia gently ran her hand down Sophie's cheek. “I haven't even made it to Paris, little one. But I will promise you this: I will never fly beyond my abilities.”

Amelia kissed Sophie on the forehead and started the engine. It was time for her historic flight.

Sophie rejoined the circle. They said the words backwards, “Flight transatlantic her for prepared Earhart Amelia, 1932, 20th May on.”

Whoosh! They shot back up the tunnel and the attic reappeared. Sophie immediately opened *Adventures in History* to the page about Amelia Earhart, but nothing had changed. She still attempted an around-the-world flight in 1937. Her disappearance was still a mystery.

Jack put his arm around Sophie's shoulder. “She was always going to try,” Jack said. “It was her destiny. You can't change history, Sophie. You just can't.”

Sophie hugged her big brother. Robbie put his arms around them both.

“That was a good adventure,” he said. “Same time tomorrow?”

Everyone nodded, “Yes, same time tomorrow.”

WORDS

1. witness /'wɪtnəs/ v. 目睹
2. surround /sə'raʊnd/ v. 包围
3. worn /wɔːn/ adj. 破旧的
4. leather /'leðə/ n. 皮革
5. flyer /'flaɪə/ n. 飞行员
6. historic /hɪ'stɒrɪk/ adj. 历史上有名的
7. transatlantic /trænzət'læntɪk/ adj. 跨大西洋的
8. grassy /'grɑːsɪ/ adj. 长满草的
9. hoodie /'hʊdɪ/ n. 连帽衫
10. wrap /ræp/ v. 裹
11. distance /'dɪstəns/ n. 远处
12. fiery /'faɪəri/ adj. 似火的
13. mechanic /mə'kænɪk/ n. 机修工
14. solo /'səʊləʊ/ adj. 单独的
15. approach /ə'prəʊtʃ/ v. 靠近
16. spin around 转身
17. footstep /'fʊtstep/ n. 脚步声
18. restricted /rɪ'strɪktɪd/ adj. 非开放的
19. local /'ləʊkl/ adj. 当地的
20. obviously /'ɒbvɪəsli/ adv. 明显地
21. sport /spɔːt/ n. (用作称呼) 朋友
22. mumble /'mʌmbəl/ v. 嘟囔
23. attempt /ə'tempt/ v. 尝试
24. break away 突然离开
25. cockpit /'kɒkɪt/ n. 驾驶舱
26. goggles /'gɒɡlz/ n. 护目镜
27. dreamily /'dri:mɪli/ adv. 做梦似地
28. plead /pli:d/ v. 恳求
29. beyond /bɪ'jɒnd/ prep. 超出
30. rejoin /ri:'dʒɔɪn/ v. 重新加入
31. disappearance /dɪsə'piərəns/ n. 失踪
32. mystery /'mɪstri/ n. 谜
33. destiny /'destəni/ n. 命运, 宿命
34. nod /nɒd/ v. 点头

NOTES

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- 1. Amelia Earhart** 阿梅莉亚·埃尔哈特，美国著名的女飞行员。于1937年尝试首次环球飞行时，在飞越太平洋期间神秘失踪。
- 2. And their teachers were the most important people who had ever lived!**
他们的老师还是历史上最重要的人物！
- 3. Newfoundland** 纽芬兰，位于加拿大东端。
- 4. I should have remembered to wear a jacket.**
我该记得穿一件外套。此句用了虚拟语气。
- 5. In the distance, a woman with fiery red hair was shouting orders at a group of mechanics working on an old plane.**
远处，一个有着火红色头发的女人正在大声地指挥一群机修工修理一架老式的飞机。
- 6. Atlantic Ocean** 大西洋
- 7. California** 加利福尼亚，美国西部太平洋沿岸的一个州，世界知名的“好莱坞”和“硅谷”均在该州。
- 8. Hawaii** 夏威夷，位于太平洋中部，是美国唯一的群岛州。
- 9. And the woman who famously disappeared when trying to make an around-the-world flight in 1937.**
也是那个1937年在尝试环球飞行期间失踪、然后闻名世界的女人。
- 10. Sophie, Jack and Robbie had learned through their adventures that famous people liked to talk about themselves.**
苏菲、杰克和罗比从他们的冒险经历中认识到，名人都喜欢谈论自己。
- 11. Charles Lindbergh** 查尔斯·林德伯格，美国著名飞行员，于1927年完成人类历史上首次单人不着陆横跨大西洋飞行。
- 12. You don't make it to Paris.**
你到不了巴黎的。make it 获得成功。
- 13. What was that, sport?**
你说什么，朋友？
- 14. She waved to them, looking every bit the hero that she was.**
她向他们挥手，整个人看上去就是个英雄。every bit 完全，全部。
- 15. Amelia gently ran her hand down Sophie's cheek.**
阿梅莉亚温柔地抚摸了一下苏菲的脸颊。
- 16. I will never fly beyond my abilities.**
我绝不会在我力所能及的情况下飞行。

Table Manners: Part One

By Debbie Aldred

Hi, everyone! Today, I am talking about table manners. Table manners are all the rules we should use when we are eating with other people.

My parents told me not to put my elbows on the table and not to put too much food in my mouth. They also told me not to put the knife in my mouth or lick it. This is about safety as well as manners. I hate it when people talk with food in their mouths. There is one thing I hate even more. It's when people complain about the food they are eating while they are still eating it.

