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Chapter 1

The Arrival

“Yay we’re finally here,” mumbled Jason who was very tired after the long journey.

“What a nice hotel,” Olivia murmured. They clambered out of the car, Milly still with her head in her book. They looked up at the beautiful, grand hotel.

“Come on let’s go in, it’s so hot out here,” Milly whispered.

“Wow what a stunning island!” gasped their mum. “Look at the lush pink flowers and the colourful parrots.”

Milly, Jason and Olivia were on a tropical island in Australia with their mum and stepdad for the entire Christmas holidays.

They went to check in and find their room. As they opened the door, their jaw dropped. It was huge and **SOOO** pretty! The walls were yellow with silver Koala prints and they had a bedside table with a little Kangaroo lamp on it and a wallaby cup! They also had a

balcony with a view like an eagle eye, where they could touch the cuddly koalas (which they did!) and watch the sun go down.

“Okay, Milly and Jason, you can have the bunk beds and Via you have the single bed by the window,” suggested mum. They called Olivia Via for short.

“Okay,” agreed Olivia.

“Milly, can I have top bunk please?” asked Jason who loved the top bunk. He jumped off and shouted, “Superman!” He was only 5!

“Sure Jay. Now what does everyone want to do?” asked Olivia.

“Oh, I saw a slide pool when we came in, can we go there?” begged Jason.

“I was hoping to unpack,” said Milly.

“Oh, come on Milly don’t be boring” Olivia teased.

They started to bicker as always then mum came in and suggested, “Why don’t you go to the waterfall? I heard it is really enchanted and you can swim with the fish.” The kids agreed it sounded fun and set off to find the magical waterfall.

Chapter 2

The Waterfall

When they arrived at the waterfall, they saw beautiful flowers, cuddly koalas and most of all, other kids! Two girls about 8 or 9, (Milly’s age) came over to them.

“Hey, I’m Bea and this is Isla,” announced Bea kindly.

“Do you want to come play?” asked Isla.

“No sorry we can’t,” declared Olivia, turning to walk away. She did not like strangers. Milly & Jason were disappointed. They wanted to play.

“Oh ok,” said Bea and the girls went back to playing mermaids.

Milly, Jason, and Olivia jumped in and began splashing and playing.

After a while they decided to join in playing Marco Polo with the other kids as they looked like they were having so much fun. They chatted, played and swam for a long time. They were having so much fun jumping and diving the girls did not notice when Jason snuck away. He saw something odd, very odd, he realised: the waterfall was glowing red! Jason climbed up some rocks and saw a

strange land hidden behind the waterfall. Then he saw two little beady eyes staring at him. He gasped and jumped off the rocks.

Chapter 3

The evil dog

“Guys guys!” shouted Jason.

Milly turned around and as she did so, spotted the waterfall glowing. Her face turned to shock then horror.

“What?” Via said as Milly swam over.

This time Olivia turned around immediately and saw the waterfall blazing red. Worried, she asked Isla & Bea if they could see it, but Isla looked confused and said,

“See what?”

How were they the only ones who could see it?!

“I’m going in,” whispered Olivia to the others.

“No Olivia!” said Milly, but before she could stop her, Olivia was gone. “We have to go after her!” Milly said. “Come on Jason.”

Jason looked at her worriedly but didn’t say anything and they leapt in, following Via into the mysterious waterfall.

“HELP!” screamed Jason.

They tumbled down and down, landing with a thud in a sandy desert, with giant rocks all around.

“Where are we?” said Olivia.

“There you are,” gasped Jason, hugging her.

All around them there were dogs standing in the soft golden sand.

Two menacing dogs came up to them and one growled,

“You’re coming with us kids.” Milly and Jason were frightened but Olivia got angry.

“Hey!” she shouted, “Who are you?” The dogs looked at her in astonishment.

“Bit of a feisty human isn’t she, Sophie?” cackled the other dog.

“She is, Sammy. Don’t worry you’ll be safe,” Sophie said to Olivia.

She started trotting towards something that looked like a kennel in the centre of the rocks and the others followed. When they got there, they realised the kennel was ginormous!

“Well, well what do we have here?!” exclaimed the leader dog who was sitting on a mint green chair, with rips and holes.

“Kids, master Ozzie,” Sammy said to him excitedly.

“Kids! Well, they’re in for a treat, come on kids don’t be shy I’m a wizard dog, I have got magic,” barked Ozzie turning away.

As Ozzie continued to blabber on with his back turned, Olivia whispered,

“Quick let’s make a dash for it. We don’t want them to take us, do we?” So, the three kids started to scamper away but as they did, Jason tripped over a small rock. Ozzie heard the thud and turned round looking at the spot where the three kids had been. With a face like thunder, he screamed so loudly Olivia thought the world might crumble.

“STOP THEM NOW!”

The three kids ran as they saw every dog begin to chase them. They ploughed on, hoping they could outrun the dogs.

Chapter 4

The fight

The kids ran quickly, but the dogs were quicker. They soon caught up and seized them.

“No, we want to get out of here,” whined Jason. Suddenly, Olivia escaped from the clutches of one of the dogs’ paws.

“Let’s fight,” screeched Olivia!

At that moment, Ozzie used his magic to lift her up into the air.

Suddenly, Olivia was floating helplessly above everyone. “UH-OH, I forgot you had magic!” gasped Olivia. The dogs laughed and cackled, but it sounded more like a bark.

“So are you going to fight or what?” growled Ozzie. Olivia tried to dodge Ozzie’s magic balls, but it was impossible because she was drifting in the sky!

Then, Olivia remembered that her mum had once said to her that anything was possible. Olivia, with all of her might screamed, “**STOP!**” Everyone looked at her, confused. “We can’t keep fighting like this, it’s not right!” Olivia shouted at the top of her voice. She

turned to look at Ozzie. “I know you are a good dog really, Ozzie. You just don’t know it, but you are.”

She could see in his eyes that Ozzie didn’t look like the dog they first met. He looked like he had a change of heart.

“I’m sorry,” he whimpered, with his tail between his legs. “I have been so caught up in this land and being bad I forgot who I really was. I just want someone to love me.”

The three kids looked at each other. Jason looked like he was sad for Ozzie and Milly mouthed, ‘Please?’ to Olivia. Olivia eyed Ozzie and then her siblings and said, “Ok, we can take you home Ozzie.” she smiled, giving him a pat.

Chapter 5

Back home

Just as they were about to go through the portal, Ozzie waved to the other dogs and they waved back. They clambered into the glowing portal, swirling around until they tumbled through the mysterious waterfall.

When they plummeted back down to earth they found themselves on the soft, green grass of the tropical island. They looked up and realised it was getting dark.

“Gosh, it’s about time we get back to the hotel,” Olivia laughed. Ozzie barked and the three were surprised. Then they realised that the portal had taken away his magic.

“Well at least he can’t just talk to people and whip up magic!” giggled Milly. They all laughed.

“And he can’t understand us,” Jason said smiling gleefully.

“Come on, let’s get going!” Milly uttered happily.

Chapter 6

The party

When they got back to the dazzling hotel it was nearly 8 o’clock. As they saw the stunning hotel, Jason jumped joyfully because he was exhausted from the long day. They went to their room and opened straight to the beds, where they lay on the silky sheets. Suddenly, mum came in and looked at them furiously.

“Where have you been!” she hissed but then she saw the little, fluffy dog curled up with Milly. She looked shocked for a second but softened and asked, “Who is this fluff ball?”

Milly, Jason and Olivia looked at each other and smiled. They knew they couldn’t share the actual story; it was a bit bizarre after all!

“This is Ozzie and we found him on the side of the waterfall and brought him back here as he didn’t have a collar,” lied Jason. They looked hopefully at their mum and she said,

“I know what you kids are thinking but a dog is lots of work.” They glazed at each other and nodded.

“We can look after, him we promise,” said Olivia. Their mum thought for a moment and then murmured happily,

“All right then.”

The three children cheered and embraced their mum and Ozzie. Mum went to reception and asked for a dog collar (luckily, they had one because they allowed any dog) and she got a shining blue one with sparking diamonds. They put it on him.

“He looks great!” announced Jason.

“Can we go to the party tonight? I heard there is one downstairs, and it is really good with lights and a DJ and everything!” asked Milly. All three kids looked at their mum eagerly.

“Okay but you had better get ready!” said mum. They dropped Ozzie off in the dog area and went to the party. They had a bit of a hard time finding it though because it was a gigantic hotel! When they got to the party, they saw a huge chocolate fountain with strawberries to dip in and a really groovy DJ with a fabulous pair of glowing headphones. There was also a petting zoo with koalas & kangaroos. They looked around and saw so many people crowding

around one other, so they went over and joined in dancing. By the end of the party, they were very tired and ready for their beds.

“That was the best day of my life!” declared Jason sleepily. They all hooted but then Milly said,

“It was! We should come here more often.” The three jumped into bed. Jason climbed up the ladder he looked at Olivia who rolled her eyes. Milly looked at him with an annoyed expression on her face. He ignored them and shouted,

“Superman!” as he jumped off the bed the kids giggled but then Olivia told Jason no more jumping off.

When Jason had fallen asleep Milly whispered to Olivia, “Let’s never ever tell anyone about today.” Olivia nodded and whispered back,

“Yeah, it can be our little secret!” the two smiled at each other. They looked at Ozzie, and Milly hugged him tightly. She knew the ice between her and Olivia was gone and they were now good friends.

She murmured to Ozzie quietly, "I love you." Ozzie licked her, and they never told anyone, not even their mum about how they really came to have found him.

THE END

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Olivia, Milly and Jason are spending Christmas on a tropical island in Australia when they see a glowing waterfall. Who knows what magic lies behind it?