

SCENE 21: JERRY’S SCOOTER SHOP– 2 BOBS

SFX: HEAVY RAIN

The two Bobs approach Jerry’s Scooter Shop, slightly out of breath.

BOB 1

Well, here we are.

BOB 2

What’s that in the door?

BOB 1

It’s a sign... wait, is the shop closed?

The sign does say “closed”.

BOB 1

This is terrible! We must have missint- missun-

BOB 2

Misinterpreted?

BOB 1

Yeah, misinterpreted the clue! What’ll we do?

Mr. Moresby comes towards the Bobs

MR. MORESBY

Hello, gentlemen! I expect you are here because of the scavenger hunt?

BOB 1

Yes! We are!

MR. MORESBY

Well done, you two! You did very well! It’s funny; I expected at least one other group to have finished by now.

BOB 2

You mean, we’re first? We won?

MR. MORESBY

Yes, you won! And you did it very quickly too. This scavenger hunt must be such fun for you children. You know, my granddaughter Charlotte is competing in the scavenger hunt. She is going with her friends. Charlotte is quite a good listener. Just this morning, I was telling her all about the difference between temperature changes and pressure changes, which is a very interesting subject, you know....

SCENE 22: THE OLD MAN AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

ANNIE

Oh, what are we going to do? Stevie is nowhere to be found!

DEVON

I'm sure we'll find him somewhere, he can't have gone far...

ANNIE

He doesn't do well on his own. One time we were at the zoo, on the mainland, and he got lost at the penguin exhibit, and he-

Rooster barks loudly, and a man steps in. It is Old Salt, holding a kerosene lamp

OLD SALT

Hullo. Are you looking for a boy, seven or eight years old, with an injured ankle?

ANNIE

That must be Stevie!

OLD SALT

That's his name, I think.

ANNIE

Can you take us to him?

OLD SALT

Of course. He's upstairs, where I live.

SCENE 23: THERE YOU ARE, GRANDPA!

Kim and Charlotte hurry along the street. They are heading to Jerry's Scooter Shop.

KIM

How are you feeling, Charlotte? If you want to stop the scavenger hunt-

CHARLOTTE

No, I'm fine. I'm just worried about grandpa. I mean, Mom *says* she can find him without us... so why don't we finish the last clue?

KIM

Okay....

Kim and Charlotte have reached the outside of Jerry's Scooter Shop. Sitting on a bench outside the store are Bob, Bob, and Mr. Moresby.

CHARLOTTE

Grandpa! Is that you?

MR. MORESBY

Charlotte! Good to see you!

CHARLOTTE

Where were you? We were so worried about you!

MR. MORESBY

Worried? Why were you worried?

CHARLOTTE

We had no idea where you were!

MR. MORESBY

Oh, it's easily explained. You see, right as I was getting ready for my physio, I got a call from the mayor's office. We were once good friends, the mayor and I, and I owed (him/her) a favour. The scavenger hunt was supposed to end at Jerry's Scooter Shop, but the owner of the shop, Jerry, had

urgent business to attend to and had to close the shop. Unfortunately, all the clues had been printed and given out to the people that were going to hand them out. The mayor, wanting to save time, asked if I'd be able to sit around the shop and wait for participants to arrive. And of course I said yes!

CHARLOTTE

Why didn't you tell us?

MR. MORESBY

I'm a grown man, aren't I? I can make my own decisions.

SCENE 24: OLD SALT'S HOME

Annie, Devon, and Old Salt enter the room. The walls are covered with things to do with fishing and the weather, and room is quite intact and comfortable, considering the state of the rest of the lighthouse. Stevie is sitting in a chair with his injured leg propped up.

ANNIE

Stevie! Oh, thank goodness you're okay!

STEVIE

Hi, Annie. Hi, Devon. Hi, Rooster.

Rooster barks happily.

DEVON

What happened to your leg?

STEVIE

While I was looking around for clues in the lighthouse, I fell and hurt my ankle. Fortunately, I was found by Mr... um...

OLD SALT

Call me Ol' Salt.

ANNIE

I better call Mom. I doubt you'll be able to walk home.

Annie exits.

DEVON

So... Mr. Salt... um...how long have you been living here?

OLD SALT

For far too long, boy. Far too long.

DEVON

Umm... okay...

OLD SALT

Saw you earlier today, didn't I?

DEVON

Um. Yes. Funny thing, I thought you were Charlotte's grandpa when I saw you.

OLD SALT

Mr. Moresby, you mean? Yeah, he's a good man. A lot like how I was.

Annie walks back onstage.

ANNIE

Mom says she's on her way. She'll be here in a few minutes.

STEVIE

Okay. Thanks. I guess I can't go to the festival this year. To bad.

ANNIE

I'm sorry, Stevie. But next year, I'd love to have you on my team.

SCENE 25: OUTSIDE THE LIGHTHOUSE- MOM'S HERE!

Stevie, Annie, Devon, and Rooster are all standing outside the lighthouse.

STEVIE

I see mom!

Annie's Mom walks up to them.

ANNIE'S MOM

Stevie! Honey, are you okay?

STEVIE

I'll be fine, I think. If it wasn't for Mr. Salt-

ANNIE'S MOM

Who?

DEVON

He was helping Stevie.

ANNIE'S MOM

Huh. Well, I'd like to meet him. Where is he?

ANNIE

I can go get him, if you'd like.

DEVON

I'll come too.

SCENE 26: WHERE COULD HE BE?

Annie and Devon enter the room where Old Salt had been living. It looks different from before; part of the ceiling is caved in; the fishing trophies are missing; and most importantly, Old Salt is nowhere to be seen!

ANNIE

I don't understand. He was just here!

DEVON

He could have left through a back door... but that doesn't explain the ceiling or the other changes to the room.

ANNIE

What could have happened?

DEVON

Who even is Old Salt?

ANNIE

Is he... a ghost?

Devon laughs softly.

DEVON

Yeah, a ghost!

ANNIE

I'm serious!

DEVON

Well, he did say some pretty weird things in the lighthouse. Like he said something about how he "was", as though he didn't still exist.

ANNIE

But- but ghosts aren't real, right?

The stage darkens, but a spotlight remains on Annie and Devon.

ANNIE

Right?

THE END