

Misadventure At The Lighthouse - Ending

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Scene: Inside the Lighthouse

ROOSTER: *Whines and lays down on the dusty ground*

ANNIE: Stevie? STEVIE? (*echo: Stevie? STEVIE?*)

ANNIE: How are we going to find him?

Rooster whimpers and Annie pats his head in comfort

DEVON: *looks around at the crumbled staircase.*

DEVON: I think I may have found a clue (*takes a snapshot*).

ANNIE: A clue? You mean like we're on a scavenger hunt to find Stevie?

DEVON: Sort of. (*takes a snapshot*)

DEVON: Look at these stairs. There's a hole in them. I can't see it very well with only my camera light, but the hole looks as if someone fell through.

DEVON: The hole isn't all that big, either.

Annie pauses to consider what Devon said

ANNIE: So, following your point of view, are you saying that someone might have taken Stevie when they saw him stuck up there?

DEVON: Looks like it (*takes a snapshot*). He might have even injured himself, so we should check all the clinics and hospitals.

ROOSTER: (*whispers to himself*): We're coming for you, Stevie.

ANNIE: I think you're right. Come on, let's go.
(they exit the lighthouse)

Scene: Outside

SFX: WIND, THUNDER

STEVIE: Oww! *(groans)*

STEVIE: Where are you taking me? *(pauses in pain)* And who are you?

OLD MAN'S VOICE: I'm taking you to the hospital. Looks like ya' hurt yourself badly, pretty badly, I'd say. I'll finish my story on the way.

STEVIE: But who are-

OLD MAN'S VOICE: You'll find out soon enough, lad.

SFX: CLASH OF THUNDER

Scene: Driveway

ANNIE'S MOM: I did see him, and Charlotte, from the kitchen window, but then I got distracted by a patient, and with soup on the stove. Then when I went back to the window, he was gone!

ANNIE'S MOM: I didn't suspect anything at first, I just thought that maybe Mr. Moresby thought he had gotten the house wrong. He is forgetful sometimes. You checked the forest, too?

CHARLOTTE'S MOM: Yes, we did, but we didn't find him, so we came here. You didn't happen to see, or hear, anything out of the ordinary?

ANNIE'S MOM: No, I-I didn't. I'd be more than happy to help you look for him though.

CHARLOTTE: Yes please! We need all the help we can get! *(turns to Kim)* Kim?

KIM: *(snaps back to reality)* Uhh, yes, I mean- thanks for helping us.

ANNIE'S MOM: We can start by going around and showing his photo to people, and ask if they saw him- a small start, but a start.

CHARLOTTE'S MOM: Right, let's go. *(motions for everybody to go)*

Scene: On the road to the hospital

(Charlotte and Kim linger behind the moms)

CHARLOTTE: Something's off with you. Please don't tell me you're already tired of walking, or you're scared of thunder, or you don't have enough umbrella shelter on your side-

KIM: No, it's nothing, really.

(Charlotte gives her a matter-of-fact look, Kim sighs)

KIM: Okay- well, it's about Annie *(pauses)*. I've been a really bad friend to her recently.

KIM: First, I completely ditched her, not that I don't want you on my team, but we always did the scavenger hunt together, even though we've never won. I still remember all the fun memories we had. *(pauses)*

KIM: And I was really mean to her at the police station. Now she probably hates me, and I don't even blame her. Truth is- I really like having her as a best friend, you know. *(Charlotte stares at her own feet, then turns to Kim, who is also staring at hers)*

CHARLOTTE: Well I get you, I really do. But does Annie know this? You should tell her. Everything you just said.

KIM: *(sighs)* You're right. Thank you, Charlotte. *(Charlotte smiles, they run to catch up to the moms, who are on the way to the hospital)*

Scene: Jerry's Scooter Shop

(The Two Bobs stand in front of the shop, hunched over and out of breath)

BOB 1: Hey Bob, do you think we're the last ones?

BOB 2: Naw, that final clue was kinda hard. But not for us.

BOB 1: So true. *(glances at the darkening sky)* It's gettin' late though, and this rain and thunder aren't slowing down.

BOB 2: I don't see anyone around here, *(looks around)* so we're the first ones!

BOB 1: Or the last ones.

BOB 2: Oh come on Bob! I'll bet my new, shiny red scooter that we're the first!

BOB 1: Good deal. We earn it, for staring at the ground for hours. Now let's go in already, our 500 bucks are waitin'! *(they enter) SFX: Door*

BOTH BOBS: Wha-

Scene: Hospital

(Annie and Devon, with Rooster, arrive at COASTLINE hospital, when they bump into Charlotte, Kim and the two moms)

KIM: Oh....hi Annie.

ANNIE: Um, hey Kim. So, still searching for Mr. Moresby?

KIM: Well, yeah. You didn't happen to see him, did you? *(stares at the ground, avoiding any eye contact, Annie does the same)*

ANNIE: No, we're actually looking for someone else, too.

CHARLOTTE: *(gives Kim a look)* We'll be inside, shout if you need anything.

KIM:yeah sure. *(Charlotte, Devon, Rooster and the two moms go inside)*

KIM: *(tries to avoid further conversation, but gives up)* Annie, I-I'm sorry-

ANNIE: No, Kim, I'm sorry, you were right. All I wanted to do was win. I didn't even care about Mr. Moresby. I was so, so selfish. And I have to admit, I've been jealous of you these past few hours, jealous of your friendship with Charlotte.

KIM: Well, Annie, I have to admit that I never wanted you to feel left out and jealous. And I shouldn't have said those things to you at the police station. And I wanted the three of us to be friends, but I guess I've been neglecting your feelings. Can you forgive me?

ANNIE: Yes, of course, Kim, if you can forgive me, too!

KIM: Of course I will, Annie! *(giggles)*

ANNIE: *(giggles as well)* Charlotte seems like a cool girl, too. I'm sure we can all be friends.

KIM: Well, I'm glad you feel that way. I was scared to bring it up. *(they hug)*

....oh wait, who did you say you were looking for?

ANNIE: Oh no! I completely forgot about Stevie! (*looks for Devon but realizes that he went inside*)

KIM: Stevie..?

ANNIE: It's a long story. I'll explain to you now.... (*they enter*)

Scene: In a ward in the hospital, second floor

(*Stevie lies on a bed, his leg in a cast*)

STEVIE: (*groans and blinks*).

OLD SALT: So, you've come to, eh fellow? Hope you heard my story on the way here.

STEVIE: Oh, yeah. Well, you've convinced me, I guess. Ghosts....are real.but who are you?

OLD SALT: Hmm, a group lookin' for a Mr. Moresby, huh? Noted.

STEVIE: Huh? Mr. Moresby?

OLD SALT: Now, don't worry ya'self, lad. I'll just be in a nearby ward. Get some rest for that leg of yours. (*exits*)

STEVIE: (*to himself*) Rooster, I hope you're okay....

SFX: DOOR OPENING

ANNIE: STEVIE?! Oh, thank goodness you're in here! (*runs to his bed and hugs him*)

STEVIE: Ohh, Annie, I thought I'd never see you again!

ANNIE: Stevie, I am so, so, so sorry I snapped at you like that. I should have let you come with me. I didn't keep my word, which I shouldn't have done.

STEVIE: Don't worry, Annie, next year *(smiles)*. Ouch!

ANNIE: Oh, I'm sorry! *(backs away from the bed)* It's your leg that hurts, isn't it?

STEVIE: Yeah.... *(sees Rooster)* ROOSTER?!

ROOSTER: *(barks and pants happily while running to his side)*.

STEVIE: Oh, Rooster, I'm sorry I had you so worried. You did the right thing.
(hugs him)

DEVON: Well, today was quite a day.

STEVIE: Devon...?! Oh yeah, the scavenger hunt. I'm sorry you missed it because of me.

ANNIE: No worries. There's always next year. Finding you was already enough.
(smiles at her brother, they hug with Devon taking a picture of them)

(Meanwhile in the ward next door...)

(Charlotte hugs her grandpa, who is on the hospital bed)

CHARLOTTE: Oh, grandpa, you had us so worried!

MR. MORESBY: Don't worry, sweetheart, I'm safe here now. Apparently, I wandered off and got lost, so I was taken here to be safe. I'm still a bit confused, but having you all here is comforting.

CHARLOTTE'S MOM: We're just glad you're safe, dad. *(they laugh happily)*

Scene: Stevie's ward

(Stevie and Rooster chat, while Devon and Annie leave for next door to see Mr. Moresby)

ROOSTER: Woof! Today was quite the day, wasn't it?

STEVIE: Yep. Oh yeah, I forgot to ask, who won the scavenger hunt in the end?

ROOSTER: Well, it actually was the Two Bob's team.

STEVIE: The TWO BOBS?! You've got to be kidding.

ROOSTER: It's not surprising to me though. The two Bobs had the best focus among all teams. Like Devon couldn't stop taking photographs and Charlotte got side-tracked easily. We could have focused a little bit more, too.

STEVIE: I still don't get it though.

ROOSTER: See that lighthouse? Well, its light could represent our focus on things. It may not always be fixed, sometimes it flickers a bit, too, but that light always has a mission: to direct and guide sailors when it's dark.

(Stevie pauses in thought)

STEVIE:I think I get it. I'm not sure how to explain it, but I get it now. I guess the two Bobs deserve that prize then *(chuckles)*.

ROOSTER: *(licks his face)*

STEVIE: *(pats Rooster on the head)*

(Through the hospital window, Stevie and Rooster both stare at the lighthouse, whose light seems to be brighter than ever)

TRANSITION: BLACKOUT

(THE END)