

GINEA AND THE CARDBOARD HOUSE



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CHAPTER 1 - IN WHICH GINEA MEETS

SNUFFLE & DEE-DEE

When Ginea went through the door into the kitchen Snuffle & Johnny were fixing a **brick**.

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“What on earth is that?” asked Ginea.

“It’s a **brick**.” said Snuffle.

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“Hello Dee-dee!” said Ginea.

“Hello Ginea,” said Dee-dee.

“I just want to ask,” said Dee-dee, “why you’re so enthusiastic, Ginea.”

And then they heard the noise of Humphrey walking up the stairs and walking along the passage to the bedroom.

“Hello!” said Humphrey, as he appeared in the doorway.

“Oh, hello!” said Dee-dee.

“Hi!” said Ginea.

“What are you up to in here?” Humphrey asked.

“Oh, we’re just saying hello to each other,” replied Ginea.

Just then, Snowie called up the stairs, “Would you like a biscuit, you guys?”

Ginea and Dee-dee chorused, “Oh, yes please!”, and they rushed off together at a great speed.

“Wait for me!” called Humphrey.

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"How did you get here so quickly?" Snowie exclaimed.

"Oh, we ran," chuckled Dee-dee. "And we left Humphrey behind!"

"Yes, we did!" laughed Ginea.

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Just then, the phone rang. It was Dabbie the cat. She was ringing to see how they all were. She told them that they were going to have a royal dinner (because she was the queen!). From 6:00pm till 7:00pm they all agreed. And Dabbie was very happy that they could come.

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When they arrived, Dabbie was outside the door to meet them. The food was royal chicken and gooseberry pie and chocolate and meat. After they had finished everyone who lived in the cardboard house went home, and straight to bed.

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Once everyone had gone down the stairs, Snowie went into the kitchen, and the rest went straight into the dining room to eat breakfast.

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"Bye-bye!" they all said.

CHAPTER 2 - IN WHICH GINEA FINDS A

DIAMOND

One day, when Ginea was digging in the garden, he found a diamond. He charged into the house, shouting, "Look, look, look!!!!"

He had the diamond behind his back and ran to Snowie. He showed it to her, and she said, "What? What? Ginea...what?!" and then, "I must be dreaming all this!"

Ginea whispered in Snowie's ear some Internier, which translates to: "it isn't a dream at all".

And then Snowie said, "Golly gosh! Is that true, Ginea?"

And Ginea nodded his head.

"Yes, it is true Snowie," said Ginea.

Then Humphrey called from the living room. "What is this all about?"

Ginea said "I found a diamond!"

"Let me see!" said Humphrey. "Gosh! It's the most beautiful one in the world!"

Everyone came to see Ginea's diamond and they all said the same thing, "It's the most beautiful one in the world Ginea!"

Ducky was the funniest of all. He said, "6 pounds or 6 pence Ginea?"

"No, it's a diamond," said Ginea, and everybody laughed!

"Bye-bye!" they all said.

CHAPTER 3 - IN WHICH GINEA MAKES CUPS

Next morning Ginea woke up, took his diamond off the windowsill, and took it downstairs to show Snowie.

He showed Snowie and then went in the garden and found an old barbeque. He found some matches lit the barbeque and made his diamond into cups for Internier soldiers.

He splashed the cups with water to cool them down (they were very hot) and then he took them inside to show Snowie what he had made.

Snowie said, "Golly gosh! I didn't know you could make that Ginea."

"I found an old barbeque and some matches and made a very hot fire so that I could make the cups. Everyone could smell the smoke," said Ginea

“Yes I was wondering what that smell was Ginea!” said Snowie. “I thought it was burning. I thought the smoke alarm was going to go off!”

Ginea replied, "No, it was just me."

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“Come ON, Horse” said Snowie, as she continued to flick the reins that connected the cart to the horse. And then she went into the garage and asked Humphrey if he could help her. Humphrey said,

“Oh flicker in no time at all! Guy up!”

And then the horse strode off in a hurry and in one second, the horse went round the corner and was out of sight. Ginea was waiting in his porch for Internnian soldiers to come. He had the cups waiting on a tray and Humphrey had gone on the horse to find the Internnian soldiers. Then he heard horse hooves. The Internnians and Humphrey were arriving. Then, Dabbie rung the phone. Bye bye the horses!!!!!!!!!! And toys!!

Chapter 4 - IN WHICH GINEA GIVES

THE DIAMOND CUPS TO

INTERRNERN SOLDIERS

Ginea saw internerrn soldiers getting down from the cart and Humphrey getting down and holding plates with diamonds on. Ginea walked nervously up to the Internerrn soldier.

“Zat av yoo gott here?” asked the soldier.

Ginea replied, “Wheep wheep I’ve got diamond cups for you in exchange for those diamonds.”

“Alright,” said the soldier. “Zet’s go and zind yoo dad”.

“Alright,” said Ginea.

Meanwhile, Snowie was baking cookies. When she heard, she ran out of the passage door. When she saw this, she asked Ginea what was going on.

Ginea replied, “Wheep wheep wheep wheep! The Internerrn soldiers came and I said I’m going to exchange the diamond cups for the diamonds on the plate.”

“Whoo whoo! Whoo whoo! Alright!” said Snowie.

Suddenly, there was a BANG! And a flash! And a big bird came out of the bang and flash! It made a horrible smell. Then Ginea saw Humphrey emerge from the back of the cart.

“Everything alright?” he said.

“Yeah, just a big bang and a horrible bird,” said Ginea.

“Oh,” said Humphrey “I didn’t realise that it had come. I’m so sorry.”

“Bye bye,” they all said.

CHAPTER 5 - IN WHICH THE BIRD GETS KILLED AND THE DIAMOND CUPS ARE UP TO GOOD

Humphrey said, "I've seen that bird before. His name is Tash."

"Oh, really?" wheeped Ginea.

"Well, I don't want to see *him* again," said Florence, who had just joined them, and was looking out of the living room window when the bird came.

"I agree," said Snowie, and then she heard the oven beeping. She ran in and was *just in time!!*

"Phew!!!" she hooted. There was a few burnt patches on the ones that had been near the fan of the oven, but they weren't too bad for her to throw them away.

Meanwhile, Dee-Dee was sitting in the dining room wondering what on earth was happening outside. She plucked up her courage to go outside and ask what had happened. But just as she was walking down the passage to the front door, there was a terrific bang in the dining room! She went to look. Mousie had fallen off her chair where she was sleeping. She got herself up and went to the kitchen. She got a cookie and ate it. Then she ate another one! They were very good. Then she walked with Dee-Dee down the passage to the front door. Then there was a terrific BANG and a flash of light came from outside. Dee-Dee opened the front door nervously. Ginea was at the front door. The diamond cups had fallen off the tray and the bird had *come back again!*

Suddenly there was a CRASH from inside, as they saw cardboard falling inside the living room window, and Snowie's face looking in the dining room. They just made out Ducky falling through the cardboard and landing on the living room carpet! Ducky had jumped too hard on his bedroom floor, and it broke. The cardboard house had to pay £7,777,900 to get it fixed! But they gave the people one diamond instead and then the person gave them €7,777,900 and they were very rich and bought 2,000 diamonds!!!!!!

Then there was a POP and a bullet was seen flying outside the window. It went right through the terrible bird's heart and killed it. There was then a scream from outside and songs singing:

Yay the bird's gone!

Yay the bird's gone!

Well done Humphrey!

Two thousand diamonds for you!!!!

Humphrey bowed and said, "I thank you, you soldiers, for doing so good."

"No, zat's alright, yoo don't need zu zay it" replied the soldiers.

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When Ginea woke up next morning, he got out of bed and went into Ducky's room. He saw Internerrn soldiers, Humphrey, and Ducky sitting in the front garden. Suddenly, Ginea jumped on the bedroom floor. There was a terrific crashing noise as the floor cracked. And then the cardboard fell down into the living room! Humphrey and Ducky rushed to the window and saw Snowie in the living room looking at the collapsing ceiling! And they just made out the shape of Ginea falling through the ceiling! Ducky rushed inside the front door.

"Wait for me!" called Humphrey.

"Zait zur uz!" called the soldiers.

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Ducky got into the living room just in time to see Snowie ring the phone.

Snowie said, "Oh, will it cost £44,567,700?"

"Yez, it zill," said the person on the phone.

"Prrrr," said Snowie. "We've only got £999,999."

"Zell yoo kood zive me a diamond," the person on the phone suggested.

Snowie started. "Oh really?!" she exclaimed. "Yes! Very good idea," she said, a little nervous.

"Zank you," said the man on the phone. "Zen I will give you £4,956,646,565,656,415."

Snowie jumped up into the bedroom through the broken ceiling, then back down onto the loose cardboard.

“Oh thank you, oh thank you, oh thank you!” she blurted.

“Bye bye” they all said.

CHAPTER 6 - IN WHICH GOOD EXCHANGES ARE MADE

Florence the elephant woke up in the cardboard house. She lay in bed, sleepy. She got up, stretched, and got dressed. She found a label in her fur. She put it on her bed and went to the bathroom to brush her teeth. Just then, Humphrey called up the stairs,

“Are you coming down soon, Florence?”

She spat out her toothpaste, licked her lips, went downstairs, and ate her leaves. She licked the plate clean, went upstairs to her bedroom, and lay on her bed. Right on top of the label!

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A few hours later, Truffle came into her room. Florence lay asleep on her bed. Then she woke up, lay in bed sleepy, and said sleepily,

“Hello Truffle.”

She came downstairs and set to work writing her story.

While all this was going on, Ducky was doing some exchanges with Ginea and the Internernrn soldiers. Ginea burst through the front door, went upstairs, and lay on his bed. He fell asleep and an Internernrn soldier looked into the house.

“Zere is Ginea?” he asked.

“Oh, he’s just gone upstairs, and he lay on his bed and fell asleep,” said Truffle.

Then they heard a car engine. That woke Ginea up.

“Bother,” he moaned, “more Internernrn soldiers.”

While all this was going on, the Internernrn soldiers did the exchanges with Ducky.

“Zat have yoo got here?” said the Internernrn soldier, as Ducky passed the plate to him.

“Oh, just some diamond cups, for you,” he said.

Then they heard some horse hooves. "Zat was my bosses car," said one of the Internern soldiers (who was a Major General).

Epilogue

Humphrey soon died, and Ducky took his place – now he was Truffle, Dusty Florence, and Owly's Dad.

Florence soon grew up and became a school-teacher for young elephants. She was a school-teacher for 85 years, and then she retired. When she was 100 she died, and then Truffle became a school-teacher for little young hedgehogs.

He retired when he was 45 years old and he died aged 95.

Ducky died aged 99 and Truffle took over being Dad for Florence, Dusty and Owly.

Owly died aged 50 from serious cancer.

Snowie died and Florence took over as being Mum – Dusty took over as being Dad and they only had an old grandmother in the house.

They all died when the First World War in Internier happened.

They sold their house for £2000, however, in heaven things went pretty well with the toys.

I hope the person that I send this book to is a Christian, and that they will put it on their blog.

However it turned out that a rich merchant called Glham Ascer bought the cardboard house and thought it a pretty good place for him to live in.

He thought that he had better not stamp the upstairs cardboard floors in case they might break.

He died in 1944.

And then a person called Ichhimmer Branglong and his family came to live in the cardboard house for 55 years. Just then Ichhimmer Branglong died in 2000.

And if you see the cardboard house you might find out that the cardboard house people have been brought back to life and are living in their old house again.

So now when I am writing my story it is in 2020.

THE END