

Willy saves the Submarine.

It was the first day of the Summer Holidays and Willy who lived in Cambridge with his younger brother Jamie and Randolph the bea, and ^{go up the cat was already} ~~was~~ late for breakfast.

You must get dressed more quickly in the morning said his father as Willy took his seat at the table.

It's my shoelaces Daddy, I find them hard to tie. Any boy of seven ought to be able to tie his shoelaces said Daddy not looking up from behind his ^{morning} newspaper.

I can't tie my shoelaces said Jamie who was always trying to help his older brother. still you're only five said Mummy, so you have two years to learn.

What's a William ^{started} ~~started~~ reading ^{my} ~~the~~ the back of Daddy's newspaper ^{while he started eat} ~~as he started eating~~ his cornflakes.

"What's a submarine Daddy, asked William."

A ship that can sail under the sea.

'Cor' said Jamie.

And what's a tragedy asked Willy. Willy's Dad put down the newspaper and spread some marmalade on his toast. A tragedy is something that's very sad he said.

What's sad about the submarine said Willy.

Yes what's sad about the submarine repeated Jamie.

Well, said Daddy. An American submarine, the biggest in the world has been lost ^{somewhere} on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean and if it isn't rescued within twenty four hours all the sailors ^{on board} will die and that would be a tragedy.

How did the submarine disappear ~~and get~~ in the first place ~~lost in the~~ asked William.

That's ^{a great} ~~the~~ mystery said his father, how

seems to know what has happened to them.

They must have been eaten by a monster said Jamie.
Don't be silly Jamie said Daddy who started reading his newspaper again. Willy was silent and thoughtful.

I wonder ~~what~~ ^{if} we ~~can~~ ^{could} do ^{anything} to help said Jamie.
Don't worry said Willy. Randolph and I will think of something. I do hope so said Jamie who ~~can I get down asked Willy?~~

I do hope so said Jamie who had absolute faith in his older brother's ability.

Can I get down asked Willy

Have you had enough to eat asked his mother

Yes thank you

What are you going to do to-day Willy

I shall be out all day rescuing the submarine said Willy with a serene look on his face.

Willy had started laughing and his mother smiled but Willy was already ^{in deep thought} on his way back to the bedroom followed by Jamie.

Willy found Randolph the Bear on the end of ~~his~~ ^{the} bed reading the Bear News sitting next to ~~the cat who was curled up in a ball and fast asleep.~~ ^{to the}

Isn't ~~it~~ said about the missing submarine

said Willy to his friend Randolph the Bear

It certainly is said Randolph in fact I think it's a tragedy

What can we do about it asked Willy

Yes what can we do about it repeated Jamie

Well it's no use discussing the problem with

Yo-Yo said Randolph as he stared at the sleeping cat but we might find out the views of upside down bird.

A good idea said Willy, and the three of them went over to the window sill to look ~~at~~

Upside down bird, Upside down bird they all died to-gether and their friend flew out of the oak tree and landed on the ^{be in room} windowsill.

Good morning Willy, Good morning Jamie, Good morning Randolph. I see Go-Go is ~~sleeping~~ still asleep, said Upside down bird as he stared at the ^{cat on the} end of the bed.

Good morning upside down bird ~~Willy~~ said Willy Have you heard about the missing submarine.

Oh yes said upside down bird I read all about the ~~tragedy~~ in the Bird Times

It is ~~so~~ ^{interesting} that no one seems to know where the missing submarine is said Randolph.

I know where it is said Upside down bird "What" they all said surprised. How ^{can} you ^{possibly} know

Simple said Upside down bird sticking his beak in the air its all in the Bird Times

Then why isn't it in my paper asked Willy or mine said Randolph.

Superior reporting said upside down bird, we had a journalist on the ~~spot~~ ^{spot}, or if not two, if not three, if not.....

Stop showing off and explain said Willy well when the submarine went down ~~Henretta~~ the Seagull, a well known staff reporter ~~saw~~ ^{saw} the whole thing, so the Bird News got the story. archive what does that mean ^{asked} said Jamie

Only the birds know all the facts, the humans and the animals have been left out.

Not ^{quite} true said upside down bird, the fish know all about the missing submarine as well, they heard ^{about} it on the fish lines this morning.

So what can we do to help ^{asked} said Willy That won't be easy said Upside down Bird. Henretta the Seagull only know where the

It that is the case

~~then~~ / Randolph and I must fly to see Hennyetta
~~to discover~~ ~~and find out~~ where the submarine went down.

Can I come ^{as well} said Jamie

No, I'm afraid not said Willy, you must stay at home and take care of $10/10$ and ~~let~~ get mummy ^{know} that ~~I~~ ^I won't be back before tea. I will tell you all about ~~what happened~~ ^{when} I return this evening promised Willy. But we must be off now.

Climb on said Upside down bird, who turned over so that Willy and Randolph could sit on his tummy and then

~~and hold on tight said Upside down bird~~ ^{and upside down bird} and she flew high into the air and headed west towards the Atlantic Ocean. Soon they ^{had} left England behind them and continued ^{to fly} over the sea. All through the flight Upside down bird talked to the birds on the route who guided her towards Hennyetta the seagull.

There she is, cried Upside down bird pointing his beak towards a tiny black island in the middle of the ocean.

Good heavens said Randolph its not a island at all

what is it asked Willy

Its a blue whale said Randolph. I read an article about them in the Bear News last week. The silly humans have nearly ~~all~~ killed them all off and there are ^{now} only a few left.

Why do humans kill them, said Willy

Because they are greedy, and make money from the skins said Upside down bird who was now preparing to land on the blue whale.

Refusal to land shrieked upside down bird.

who are you and what do you want boomed

Bertie the blue whale.

to meet Henretta Seagull the are reported

Suddenly a great fountain spouted out of the head of Bertie the Blue whale and Willy and Randolph were very frightened.

Nothing to worry about said Upsidedumbird that's only his way of saying 'yes' So Upsidedumbird dropped out of the sky and landed on the Blue whale. Ten Sentry seagulls immediately surrounded them.

Why do you want to see Henretta Seagull they all said in unison.

Because I have come to rescue the submarine and I need Henretta help said Willy. ^{Immediately} Out of the sky came another seagull who landed next to Willy. I am Henretta Seagull, how can I help.

Well I read in the paper this morning that another submarine had sunk and if the crew wasn't rescued within twenty-four hours they would die and I am told you know where the submarine is.

Silly humans, said Henretta, they never listen to me. I ^{have written} ~~wrote~~ long articles about the other three missing submarines but they simply didn't take any notice. If this goes on I shall have to write a book.

Stop showing off Doomed ~~the~~ Bertie the Blue whale and explain what I am doing here.

Of course said Henretta. ~~But~~ Bertie marks the spot where the submarine sank, and he stays here all night and day so the silly humans know the exact ~~place~~ to find the submarine.

How kind of him said Willy.

Indeed it is said Henretta, but to the humans show their gratitude, not them, all they do is come and tell the Blue whales and forget about the submarine. Bertie has lost three close relatives that way ~~write all about it~~ you must read

kindly remember that Willy won't say seven and
friends it had enough to read English without having
to learn twiddle, ^{twiddle} language.

You are very clever said Willy to the Blue whale
He ought to be said Henryetta, he's been around
for three thousand years

Granny of your chatter, you're the reporter, ^{just} give
Willy the facts.

Oh yes the facts. ^{said Henryetta} Well the submarine
^{exploded} broke down and sank like a stone to the bottom
of the ocean.

We have considered a rescue party said
Bertie but there's a problem.

What's the problem asked Randolph.

Paul the giant octopus has his eight legs
around the submarine and won't let it go.

Why asked Willy.

Because he wants to break the submarine
in half and eat the humans, they are quite
a delicacy down here and he doesn't get them
very often. I have always considered humans
an acquired taste myself but...

There is no time to waste said Willy. We
must go down immediately and rescue the submarine

Easy said than done said Henryetta ~~but~~ as
none of us can swim and the submarine is a thousand
fathoms down

^{Henryetta} which fish is the octopus most frightened
of? asked Randolph

Only the sharks said the Blue whale

How do you get on with the sharks asked Willy

Oh very well thank you, ^{said Bertie} we have been
friends for over a thousand years ~~said the Blue whale~~
we can ^{you} get their help.

I'll see what I can do said the blue whale, and

and Randolph covered the ear. Randolph was so frightened his covered his eyes as well. When he ~~put~~ his paws down, he saw eight sharks swirling round and round the Blue whale.

What's the problem Bertie, asked the biggest shark, and Bertie explained to his friend Jaws all about the missing submarine.

Willy said, ^{said Jaws} Um, what do you expect us to do? I am going to climb inside the whale with Randolph ~~said Willy~~ and Bertie will take us ^{all together} down to the submarine. Jaws and his cut-throats must ^{then} follow us down. When you reach the submarine ^{and say attack} you must each ~~cut~~ ^{cut} off one of the octopus legs and Bertie will then lift the submarine back up to the surface.

Bonkante said Herretta the seagull, it reminds me of the time when I.....

Oh do keep quite said Bertie, we have all heard your stories a thousand times.

What do I get out of it said Jaws.

When I ~~return~~ home said Willy I'll make you famous. ~~I'll get you in~~ ^{be} all the newspapers, I may even get you into films.

Bone said Jaws, I've always wanted to be a film star. I am sick of watching the other getting all that publicity.

And what about me said Bertie.

I will do everything I can to tell the other humans about ~~the plight of~~ the Blue whale said Willy.

Very good said Bertie its a deal.

All the seagulls flew round and round as Herretta made notes on her short wing pad about Willy and Randolph climbing into the mouth of Bertie the Blue whale. * Willy thought it was like being in a big red cage. Randolph didn't like the first two

I'm frightened said Randolph
Nothing to be frightened about said Willy,
Bertie strikes me as an honest whale.

I am going down now said Bertie and
Willy and Randolph were bawled around as
the Blue whale sank deep and deep towards
the Ocean bed, ~~and~~ until they came to a
sudden halt as they hit the bottom with a
thud.

Quickly, Look through my eye said Bertie, so Willy
and Randolph climbed up onto the back of Bertie's
eye where they could ~~both~~ see Paul the wicked
Octopus clinging onto the submarine with all eight
of his legs. Just say the word said jaws and ~~we~~
go in. my army will go in.

"Attack" cried Willy and Bertie opened his
mouth and out swam Willy and Randolph as jaws
and his cutthroat went for one leg each. But

Paul was too fast for them, and as each shark
charged in, he gripped them round middle and
hurled them back. Willy swam on towards the
Octopus who was concentrating so hard on the advancing
sharks that ~~was~~ ^{Willy} able to bash him on the nose
when he ~~wasn't~~ ^{least} expected it. Paul immediately
let go of the submarine and grabbed Willy and
Randolph as the submarine floated up to the surface.

Bertie the Blue whale saw what happened
and swallowed ~~the~~ Paul the wicked Octopus in one
gulp. Paul immediately let go of Willy and
Randolph and started hitting the walls of the
whale screaming Let me out, Let me out,
or I'll eat the human. Randolph had already
ran to the back of Bertie and was hitting in
his tail.

141 Let you out on one condition said

What's the condition asked Paul

You never again attack a human submarine.

There was a long pause, because once an octopus has given ~~any~~ word, ~~he~~ never goes back on it.

Oh, all right ~~he~~ said ^{Paul} and with that

Bertie opened his mouth and let ~~the~~ the wicked octopus swim out while he took Willy and Randolph ^{back} up to the surface.

When they reached the top, all the sharks were swimming round and round while the gulls began to land on Bertie.

I never expected to see you again screamed Hennyetta the seagull and started interviewing Bertie, Willy and Randolph for the next day's paper.

~~Are the humans all safe~~ ~~is the submarine~~ all night asked Hennyetta, and they all looked towards the horizon where the submarine was sailing away as fast as it could ~~not~~ go.

Never even stopped to say thank you said Bertie.

Typical of humans said Hennyetta.

I must get home before dark said Willy or my mother will ^{start to} worry about me.

Naturally said Bertie ~~and~~ ^{as} Upside down he flew down and landed on the blue whale, ~~stayed~~ ^{ready for the return journey} Willy and Randolph clunked onto his ~~back~~ ^{flippers}.

Now don't forget you promise to ~~put~~ ^{make} me films said Jaws.

No I won't said Willy.

Or you promise to help protect Blue Whales, I can tell ^{in confidence} you there are only three of us left and my sisters Fossie and Maud are rarely seen in public nowadays.

I will do everything I can to help said Willy and so will said Randolph.

And I want to be (reported) at the age said Hennyetta.

Its just that I felt said Herold, but upside down bird had already taken off as it was a long journey for them to make before tea.

Jamie was waiting for them by the bedroom window ~~and~~ ^{and} Yo. Yo was still fast asleep when Upside down bird landed on the windowsill.

Youve just in time for tea said Jamie, as Upside down fly back to his nest in the oak tree. Are you ready for tea started Mummy.

Willy quickly changed into some clean clothes, his pyjamas and dressing gown ready for his tea and bath, and then went downstairs with Jamie and ~~Ralph~~ ^{Ralph} told him all about ~~his~~ ^{that} adventure ~~Ralph~~ ^{Ralph} was so tired he had already gone to bed with the Blue whale.

As they sat down, Daddy came in carrying the evening paper.

Have you heard the ^{good} news he said to Mummy what news said Mummy.

The submarine made a miraculous escape, because they were ^{up from the bottom of the ocean} helped by a blue whale and some sharks.

A blue whale

Yes said ~~Willy~~ ^{he} Dad as read from the evening paper, and because of the courage of the Blue whale Parliament is going to pass a law saying no one can hunt them and they are to be left ~~in peace~~ ^{in peace}.

Harry said to Jamie

And said Willy father they are going to make a film about the whole ~~adventure~~ ^{adventure} Willy started to eat his toast as his mother left the room to run ~~for~~ ^{for} a bath, and returned a few seconds later.

Why are your clothes soaking wet Willy she demanded.

Oh, I must tell you mummy I went the