The Adventures of Paddle the Penguin

The Perilous Journey to Jojo Mountain

Once there was a penguin named Paddle. He lived with a Polar Bear named Julian. They lived in a gigantic white igloo in Antarctica. Paddle was very good at swimming.

One day, Julian was trying to catch something for dinner. He needed a net. He asked Paddle to go to Jojo Mountain to get a net from Ladyslipper the Ladybug. He warned Paddle not to go to the Red House on the way.

It was a winter afternoon, so Paddle put on his red, long sleeved shirt. The snow was lightly falling. Paddle walked for about 1 mile, then he stopped because he was hungry.

Suddenly, Paddle saw a wolf the size of a bus. He got so scared that he ran right into a strange red house.

As soon as Paddle entered that Red House, he saw Seneca the Cheetah. The Cheetah said, “I’m going to take your lunch money.”

Paddle said, “Give me back my lunch.”

Paddle looked out the window and he saw Winter Lake. That gave him an idea. He said to the Cheetah, “I heard you are the fastest animal in the world. If I can beat you across Winter Lake will you give me back my lunch?”

“Sure!” said the Cheetah, “But when I win, I get to keep your lunch.”

They went outside to the lake. They both dove into the water, but the Cheetah couldn't swim.

Soon, Paddle noticed that the Cheetah was drowning. He turned around and came back to help. The Cheetah was so happy and grateful. He said, “Let's go have lunch together.”

Seneca brought Paddle to Bub’s shack where they had some delicious mulligatawny soup.

After lunch, Paddle and Seneca went to Jojo Mountain holding hands. It took half an hour to get there.

When they got there, the Ladybug was sleeping. They made her alarm clock ring to wake her up.

Ladyslipper was happy to lend them a net. Paddle said thank you to Ladyslipper the Ladybug and he said goodbye to Seneca.

It was nightfall when Paddle got home. Julian asked Paddle how he was and introduced Paddle to his new friend, a Cyclops named Aileen.

When Julian found out that Paddle had gone into the Red House, he was worried about his friend. But things turned out okay because Paddle had also made a new friend.

So Paddle the Penguin, Julian the Polar Bear, Seneca the Cheetah and Aileen the Cyclops all lived happily ever after.

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