

**Peacock Players
Peacock Elementary**

presents...

The Tale (and Fins) of the Tuna

In this amusing fairy tale a magical dolphin has disappeared. The dolphin (Dougie) brings the spring and in his absence has caused winter to grip the land of Kalamazoo in its merciless claw. Jesters, knights, and wizards quest for Dougie and discover the truth about Otis the Ogre and Frostbite Island.

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Queen Zela
Princess Zoe
Winston
Bush
Doug the Dolphin
Fred
Jack
Court Jester, Jeffrey
Sir No
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Feminist
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THE TALE (AND FINS) OF THE TUNA

Narrator: A long time ago, in a land far away, a land called Calamazew, there lived a King, a Queen and their lovely daughter, Zoe. King Zany and Queen Zela ruled over a large and prosperous country, filled with many loyal and happy subjects. They lived in a beautiful castle, with towers of gold and surrounded by a wide, deep moat, filled with water of the deepest blue.

Every year the people of Calamazew looked forward to the coming of Spring, for with it came the beautiful flowers of the Imperial Gardens, the pride and joy of all the land. In the land of Calamazew, the seasons were brought by magic creatures, and Spring, everyone's favourite season, was brought by Doug, the magical dolphin that lived in the castle moat. Everyone loved Doug, but none so much as Princess Zoe, who talked to Doug and played with him every day.

One day, the Kingdom woke to find that Spring had disappeared, for all was cold and snowy, just as in Winter that had already passed. King Zany was very disturbed, for without Spring, the flowers in the Imperial Garden would not bloom, the crops would not grow, and the people of Calamazew would grow hungry.

KING: What has happened to Spring?

NARR: The king asked this question over and over, looking to all his wisest advisors for advice. But no one could tell him what happened to Spring. Then, Jeffrey the court Jester gambolled up to the King and said...

JEFF: Hey King! What's happening!

KING: Not now Jeffrey, we have a serious problem to deal with.

JEFF: What breathes like a mammal and swims like a fish
Will solve all your worries and bring what you wish.

KING: I've had it to here with your silly old riddles.

JEFF: What swims in a lake with a house in the middle?

QUEEN: Oh Jeffrey we haven't got time for these things.

JEFF: Or the magical creature that calls in the Spring?

ZOE: That's it! He's got it! The answer is clear!
Dear Doug the dolphin has plumb disappeared!

NARR: And so the king called on all the people of the land to search high and low for Doug the Dolphin. For weeks

and weeks the people searched, some high, some low, and many more in the middle, but still no one found any sign of Doug. Even King Zany's most trusted Knight, Sir No, was unable to find him.

KING: So, No, no show?

NO: No, your highness, and I've looked everywhere I could think of.

KING: Where did you look?

NO: I looked in the forest.

KING: You looked in the forest for a dolphin??

NO: I don't think anyone else would have thought of it. Clever don't you think?

KING: No.

NO: What?

KING: I said no.

NO: I'm right here, sire.

KING: I can see that! Tell me what you found.

NO: Very well, your majesty...(scene changes, Zany disappears, forest pops up)...I was walking along the forest path, when suddenly I heard a sound behind me (Lumber Jack appears behind No) (to Jack) Hail, good stranger!

JACK: Hello, good knight!

NO: Well, which is it?

JACK: What?

NO: Which is it, "hello" or "good night"?

JACK: I said hello. Why it's only 2:00 in the afternoon.

NO: Indeed it is. Tell me, have you seen a dolphin in these parts?

JACK: No.

NO: That's Sir No to you, jack.

JACK: How did you know my name?

NO: I didn't. But that's not important right now. Have you seen Doug? -

JACK: No, but I had a strange dream last night. I dreamt that I was cutting wood on a mysterious island, when I heard the sound of splashing, and then I heard a funny high pitched voice say "I'm not a tuna!"

NO: Hmmm. That is strange. Anyway, I must continue my search for Doug. If you see him, make sure to tell the King! (the trees disappear, as does Jack, and the King and Jeff reappear) So you see, your majesty, I have come back empty-handed.

NARR: The king was quite upset to hear Sir No's story, and was beginning to lose hope. Then Winston, the King's trusted Wizard, came back from his search.

KING: Ah, Winston! Have you brought good news?

WIN: I'm afraid not, sire.

KING: Oh, shoot. Well, tell us your story anyway.

WIN: Okay. (King disappears, hill with church on it appears in background, and a bush) I was walking back to my wizard's cave on the side of the hill with the church on it, when suddenly I came upon a funny-looking bush...

BUSH: Who are you calling funny-looking, cone-head!

WIN: Who said that?

BUSH: I did, big-nose. Who are you?

WIN: I am Winston the Wizard. Cool sound effects, eh? Who are you?

BUSH: My name is George.

WIN: But you're a shrub.

BUSH: No I'm not, I'm a bush. George Bush. Are you that wizard who lives by the church on the hill?

WIN: Why yes, that's why they call it Church Hill.

BUSH: You mean you're Winston of Church Hill?

WIN: That's me. Listen, George, you haven't seen a dolphin around here have you?

BUSH: A dolphin you say?

WIN: Yes.

BUSH: Kinda grey with a pointy nose?

WIN: Yes!

BUSH: Big blue eyes and a blow hole?

WIN: Yes! Yes! Did you see him?

BUSH: Nope...I'm a bush...what do you think?

WIN: I'm thinking maybe I'll roast me some marshmallows on your head...!

BUSH: Wouldn't be prudent!

WIN: Then you'd better speak up quick, shrub.

BUSH: Okay, okay. No need to be rude. I heard a rumour about a rainbow that leads to a tuna.

WIN: A tuna! I'm not looking for a tuna!

BUSH: I didn't say it was a good rumour...That's all I know.

WIN: Well, thanks anyway. See ya! (bush and hill disappear, king & Jeff reappear)...and that's all I discovered.

KING: At this rate we'll never find Doug!

NARR: King Zany was more upset than ever. He called upon each and every subject in his kingdom to double their efforts. Soon, a simple fisherman, named Fred, called upon the court, asking to see the King.

KING: Ah, good Fisherman, you who ply the waters of the sea. Have you seen any sign of Doug, our wonderous Dolphin?

FRED: I sailed for many days, and travelled many leagues, going to places no one has ever seen before. And yet I saw no sign of our beloved dolphin.

KING: Then why have you come here?

FRED: Because of something else I saw, your highness. (King and Jeff disappear. Boat and waves appear) One day, while on the stormy seas, I looked out and spotted the most beautiful rainbow I have ever seen. (Rainbow and island appear in background) It covered the sky and landed on an island.

KING: An island? What island?

FRED: I'm not sure, but according to my old maps, it might have been Frostbite island, the legendary island where Winter never stops. No one has ever gone to Frostbite Island, because of all the storms that surround it all the time. But this time, the island was green and luscious, the rainbow rested at its feet, and the sun shone brightly upon it. I've never seen the likes in all my days...(boat and background disappear, King and Jeff reappear).

KING: An interesting story, Fred, but what's it got to do with Doug?

JEFF: More than an interesting story, my king
It may be the key to solving this thing.

KING: Not more riddles, Jeff...

JEFF: The dream and the rumour both point to a tuna
They might be a clue, oh mighty kahuna!

KING: What are you babbling about...

JEFF: An island was mentioned with a big talking fish
And a tuna bound rainbow as big as you wish
As the serpent has scales and the bird has the feather
The tuna and dolphin are often together.

KING: What are you saying?

JEFF: These three valiant heroes could not do it alone
But perhaps altogether they could bring Dougie home.

KING: Hold it! Are you saying that Sir No, Winston and
Freddie here should team up and go to this island in
search of Doug?

JEFF: Yup!

KING: Brilliant! I'm glad I thought of that.

NARR: And so Freddie, Winston and Sir No set sail for
Frostbite Island. (waves & boat, etc.) Just as Freddie
described, it was calm and peaceful, like an island in
Spring. (waves & boat disappear)

FRED: (finding a cabbage) What's that?

WIN: It looks like a head of cabbage.

NO: What's a head of cabbage doing on the beach?

FRED: How should I know, No?

WIN: Did you hear that?

FRED: No.

NO: What is it, Fred?

FRED: How would I know? I said I didn't hear it!

WIN: It came from over there. (points off)

FRED: Should I investigate?

WIN: No, wait.

NO: But I'm not going anywhere.

WIN: Not you, I meant Fred. We should stick together.

FRED: Right. Let's go. (They are about to leave when Otis the Ogre appears behind them, unseen)

OTIS: Oh goody! More new friends.

ALL: AHHHHHHH!!!!!! A giant, hideous man-eating ogre!!!

OTIS: (looking around, alarmed) Where!?!

WIN: Who are you?

OTIS: My name is Otis.

WIN: Otis the Ogre?

OTIS: Uh-huh.

NO: (from behind Fred and Win) Well, go away Otis!

OTIS: (confused) Uhhh, but I just got here. Besides this is my island, and I can play with whoever I want.

FRED: I hope he doesn't play with his food...

OTIS: I sure would like to have you guys for lunch.

NO: WHAT???

OTIS: Yes, I want your head.

NO: We're all going to die!!!!

OTIS: Just because I want your head of cabbage?

FRED: Cabbage?

OTIS: Yeah. I thought it would be good with tuna fish sandwiches.

WIN: Tuna?

OTIS: Are you fellas hard of hearing? Yeah, we're having tuna. As soon as I catch him, that is. He keeps slipping through my fingers...Maybe you can help me.

WIN: You mean you have a live tuna around here?

OTIS: Yeah, I found him in a lake with a pretty big house on it, and I brought him here, and put him in the lagoon. But now I can't catch him. C'mon. I'll show ya! (they puppet-mime walk. Doug the Dolphin appears)

NO: It's Doug!

OTIS: That's my tuna.

FRED: That's not a tuna, that's a dolphin!

WIN: Our magic dolphin! Poor Otis. I suppose you took Doug because you were so lonely and rejected here on this cold and wintry island, starved for love and friends to play with, huh?

OTIS: No, I thought it was a tuna...

NO: Look, you can't eat dolphins, especially magical spring-making dolphins!

OTIS: Gee, that's too bad. I'm awful hungry.

WIN: You know, you don't seem too hideous or man-eating to me...

OTIS: Thank you...

WIN: Why don't you come back to the castle with us and we'll have YOU for lunch.

OTIS: WHAT???

WIN: You know what I mean...

NARR: And so Otis, Doug and the three valiant heroes came back to the kingdom of Calamazew, and were greeted warmly by the king and queen and especially the lovely princess, who was overjoyed to see her favorite dolphin swimming in the castle moat once more. And that very day, the clouds pulled back, the sun came out, the snow that covered the land melted away,

and the flowers in the Imperial Gardens all bloomed in time for lunch. And everyone who met Otis agreed that he was a very friendly ogre indeed. The end.

JEFF: What about the tuna?

NARR: The tuna? Oh, that's another story...

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