

-- FROM THE PAWS OF BANJO ROBINSON - GLOBAL EXPLORER! --

HELLO

Ahoy,

I'm off to see the world! I've started by seeing all four countries here at home, in the United Kingdom.

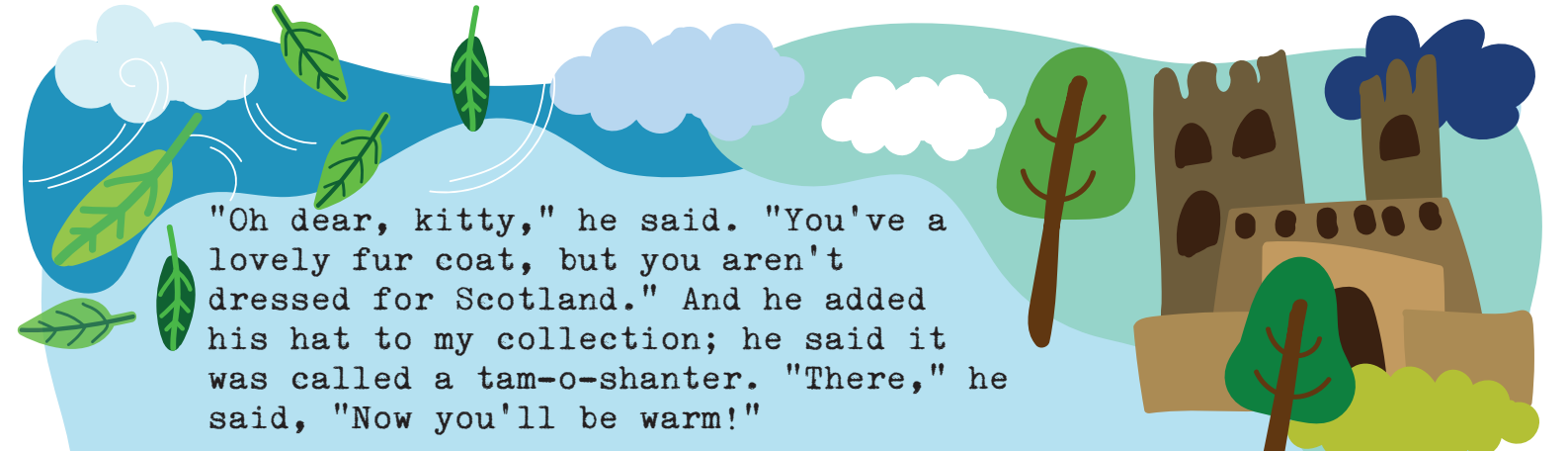
I began in London, England, visiting lots of famous landmarks: Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column and a statue of a cat whose name was Hodge! It was all so exciting - but also very COLD. A soldier at the Palace saw me shivering.

"Poor little cat," he said. "Here - have my hat to keep warm." And he gave me his big black busby hat. It was almost as fluffy as me!

Next, I took the bus west to Wales. I pressed my nose to the window as we passed hills, valleys, and the capital city - Cardiff! Soon we were at the coast - and it was BEAUTIFUL! There were sandy beaches, great cliffs and saltmarshes too. But it was EVEN colder than in London! Luckily, I met a fisherman, who saw my tail quivering.

"Poor little cat," he said. "Here - have this." And he gave me his knitted hat to put under my busby, so I could feel snug and cosy while I watched the waves.

Next, a train took me north to Edinburgh, in Scotland. It was a brilliant city - but, oh, that wind! It whistled round those twisty streets and got right under my fur! A bagpiper was playing to entertain people, and when he saw me, he smiled.



"Oh dear, kitty," he said. "You've a lovely fur coat, but you aren't dressed for Scotland." And he added his hat to my collection; he said it was called a tam-o-shanter. "There," he said, "Now you'll be warm!"

I took a ferry to my last UK stop - Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. But when I tried to board, the captain frowned.

"Whose hats are these?" he asked the queue of humans. He pointed to a sign, and read out sternly: "Unaccompanied hats are not permitted on board the ferry."

"I'm NOT unaccompanied hats," I meowed. "I'm a magical globetrotting cat!"

Well! He jumped right up in the air; he was so surprised to hear a pile of hats miaow! But once he understood, he laughed.

"Here," he said, "You need a captain's hat too." And he gave me his own cap, so now I'm ready to sail the seven seas! Which is lucky, because after Europe, there are six more continents for me to see!

Wish me luck!

Until next time,

BANJO ROBINSON 

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