

Katie in London

London seemed very big to Katie. Big trains, big buildings and big crowds. She held on to grandma with one hand and her little brother Jack with the other. They set off to see the sights. When they got to Trafalgar Square, grandma was tired.

"You two stay by that lion and I'll know where you are," she said.

Katie climbed onto the huge bronze lion and pulled Jack up after her. As the sun came out, the lion seemed to turn from grey to gold.

"Do you mind! Who said you could clamber all over me?" said the lion in a very deep voice.

"Our Grandma said to stay with you," replied Katie politely.

"Could you take us to see the sights?" asked Jack.

They held on tight to his mane as the lion bounded out of Trafalgar Square. First he took them to Saint Paul's cathedral where they gazed up at the enormous dome, although it made them feel dizzy.

Next the lion took Katie and Jack to the Tower of London to see the crown jewels. They were in a small special room which was quite a tight squeeze for the lion! The jewels sparkled with all sorts of colours – green emeralds, red rubies and blue sapphires.

After that, they spotted a strange wheel. They clambered on board slowly. While the wheel turned, they rose high above London. The poor lion turned rather pale and began to shake but soon even he couldn't help enjoying the view. Then Big Ben chimed 11 times so Katie and Jack jumped back upon the lion and headed to Trafalgar Square.

Katie saw grandma was waking up. The lion hopped onto the stone and before the sun went in, he turned from gold to grey.

"Hello you two. Shall we go off to see the sights now?" said grandma.

"We are too tired. We need a rest," said the children as they both flopped down on a bench and fell fast asleep!

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