

Thomas Tallman Story 4

Joey from 'Oddtralia'

Chapter 1

The odd little town of Oddity had a new visitor. (swoosh flies past a spinning piece of carved wood)

Joey - the Kangaroo. (the curved piece of wood fastens itself to his hand like a magnet)

Joey had a funny way of greeting people.

"Ow ya goin!" greeted Joey.

{ Joey to the kids standing at the ice cream cart. (How are you going) }

The kids looked at Joey with a blank expression at first and in the next moment burst out with laughter and giggles.

Joey blinks and then smiles and hops away throwing his Boomerang out of the screen in 1 frame and enters catching the returning projectile in another. (Another bunch of Kids are together in a play park)

He carried with him strange toys that no one had seen before in the odd little town of Oddity.

(Into the frame a Boomerang whizzes past the kids of Oddity in a curve leading to Joey the Kangaroo)

"Giddy!" said Joey to the kids at play in the park.

"D'ya play Footy?" he asked them.

The kids looked at Joey with a blank expression at first and in the next moment burst out with laughter and giggles.

Joey Blinks and hops away throwing his Boomerang out of the screen and similarly repeats his greetings " Ow ya Goin" and "Giddy" to two more sets of Kids as the situation repeats and he is greeted back with Giggles or laughter.

The kids in the last group remain on screen and as they chuckle cutely they exclaimed...

" What a strange guy, " said X

"What did he say?" said Y. "He sounds funny," said Z. "What a strange toy!" said A.

"Yes! What a strange Toy that is" replied B.

All the kids were curious.

"I wonder what that is," said C

"Let's find out ".

Chapter 2

Joey is sitting bored fidget spinning another three-winged Boomerang and occasionally throwing it in an arc and catching it as it spins back to him.

Thomas is in the same park reading a book (the cover has a map of Oddtralia and bears the Title "Flight".

Swoosh! The Boomerang flies past him!

"Why my! "

"It's a Wu-mer-rung!"

exclaimed Thomas and quickly looks back into the book flipping pages and looks up exclaiming

"it's a what?" asked little C

from the group of kids now assembled around Thomas looking up hoping he could explain about the new kid and his toys.

"It's a Boomerang or 'Wu-Mer-rung'.

It is from the far-far away land of Odd-trail-ia" explained Thomas.

"Giddyay," said Joey as he hops into the frame.

"You speak Oddtrailian?" Joey exclaimed.

He speaks strangely. whispered B to Thomas

He carries strange toys too. whispered A.

Soft giggles and chuckles in the group standing behind Thomas.

Thomas has a knowing smile, one of sweetness and not making fun.

Thomas pulls out an envelope bearing a stamp of Oddtrailia as he reads out to all -

"Meet Joey,

our new exchange student from the far-far away land of 'Oddtrailia'.

He is going to school with us!"

"Giddyay to ya mate!" greeted Thomas.

Thomas turns to his friends and explains

"That means 'good - day - friend'

where he comes from"

Joey's eyes light up as he finally finds someone who knows about him and is cheered as he quickly goes to the kids greeting with varied palm slaps fist bumps

And fives.

The kids find all this cool and immediately join him impersonating his " Giddyay" "Ow ya goin" etc

Chapter 3

the kids are curious about Joey's bag of tricks and are eager to discover more about him and where he comes from.

"You know everything Thomas," says B

Thomas explains like the little professor that he is, saying...

" As every problem has a solution"

" Every word has an Origin" and

“ Every Question leads to an answer”

As he pulls out the same book and opens a page.

Right then a flower tumbles into frame spinning slow and beautiful tracing a helix as it falls.

"Did you see that?" asked Thomas

"The slow falling flower is spinning in a spiral"

sings Lil B as she gathers the falling flower into her hand in close up.

Another flower falls on the book which is now laid out facing the screen (children's POV of looking in)

Continues Thomas -

"The word spiral comes from the old language word 'helico' or 'helix'

It is a shape like a spiral staircase”

A 'Did You Know' style visual emerges from the book tracing the path showing the many examples. A spiral staircase, A spiral water slide, etc that kids are familiar with.

"And the petals of the flower are its wings" Thomas explains.

Also known as 'Pter'.

"Together, it forms the word Helicopter" The words are now center screen joining together in a 'Did You Know' style.

"Helicopter" exclaim the kids together.

"Whirly Bird " exclaims Joey.

The kids join in making up new words like...

'Fid-jit- spinner'

“But I wonder how the Boomerang always comes back,” C thinks aloud.

Chapter 4

“Good Question,” said Thomas
“The answer is in the math”
“It’s all about the angle” (punch lines/ TT quotes)

“Observe...”

Says Thomas as the camera pulls into a close up of a flying seed tracing the path of its wings and as it flies up and down with the gentle breeze. Split Frame of a kid drawing wings (general shape)

“Now, question,” Says Thomas,
A draws the winding path

“It’s the wind which makes it fly,” says A. The screen Splits with an additional visual of wind force and path in sketchy child art style.

”Because it’s like an insect,” Says B. The screen Splits with an additional visual of a bee in flight.

“It is a design!” says a bespectacled and geeky C ! Screen wipes to another super geeky kid revealing a note pad for observations and has sketched out the Da Vinci Helicopter.

“Design is how we make things work for us! Said Thomas.
We learn from nature and make for our needs.”

“But I still wonder how the Boomerang always comes back,” thinks aloud C. this time throwing the Boomerang and it just falls a few meters away without returning.

Chapter 5

“I can show you how to make it come back,” says Joey (A Did You Know styled “How to” mechanic here.)

“Observe”

“You gotta hold it in front of your head”

“In this angle”

“And flick yer wrist”. Lets go of the boomerang which comes back promptly.

“Giddyay,” says C as the Boomerang comes back to her hand and the kids laugh out as they all release a whole bunch of Boomerangs along with all the new words discovered in the episode as follows.

“Observe”, “ Physics is fun ”, “Cool design”, “ Nature is our teacher”, “ Wind force”.

The episode concludes as the most curious little C asks Joey

“What else did you bring”

Joey unwraps the paper covering a long tube-like instrument (musical)

As he says the word

“Didgeridoo”! (A wind instrument)

The story closes with Thomas and Joey playing the Didgeridoo.

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