

Adventures in Paris!!

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“We’re here!! “ screams Sam, excited as ever. “I can’t believe we are in Paris.”

“This isn’t even the best part,” explains Mrs. McRae. “We have a whole long weekend full of activities.”

The McRaes are on a family trip to Paris and have just landed in Paris ORLY airport which is the second busiest airport in all of France.

“Oh, can we go to the candy shop? “ asks Ben.

“This is no ordinary candy shop.” exclaims Mr. McRae. “It’s a gourmet candy shop called, La Cure Gourmande.”

La Cure Gourmande is a gourmet candy shop located in the ORLY airport. It serves free samples and boxes that you can fill with candy. When you walk into the store the sweet smell of homemade candy fills the air. The bright colourful packaging goes as far as you can see.

“Neat,” says Ben. “Gourmet or not, I love candy.”

“That sounds amazing! Get us some too,” Jaspa whispers to Ben.

“You can each have one of my candies.” Ben whispers back to the Ses.

The family finishes buying their candy and finds a nearby bench to start snacking. While the Ses are munching happily on there tasty treats they suddenly perk up in shock.

“Is that who I think it is?” Portia asks the group.

“It’s Ernest !!!“ the Ses shout in unison.

“Hey Ernest, it’s good to see you,” says Biscuits. “ But what are you doing in Paris? “

“I’m afraid I have some bad news,” explained Ernest. “I got a letter from my cousin, Randal, who has always been jealous of me and when he found out that I made it into the Pride and he didn’, he wasn’t happy about it. So, here is where the bad news starts. Jaspa and Biscuit’s parents have been stolen by Randal and we must follow the clue path to find them.”

“WHAT????? “ yells Biscuits and Jaspa at the same time.

“At least we are good at clues and we can find them easy,” said Jaspa trying to calm down.

“That’s the thing,” said Ernest. “We may be good with riddles, but we only have 72 hours to find them. “

“WHAT?????” “ Biskits yells again.”But why us?”

“Well, I don’t know exactly but I assume it is because if he takes one of my family members he would also be taking one of his, and because he can’t do that I assume that he would go after you guys because you helped me get into the Pride,” says Ernest “ Anyway, the first clue says:”

At the top.

Know where to stop.

This may sound like a pity

Your next clue is the heart of the city.

#?

“The Eiffel Tower! “ exclaims Biskits .” The Eiffel Tower is the heart of the city and has elevators which would be the part where it says know where to stop. “

“When did you get so good at this?” said Ernest, surprised.

“I have had some practice,” says Biskits.

“We are going to the Eiffel Tower tomorrow.” Ben interrupts the Ses’ conversation.

“Great.” Jaspa says, relieved.

They could hardly sleep as they thought about the challenge ahead.

The next morning, the Ses head off to find the next clue and save their parents...

“I’m really nervous, what if we can’t find our parents in time,” said Biskits to Jaspa.

“I know, I’m nervous too, but we still have to try,” says Jaspa.

“You’re right. Thanks Jaspa,” says Biskits .

“Don’t worry about it,” says Jaspa. “If we work together, we will find our parents in no time.”

The McRaes and the Ses (on Ben and Sam's shoulder) are in a cab headed toward the Eiffel Tower. They could see the Eiffel Tower in the distance as they approached. The Eiffel Tower has 7,000,000 visitors a year. In a busy place like that how will the Ses ever find their first clue.....

"We're here!" shouts Mr. McRae.

"So where are we supposed to go?" Ben asks the Ses.

"The highest floor of the tower that you can go to by elevator," replies Ernest. " Or so we think."

Did you know that the Eiffel tower is 324 meters to the very top. From that high up the view must be amazing.

Since they aren't seers, Mr and Mrs McRae don't know about the Ses and they don't know about the crisis that they are in.

"Why don't we stop for some macaroons, we don't want to explore on an empty stomach." said Mr. McRae.

"Oh ya! Count me in," said Biscuits, yet Mr. McRae can't hear him.

"Sure," said Ben.

Biscuits' favourite food is macaroons. Paris sells an average of 4.3 million macaroons a year.

Once everyone has gotten there macaroon they sit and start eating.

Everyone has almost finished eating and the McRaes are about to go explore the Eiffel Tower until.....

"Where is Bizzie?" asked Portia, with a worry in her voice.

"He was right on my shoulder," said Ben's 9 year-old sister, Sam.

"First my parents and now Biscuits!! " said Jaspa, getting upset. " How are we going to find him and find the clue with a time limit!!"

"Eh, don't get your whiskers in a knot, we all know Biscuits had a macaroon and we also know how messy he is at eating," says Gravee trying to calm down Jaspa.

“How does that help us find him?” wondered Jaspa.

“Well, he always leaves a trail of food because he is a messy eater. So, if we follow the trail, we can find him,” Gravee continues.

“I think I see the trail now,” says Portia. “ It looks like it leads to the elevator.”

“Well what are we waiting for,” says Jaspa.

The Ses follow the trail of crumbs and it leads to the elevators.

“The trail stopped,” said Gravee.

“There are 3 elevators,” observes Ernest. “Should we trial and error?”

“There is no need, Biskits would have gone on elevator 2 because it's his favourite number,” said Jaspa.

The McRaes and the 4 Ses patiently wait for elevator 2 to come down.
The elevator opens and.....

“Biskits!” yells Jaspa excited to see his little brother.

“You won't believe what I found,” Biskits replies.

“What?” asked Ernest, nervous for what Biskits is going to say.

“I found the clue!!!!” Biskits says excitedly.

“Where did you find it?” Ernest asks Biskits.

“Well I didn't find it,” replies Biskits “It found me. It was on my shoe, I must have stepped on it.”

“Well, what does it say?” portia interrupts.

“It says.....” reads Biskits, starting to read the clue.

The place full of chandeliers

But don't you cheer

Time is running low

So away you go

#2

“Well it must be the hall of mirrors,” says Ernest “The hall of mirrors is at the Palace de Versailles and it has 357 mirrors and over 400 chandeliers.”

“I can ask if we can go there tomorrow, but that means we will only have 1 day left to find Jaspa and Biscuits parents.”

“I guess we have no choice.” said Jaspa.

“Does anyone know what the number on each clue means?” asked Biscuits.

“It’s probably nothing,” says Jaspa

The Ses get back to the hotel room where they are staying and try to get a good night’s sleep.

“I can’t sleep,” says Biscuits to Jaspa. “I am so worried about our parents.”

“Me too, but we need to keep a positive mindset,” Jaspa said, trying to calm Biscuits down.

“HOW ON EARTH ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE POSITIVE IN A TIME LIKE THIS, IT’S ALL ERNEST’S FAULT!!!” yells Biscuits. “Sorry Jaspa I’m just worried about Mom and Dad.”

“It’s fine,” says Jaspa, understanding where he is coming from.

The next morning, everyone is awake and calm. They set off to find the next clue at La Palace de Versailles.

“I can’t wait to visit La Place de Versailles,” Ernest says excitedly. “Did you know that this place has a garden that is 30000+ acres? The garden also has 400 sculptures and 1400 fountains. Did you know it was built to impress kings and Queens?”

“Well on that note, we’re here,” says Portia. “ But we need to be quick because we only have a day left.”

“Right, and I am pretty sure we need to go to the hall of mirrors,” said Ernest.

The Ses and McRaes have finally arrived at the hall of mirrors after walking for a long time.

“Why did you want to go to the hall of mirrors so bad Ben? “ asked Mr.McRae.

“Umm, I read about it online and thought it was cool,” Ben said, sounding unsure.

“Look for clues,” says Ernest

“On it,” said Biscuits

The Ses look around forever and they can't seem to find any clues.

“There is nothing here,” says Gravee.

“There has to be,” Ernest says, sounding desperate. “ This makes no sense.”

“Well let's re-read the clue,” Portia tells the group.

The Ses re-read the clue to find out where they went wrong.

“Are there any other famous chandeliers here where the clue could be?” Portia asked Ernest.

“I mean there is one... the Gabriel Chandelier. It was the first permanent piece of contemporary artwork in the whole palace.” Ernest says disappointed. “ How could I have been so stupid?”

“Eh, don't be down on yourself, neither of us knew where to go but you brought us here and that's all that matters,” Gravee said to Ernest.

“Thanks, that means a lot,” said Ernest

“Well let's go, we only have 8 more hours,” said Biscuits.

The Ses walk all the way back to the entrance where the chandelier was kept. As they approached it, they were in awe of the gorgeous looping crystals that gave off a warm glow.

“I see the clue,” Biscuits said with enthusiasm.

Ben and Biscuits climb onto a ladder that was sitting close by. Ben lifts Biscuits up so he can grab the clue.

“What does it say?” asks Jaspa.

You're getting better

With these letters

It's in the vault

But don't be a cult

Hurry time is ticking

#5

The Ses are ecstatic that they have found the past clues so easily, but they are fearful they won't make it in time.

"Well, what place has a vault?" Gravee asks the group.

"I don't know," says Ernest.

"Sorry to interrupt but I think I know where we have to go." Ben tells the group of small Ses. "My mom told Sam and I to look up places we want to go while we were here and I saw that La Louvre has a vault and I think that is where we need to go."

"Well, we are low on time," said Portia. "So let's go."

With 8 hours remaining, the Ses need to find the clue and rescue Jaspa and Biscuits' parents.

"We have a slight problem," said Ben "We aren't going to la louvre for another 3 hours, because my family wants to explore the entire place de Versailles."

"WHAT?" yells Jaspa. " That means we will only have 3 hours to find it because it takes 2 hours to drive there by bus."

"Well, there is nothing we can do now," said Gravee, trying to be positive.

3 hours pass and the McRaes and Ses have finally left La Palace de Versailles and just hopped on the bus to La Louvre.

Once they have arrived the Ses go right to the Chapel of the Tomb of Akhethotep where they hope the next clue will be. Akhethotep was a high dignitary of ancient Egypt who lived in the fifth dynasty around 2400 BC. Akhethotep was very important so the clue must be in his tomb.

The Ses arrive at the chapel and try to open the door. The Ses are so excited until....

"It's locked!" Biscuits says while trying to pry the door open. "Are we in the wrong place?"

"We can't be in the wrong spot," said Ernest.

"Well don't just stand there. Look for clues," said Portia to the entire group.

The Ses start looking for clues but there is nothing in sight. Everyone is anxious and time is running low with only an hour remaining.

"I found a 3-digit padlock," said Gravee. "So we just need to find a 3-digit code."

“Wait Biscuits, didn’t you ask me about the numbers on the clues?” Jaspa asks Biscuits.

“Yeah, what about them?” replies Biscuits “You told me they were nothing important.”

“I know but what if I was wrong?” said Jaspa.

“What do you mean?” asks Biscuits confused.

“I mean, this pad lock has 3 digits and we had 3 clues with a number on the clue,” says Jaspa.
“So look at the clues and we can see if it works.”

“Perfect,” said Ernest

The Ses look back at the recent clues and see the numbers on each clue.

“The numbers are.....” said Portia, starting to read off each clue. “7, 2 and 5.”

“Try it,” Biscuits anxiously shouts.

Gravee starts punching in each number. Slowly and suspensefully with 10 minutes to spare.

“If this isn’t the right code we might never see our parents again,” Biscuits tells Jaspa.

“We will figure it out, don’t worry about it,” Jaspa reassures his little brother.

“We’re in!!!” Gravee yells after trying the code in the padlock.

“Yes!!!” Biscuits yells relieved that the door opened.

“MOM!!!, DAD!!!!!!” Biscuits and Jaspa yell as they hug their parents. The parents were relieved to see their kids.

“Sorry to ruin this precious moment but where is Randal?” asked Ernest.

“We don’t know,” said Jaspa and Biscuits’ parents. “He just left a note and ran.”

“Read it,” said Portia.

“It says.....” Ernest says, starting to read the letter that was left by Randal. “ You may have found your friend's parents but I am not done with you. Beware and watch your back.”

“Oh no,” says Ernest. “ What are we going to do?”

