

DREAM SPACESHIP

One night Grandpa Jack dreamt that he was flying high above the sea. Not in an ordinary airplane but in a kind of spaceship made of silver which shone brightly in the moonlight.

He was sitting at the controls facing all the dials and instruments which told him which direction he was facing, how much fuel there was in the tanks and whether he was upside down or the right way up. It is terribly important to know this, because if a pilot flew upside down all the contents would come flying out of the passengers' pockets and the hostesses would spill the drinks.

Just then one of the hostesses came into the cockpit and asked Grandpa Jack what time they would be arriving at their destination.

'Next August,' Grandpa Jack replied.

'Next August!' the hostess exclaimed. 'We can't wait till then to land. We won't have any food or drink left.'

'Never mind,' Grandpa Jack said. 'You can give the passenger one crumb at a time. Then the food will last till we get where we're going.'

The hostess went out of the cockpit and Grandpa Jack started looking at the dials again. The co-pilot asked him what he was looking for and he said: 'I'm looking for the Dingle-indicator.'

The co-pilot didn't have the faintest idea what he meant. But he didn't like to ask, because it might show his ignorance. So he said: 'Hmm, yes. The Dindle-indicator. It must be there somewhere among all those dials and he pretended to start looking for it as well.

Now up in space there are special Guardian Aliens who keep a general eye on things and try to make sure that earthlings don't get in to any trouble. One of them known as Coggle-Whizzle had heard the conversation in Grandpa Jack's space ship. He called his friend Pizzle-Whozzle and said: 'We've got to do something about this.'

They went into a huddle and then spoke to two of Grandpa Jack's grandchildren who live in Toronto.

Grandpa Jack's space ship kept on and on and on and on and on. Remember, he didn't think he would get there till August.

Suddenly another smaller space ship appeared alongside. 'Ship ahoy,' the co-pilot announced, pointing to it. Inside it were Nathalie and Adam. They shouted at Grandpa Jack: 'You've got to go in and land, so your passengers can get something to eat and drink.'

'Okay,' Grandpa Jack shouted. 'If you say so.'

Just at that moment he woke up and found himself in bed.

He told Grandma Betty what had happened and she told him: 'You've had a dream and it means you've got to be patient and wait until you see Nathalie and Adam in Ireland.'

'Aha.' said Grandpa Jack. 'Now I remember where the Dingle-indicator is. It's in the lovely Emerald Isle where we're going to meet David, Debby, Nathalie and Adam.'

He was very happy all that day.