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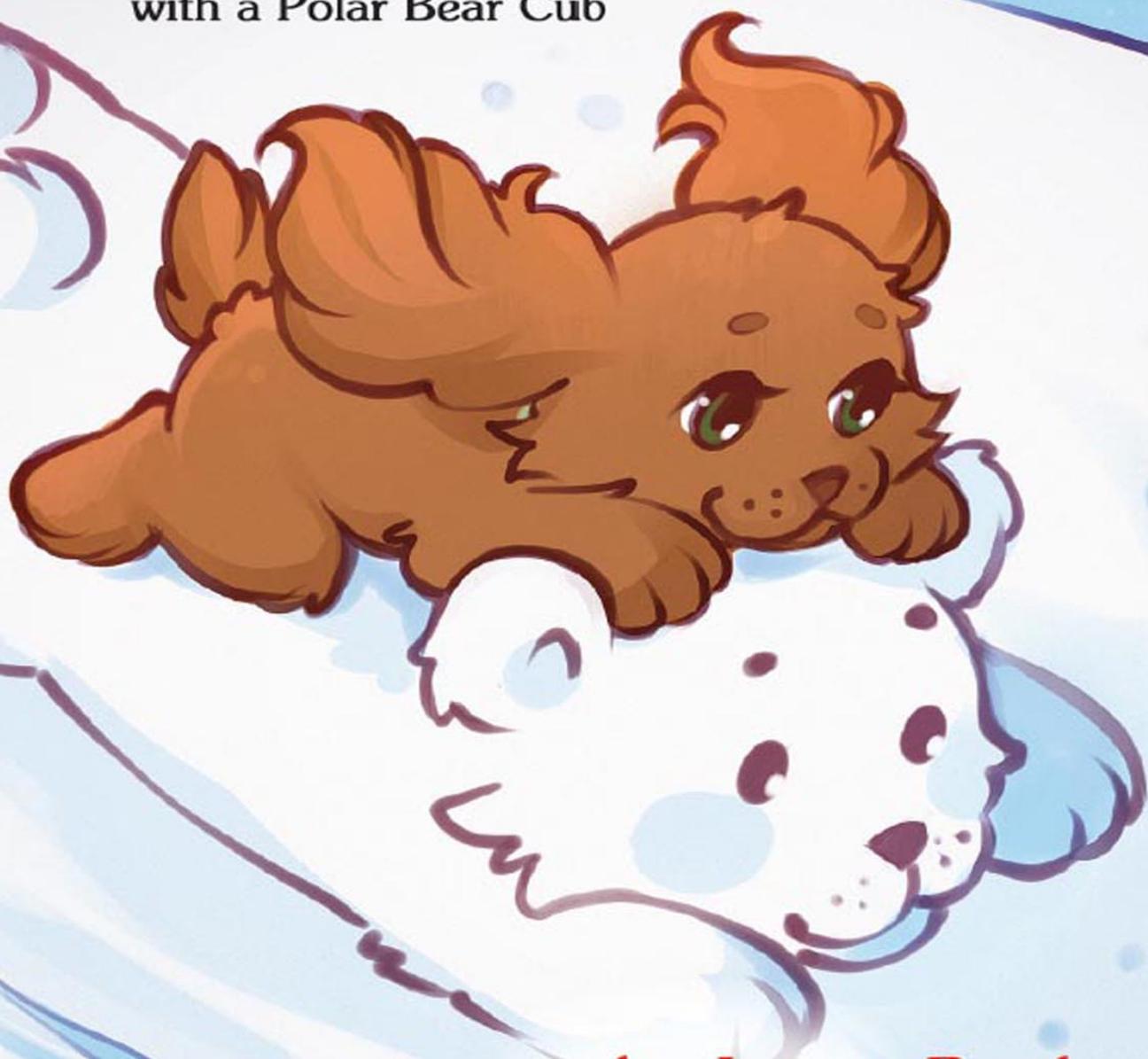
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On Ice

Exploring the Arctic
with a Polar Bear Cub



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Summary:

Lindie Lou is about to embark on her biggest adventure yet! She joins Bryan who is heading to the Arctic with a team of scientists to study the northern lights and solar winds.

The team visits an island in Svalbard, Norway, during the coldest, darkest time of the year. Lindie Lou's trip reunites her with familiar faces and introduces her to new friends.

While exploring with Nanook, a polar bear cub, Lindie Lou travels over the snow-covered tundra, while under the beautiful polar night skies. One of her favorite places to visit is a stunning ice cave. While there, strong arctic winds cause trouble for Lindie Lou. Can her new friends save her in time?

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Chapter 1

ANOTHER AWESOME ADVENTURE

Lindie Lou climbed up the stairs to Kate and Bryan's bedroom. It was a **cold** December morning. She walked into the room and jumped up on the bed. Bryan was packing.



"It has always been my dream to visit the Arctic Circle and study the **northern lights**," said Bryan. "My boss is giving me a chance to visit one of the most remote places on earth."

"What did you say it was called?" asked Kate.



"Svalbard," said Bryan. "It's a group of islands east of Greenland and is actually part of the country of Norway." He looked at Kate. "Are you sure you can't come with me?"

Kate sighed.

"I spoke to my boss. We both agreed that the work I am doing requires me to stay here in Seattle."

Lindie Lou crawled into Bryan's suitcase and rolled over on her back.

"Do you think your boss would let you take Lindie Lou?" asked Kate.

Bryan tickled Lindie Lou's tummy.

"I've already asked him. He said I could," said Bryan. "But if I take Lindie Lou, you will be all alone."

"No, I won't," said Kate. "The ducks on the lake visit me every day. And I have Lindie Lou's stuffed animal friends Coco, Evy, and Manny to keep me company."



"Are you sure?" asked Bryan.

"I'm sure," said Kate. "Besides, Lindie Lou loves to travel. She will keep you warm on those cold Arctic nights."

"We're going to miss you," said Bryan. He hugged Kate.

"Promise me, you will be careful up there."

"I promise," said Bryan. "I'm packing warm clothes and Lindie Lou's **FURRY** coat will help keep her warm."

"Stay away from those **huge** polar bears," said Kate. "They're hungry in the winter months."

Bryan held his hands up.

"Grr," growled Bryan.

"Grr," replied Kate. "Okay, then it's settled. You and Lindie Lou are going on another awesome adventure."





Chapter 2

WE'RE GOING TO THE ARCTIC

Lindie Lou was excited to be flying on an airplane, again. She looked out of the window.



Bryan touched Lindie Lou on the shoulder. She turned and looked at Bryan. He was reading a book.

"Look," said Bryan. "The Arctic is a place where ice and snow cover the earth."

He showed Lindie Lou a picture of a mountain of ice.



Oh, wow, thought Lindie Lou, the color of the ice is very blue and so beautiful.

"The Arctic is so cold," said Bryan, "that when it snows, the snow doesn't melt."

Can this be true? thought Lindie Lou.

"And when you think there is enough snow," said Bryan. "It snows even more." Bryan held his hand up above his head. "And the snow piles up, high^{er} and high^{er} until there is enough ice to form a **giant** mountain."

Just like the picture, thought Lindie Lou.

"This ice mountain is called a **glacier**," said Bryan. "When a glacier gets too heavy, it begins to slide down toward the water. On its way, the glacier carries dirt and rocks along with it. Left behind, is a huge empty area, called a valley."

Wow, I'd like to see a real glacier, thought Lindie Lou.

"When this icy glacier reaches the water's edge, the end breaks off and floats in the water. These large chunks of ice are called icebergs."



Cool, thought Lindie Lou.

Bryan turned the page in his book and showed Lindie Lou a picture of an iceberg.

"Hey, Bryan," said Steve. "Do you really think your puppy knows what you're talking about?"

Bryan looked up at his friend Steve, who was sitting across the aisle.

"I'm not so sure," said Bryan. "But at least she's listening."

"Hey, Lindie Lou," said Steve. "Do you know anything about the **aurora borealis**?"

"**The Northern Lights**?" asked Bryan.

"Yes," said Steve. "It's another name for them."

Lindie Lou tipped her head.

"I told you she was listening," said Bryan.

They both **laughed**.

Steve held up his camera.

"May I take a **picture** of you and Lindie Lou?" asked Steve.

"What do you think, Lindie Lou?" asked Bryan. "Would you like to have your picture taken by one of the best cameramen I've ever met?"

Lindie Lou **barked**.

"She said yes," said Bryan.



"Okay, here goes," said Steve. He held up his camera and took a picture. Then he looked at the image. "It looks good."

Bryan and Steve continued to talk about their trip. The airplane was taking them to a place in **Canada** called **Quebec City**. They were stopping to pick up more team members. Then, they were going to fly to Svalbard.

Lindie Lou listened to Bryan and Steve talk for hours about the research project they were about to begin. She **listened** to their every word. The more she heard about the Arctic, the more she wanted to go there.

Steve also talked to Bryan about a white arctic bear called the polar bear.

I hope I get a chance to see a *polar bear*, thought Lindie Lou.

A few hours later, the airplane *tipped* down and flew toward an airport.

"Before we land," said the pilot, "take a look out of the windows on the left side of the airplane. You will see one of the greatest ships ever built."

"It's *amazing*," said Bryan.

Lindie Lou sat up to get a better look.

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