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Jackie has Fun with Food

By Patricia Rust

Jackie the Angel and Doowee Dolphin had been playing for a long time. Jackie was getting over a broken wing and was no match for Doowee, who could play and play and play some more. He could swim to the Arctic Circle just to get some ice for a snow cone. In fact, that's what he suggested to Jackie.

"How about you hop on my back and we swim to Alaska together?" Doowee asked Jackie.

"That's sounds too far and too cold! Besides, what if I'm needed as an angel? I'm supposed to be here to help! Sorry!"

"Okay," agreed Doowee. "I'll swim north to the Polar Circle and see if I can make it to the North Pole for some really cool snow cones."

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"Oh, and do see whether you can bring back a penguin!" said Jackie. "I would so like to play with a penguin."

"Penguins live on the South Pole, not the North!" exclaimed Doowee with a swift kick of his tail. "Some penguins live in tropical waters like us," he added.

Jackie soared around Doowee as best she could. "I know that! I met Penny Penguin and the Flying Penguin Brothers when they came to perform for all the sea creatures. They were awesome."

"Yeah, it's almost as if they fly through the water. Speaking of which, I had better be going. Ciao for now!" And off Doowee went, the fastest swimmer in the world. Jackie the Angel looked down in awe at Doowee's grace as a swimmer.

Jackie felt a little useless with a broken wing and no knowledge of how to make a snow cone, or any other food for that matter. She knew enough to eat a coconut or a banana, but that's it. "I have an idea," thought Jackie. "I'll cook for Doowee while he swims for snow cones so he can have really healthy food."

Jackie found a little shack on the beach complete with stove, refrigerator, and food. Who could resist? Jackie went to work to make lots of food for Doowee for his return. It would be a surprise. Since Jackie had no idea how to cook, she decided to be creative.

First, she made asparagus ice cream. Then she made peach pasta with green spaghetti sauce. Then she made lima bean bread. When Doowee returned with two snow cones, Jackie surprised him. She took the food out to him on the beach's shoreline.

As he presented her with a snow cone, he asked, "What's this?"

Jackie smiled proudly. "Peach pasta with green spaghetti sauce, lima bean bread, and asparagus ice cream. I was going to make brussel sprout salad, but you returned so quickly from the Arctic!"

Doowee was stunned. He didn't know what to say. The last thing in the world he wanted to eat was lima bean bread or asparagus ice cream. And peach pasta? Yick!

Just then, Jasper the Seagull flew over and said, "What's that delicious smell?" Jackie beamed as only angels can. "I cooked and there's plenty for you, too!"

Doowee used his mouth to slide the platter of food to Jasper so fast that Jasper almost dropped it. "This looks delicious!"

"It's all yours. After all, I have a snow cone," said Doowee. Jasper wolfed down the food because seagulls like every kind of food there is. Jackie didn't eat because angels don't need to. Jackie was feeling a little better now about being needed even though she was still healing her broken wing.

She decided that friendship was a tricky thing. Sometimes you might try to do something nice and it ends up being nicer for someone else! Jackie planted a kiss on Doowee and Jasper and flew back to the hut to think of more creative dishes to cook!

If you could cook anything at all, what you would make?

Happy skies from Jackie the Angel and all her friends.

(From a forthcoming book by Patricia Rust)
Read this story and others at www.JackietheAngel.com.

IN THE NEWS:

Now Scheduling School Visits

Patricia Rust and Power for Kids will soon resume visiting schools to present the Royal Readers programs. If you are a teacher or librarian and would like to invite Patricia or one of her Royal Reading volunteers to lead an empowering session at your school, please visit <http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/appearance.html> to request more information. Parents, please contact us with the information for your child's teacher or librarian so that we may send them a brochure.

Writers Guild Foundation Continues Literacy Efforts

In its continuing effort to support literacy and education, the Writers Guild Foundation has created the following website: <http://www.wgfoundation.org/academicliteracy.htm>. Visit the site to learn more about the Foundation's efforts or arrange to have one of their featured programs presented at your school. Power for Kids is proud to be a part of this excellent initiative to encourage literacy in Southern California.

Chopped Liver for the Family Spirit Available Now

The second book in the *Chopped Liver* series is now available. Patricia Rust contributed a tribute to legendary animator Jules Engel. Like *Chopped Liver for the American Spirit*, the book is a collection of uplifting stories written by regular Americans. Buy your copy today and share it with those close to you. Signed copies are available at http://www.powerforkids.com/book/buy_book.html.

Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Still Available

The King of Skittledeedoo is a wonderful learning tool for every child in your family, or your friend's family. It will help motivate your young students to read, read, read. A limited number of signed copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* are still available. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Kids! Send us your holiday poems!

We're holding a children's contest. To enter, send your summer poem or story to aryn@powerforkids.com or 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025. Your contribution will be posted at <http://www.powerforkids.com/kids/KidsWork.html>. To submit your own poem or story for our newsletter and website, send it to aryn@powerforkids.com.

The winner will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo*. Entries must be received by 12/15/2004.

DONATION CAMPAIGN:

Power for Kids, Inc. Needs Your Help

It's the time of year to create tax write-offs and get kids excited about reading! As part of our continuing efforts to ensure that all children at risk for illiteracy have access to copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* through their libraries and classrooms, and to make schools aware of the powerful tools offered through our website at www.PowerforKids.com, we need to send mailings to schools, increase the number of our school visits, print additional copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*, manufacture literacy kits, and train literacy volunteers to create a national Royal Readers network. But we can't do it without you. We need funding to continue our imperative work.

Your donation of \$30 provides a child with a book and a Royal Readers learning kit.
Your donation of \$100 sponsors a classroom visit.
Your donation of \$500 sponsors a school visit with books donated to each classroom and the school library.

We also offer membership levels:

Silver club:

\$500-\$1000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and the link of your choice, either to your company or another organization with which you are affiliated, will be added to our website.

Gold club:

\$1000-\$5000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your website banner link will be added to our website.

Platinum club:

\$5000 and up – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your company logo will be featured prominently on our website, and your company link will be included in this newsletter.

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Power for Kids, Inc., 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

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Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

Power for Kids, Inc. is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our "Create-A-Book" program empowers children by helping them write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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