

Lisa visits Loch Ness

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CHAPTER 1

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Lisa was sitting by the window on a bus. She was travelling to Scotland to stay with the MacGregor family. She wanted to practise her English. She was enjoying the bus journey because she could take lots of photographs.

The MacGregor family were waiting for Lisa at the Buchanan Street bus station in Glasgow.

"The bus will be on time," said Rory, "I asked at the information desk."

"That's good," said Mrs MacGregor, "that means it will arrive at an early moment."

"Poor Lisa," said Sheena. "She must be very tired after that long trip."

"She can sleep in the car," said Mr MacGregor.

"I don't think so," said Mrs MacGregor, "not if Sheena and Rory are noisy."

"Oh, come on Mum," said Sheena, "we're not that bad."

"Look, look, there's the bus," said Rory and he pointed at it.



Lisa was a little nervous, because she didn't know the MacGregors. She saw a man. He was wearing a kilt. He was standing next to a woman and two teenagers. "They're the MacGregors," she thought.

Lisa got off the bus and smiled at the MacGregors. "Are you the MacGregor family?" she asked. "I'm Lisa. I'm very pleased to meet you."

"How are you, Lisa? I'm Rory MacGregor," said Rory and held out his hand to Lisa. "This is my sister Sheena and these are our parents. I suppose you think Dad's kilt is funny," he added and laughed.

Lisa relaxed. She liked the MacGregors.

"Hello Rory and Sheena. How do you do, Mr and Mrs MacGregor?" asked Lisa.

"Fine, thank you Lisa," said Mr MacGregor.

"Fine dear and welcome to Scotland," said Mrs MacGregor. "Did you have a nice trip?"

"Yes, it was great," said Lisa. "I like the Scottish countryside."

"That's good, because we have a surprise for you," said Mr MacGregor.

"A nice surprise," said Sheena and smiled at Lisa. "We're going to Loch Ness."

"Loch Ness?" asked Lisa.

"It's the most beautiful loch in Scotland," answered Rory.

"Loch, but what is a loch?" asked Lisa.

"Oh, I'm sorry," answered Rory, "loch is the Scottish word for lake."

"That's right," said Sheena, "and we are going there for two weeks."

"We rented a cottage on the bank of the loch," said Mrs MacGregor.

"We're all going to have a wonderful time there."

"It sounds great," said Lisa and smiled. "I can take lots of photographs."

"You've got a very good camera," said Mr MacGregor. "Do you like photography?"

"I love it," said Lisa excitedly. "It's my favourite hobby. And I love this camera, too. I won it in a short story competition some years ago."

"Lucky you," said Rory.

"Come on now, let's get going," said Mrs MacGregor. "We have a long drive ahead of us."

They all got into the car. "It's my turn to drive," said Mrs MacGregor and sat in the driver's seat.

"They look like a very nice family," thought Lisa and made herself comfortable in the back seat with Sheena and Rory.



CHAPTER 2

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The MacGregors and Lisa finally arrived at the cottage late in the evening. It was just beginning to get dark. The cottage was by the side of the loch.

"Maybe we'll see Nessie now," said Sheena.

"Nessie?" asked Lisa. "Who's Nessie?"

"It's the Loch Ness Monster," answered Rory. "Haven't you heard of it?"

"I think I've read about it," answered Lisa. "Does it really exist?"

"Of course it does," answered Rory.

"Don't mind Rory," said Mrs MacGregor. "Nobody knows if Nessie exists or not. Anyway, it's late. Let's carry the luggage into the house and make our beds."

"A monster," thought Lisa. "That's really interesting! If it really exists, I can take a photograph of it."

Everybody was tired after the long journey. Mrs MacGregor made some