

THE BOY WHO LOVED BOATS

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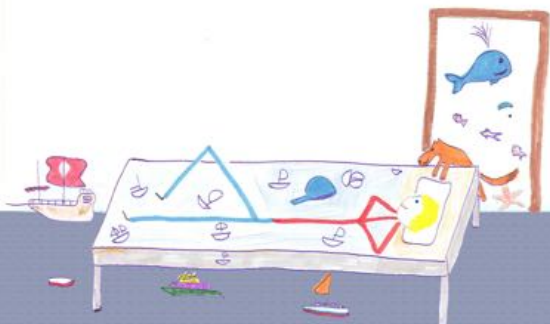
**'Story based on a simple premise,
a child's love of ships and father's love for his child.'**

*Carly Thomas,
Manawatu Standard*



The Boy loved everything to do
with the sea and boats.

He liked to daydream about the
water and the boats.



Or make drawings of them.



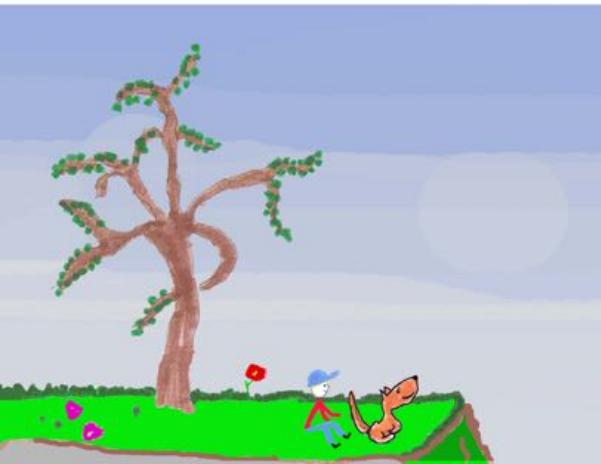
Sometimes he went with his best friend to look out at the sea and enjoy the view.



Above all, the Boy liked
to look out at the shipwreck
at Smiling Rock.



And dream about how one day,
he would restore it to its former
glory.

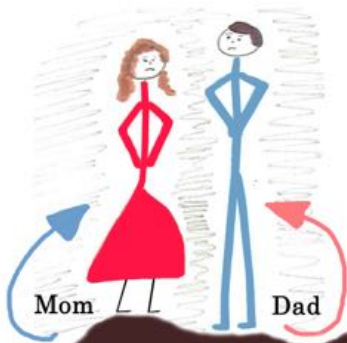


The Boy's name was Aaron
and his best friend was Brian.
They were very happy.



But Aaron's parents didn't share this happiness.

They thought there were more important things than boats.





They wanted Aaron to do better in school, to play with other children and help them with the garden, instead of looking out at the sea and daydreaming all day.

They didn't know how to handle this problem.

They went to Aaron's school to ask his teacher for advice.



‘You worry too much’, said the teacher, ‘you have a happy child with a great passion for boats.

Try to benefit from his interest rather than make a problem of it.’



The teacher suggested they should send Aaron to his good friend, Master Boatbuilder.

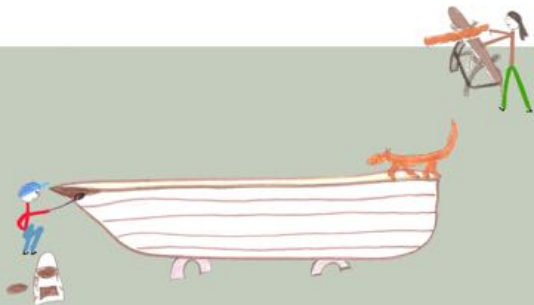
It would be good for both of them.

Master was looking for help to build new boats, and Aaron would learn new skills.



Aaron went to Master to help out
and to learn.

Master was pleased with the boy
and started to teach him all the
secrets of the trade.



The Boy did what Master taught him and really enjoyed working with him.



They both loved the time
they spent together and soon
became friends.



'If you want to become a good sailor or even a captain,'
said the Master one day,
'you need to practice other things
as well.'

The boy listened carefully.



‘Learn from others,’
Master continued.

‘Use their knowledge and
experience to help you become a
better man.’



The Boy started to read more
books and pay more attention in
school.

‘Team work is crucial at sea,’
said Master seriously.

The Boy started to play sports and
soon he made new friends.



‘While steering ships, you need strong hands and good fitness,’ Master told him later, ‘and it is important to have a good relationship with your crew.’

The Boy started to help his parents in the garden.



His parents became very happy, because Aaron was finally doing better at school, playing with other children and helping them in the garden.



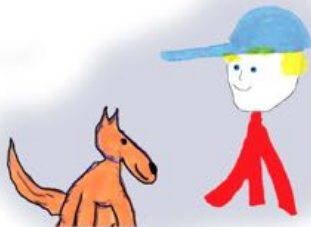
Master Boatbuilder was also very pleased with his great apprentice.



But what about the Boy?

He was as happy as ever.

He enjoyed going to school and playing with friends and working with his parents in garden, just as much as he enjoyed building boats with his friend Master.



But despite all the new things he learned to enjoy, he still loved to sit at Smiling Rock and look out at the shipwreck and dream of how one day, he would restore it to its former glory.



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What do you love?



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