

## **Okaparnis Story Quest Ch. 2 – Give Me One Dollar**

You and Tira make your plans that evening: There is a captain of a sightseeing boat, Señor Antonio, who is setting sail for Corto Vanail in three days. He's an older man and his boat is one of the smaller vessels, but he likes to think that it makes his tours that much more personable. He started the tours thirty-seven years ago and has loved them ever since. However, he hasn't given a tour in nearly six months because nobody wants to go to Corto Vanail anymore. He's tried to find other work, but there's nothing left in Okaparnis; everyone coming from Corto Vanail has taken all the jobs. Because of this, he has decided to move to Corto Vanail. The way he understands it, if people are all leaving that place, then maybe there will be jobs waiting for him.

You and Tira ask him if you may join and he gladly says yes. He needs help moving his things and would love the company on the long voyage. So, over the next three days you help him gather his things, you pick up all the supplies you'll need, you pack your own items, say goodbye to the innkeeper and her cat, and then you, Tira, and Antonio set sail...

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There's not much to say when sailing on the ocean. It's kind of like traveling on long roads by car; it's boring. A few times you saw dolphins and whales, but mostly it's just the endless expanse of cool, blue water. Mostly, you and Tira play Multiplication War with the deck of cards she brought, or you both pretend you're pirates and sword-fight using spoons. On very rare days, when Antonio doesn't have to do much work with the sails, he'll start by telling you a story, but then he'll stop at the most exciting parts and force you to tell the rest of the tales. It's really hard work, but it's so much fun.

Antonio says that this journey will be long. It'll take weeks to get to Corto Vanail. But, he says there are many interesting islands around the ocean and that we'll be stopping at the first one very soon. He says there's this place filled with beautiful flowers called Florief on that island. He claims that the flowers can even talk. You and Tira don't really believe him because you've never met a talking flower before, but no matter what, it'll be nice to get off of this boat for a while.

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You land on the western side of the island. There is a lot of grass, but no flowers. You feel disappointed and it must show on your face because Antonio says that Florief is further inland, just past this hill. You cheer up a bit and you and Tira run up the hill.

It's a lot bigger than you thought and you tire quickly. You decide to wait for Antonio, so you sit on the grass and wiggle your toes in it. It feels so cool and tickles your feet. You laugh, then lay down, staring at the bright blue sky. There are big billowy clouds moving around up there. You even spot one that looks like the innkeeper and her cat. You wave hello even though it's just a cloud. Tira laughs at you, and then makes fun of you by waving hello to everything she sees. You playfully punch her in the arm and then you both see Antonio getting close, so you stand up and walk up the rest of the hill together...

When you reach the top of the hill, you can't believe your eyes. Straight in front of you (looking east) is a seemingly endless stretch of large flowers. They look beautiful, but not quite as stunning as Antonio mentioned.

As you walk to the flowers, Antonio begins to worry. He says that something doesn't seem right. The flowers aren't as bright as they used to be. They used to glimmer in the sun like thousands of gems, but now they just look normal.

You finally reach the flowers. They look just like any other flower. You wonder what is so special about them. Antonio greets them, expecting them to start dancing and singing, but instead, all they do is turn around and say to you, "Give me one dollar." You look at Antonio; his face looks pale and his smile has disappeared completely. "Excuse me," he says to the flowers, "...aren't you going to sing and dance like you used to?" They simply stare at him for a while, and then say again, "Give me one dollar."

Antonio looks very upset. He runs around, talking to all of the flowers, but each one merely says, "Give me one dollar." And that's if they say anything at all. It appears that some of the flowers have lost their ability to talk at all. It's a sad sight.

He finally returns to you and Tira and tells you that it's time to leave. He looks like he's about to cry, so you somberly follow him back to the ship. You finally get back to the ship and set sail once again. You want to ask where our next destination is, but Antonio still looks horribly distraught, so you decide to stay quiet.

As you round the northern part of the island, you see another ship and it's heading straight toward you! You yell at Antonio. That knocks him out of his daze, but it's too late, the ship has already overtaken you. Three flowers jump onto your ship, with swords in their leafy palms. The middle one stretches out his unarmed hand and greets you, Antonio, and Tira. He says, a little melodramatically, "How did you like our grand entrance? My name is Solidaster. I'm the captain of the Sunflower Pirates."

He looks at you, as though he's waiting for a real answer to his question. You shyly tell him that it was impressive, but scary. He laughs and tells you that's exactly the reaction he was going for. He tells you that he likes you and sees potential in you. So he tells you, "You've got something special about you, kid. I like that. I tell you what; I'll give you the opportunity to join our crew. Whaddya say?"

Shocked, you simply say, "What... You want me to join you? But what if I don't want to sail with you. What about my friends?" He chuckles and then explains, "Nah, kid. You don't have to sail *with me* to be part of my crew. I'll give you a sunflower pendant to signify that you are. That way everyone will know you're part of Solidaster's Great Sunflower Pirate crew!" Surprised at this odd opportunity, you say to him, "Sure. What do I have to do?"

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**Task:** Solidaster's crew is made up entirely of flowers. The Sunflower Pirates are still a new and small group, but their reputation has spread far. Solidaster's test is this: "Guess the number of flowers I have in my crew."

Excluding him, there are Roses and Lotuses in his crew. When he counts everyone's petals, the total number comes out to 47 petals. If Roses have 5 petals on each flower and Lotuses have 8 petals on each flower, then how many of each flower is in his crew?