

## Storytelling: Carnival crime

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Kelly was excited. She was on holiday with her family in a fantastic place – Rio in Brazil. The hotel was wonderful. There was a swimming pool and a garden, and it was near the beach! Kelly's brother Steve was excited too. It was carnival time in Rio and that night there was a big party in the street. Everyone had wonderful clothes in different colours – green, blue, red, purple, and even gold and silver.

Kelly and Steve wanted to go to the party but they didn't have any carnival clothes.

'Let's go to a shop and buy some costumes,' said Steve. So they went out of the hotel and into the shopping centre. All the shops had fantastic clothes. They went into a big shop. Kelly put on a costume – there was a special jacket, a short skirt, a blue T-shirt, white boots and a cowboy hat. She looked in the mirror.

'Ha ha, you look terrible!' said Steve.

Steve put on a costume – a pair of red and yellow trousers, a green and red spotty shirt, blue shoes, a silly hat and a red nose.

'That's good! You look like a clown!' said Kelly. Kelly bought a gold-coloured dress and silver shoes, and Steve bought a Superman costume. Now they were ready for the party!

They went back to the hotel. When they arrived they saw a tall, elegant woman in a black dress. She was wearing diamonds on her fingers, on her shoes, on her clothes and in her hair. 'Wow!' said Steve. 'Look at her! Who is she?'

'That's Diana Diamond – the famous film star,' said the manager. 'The diamonds are famous – they cost thousands of pounds!'

Kelly and Steve went to get ready for the party. At eight o'clock they went to the restaurant with their mum and dad to have dinner. They had steak, chips and salad, and then an enormous ice cream. Suddenly they heard someone screaming.

'Oh! My diamonds, my diamonds – they are gone! Gone!'

Diana Diamond ran into the room. 'My diamonds are stolen!' she screamed.

Kelly and Steve went out of the hotel. They saw a man running away with the diamonds. The man had a black cat costume. In the street there were thousands of people wearing colourful costumes. Everybody was dancing and singing. The music was very loud. 'Quick!' shouted Kelly. 'After him!'

Kelly and Steve ran after the black cat. It was difficult to see him because of the party in the street. 'There he is!' shouted Steve. 'He's going towards the mountain!'

The black cat ran faster and faster. Kelly and Steve ran faster too. Suddenly the black cat stopped. The man fell to the ground. Kelly and Steve sat on the man. The police arrived and took him away to prison. Kelly and Steve took the diamonds back to the hotel and gave them back to Diana Diamond. 'Oh thank you, thank you,' she said. 'My wonderful diamonds – I have them back again. You must come to my extra special carnival party on the roof of the hotel.' So they went to the carnival party and watched the fireworks from the roof of the hotel. It was the best carnival party ever.

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