

"This is a hard task" he thought, "but I now understand where to go, when I leave Fairyland. There are quite a few Penguins around to see, which sounds like lots of fun to me."



He was eager to start and find out more, but a little uncertain, that was for sure. She saw his concern, so tapped on his head, three times with her wand, then simply said...



"You are a good Elf, so always behave, and remember of course - you are Bobbin the Brave."

He thanked Queen Fairy, for his latest quest, and said quite proudly "I will do my best. And although they're scattered all over the place, I've lots of time. This isn't a race."

"And your special tap gives me magic to use - a trick for elf travel, whenever I choose".

So Antarctica was the first place to go, at the bottom of the world, all covered in snow.....



.....He tapped his blue hat, then everywhere was white, with a moon so huge and clear and bright.



Once through the ice door, he rubbed his eyes, and stared at the millions of stars in the sky. He heard funny noises as he looked all around, and found it was ice, making creaking sounds.

"What a wonderful place," he said to himself, "for a brand-new quest and a brave little Elf."

So he put on his warm cap, of that he was glad, and unpacked his thick coat, and gloves from his bag.



These are birds, but they cannot fly, well not at least up in the sky.

They do fly underwater though, and slide on tummies along the snow.

They do not walk, they only waddle, and use their wings just like a paddle.

They are quite funny and one of a kind, and a cuter bird, would be hard to find.

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If you've ever wanted to know a little more about all the Penguins of the world, then this is the book for you....

....So journey with Bobbin and find out what's in store, with these popular birds that live by the shore.



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BOBBIN'S PENGUIN ADVENTURE

Bobbin the Elf lives far, far away where elves and unicorns and fairies play. Queen Fairy gives tasks for him to complete, with lots of challenges, where he mustn't cheat.



Each time he returns, he informs the Queen, about his adventures and the wonders he's seen.

And his little elf friends all sit by his side, as they listen to tales of the far and wide.



Then one fine day, and out of the blue, Queen Fairy explained what she'd like him to do.

"I have, for you, a brand-new mission, where you will go on an expedition."

"I'd like you to find a group of creatures, a favourite of many, with striking features. They all appear to be dressed in tuxedos, and can swim through water just like torpedoes."

They're one of the only birds that can't fly, and quite at home in the sea, than the sky. More like a fish, than that of a bird, with 18 types, or so I've heard."

"You've guessed by now, it's the plucky Penguin, that waddle and wave and make a loud din. There's one in particular, to find on your trip, the **Little Blue Fairy**, that could give you the slip."

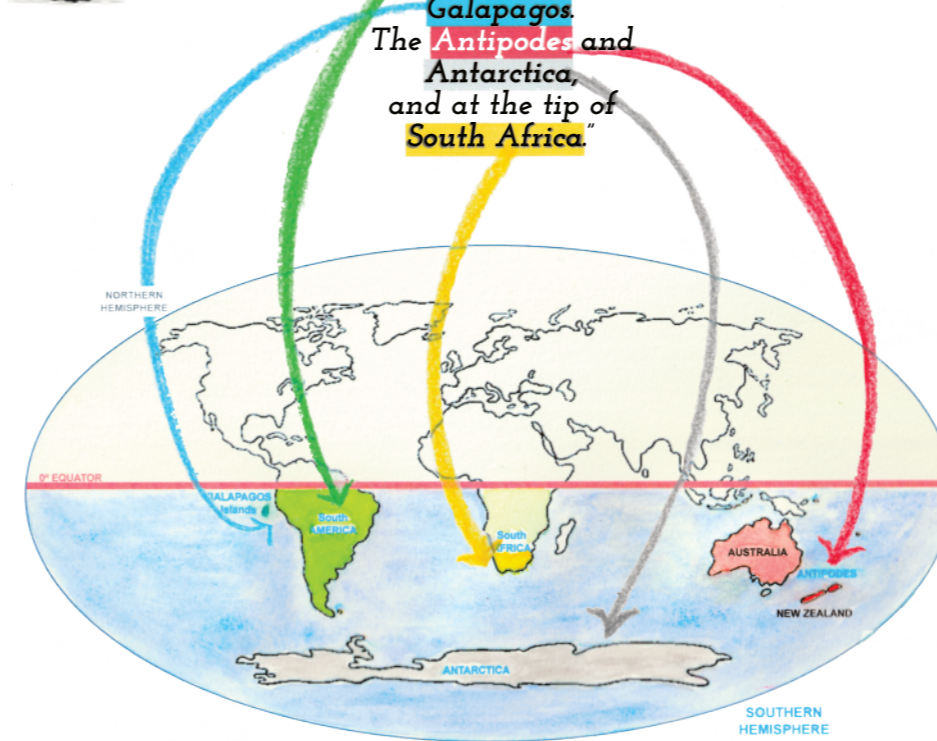


Just then the Queen's fairies were all of a flutter, and gathered in groups and began to mutter. "Worry not little ones, this is just a clue. This penguin's unique, with feathers of blue."

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"There are many lands, you'll come across, like **South America** and **Galapagos**. The **Antipodes** and **Antarctica**, and at the tip of **South Africa**."



"These places are in the Southern Hemisphere, and a map will show where Penguins appear. You'll travel from one place to another, and many wonders, you'll discover."

Bobbin liked Penguins, so he had no fear, and thought they looked funny, and full of good cheer. He'd also read, they were black and white, and some can tower above him, in height.

He had no idea there were so many kinds, and struggled to think that all he would find. But Queen Fairy had faith that he would not fail, so he listened quite carefully, to this interesting tale.

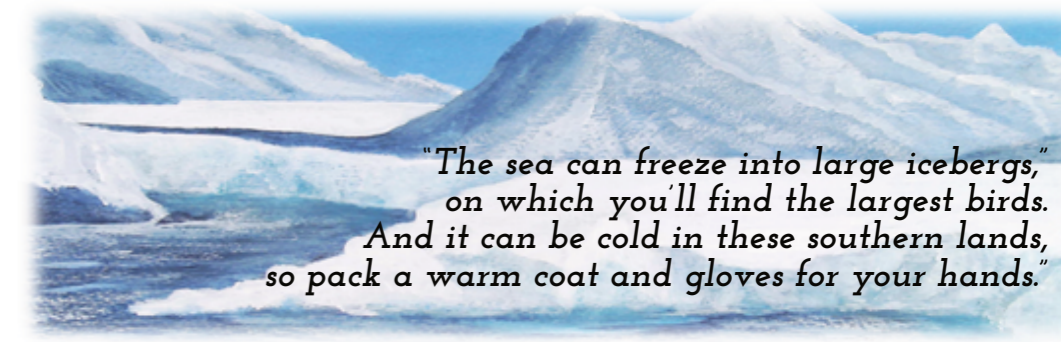


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Bobbin made notes in his little red book, so at any time, he could take a quick look. There were many things to sketch and write, that would certainly help him in his plight.

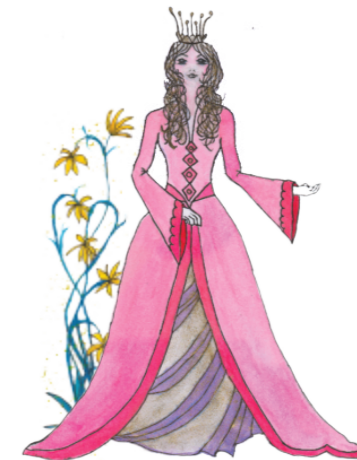


"To recall these birds, I need a strategy. I know, I'll list them alphabetically. It'll be easy to remember all their names, and I'll colour them in groups, where they're the same."



"The sea can freeze into large icebergs, on which you'll find the largest birds. And it can be cold in these southern lands, so pack a warm coat and gloves for your hands."

"And Bobbin, remember, make notes in your book, so on your return, we can all take a look. You could even include a drawing or two, to show what they look like, as we haven't a clue."



"But be careful dear Bobbin and try not to slip." Queen Fairy said, whilst giving him tips. "Carry with you your skates, to use on the ice, to glide with new friends, who'll never think twice."



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