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The Mystery of the Colosseum

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This is a story of James and Holly going to Rome, trying to find the thief that stole some of the bricks from the Colosseum, and trying to catch him before it was too late!

It all started when James was being his normal self and trying to fall asleep until... He jumped up so high that his cat ran away and hid between the dinner chairs! The reason that he jumped so high was that he saw a message on his TV that said, "James, this is Agent Fellows! Someone took some of the bricks of the Colosseum and no one can find him even on the cameras. So call Holly and get here as fast as you can!" As James could barely get up from the couch, he reached as far as his little arms could go, and grabbed his phone.

"Holly, Agent Fellows said for us to get to the Colosseum because someone stole some of the bricks. I don't know if that is true, because Agent Fellows isn't always right, so should we go just in case?" He had to repeat that for a second time because the phone went silent and he wasn't sure if she was there, but after saying it a second time, she finally answered.

"What do you mean someone stole the bricks? We just went there last night and we saw the bricks still standing?"

Agent Fellows texted James a picture which he then sent to Holly. She quickly hung up the phone and texted, "Meet you there..."

On the way to the mystery, James sat in silence, but then he saw it, he really did... THE COLOSSEUM! It was bigger than a blue whale and an elephant TOGETHER! But something was missing. Agent Fellows was right, the three missing pieces were a code to something. But what, just what, could it be...

As they were standing in total shock, the team decided to inspect inside. Nothing was popping out to them other than the old ridged bricks keeping the amazing landmark together. After five minutes of nonstop looking, James, Holly, and Agent Fellows found something. They found the spot in the Colosseum where the three missing bricks were stolen and James still wanted to know what the code about the missing bricks meant. He guessed his question would be answered later, but now was the time for inspecting, not figuring out a code.

Most likely Agent Fellows and Holly were thinking the same thing because they couldn't

stop looking at the bricks and talking about the code. But James didn't want to bring up the topic because they were in a deep discussion.

The discussion was about if they should look at the cameras again or look for clues around the place. After debating, since Holly wanted to check the cameras and Agent Fellows wanted to look for clues, they decided to look for clues because Agent Fellows was a professional, and Holly was just a kid.

As they started to look, a gold light came out of a nearby crevice! James leaned closer just to get a better glance and saw something even more crazy. He wasn't fully sure, but he thought he saw a number with four digits!

The number was...7286.

James knew it would mean something, so he tried to think. "What could it be, what could it be, what could it be?"

He pulled Agent Fellows over to show her and she was in complete shock. After she saw the shine, she quickly went behind the Colosseum to see if anything was shining gold, but she just saw the bright blue sky peering through the crack.

Then something popped out. James stopped thinking for a minute and the lightbulb came on and that lightbulb inside of him was shining just like an angel! He saw a door down the street and a lock connected to it with twelve little buttons and then...

THE CODE!

James ran up to the door, but forgot the last digit of the code, so he just guessed. 7283? No, that didn't sound right. 7285? Also not right. Then, he got it! James typed in 7280 and was positive it was right. But the whole lock turned red so that was also wrong! He started to guess random numbers and when I tried 7286... It turned green!

James opened the door and saw a person sitting on a chair on his computer... and saw **THE THREE BRICKS!** He ran out of the room and started to tell Agent Fellows about what he witnessed. She was astonished and ran to see for herself.

After Agent Fellows and James were done staring at the room with the person on his computer, they took their time waiting then... *ZAP!* Agent Fellows ran to grab the person and tie his hands behind his back! She ran so fast, like a bee to honey. While Agent Fellows tried to capture the person, James ran to the other side of the room to grab the bricks and put back the bricks in the Colosseum. After he stepped away to see the whole thing, it looked perfect! He didn't know where Agent Fellows took the person, but James couldn't find her until he finally got home and heard a *DING* of the doorbell. Agent Fellows, Holly, and James hung out on his couch and told stories about recent mysteries they had solved.