

The Adventures of Red Dog & Bat Devil



11. Wind in Their Whiskers

"Where's your bandanna?" asked Bat, as Dog tried to sneak back to camp. "I left it with Chloe" said Dog, "told her I'd pick it up when we ride this way again." "But we won't be riding this way again" said Bat. "Dear Bat, you have so much to learn" said Dog and then he wandered over to talk to Red. Although it was pre dawn, everyone was about, packing up ready for the long ride. "What's going on?" asked Dog. "We're setting off for Bonnie Doon today. Need to get Bald Bob's Black Knight to Aunt Agnes, thought you wouldn't mind." "No worries" said Dog, and then he set about rolling up his swag, whistling all the while!

At first the boys rode south, taking all the back roads through South Australia's wine country and then sand country. They only stopped when it was time for a muffin, or fuel, or both. At one point, Bat got his signalling confused and pointed at his willy when he was nearly out of fuel. Dog took the lead and stopped in the next truck bay. "What did you stop here for?" asked Bat, when everyone was off their bikes and helmets, jackets and ear plugs had been removed. "You signalled you needed to pee" snapped Dog. "I need fuel" said Bat. Devil rolled his eyes and started mumbling. "What did you say?" asked Bat.

"Nothing, nothing" said Devil, "let's just get back on the road."

From Robe they turned and headed eastward and by nightfall they were in Victoria and camped in a truck bay just outside Hamilton. "This is about as good as it gets" said Devil as he unrolled his swag. "Yes, sometimes I think I could just keep riding, day after day, mile after mile, never stopping" said Red. That night they slept long and soundly.

The following day they were back on the road as soon as the sun was above the horizon. They stopped for breakfast in the little town of Glenthompson. Bat wandered off after breakfast and came back with an H-D fuel tank piggy bank which had caught his eye in an antique shop window. "What on earth did you buy that for?" asked Dog. "Small things amuse small minds" added Devil. "That's not going in the trailer" said Red. "Great isn't it" said Bat as he slotted the first coin into the little money box. "Sorry guys, but I couldn't resist it." Humouring him Devil asked "what are you saving up for anyway?" "Gnomes" said Bat. Red, Dog and Devil just looked at each other and chose not to ask any more questions.

Just outside Maryborough they met a Japanese guy touring Oz on a postie bike. He was tinkering with the under belly of his bike, so the boys stopped to give a hand. "G'day" said Red taking the guy by surprise. He jumped up quickly, looked from one to the other, then he threw his hands in the air and said "take what you want; I beg you, leave me alone." "Don't be afraid" said Red, "I'm Red, and this is Dog, Devil and Bat. We're travelling too" and he gestured towards the H-D's. "My name is Hero. Why are you wearing those funny suits? I thought you were bank robbers." "This guy doesn't realise you're a Roo" whispered Devil.

Hero looked Red up and down. "Can I try on that suit? My brother in Japan would think it really funny if he saw me in a kangaroo suit." "Look dude, it isn't a suit" said Devil. By now Hero was running his fingers all over Red's body looking for the zipper. When he couldn't find one he stood for a while stroking the bum fluff on his chin. "OK" he said and reached into his pocket for his

mobile. "My brother would like to see this, I'll do a video link up" and he dialled the number. "Ho hi he hi hun hun hon ho me ho hu he" said Hero. Then he giggled and waved the camera in each of the boy's faces. "Hi he ho ho ha ha ho he" he continued and giggled some more. "My sister thinks Devil has very nice arse" he concluded. "I think you're a pain in the arse" quipped Dog. "I'll put the video on YouTube, ok?" "There's no point saying no" mumbled Red, "he's going to do it anyway." "I'd still like to borrow that suit when you find the zipper" said Hero. The boys walked away.

By nightfall they were camped on the outskirts of Bonnie Doon. "I wonder where Bald Bob is now?" mused Bat. "Dare say he's somewhere close by, watching" said Red. With that thought in mind they settled in for a quiet night.

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