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Chapter 1: Milou on a school trip to Leiden

Today, Milou is going on a school trip with her class to a very beautiful city, Leiden.

Leiden has large bridges and lovely canals, and everything feels very special.

The teacher quietly says, “Today we’re going to learn about someone who lived a very long time ago, in the year 1620.” In Leiden, they arrive at a small museum. A sign reads, *Chilton’s*.

“Who are they?” Milou asks. A friendly guide smiles.

“Mary Chilton was an English girl just as curious as you”, he says.

“She lived with her parents, James and Susanna Chilton, in Leiden.

Together, they packed their belongings into suitcases and barrels, and traveled on a large ship, the Mayflower, to New England to find a new home.”

Milou’s eyes widen and suddenly she sees a soft, friendly glow.

It seems as if Mary Chilton steps right out of the book and looks at her!

Mary smiles and whispers, “Would you like to see how I helped with the packing?” Milou nods happily and softly says, “Yes, please!” Mary points to the suitcases and barrels and says,

“We packed warm scarves and sturdy clothes so we wouldn’t get cold.

In the barrels, we put tools, cooking pots, and some bread for the long journey.” She points to a small chest and says, “We might have put some sandwiches, cheese, and a soft cloth in there, so that everything would be safe if the sea got rough.

Milou sees that Mary is working very calmly and patiently.

She helps her father pack. She folds the clothes neatly, places them gently in the chest, puts a lid on a jar, and writes Plymouth on a card. Mary says, “It was a long journey, but we went together and took good care of each other.”

When the school bus is ready to go back, Milou looks at the faces of the board for a moment. She shares her thoughts with her classmates, “Mary was very brave. She helped her father pack and traveled very far with the Pilgrims, who wanted to believe as they wished. It was a very special adventure!” And so Milou and her friends will continue to think about the courageous girl from 1620, who went with her family in search of a new home.





Chapter 2: Milou dreams of Mary

Milou is still lying comfortably in her bed, her eyes closed. She feels a little sleepy, but her thoughts wander to a large ship sailing through the waves.

She dreams of the Mayflower, the ship that sailed across the ocean almost 400 years ago.

And she sees a girl with a golden smile: that's Mary Chilton.

Suddenly, something extraordinary happens. Milou opens her eyes and sees Mary sitting on her bed! The girl smiles kindly and says softly, "Hi Milou!"

Milou nods in surprise and whispers, "I have so many questions about your journey.

What was it like on the Mayflower?"

Mary nods happily and says, "It's a real adventure! We sailed across the ocean for 66 days.

Sometimes the waves make big turns and the wind blows hard. Then the wind shouts, 'Hold on!' We sleep close together, with 130 people on board. Sometimes it's cold and I feel a little seasick, but we help each other and sing songs to give us courage.

Milou looks curious and asks, "And do you have friends on the ship?"

Mary smiles broadly and says, "Yes! I have two best friends: Constance Hopkins and Elizabeth Tilley. We play hide and seek on the deck and make up funny stories.

When someone feels sad, we comfort each other and make jokes.

Mary looks serious for a moment and then says, "But there's also a bully on the boat: Francis Billington. He's always getting into mischief!

He crawls around below deck and pulls on ropes he's not allowed to untie. He makes jokes that upset others or distract them from their work."

Milou nods in understanding. "It sounds a bit boring sometimes, doesn't it?"

Mary laughs and says, "Yes, that's true. Sometimes there's not much to do.

But you know what? Would you like to come on a short dream journey? Then you can see for yourself what it's like on the Mayflower. Would you like to come with me, Milou? Milou nods enthusiastically. "Yes, I'll come! "And together, they step further into the dream, ready to experience even more adventures on the wide ocean and in Plymouth.

Chapter 3: Milou on the Mayflower

Milou stands next to Mary on the big ship, the Mayflower. She looks around and feels a little excited. They're both wearing pretty dresses, almost identical! Milou can't stop smiling.

She waves her arms and says cheerfully, "Now we're real best friends!"

Mary smiles and whispers, "That's right, Milou. Now you're a Pilgrim girl too."

They look together at the horizon, where the sea stretches as far as they can see.

"What are we going to do now?" Milou asks softly. She feels a little curious and a little scared, but mostly very happy. Mary puts her hand on Milou's shoulder and says, "There's not much to do on the ship, but I'm glad you're here. It can be boring sometimes, but together we make it fun."

"The captain says we're almost in America. Just a few more days and we can go ashore!" Mary says enthusiastically. "Everyone is looking forward to it! After a storm, the ship is a little damaged, but the crew is working hard to repair everything.

Milou knows that after such a long journey with 130 people on one ship, everyone will be happy to see land.

"Can I meet your friends?" Milou asks. "Of course," Mary says.

And they go to find Constance Hopkins and Elizabeth Tilley, Mary's two friends.

A seagull flies by and screams cheerfully, "Caw, caw!"

They walk to the aft deck, where they see Constance Hopkins and Elizabeth Tilley.

Constance waves and calls out happily, "Hi!" Elizabeth smiles and gives a thumbs-up.

Milou walks over to them and says kindly, "Hi, I'm Milou."

The girls give each other a cheerful hug. Milou immediately feels at home among her new friends.

They make up games together while they wait for land to come closer. But suddenly there is a loud bang! The ship shakes a little and a splash of cold water hits the side.

Milou holds Mary's hand tightly. "That must've been a cannon," Mary whispers.

"It's a gunshot!" shouts a sailor. The captain appears on the foredeck.

"Stay calm, everyone," he says in a calm voice.