

# The Aussie Quest



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## THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

### Parameters Form

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##### Random words

ruby .....

melts .....

shiver .....

tasty .....

sponge .....

#### Instructions

- Start no earlier than **8am**
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  - based on all **five parameters** (above)
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### *A message to the children*

Hello from Gabriel Ellery, James Haley, Ethan Healy, Josh Somerville, Nate Neville, we really hope you're recovering well. We hope that you enjoy our story and that you get a few laughs out of this story.

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## Chapter 1- A terrible job

It was a day like any other Trevor Damo What-Not was getting ready to go to work at the bank of smallville so he brushed his teeth, combed his hair and put on his favourite Hawaiian t-shirt, he put on his tan coloured pants that he got from Levi's along with his nice brown belt that he also got from Levi's, he got on his socks and then his shoes, he noticed that his shoes were starting to get holes in them, but he didn't mind the slightest bit at all. After he was fully dressed he jumped in his and double checked everything before he started driving towards the bank. As he logged in to his computer, A elderly lady asked him to check her balance so he pushed her over and said

"It's pretty bad," said Trevor.

Then his manager heard the lady yelling so the manager then asked

"What happened?" said the manager .

"That man pushed me over," said the elderly lady pointing towards Trevor.

His manager gave Trevor a stern look and said

"Get into my office now" said the manager in a sort of angry whisper.

The manager finally came into the office where Trevor was waiting, sitting on the chair in front of his desk. The manager sat down in his chair, Trevor waiting nervously for the manager to say something was finally broken when the manager opened his mouth to tell him something then said that he better not do something like that ever again and that he was doing a terrible job, he also asked why he wasn't wearing a suit to work today .After that Trevor went back to his desk, when all of the sudden the phone rang, Trevor picked up the phone and answered it.

"Would you like to be in a Reality TV show tomorrow?" the caller asked in a very hyper sounding voice.

A **shiver** went down his spine, he had always wanted to be on TV and now was his chance.

## Chapter 2- Stolen information

“Uh sorry, who is this?” Trevor replied confused but excited

“This is the TV broadcasting studio near you, we would like to know if you would like to be in our new show. Lie detectors” said the man, still sounding very hyper.

“Sure, why not.” replied Trevor thinking that it would be fun

Trevor was very excited for tomorrow, so excited that he could not sleep that night. He tried so hard that night to fall asleep that night, without knowing Trevor fell right asleep. The next morning Trevor got ready into all of his clothes and once he was fully ready he drove all the way down to the TV Broadcasting Studio, once he arrived the director said to him.

“Welcome Trevor to ‘Lie Detectors’” said the director.

“Are you ready to be interviewed?” said the director.

The interview went surprisingly well for Trevor. The whole interview was filled with questions like where do you work? And do you enjoy working there? And then the producer asked “How do you make your money?” said the director.

“I make money by secretly stealing from the bank I work at,” he replied.

Everyone looked shocked and then Trevor realised what he had just said, he then said

“So I guess I didn't make the part then,” said Trevor cheekily.

Right after that Trevor received a call from his manager.



## Chapter 3- An old friend

“Trevor! This is your last chance to pay us back all of the money you took from us or we will arrest you and we will send you to a place where you will never see your family again And do not forget you're fired!”.

“But sir! i don't have the money” said Trevor in a distressed tone of voice

“Well you better find a way to get it” said his manager walking away

“You have 24 hours.”said the manager

Confused and worried Trevor ran out of the bank he didn't know what to do, he thought to himself and tried to think of a way to get the money, but the more he thought about it the more he realised that he didn't know what happened to the money. He then remembered that he knows a mathematician, he grab his phone out of his pocket and started frantically searching his contacts for his number, after 5 minutes of searching he finally found it, he read the name above the number in his head

“*Nerd*”

He then started to giggle a little bit despite the circumstances, he called the number and listened to the dial tone as he waited for some on to answer, all of a sudden he heard a voice

“Hello this is billy”

“Hi Billy, I am an old friend of yours, my name is”said Trevor not able to finish his sentence

“Trevor”said billy finishing his his sentence

“Yeah that is my name, do you remember me?”said Trevor

“of course i do you are the one that forced me to do all of your homework, and on top of that you made me look like a complete idiot in front of our whole high school including my crush”said billy sounding angry

Still confused about all of this he decided to get right to the point. He asked if they could meet in person, reluctant Billy agreed. They decided to meet at the park, Trevor looked up at the sky and admired the bright blue clear sky, it was a sunny day with not a cloud in the sky, he walked over to the bench where they had planned to meet, while walking over he watched as a man sat on the bench he continued to walk to the bench regardless, the man looked up in his direction and waved at him to come over, Trevor sat down next to the man, the man turned to Trevor and asked him

“is your name Trevor”said the stranger

“Yes is your name Billy by any chance”said Trevor

“It very much is, well seeing your here let's get to business”

Trevor and Billy got up a decided to take walk while they talked about Trevors problem, Trevor explained the situation to Billy telling him most of the details, Billy then said to Trevor that it was impossible to help him, and seeing that he was only a mathematician Billy saw no way he could help, Billy then told Trevor that he had to get home because he had his grandpa over for the weekend, Trevor asked if he could come over so that they could continue discussing this once again Billy ended up reluctantly agreeing to let him come over. When They arrived at the house Trevor notice It was a small old fashion looking house, single story. They walked



through the doorway Trevor then saw a old man sitting in a in the room across from him in a rocking chair slowly rocking back and forth Billy called out from next to him

"Hey Grandpa!" said Billy Billy then gestured for him to go and talk to him, Trevor then walked over to Billy's grandpa and sat down on a chair next to him, Billy's grandpa looked up at him and opened his mouth to say this

"You look pretty distressed, what happened?" said the old man to Trevor

"Well i don't know where to begin, but i can at least try to explain it" said Trevor

After explaining to the old man what had happened he said.

"Well what you did was the wrong thing but i think i might know a way to help you"

Once Billy walked in the room Billy's grandpa began to explained, his grandpa said that there was a way to fix his money problems, he said that there was a ruby hidden inside a aussie temple of greatness, Trevor then said

"What does this place look like?" said Trevor

"It looks like a pub" said Billy's grandpa

"Wait so it is just a pub?" said Trevor confused

"Yeah that's exactly what it looks like" said Billy's Grandpa

So with that information that they had just been given Trevor thought that the old man was crazy and decided to not think anything about it but the old man seemed so certain then and that then made Trevor look towards Billy who was looking very serious now right there in that moment Trevor new that Billy's grandpa must be telling the truth and everything that said must be real. Trevor and Billy then agreed to go back to their own places and get a good night's sleep and then meet up again in the morning.

## Chapter 4- The start of the journey

It was a thunderous day outside as if the weather was angry at them. Trevor and Billy both woke up at 8 am preparing for the daring journey Billy's Grandfather described only a day ago. Trevor's laid down personality kicked in, nearly making him forget about everything that happened yesterday, but as he washes his face and black messy hair, he finally remembered the fact that he has to go on a whole journey to the desert . Meanwhile, Billy's emotions were completely different; he was anxious and scared about the journey ahead, which made him **shiver** out of fear. After many preparations, Billy arrived at Travis's front door

*Knock Knock*

"No I don't want cookies right now sorry!" Shouted Travis while trying to put on his hopping on one foot

"No, it's me Billy!" Billy shouted in reply

It took a few minutes for the door to slowly reveal a surprisingly tall man in his mid thirties in clothes that don't match up and ripped shoes.

"You ready" Billy said

"Never been ready before" Replied Trevor in a cheerful tone

"Well where is your car then" Said the mathematician

"Right there" Said Trevor pointing at an old blue broken down car

"That is your car!" Yelled Billy in a grumpy voice

"Well, it works!" The banker shouted back

"Ok but I'll drive then!" The yelling continued

After driving for a whole 30 minutes in silence Billy stopped next to a shop to get the food for the journey ahead while Trevor waited for him in the car. When:

*Thud!*

A loud thud nearly destroyed the corner of the old car and Trevor jumped in fear then hurried outside of the car to see what happened. Outside was a huge eyeball-shaped floating robot with trash laying around the outside of the structure with a rat with a little eyepatch over his other eye. There were all types of food scraps from banana peels to even spaghetti crumbs to graffiti drawn in many places.

"This...thi..this is the cutest thing ever we should bring it with us" exclaimed Trevor in awe

"Who are you calling cute there buddy I'm Randal the Rat one of the best thieves in the rat colony and this Blue-**Sponge-Bot**" replied Randal offensively pointing at the robot he was controlling

"Beep Boop" Sponge-Bot joined in

"Oh well, prove it little thing" whispered Trevor in baby voice

"Prove what" The rat replied

"That you can steal" The banker said as a joke

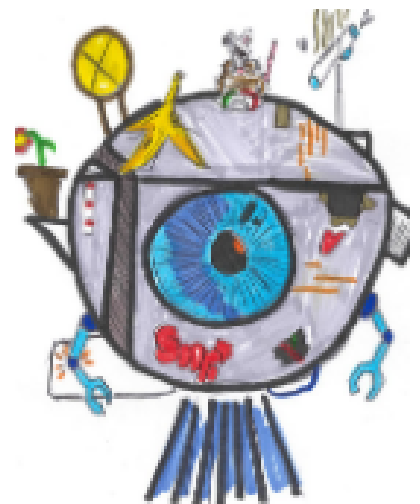
"Is this your wallet" grinned Randal holding up Trevor's

"Give me that back" Trevor snatched the wallet back

"Well, why did you bump into my car anyways" Said Trevor

"It...was a little accident," replied Randal

"Sooo do you want to come with us?" Said Trevor



"What's in it for me?" Randal replied

"Part of the reward," lied Trevor.

"If so then I'll gladly come," Randal grinned happily.

"That was surprisingly easy," whispered Trevor.

And so Trevor told Randal and Sponge-Bot to stay in the back while Billy came back with the rations completely surprised after finding out that there was a robot/rat in the car

"How in the world did you manage to get a big eye-ball robot and a rat with one eye from!"

Shouted Billy with all his might

"Hey!" Randal joined in

"Well, they look cute and I'll give them a portion of the **ruby**" Trevor winked to Billy and they instantly understood.

"Ok you both can come but don't cause mischief" Replied Billy

And at that second Spong-bot started to uncontrollably around the car and bumped into

Trevor's head. With a sigh of disgust, Billy started the car that barely started then started the journey to the first checkpoint of the journey: Tumute.

## Chapter 5- A spooky forest

Slam! The car door shut, Standing on the edge of the Maximus forest creeping in slowly was the trio cautiously, as the attention suddenly turned to spine chilling mysterious noises, and as Billy's attention was turned to the noises he trips precariously on a log a warning sign to maintain concentration they wondered how they had got here with thick branches and twisting turns, knee high length grass and sticks branching out every which way on the dead trees with no leaves in sight. Ghostly noises echoed through the forest made their heart race like a bullet. Out of the blue they all heard a frightening RRROOOAAARRR!!!!!! A bear started stampeding towards them with thick brown hair, jagged teeth and clawed curly toes wrapping around his feet sending trees crashing to the ground. It felt like the world stood still as they all shivered. There was a panicked screech "RUUUUN!!!!!!".

Thudding steps echoed throughout the forest everyone's attention turned to the bear, frightened not knowing what to do next. Fleeing for their lives, the banker picks up a stick, the bears attention is immediately turned to the stick, the banker hurled it away from the bear and when it turned they ran for their lives, they took there chance and got through the other side of the forest, trevors quick witted thinking had saved their lives. "Which nincompoop led us into the forest in the first place, you nearly risked our lives". Hearts were still racing, everyone needed a minute to cool down, they were just in grave danger and now they had a chance to recover.



## Chapter 6- The final steps

Entering a hostile unforbidding environment, in the blazing heat not knowing what is about to hit them, starting their long, enduring journey through the Australian outback, the heat and exhaustion hitting them, spongebot, Trevor Damo with his classy hawaiian shirt and Billy bob jones, after the long journey through oasis, and so many other life deciding obstacles they were so close to the temple 100 metres in the distance not knowing that this will be the pinnacle of their journey. ' My legs are aching' exclaimed the banker, as blue spongebot collided into a tree. Thump!. Blue spongebot was dizzy before he could get upright.

And in front of them stood a rusty old abandoned shack, with a broken down sign that reads the TEMPLE. With a creaky and squeaky clothesline that was rattling which really got their hearts thumping. Blue spongebot had an anxious look cast across his face This run down shack appalled everyone and then 3 rattle snakes with beaming, vicious eyes slithered down towards them watching them intently, " walk carefully explained Billy bob jones". Randal the rat steals Damo's shoes and then runs off with the bot. " Randal you greedy little rat," exclaimed Billy bob jones. " Where trying to escape poisonous snakes and you're trying to steal things" As Randal and the robot run off together and trevor Damo tries to get his shoes back. And then Billy tries deviously to get in on his own. Billy manages to sneak around the shack and escape the snakes , he carefully opens the door and faces his first obstacle to get past several booby traps, the floor uncovering under his feet, Billy slips his leg bleeding he, manages to stumble his way through with a bleeding leg and reach the SPIKES. Razor sharp spikes, sharp as knives pointing out from under the ground, he attempts the first spike manoeuvres past it and than his worst fear happens when he starts to get confident he tumbles on the spike, scratches all over his body in severe hurt he has to get while he still needs to the entrance again by getting past the booby traps and struggles through the course but barely standing gets through the door in severe pain. The banker comes back with Randal asking him what happened, he explains that the obstacles were too challenging and he slipped on the spikes. They begin to create a complicated plan to get into the temple. They began to come up with some immensely complicated ideas and then Randal said We could just go in the little entrance over there that said entrance to the temple, right next to the harder entrance that Billy tried to go through before but he didn't see the entrance right there. "You're a mathematician for goodness sake you're supposed to be smart, the most obvious entrance you didn't see.

## Chapter 7- The ruby

The entrance was a huge subway style entrance Decorated from the outside with ancient unreadable text. At the top of the entrance lay a huge iron sign that said:” Entrance to Temple. As they caught a glimpse of the inside of the tunnel it revealed a humid semi-circle-shaped rough rocky tunnel that looked like it was endless. There was was one torch every few metres in each side of the tunnel

“Looks like something out of Jumanji” Started Randal

“I still don’t believe that we didn’t even catch a glimpse of this humongous thing” Billy questioned himself.

Suddenly, Sponge-bot started uncontrollably trying to float the other way out of fear

“Beep Boop Beep” Sponge-Bot exclaimed

“Stop being a scaredy cat Sponge-Bot” Exclaimed Randal back.

When they got control of Sponge-Bot the trio started into the deep tunnel. It took 30 whole minutes for them to get through the tunnel when a shadow appeared from behind a big curve in the tunnel

“Wait, where is Randal and Sponge-Bot?,” exclaimed Trevor in fear

“I...I don’t know” Whispered Billy

As the shadow came closer and closer the human duo froze awaiting their fate but instead of some monster, Sponge-bob and Randal appeared racing back from where they came from

“Randal, how did you come from there? I thought you were behind us?” Trevor questioned Randal.

“I told you I’m the best thief in the rat kingdom,” explained Randal

“Oh I also stole your shoe Billy,” he continued

“No you... oh! yes you did give it back” Billy replied

“Randal! we talked about this stealing thing!,” Trevor exclaimed in annoyance

“Anyways, I found the exit only a few meters away from here,” continued Randal

And so Randal was right, only a few metres in the tunnel they could finally see a small ladder leading up to a huge opening.

“You go first,” said Trevor to Randal and Spong-Bot in fear of what’s up ahead

“Fine,” Randal replied. The room that they got introduced to was a mist filled room barely lit up by the torches the only thing visible was a few chairs and tables in random positions

“Man, there’s barely any light around here,” Billy said. As soon as Billy said that, there was a mysterious voice coming out of nowhere

“You’re right, I should turn the light on,” The mysterious voice replied from nowhere. They were introduced to a pub that looked like it had been through a vicious fight between workers and customers. Chairs were scattered everywhere, tables were knocked over and rotten food was all over the floor. In the midst of all this destruction, there was a human-sized ogre standing in the counter waiting for customers as if everything was normal.

“There hasn’t been a customer around here for about...2000 years,” explained the ogre and ,as the trio were still shocked by the appearance of the room, he continued

“My name is Og the ogre what can I help you today,” Og said cheerfully

“All this adventuring we did and we got to a pub at the end!,” Billy finally talked

“Honestly, it was expected of a grumpy old man,” replied the banker

“Hey don...,”Billy continued

“Oh, whatever we’re here for the treasure not for the food(even though this place is better than the trash I lived in),” Randal exclaimed greedily

“You said treasure didn’t you,” Og casually pointed out  
 “All you have to do is solve the riddle and you’ll be sent to the underground dungeon where you’ll find the **ruby**,”  
 “great! Surely my friend here Billy could easily solve this riddle of your,” Trevor said happily.  
 “So, go on!” he continued.  
 “Here we go”,Og prepared to explain the riddle,”I fly but I don’t have legs, I can talk but I have no lungs, People call me the most vicious predator but others call me the nicest being. Who am I?,” Og finished the riddle with a wide friendly grin  
 “Bro, I don’t know it’s way too hard. What kind of thing can talk and has no lungs that’s impossible!” Billy exclaimed  
 “How do you not know. Think Billy, think!,” Trevor suddenly shouted  
 “I’m trying to think here!,” the mathematician yelled back  
 “Maybe the answer is just nothing,” Randal interrupted as a joke  
 “Of course that’s not th...”. At that moment, it was Og’s turn to interrupt  
 “Correct”, he interrupted,” Good luck,” as he said those words, Og pressed a big red button on his counter that opened a large hole under the trio that led them down to the dungeon.

It took them a few minutes but they finally got to the button where they landed on old thousand year old pillow placed there to not end the adventurers, which was needed because people in the thirties tend to have less flexible backs  
 “Ohh my poor back why did I even get to this adventure. I couldn't even do the very best thing that I’m best at,” said Billy in agony while Randal and Sponge-Bot came down peacefully. In Front of them lay a floor filled with square-shaped buttons about a metre wide; beyond it was a raised pyramid-shaped platform with the **ruby** floating majestically over it. The room around them was filled with animal heads, scary portraits and evil statues as if the place was a basement of an evil guy  
 “How are we going to get through this one this time,” said Trevor in exhaustion  
 “I could just float with spong-bot to the end and pick you up after,” replied Randal  
 “Beep” added Spong-Bot  
 “Yeah you do that,” panted Billy still exhausted himself. So did Randal, he stirred his robot all the way through the booby trap after a few bumps in the wall from how bad his stirring was but they got there in the end.

“Be very careful this might be a trap” Billy whispered as Trevor reached through to get the **ruby** but as soon as he grabbed the **ruby** he started to shiver. Suddenly, the **ruby melts** into a red fluid and then gets compressed into a **tasty sponge** cake. It was as if the temple wanted a snack right when they tried to get the **ruby**.  
 “Now what do we do,” yelled Billy so loud it created an echo  
 “I guess we just have to abandon this whole thing,” sighed Trevor giving up  
 “Wait a second I think I’ve seen this **ruby** before,” said Randal  
 “What do you mean,” replied Billy, confused. At that moment Randal disappeared into Sponge-Bot rummaging through all the stolen things inside the bot. After a few minutes, Randal miraculously came out of the bot with the real **ruby** somehow holding it with his little rat hand  
 “Ohh Randal you life saviour thank you what a lege...,” exclaimed Trevor with absolute joy



“Yeah Yeah I’m not even going to question how Randal got the **ruby** but there’s a very important question at hand. How are we getting out of here?”.

## Chapter 8- Going back

After finding out that Randal had the **ruby** the group decided to head back through the town they went through to get to The Temple. So they travelled through the outback, all the way back to the town but when they arrived they realised they were lost and that their car was stolen. As they walked around the town asking for directions Blue **sponge** Bot and Randal fell into a large dark hole, but Trevor and Billy didn't notice they were gone until they went to a local pub to spend the night "Where is Randal and **sponge** bot at?" exclaimed Billy. So Trevor and Billy head off to find Spongebot and Randal. They start to search towards the outskirts of town and found a massive section torn away in the dirt and they immediately realised this is where Randal and spongebot fell through so they slid down the hole and beneath the level uncovered a massive subway stretching for kilometres and train tracks adjoined below standing level, they were stunned, pondering around what they should do, so they decided they should venture up the subway knowing that Randal and spongebot wouldn't be far away after they split up about 1 hour ago, cobblestone bricks on the walls, the odd train heading through the subway, noise mountable at times, as they found a spot to rest on a bench, talking about their adventures so far than they started to walk again for

As they sat on the train all was quiet apart from the various beeping noises from Blue Spongebot, as he swung on the handrails moving up and down, the empty cartridges, compared to the rumbling as the train pushed forward it was not easy to hear the rat talking about how he couldn't wait to be rich. Trevor almost laughed thinking about how it was his ruby, Randal thought it was his and simultaneously Billy was thinking the same thing all wanting the ruby to themselves and it wouldn't be long till the train came to a halt. Everyone was bracing to grab the briefcase and spongebot was in fact the only one who wasn't deathly silent; he was trying to start a conversation with Billy. meanwhile, Randall and Trevor sat with sweat dripping down now wiping their faces trying their best to keep from looking concerned, and with the screeching of metal below signalling the stop the race began, Ricky was the first to react leaping neatly off of his seat on spongebot to the floor grabbing the briefcase handle behind him as he moved towards the open doors Billy was next quickly pushing spongebot into Randal's way so the boosters that kept spongebot in the air would keep Randal down which unsurprisingly worked, Billy grabbed the briefcase and leapt for the doors but was promptly held back as Trevor snatched his foot and Billy fell to the floor. Dropping the briefcase now stopped, it was Trevor's turn grabbing the briefcase as he ran into the subway watching the doors close as the train took Randall and Billy away leaving Trevor alone with the ruby.



## Chapter 9- An unexpected end

After escaping with the **ruby** Trevor went and sold the ruby and after he sold it he went to confront his boss he then told him that he doesn't need his job since he has all the money he will ever need he pays back the money he stole and then runs off to start a new bank in Tumute so the people there could keep their money safe and so he could keep his money close to him and not have to use the bank he used to work with. He Loved the idea so much that he dreamed about it all night. Meanwhile Billy, Randal and Blue **sponge** Bot all became mathematicians and started creating new maths theories together. After their long adventures together they created closer relationships with each other after adventure after adventure together. Everything they had accomplished had made them so successful already, so that made them think what would it be like if they continued being successful.

After revealing his bank's insider information in the reality show: Lie Detectors, Trevor Damo What-not tries to find ways of paying the stacking debt that his heinous manager put in his bank account. With the help of Billy Bob the mathematician and Randall the rat, Trevor sets on the journey to find the abandoned treasure and pay off his debt. The trio faces many challenges and enemies along the harsh journey through different landscapes. Will the trio return the big treasure or will they fail miserably to succeed?

