

Rick Meets Lincoln

By: Rick

Level I

RICK

I wish I may, I wish I might, I wish upon this star tonight... I wish I could meet Abraham Lincoln.

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RAYA

Wake up, Rick! We're supposed to visit Lincoln's home in Springfield today.

RICK

Let me sleep. I already met him yesterday.

RAYA

Your dreaming. We didn't go to Springfield yesterday to see his house. That's today.

RICK

I didn't go to Springfield. I saw him at the White House.

RAYA

Quit making up stories, and lets get ready to go.

RICK

I'm not making it up. I wished on a star to meet Abraham Lincoln, and my wish came true. I met him in the White House. He asked me what I was doing there, and I told him that I had come to ask about freeing the slaves. He said, "What do you want to know?" And I said, "Why didn't somebody free the slaves sooner? It's so awful that people had to be treated so bad." He said he thought so, too. He told me that he made the Emancipation Proclamation as soon as he could.

RAYA

How do you know about the Emancipation Proclamation? Did you study it in school?

RICK

No. I told you, I talked to Abraham Lincoln.

RAYA

What else did you talk to him about?

RICK

Well, he said that Lee had just surrendered to Grant 6 days earlier at the battle of Appomatox, and it looked like the war between the states would soon be over. He said he was feeling really happy for the first time in a long time.

RAYA

Did you talk about anything else?

RICK

No. He said he had to hurry and get ready to go. He and his wife were going to see a play later.

RAYA

Wait, Rick. Was the play "Our American Cousin"?

RICK

Yes. That's what he said.

RAYA

Rick, that was the day that Lincoln was shot!

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