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# The Kite

It was a windy day on the island.

“Good day for hoisting the flag!”  
said Salty.

“And flying the kite!” said Kitty.



“Good day for wind spinners!”  
said Salty.



“And for drying my pants!”  
said Kitty.



“I hate windy days,” said Bernard.  
Bernard hates flying kites.  
And wind spinners.

“I just want a nice calm, doing-  
nothing sort of day,” said Bernard.

“My sock drawer is a mess and I  
want to read my book about France.”



Salty popped out to start hoisting  
the flag.



With a handful of sea biscuits,  
Kitty eventually managed to persuade  
Bernard to go with her to the beach.  
But he wasn't happy about it.



“Now, hold the kite for me,  
Bernard, while I untangle  
these strings,” said Kitty.

All of a sudden there was a  
great big gust of wind and





*WHOOOSH!*

The kite AND Bernard  
whizzed up into the air.





“WOW.

Amazing, Bernard.

Look at you go!

Can I have a try

now?” said Kitty.

“Get me down.

I don’t like this

any more!”

Bernard shouted

into the wind.

“What’s that,  
Bernard? Spin  
you around? You  
want MORE?!”

