

GRANDPA IN MY POCKET SERIES TWO
EP222 CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE AND A FISH CALLED BRYAN
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EXT: GARDEN - DAY

Grandpa, Jason, Mum, Dad, Jemima

JASON and GRANDPA are putting a fishing boat on the pond with a fisherman in it. The fisherman is made out of plasticine. He has a yellow sou'wester and is a copy of the fisherman in the house - the ornament. He has a fishing rod of course. We can have a little bit of impro chat as usual from Jason and Grandpa here to run under the VO. Dad's bike is in the garden. Note: kitchen window open.

JASON VO

It was a very hot day. Grandpa and I had just finished making a fisherman out of modelling clay to go in my fishing boat. Mum was at Miss Smiley's cafe with her friend, Doreen...

INT. CAFE

MUM, DOREEN

Shot of Mum at cafe with friend (NS)

INT. BIKE SHOP (ALREADY SHOT)

JASON VO

..... Dad was at his Bike Shop which is called Mend it, Lend it and Vend it because he mends, lends and sells bikes.

Shot of Dad in bike shop - can lift from other eps/previous series/dad vignette.

INT. KITCHEN

JEMIMA

JASON VO

And Jemima was in the kitchen on
the phone to her friend Izzie.

Shot of JEMIMA on the phone in the kitchen. (will need to
shoot) Note: kitchen window open.

EXT. GARDEN

RESUME main action. Note: kitchen window open.

JASON VO

Just as we'd set our fishing boat
on the pond, Dad raced into the
garden.

DAD comes careering round the trellis.

DAD

Have you heard the news?

JASON/GRANDPA

What news?

DAD

About the huge ship....

JASON/GRANDPA

What huge ship?/ No. What?

DAD

A huge ship has docked in the
harbour. Its engine has broken.
And all the passengers have come
ashore.

GRANDPA

Goodness! Sunnysands must be
heaving with people!

DAD

It is. And so's the bike shop.
I've left Mr Liker Biker looking
after it. Everyone wants to
hire bikes for the day. We're
running out. So I've come home
to fetch mine! See you later!

And during this Dad has got his bike and he now wheels it off behind the trellis. JEMIMA runs into the garden with the phone.

JASON VO

Then Jemima ran into the garden.

JEMIMA

Have you heard the news? Izzy just told me. A big ship has broken down right here in Sunnysands!

MUM OOV

Helloooooo!

And MUM comes racing into the garden.

JASON OOV

Then Mum arrived.

MUM

Have you heard the news?

GRANDPA

Yes!

MUM

Miss Smiley's cafe was suddenly full of people! And who do you think I met?

GRANDPA/JASON/JEMIMA

No idea/Don't know/Who?

MUM

I met the Captain of the ship! Captain Shipshape! He came into the cafe and had a cherry chunk! With his fish.

GRANDPA/JASON/JEMIMA

His fish?

MUM

Yes. It's called Bryan.
(flustered) Where's the phone? I have to tell Dad the news.

MUM is about to turn on her heel and go into the house
but JEMIMA hands her the phone.

JASON

But Dad already knows the news.

MUM

He doesn't know *all* the news!
He doesn't know that I've
invited Captain Shipshape to
stay!

Grandpa and Jason exchange a look of consternation.

JASON VO

Oh yes! Today we were all about to
meet....."Captain Shipshape and a
fish called Bryan."

FREEZE FRAME TITLE CARD

INT. CAFE

SHOT OF SHIPSHAPE IN THE CAFE WITH A CHERRY CHUNK IN ONE
HAND BRYAN IN A SMALL TANK BESIDE HIM.

PASSAGE OF TIME
WIPE TO:

EXT: GARDEN

Mum, Dad, Jason, Jemima, Grandpa, Captain Shipshape

Note: kitchen window open.

JASON VO

And sure enough, in no time, we
were all hard at work unloading
Captain Shipshape's belongings and
bringing them into the garden.

We join the scene as MUM, DAD, JASON and JEMIMA are just
finishing carrying three cases, a big trunk, a large
squishy bag into the garden. They are arranged haphazardly.

JASON VO

And they were followed by....
Captain Shipshape himself!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE makes a glorious entrance from behind the trellis with BRYAN in his little tank, complete with shipwreck and castle and toys etc.

MUM
(coyly) Everybody - this is
Captain Shipshape.

He puts the tank on the trunk.

JASON/GRANDPA/DAD/JEMIMA
Hello/pleased to meet you/good
morning/Hi captain!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Hi Captain? *HI* CAPTAIN? Oh no!
That'll never do. Here's how
you greet the Captain of a
ship..."How do you do SIR!"

ALL
How do you do..SIR!

MUM
And this is Captain Shipshape's
fish, Bryan.

GRANDPA
How do you do SIR!

There's a pause as CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE looks at GRANDPA disapprovingly. He moves towards him slowly and looks at him very close.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Oh! So who's an old clever
clogs then?

MUM
(laughing it off) Oh it's
Grandpa.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Well Grandpa. Perhaps you would
like to know how to greet my
fish, uh? This is the way....

He bends down so that he's on a level with Bryan.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Swishy swishy Little Fishy!
Tell me, Fishy, What's your
wishy?

He raises himself up to his full height and gestures to
GRANDPA to copy.

GRANDPA
Swishy swishy Little Fishy!
Tell me, Fishy, What's your
wishy?

JEMIMA and JASON exchange a look and try not to laugh.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
(slightly wistful) He never
replies. (He looks at the bags
and his tone changes.)
Right! Now this won't do at all.
In rows please, in rows.
Everything has to be shipshape!

JASON and JEMIMA rearrange the bags so that they're
neater. While they do, CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE opens the
squishy bag and takes out a big clock.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
And everything has to be done on
time! When my clock goes BOING
it means that something has to
be done until six o'clock which
is my nap time!

<SFX the clock BOINGS three times>

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Blow me down! It's time for my
juice and jammie jumblies!

GRANDPA reacts. He has already had enough. In he goes,
followed by JASON.

INT: SITTING ROOM

Jason, Grandpa

GRANDPA walks in followed by JASON

GRANDPA

He's going to be big trouble,
Jason. I can smell it. Him and
his little fishy!

JASON

I think you're right, Grandpa.

GRANDPA

If I can get him on his own at
nap time then I'm sure I can get
rid of him. I have a plan.

Out comes the shrinking cap.

JASON

Not the shrinking cap, Grandpa!

But on it goes and GRANDPA shrinks.

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN SEQUENCE

JASON VO

You know what happens when
Grandpa shrinks - he can get up
to all kinds of things. He can
drive off in my car. He can
chug about in my train, he can
fly in my plane or he can just
run so fast I can't catch him.
I'm the only one who knows about
the magic shrinking cap.
Everyone else thinks he's gone
for a little lie down...

ACT TWO - MIDDLE

INT: SITTING ROOM

Jason, Grandpa

GRANDPA is up on a shelf above the sofa. (GS) JASON is
trying to coax him down.

JASON

Come down!

MUM, DAD and JEMIMA come in with the cases - one each.
GRANDPA (GS) darts behind a jug or ornament.

JASON VO

Grandpa hid just as the others
came in with the Captain's
luggage.

MUM gets half way up the stairs...

MUM

I'll put him in Jason's room.
(TO JASON) You don't mind
having the sofa for tonight do
you, Jason.

And up she goes again followed by the others. GRANDPA
(GS) peeps out.

GRANDPA

I told you we'll have to get rid
of them!

GRANDPA jumps off the shelves onto the sofa and then onto
the floor. (CG) He runs towards the kitchen.

JASON VO

Grandpa had a plan. Grandpa
always has a plan.

INT: KITCHEN

Captain Shipshape, Bryan, Mum, Dad, Jemima

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE is eating Jammie Jumblies and drinking
juice. BRYAN is in his tank on the table. The Captain's
clock is in prime position on the dresser. Grandpa (CG)
runs in and peeps round the corner of the dresser.
CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE has his face right up to the tank, his
chin on the table. Note: kitchen window open.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE

(whimsical) Tell me, Fishy,
what's your wishy? I wish you'd
answer me one day! I know you
understand. You do! You do-oo!

Reaction shot of GRANDPA (GS) shaking his head.

MUM, DAD and JEMIMA come back in. THE CAPTAIN pulls
himself together and sits bolt upright.

MUM
Your room's all ready for you
Captain!

Just then the doorbell goes. <DING DONG>

JASON VO
And just then the doorbell ran.

INT: SITTING ROOM

Jason, Loretta,

JASON runs to answer the door.

JASON VO
I rushed to the door and who
should it be?

LORETTA enters in a state of excitement. She is carrying a
plate of prune and cabbage puddings. Sticking out of her
bag is a bottle of green gloop.

LORETTA
It's only me!

JASON VO
It was Great Aunt Loretta,
Grandpa's sister.

LORETTA VIGNETTE

JASON VO
(voice over as per usual ending
with....)
And today she was like THIS!

INT: SITTING ROOM

Loretta, Mum, Dad, Jason, Jemima

LORETTA
Huh! Grandpa gone for a little
lie down has he? Well he's
missing out on my prune and
cabbage puddings. And he's
missing out on the NEWS!

MUM emerges from the kitchen but LORETTA is in full flow.
JEMIMA pops her head round the corner too.

LORETTA
There's this big ship come into
Sunnysands and guess what?

MUM tries to "hush" her. Dad comes in and clocks what's
going on.

MUM OOV
(whispered) Loretta, Can you....

LORETTA
Shush! I'm telling a story. The
Captain went into Miss Smiley's
and ate five cherry chunks!
FIVE! What a greedy guts!

Dad steps forward going SHHHHHHHH!

CUT TO:

INT: KITCHEN

Captain Shipshape

He nearly chokes on a jammie jumbly. Note: kitchen window
open.

JASON VO
Of course Captain Shipshape
could hear every word and he
nearly choked on a jammie
jumbly.

CUT away to reaction shot of GRANDPA (GS) who is now by
the Captain's clock on the dresser.

CUT TO:

INT: SITTING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jason, Mum, Dad, Loretta

LORETTA

No! I won't be quiet. Why
should I be? People are saying
that this Captain is completely
bonkers. He talks to his fish
all the time!

She starts to make her way to the kitchen as she speaks
and laughs.....

LORETTA
Imagine! Talking....

INT: KITCHEN

Loretta, Shipshape, Jemima, Jason, Dad

LORETTA
To a

But of course at this moment she comes face to face with
him. He is standing. Note: kitchen window open.

LORETTA
(very high pitched as she clocks
what's happened.) *Fish!* Oooo!
Lovely to meet you your
Captainship. (curtseys) Would
you like a Prune and cabbage
pudding?

Cutaway of GRANDPA, head in hands.

MUM, DAD, JASON and JEMIMA appear.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
No. I would not! But I would
like you to greet my fish. (To
the others) Show her how
please.

They all lean in towards the tank.

JASON/JEMIMA/MUM/DAD
Swishy, swishy, little fishy,
Tell me fishy, what's your
wishy?

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE

Well - go on, funny old lady
with hair like a hedgehog.

LORETTA obeys and copies the others.

LORETTA
Swishy, swishy, little fishy,
Tell me fishy, what's your
wishy.

<BOING BOING BOING!>

This makes them all jump out of their skins. CUTAWAY to
GRANDPA (GS) who has his hands over his ears.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Ah ha! Time for inspection!
Line up! Line up!

MUM, DAD, JASON, JEMIMA, LORETTA all shuffle into a line.

JASON VO
So we all lined up for
inspection.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE inspects them. LORETTA puts on an
ingratiating grin.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
(TO MUM) Stand up straight. (TO
DAD) Hands out of pockets. (TO
JEMIMA) Shoulders down, girl.
(TO LORETTA) And you can wipe
that grin off your face.

LORETTA instantly does! SHIPSHAPE continues and we run
the VO over the following dialogue...

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Remember everything has to be
shipshape. No slacking.
Understand? Obey orders at all
times. Don't argue. Don't
answer back. Don't sing. Don't
laugh and DON'T FIDGET! (This
last to Loretta who is rubbing
her nose and fidgeting)

JASON VO

While Captain Shipshape was inspecting us, Grandpa had an idea. He gestured to me that he was going into the clock.

ON GRANDPA GS gesticulating to Jason that he's going into the clock.

INT: CLOCK

Grandpa is inside.

JASON VO

I guessed he was going to try to make the time go faster so that the Captain's nap time would come sooner. The first thing Grandpa had to do was to turn off that very noisy BOING. (WE see him do this) Now all he needed to do was to turn the clock hands round. (We see him do this.)

INT: KITCHEN

Jason, Jemima, Mum, Dad, Shipshape

They are still in their inspection line. Note: kitchen window open.

CLOSE ON CLOCK we see it whizz round to the next hour. And Grandpa makes the sound of the chime. (Cut AWAY to inside the clock for a couple of these boings)

GRANDPA OOV

BOING BOING BOING BOING!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE looks at the clock, alarmed.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE

Blow me down! It's never made that kind of BOING before.

He picks it up and shakes it. Puts it down and gives it a whack.

INT: CLOCK

GRANDPA is a bit shaken. He staggers to his feet.

INT: KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Jason, Mum, Dad, Jemima, Loretta, Shipshape

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE bends down with his nose to the tank.
Note: kitchen window open.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Were you frightened by that
horrid noise Bryan. Poor little
fishy!

He pulls himself together, Stands up straight and bellows

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Four o'clock! Time to scrub the
deck! Come along! Everything
has to be shipshape! What does
everything have to be?

ALL
Shipshape!

PASSAGE OF TIME
MIX TO:

INT: KITCHEN

Jason, Jemima, Mum, Dad, Loretta, Shipshape, Bryan

JASON VO
So before we knew it we were
scrubbing the kitchen floor.

The table has been moved to the back of the room. Mum
and Dad have mops. Jemima has a broom. Jason has a
dustpan and brush but it's poor Loretta who does the
scrubbing! She is flagging. Note: kitchen window open.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Forward, back, forward, back,
forward back, forward back! (TO
LORETTA) Put some muscle into
it!

INT: CLOCK

GRANDPA GS turns the dial around again....

JASON VO

Sure enough, Grandpa came to our
rescue and turned the clock hands
round again

INT: KITCHEN

Close on Clock. The hands are spinning round.

GRANDPA OOV

BOING BOING BOING BOING BOING!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE

Blow me down! Time flies when
you're enjoying yourselves
(bends down to the fish) doesn't
it Bryan my little fishy
friend.(He Stands upright again)
Five o'clock already! Time to
dance the hornpipe!

PASSAGE OF
TIME WIPE TO:

EXT: GARDEN

Mum, Dad, Jason, Jemima, Loretta and Shipshape, Bryan in
his tank on the garden table. THEY are all dancing the
hornpipe - with Shipshape in front, leading it. Note:
kitchen window open.

JASON VO

And that's what he made us all do.
Dance the hornpipe! Which is a
dance that sailors used to do in
the olden days and is quite odd.

SHOT of GRANDPA peeping out of kitchen door.

JASON VO

And I saw Grandpa peep out from
the kitchen door. He couldn't
resist joining in a bit...

GRANDPA GS joins in

LORETTA is gasping for breath.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Come on! No slacking. And one
and two and three and four
.....!

GRANDPA reaction shot.

JASON VO
When he saw how tired everyone was
- especially Great Aunt Loretta -
he ran back into the kitchen.

GRANDPA (GS) runs.

JASON VO
Soon we heard...

GRANDPA OOV
BOING BOING BOING BOING BOING
BOING!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
BLOW me down! It's time for my
nap!

Everyone stops. They're all out of breath. CAPTAIN
SHIPSHAPE picks up BRYAN's tank.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Come on my little fishy! Beddy
byes!

MUM
I'll show you to your room,
Captain. This way.....

They all stagger inside, apart from JASON.

JASON VO
As everyone went through the
kitchen door, Grandpa jumped out
of the kitchen window.

Grandpa (CG) jumps. He runs across the grass to JASON.
JASON bends down to pick him up.

JASON and GRANDPA two shot - GRANDPA (GS) is on the palm
of JASON's hand. JASON can sit on the side of the pond.

In the background is the fishing boat with the fisherman in it on the pond.

GRANDPA

Goodness Jason! He's a shocker.
I even feel sorry for Loretta!
But now that I can get the
Captain on his own I can carry
out the rest of my plan.

JASON

What is your plan, Grandpa?

GRANDPA

Ah! The secret lies with the
FISH! I'll need our fisherman's
coat, his rod and your plane!

MIX TO:

EXT: GARDEN

Shot of the plane taking off, circling the garden. It flies in through Jason's bedroom window.

JASON VO

Well you know when Grandpa has a
plan, there's no stopping him.
Soon he was flying off in my plane
with the fisherman's cape and
fishing rod.

INT: JASON'S BEDROOM

Shipshape, Bryan

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE is lying on the bed. BRYAN is in his tank on a side table or chest of drawers. (NB Bryan needs to be on a surface that has shelves above it so that Grandpa can eventually land up on a shelf above him) The plane flies in and flies round and round the ceiling. SHIPSHAPE opens his eyes.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE

Aaaaah! What's that. Stop!
Stop it! Do as I say. Obey
orders!

He clings to one of JASON's soft toys. The plane lands on the floor and zooms under the bed.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
(TO the FISH) It'll be that boy
Jason Mason, Bryan. He'll have
flown his radio controlled plane
in here for fun! (close up to
the tank) Are you frightened
little fishy? There! There!
It's all over!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE lies back on the bed and closes his eyes again.

JASON VO
While Captain Shipshape went
back to sleep, Grandpa got onto
a shelf. He was wearing the
fisherman's coat and carrying
the rod.

GRANDPA (GS) wearing the coat and holding the rod, is now on a shelf.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE starts to snore.

ON GRANDPA who is now sitting like a little fisherman holding the fishing rod that is dangling into Bryan's tank.

GRANDPA
Ahem!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE sits bolt upright.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
What was that?

He then sees GRANDPA, dressed as the Fisherman.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Blow me down! A fisherman
trying to catch Bryan.

He leaps out of bed and grabs the tank. He turns his back on GRANDPA who runs along the shelf.

JASON VO

While Captain Shipshape
comforted Bryan, Grandpa made
his escape.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Poor little fishy wishy. It's
that boy Jason up to tricks.
He must have sneaked in and put
that fisherman there. Don't
worry. Daddy's here.

He sits on the bed and puts the tank on the bedside
table. We see GRANDPA on the windowsill (GS), peeping
out from behind a pencil pot or book - whatever. THE
CAPTAIN lies back on the pillows.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Swishy, swishy little fishy.
Tell me Fishy...(yawn) what's
your wishy?

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE closes his eyes.

GRANDPA (AS BRYAN)OOV
I want to go home!

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Yes. I'm sure you.....

He opens his eyes and sits bolt upright. He addresses the
fish. He is rapped up in his own world and therefore not
really aware that the Fisherman has scarpered - need to
block to make this clear.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
You spoke! You said "I want to
go home!"

Shot of GRANDPA behind the pencil pot stifling a giggle.

JASON VO
But of course, it wasn't Bryan
who'd spoken. It was Grandpa!

GRANDPA (AS BRYAN)
I don't like it here. I don't
like the plane.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE

Neither do I!

GRANDPA (AS BRYAN)
I don't like the fisherman.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
No! I don't like the fisherman,
either!

CUTAWAY TO GRANDPA celebrating.

GRANDPA (AS BRYAN)
And I don't like the funny old
lady with the hedgehog hair.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Me neither! She's bonkers! Oh!
Bryan - we're two of a kind!

CUT AWAY TO GRANDPA as he does this next line. He milks
it for all it's worth. Oh my! He's enjoying this!

GRANDPA (AS BRYAN)
Can't we go back to the ship and
stay in our cabin? Together!
For ever! It's your fishy's
little wishy!

The CAPTAIN jumps off the bed.

CAPTAIN SHIPSHAPE
Of course we can! (bending
down to BRYAN) You mean
everything to me, Bryan. Your
wishy is my command!

And he plants a kiss on the tank. Dear God!

PASSAGE OF TIME
WIPE TO:

INT: SITTING ROOM

Jason

JASON comes down the stairs and puts GRANDPA on the floor.

JASON VO

While everyone waved goodbye to
Captain Shipshape in the garden,
I ran upstairs and got Grandpa....
I quickly put him down on the
floor and he took off his cap and
came back to his normal size.

GRANDPA unshrinks.

GRANDPA

Well Jason! We saw him off at
last, eh? Him and his little
fishy.

JASON

Yes Grandpa. I think we call it
teamwork!

GRANDPA

Teamwork!

LORETTA comes in, absolutely worn out, with a pudding on a
plate.

LORETTA

Huh! That was a very long lie
down, Grandpa.

GRANDPA

Oh dear! Did I miss the
excitement?

LORETTA

No. You missed the hard work.
This is the excitement.

And she hands him a prune and cabbage pudding on a plate
then collapses on the sofa with her feet up. Grandpa
looks at the pudding...

GRANDPA

Little Fishy what's your wishy?
Prune and cabbage in a dishy!
BOING! BOING! BOING!

LORETTA sits bolt upright with a start.

LORETTA

AAAAH! Is he back?

JASON
(laughing) No! It was Grandpa!

LORETTA
Oooooo! You!

Jason and Grandpa laugh and even Loretta manages a little chuckle which grows into a laugh. ENDS.