

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

(cooly) 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?



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:

~~MUM~~:8KITCHEN4 3t.4 3t.1 ogra....

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

Come on! No slacking. And one



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 he 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  
Ooooo! You!

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