LEGEND CARDS

A free bonus for Famously True by Pip Hartley



WHAT'S INSIDE

40 story cards, one for every story in **Famously True**. 7 guide cards. 5 blank story cards and 2 blank guide cards, so you can make your own.

HOW TO PRINT

Print pages 2 to 7 on card stock or thick paper, at actual size (100%), one side only. Cut along the outside edge of each card. A grown-up with a paper trimmer makes this much faster.

LEGEND BATTLE (2 TO 4 PLAYERS)

1. Shuffle the 40 story cards and deal them all out, face down. Keep your pile face down and look only at your top card.
2. Deal 2 guide cards to each player, face up (1 each if 4 are playing). Put any spare guides back in the box.
3. The youngest player goes first. Pick a score on your top card and read it out: "Weirdness, 9!" Everyone reads the same score from their own top card.
4. The highest score wins. For Years Ago, the oldest story wins.
5. Guide power: once a round, you can play a guide whose chapter matches your top card. That card's score counts double. Ulf and Bess work with any chapter. Then put the guide aside.
6. The winner takes all the top cards. Before keeping them, the winner must tell everyone one thing about the winning story. Stuck? Look it up on the page shown on the card.
7. A tie? Put the cards in the middle. The next winner takes them too.
8. The winner picks the next score. Whoever has all the cards, or the most when time is up, wins and is famously good at history.

TELL THE TALE (ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS)

Take a card without looking at it. Tell its story in 30 seconds, without the book. Everyone else checks the page. Get it right and keep the card.

LEGEND OR NOT?

A card stamped LEGEND tells a story that nobody can prove happened the way people tell it. PART LEGEND means it really happened, but some famous details can't be proved. The page on the card explains which parts.

ABOUT THE SCORES

Years Ago is counted from 2026, the year this book came out. "About" means nobody knows the exact year, so the number is rounded. If a story lasts several years, we count from the year it starts. Weirdness, Grossness and Cheek are Pip's own scores out of 10. You're allowed to disagree.

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1 · RULERS WHO DID WHAT?



THE SPEECH THAT SLOWED A BULLET

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, 1912

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
114	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
4/10	9/10

Left behind: a bullet-holed speech and glasses case

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1 · RULERS WHO DID WHAT?



THE GIRL WHO TOLD LINCOLN TO GROW A BEARD

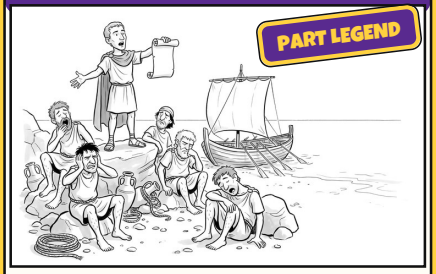
Westfield, New York, USA, 1860 to 1861

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
166	5/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	8/10

Left behind: both letters, still kept today

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1 · RULERS WHO DID WHAT?



JULIUS CAESAR AND THE PIRATES

Aegean Sea, off modern Turkey, about 75 BC

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 2,100	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	10/10

Left behind: two ancient books about Caesar

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 14

1 · RULERS WHO DID WHAT?



DIOGENES TELLS ALEXANDER TO MOVE

Corinth, Greece, about 336 BC

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 2,360	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	10/10

Left behind: the story, in Plutarch's book

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 16

1 · RULERS WHO DID WHAT?



EMPEROR NORTON I OF THE UNITED STATES

San Francisco, California, USA, 1859

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
167	9/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	9/10

Left behind: his grave, just south of San Francisco

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2 · FAMOUS ANIMALS



A BEAR NAMED WINNIPEG

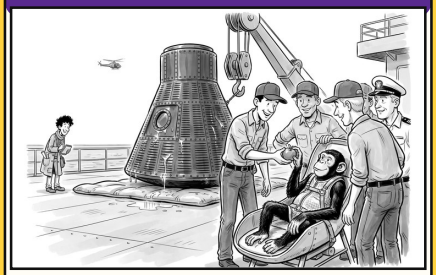
White River, Canada, and
London, England, 1914 to 1919

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
112	4/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	2/10

Left behind: Christopher Robin's real teddy

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2 · FAMOUS ANIMALS



HAM GOES FIRST

Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA, 1961

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
65	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	3/10

Left behind: his grave at a space museum

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2 · FAMOUS ANIMALS



THE RACCOON WHO CAME FOR DINNER

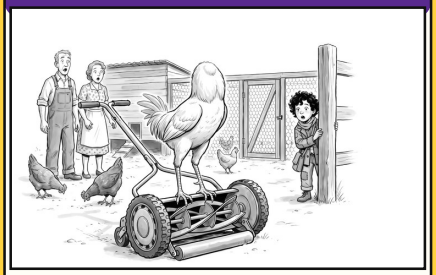
Washington, D.C., USA, 1926

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
100	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	6/10

Left behind: Easter Egg Roll photos of Rebecca

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2 · FAMOUS ANIMALS



THE CHICKEN WHO DIDN'T NEED A HEAD

Fruita, Colorado, USA, 1945

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
81	10/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
9/10	4/10

Left behind: LIFE magazine's 1945 photos

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 28

2 · FAMOUS ANIMALS



THE EMPEROR WHO RAN FROM RABBITS

Near Paris, France, 1806 or 1807

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 220	9/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	8/10

Left behind: a general's memoirs, free online

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3 · ANIMALS ON A MISSION



BALTO, TOGO AND THE RACE TO NOME

Alaska, USA, 1925

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
101	3/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	3/10

Left behind: Balto and Togo, both preserved

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3 · ANIMALS ON A MISSION



STUBBY, THE DOG WHO WENT TO WAR

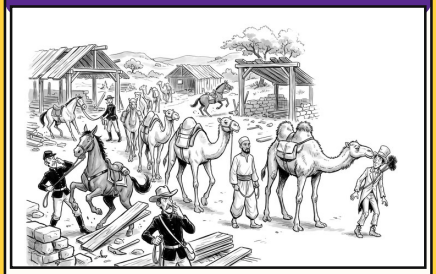
New Haven, Connecticut, and France, 1917 to 1918

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
109	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
4/10	7/10

Left behind: Stubby himself, in a museum

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3 · ANIMALS ON A MISSION



THE US CAMEL CORPS

Texas and the American Southwest, 1856 to 1857

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
170	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
6/10	4/10

Left behind: a grave with a metal camel on top

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 38

3 · ANIMALS ON A MISSION



THE BAT BOMBS

Carlsbad, New Mexico, USA, 1943

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
83	9/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	5/10

Left behind: a team member's book, Bat Bomb

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 40

3 · ANIMALS ON A MISSION



WOJTEK, THE SOLDIERS' BEAR

Iran to Italy, 1942 to 1944

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
84	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
5/10	8/10

Left behind: a bronze statue in Edinburgh

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 42

4 · HOAXES, FIBS AND FAKES



THE GREAT SPAGHETTI HARVEST

BBC Television, Britain, 1957

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
69	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	9/10

Left behind: the three-minute film

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 46

4 · HOAXES, FIBS AND FAKES



TWO GIRLS, A CAMERA AND SOME FAIRIES

Cottingley, Yorkshire, England, 1917

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
109	5/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	9/10

Left behind: the photos and the camera

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4 · HOAXES, FIBS AND FAKES



ERIK THE RED PICKS A NAME

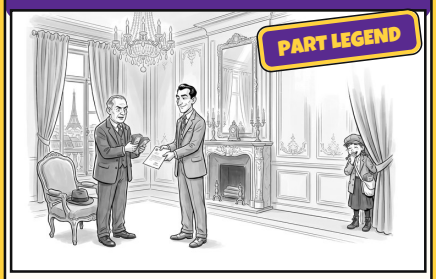
Greenland, about 985

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 1,040	5/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	8/10

Left behind: an old Icelandic book

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4 · HOAXES, FIBS AND FAKES



THE MAN WHO SOLD THE EIFFEL TOWER

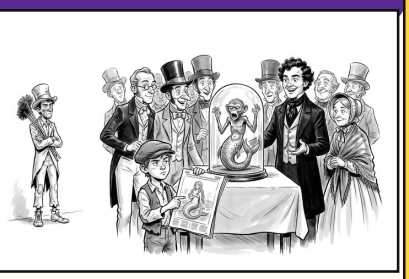
Paris, France, 1925

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
101	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	10/10

Left behind: Lustig's mugshot

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 52

4 · HOAXES, FIBS AND FAKES



BARNUM'S NOT-SO-BEAUTIFUL MERMAID

New York, USA, 1842

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
184	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
8/10	9/10

Left behind: a mermaid at Harvard, maybe his

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5 · WARS THAT WENT WRONG



THE GREAT EMU WAR

Campion, Western Australia, 1932

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
94	10/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	7/10

Left behind: Parliament's emu war argument

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5 · WARS THAT WENT WRONG



THE PIG WAR

San Juan Island, Washington, USA, 1859

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
167	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	6/10

Left behind: American Camp and English Camp

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5 · WARS THAT WENT WRONG



THE WAR OF THE BUCKET

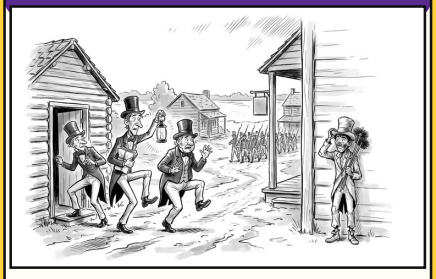
Modena and Bologna, Italy, 1325

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
701	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	7/10

Left behind: a bucket Modena says is the one

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 62

5 · WARS THAT WENT WRONG



THE TOLEDO WAR

Ohio and Michigan, USA, 1835

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
191	5/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	5/10

Left behind: the border that keeps Toledo in Ohio

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 64

5 · WARS THAT WENT WRONG



THE BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, California, USA, 1942

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
84	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	2/10

Left behind: the official history of that night

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 66

6 · STRANGE DAYS



THE DANCING PLAGUE

Strasbourg, now in France, 1518

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
508	9/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	2/10

Left behind: a city council record from 1518

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6 · STRANGE DAYS



THE POPE WHO PUT A DEAD POPE ON TRIAL

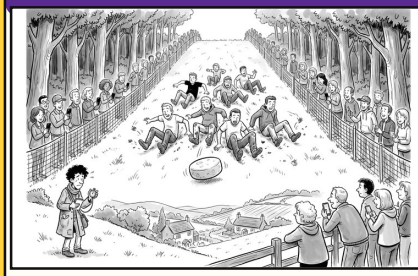
Rome, Italy, 897

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
1,129	10/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
10/10	6/10

Left behind: a chronicle written at the time

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 72

6 · STRANGE DAYS



CHEESE ROLLING AT COOPER'S HILL

Cooper's Hill, England, for about 200 years

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 200	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	7/10

Left behind: Cooper's Hill, still raced

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 74

6 · STRANGE DAYS



THE MYSTERY OF THE MARY CELESTE

Atlantic Ocean, near the Azores, 1872

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
154	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	2/10

Left behind: Conan Doyle's made-up story

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 76

6 · STRANGE DAYS



LORD TIMOTHY DEXTER, THE LUCKIEST FOOL

Newburyport, Massachusetts, USA, 1790s

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 230	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	10/10

Left behind: his book with no punctuation

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 78

7 · SPLAT!



THE GREAT MOLASSES FLOOD

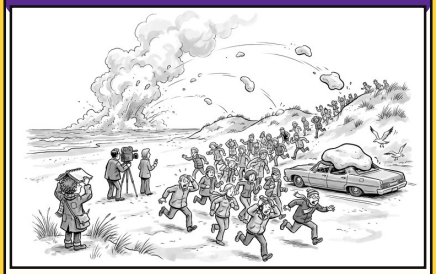
Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 1919

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
107	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
7/10	3/10

Left behind: photos of the tank and the cleanup

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7 · SPLAT!



THE WHALE THAT WENT BOOM

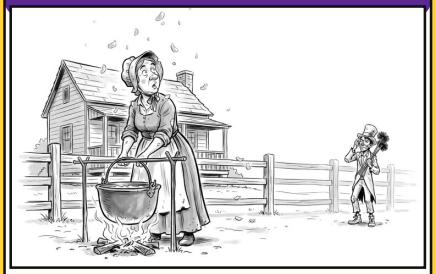
Florence, Oregon, USA, 1970

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
56	10/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
10/10	5/10

Left behind: the film and a park named for it

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 84

7 · SPLAT!



THE DAY IT RAINED MEAT

Bath County, Kentucky, USA, 1876

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
150	9/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
9/10	3/10

Left behind: a jar said to hold the meat

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 86

7 · SPLAT!



THE BLAST THAT LEFT NO CRATER

Tunguska, Siberia, Russia, 1908

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
118	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	2/10

Left behind: photos of the flattened forest

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 88

7 · SPLAT!



STRUCK BY LIGHTNING SEVEN TIMES

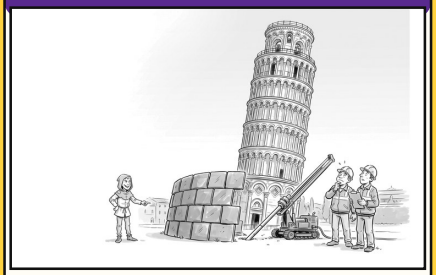
Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, USA, 1942 to 1977

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
84	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
3/10	4/10

Left behind: seven strikes in the record book

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 90

8 · OOPS! MIX-UPS AND MYTHS



THE TOWER THAT LEANED TOO SOON

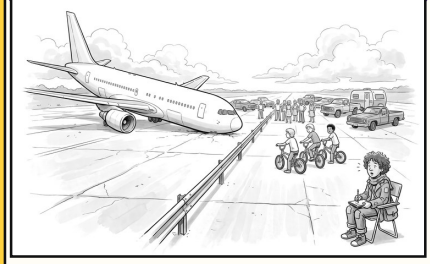
Pisa, Italy, from 1173

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
853	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	4/10

Left behind: the tower, which you can still climb

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 94

8 · OOPS! MIX-UPS AND MYTHS



THE GIMLI GLIDER

Gimli, Manitoba, Canada, 1983

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
43	7/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
2/10	3/10

Left behind: the report with the wrong math

FAMOUSLY TRUE · PAGE 96

8 · OOPS! MIX-UPS AND MYTHS



THOMAS CRAPPER DID NOT INVENT THE TOILET

Chelsea, London, England, the 1860s to the 1900s

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
ABOUT 160	6/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
7/10	8/10

Left behind: manhole covers with his firm's name

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8 · OOPS! MIX-UPS AND MYTHS



THE UPSIDE-DOWN AIRPLANE STAMP

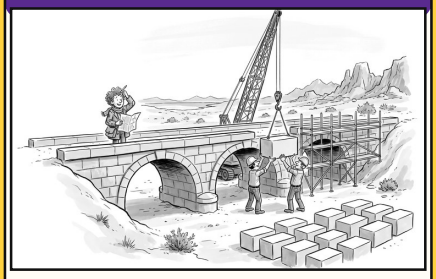
Washington, D.C., USA, 1918

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
108	5/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	7/10

Left behind: upside-down Jennies in a museum

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8 · OOPS! MIX-UPS AND MYTHS



LONDON BRIDGE MOVES TO ARIZONA

London to Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 1968 to 1971

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
58	8/10
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**
1/10	6/10

Left behind: the old stones, now in Arizona

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MAKE YOUR OWN LEGEND

Draw your legend here

Who: _____

Where and when: _____

What they left behind: _____

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**

FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR LEGEND

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GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**

FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR LEGEND

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FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR LEGEND

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FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR LEGEND

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Where and when: _____

What they left behind: _____

YEARS AGO	WEIRDNESS
GROSSNESS	**CHEEK**

FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR LEGEND

GUIDE · CHAPTERS 2 AND 3



PIP

the storyteller · Every era

Turns up in every era with a notebook. Checks every story twice.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter 2 or 3 card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 6

GUIDE · CHAPTER 1



GAIUS

the legionary · ancient Rome

Has heard a lot of tall tales. Some were true.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter 1 card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 6

GUIDE · EVERY CHAPTER



ULF

the Viking cook · Viking Age

Knows a good story, and a good name for an island.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with any card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 6

GUIDE · CHAPTERS 6 AND 8



WAT

the peasant · the Middle Ages

Thought he'd seen it all. Then a town started dancing.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter 6 or 8 card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 6

GUIDE · EVERY CHAPTER



BESS

the milkmaid · 1700s and 1800s

Brave, clever and suspicious of anyone called Lord.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with any card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 7

GUIDE · CHAPTER 4



SAM

the sweep · the 1800s

Has a strong opinion about smells, hoaxes and pigs.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter 4 card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 7

GUIDE · CHAPTERS 5 AND 7



DOT

the newsgirl · the 1900s

Knows every headline before breakfast, especially the weird ones.

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter 5 or 7 card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · MEET THE CAST, PAGE 7

MAKE YOUR OWN GUIDE

Draw your guide here

Name: _____

From (place and time): _____

Favorite story: _____

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter ___ card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR GUIDE

MAKE YOUR OWN GUIDE

Draw your guide here

Name: _____

From (place and time): _____

Favorite story: _____

GUIDE POWER

Play me with a Chapter ___ card: its score counts double.

FAMOUSLY TRUE · YOUR GUIDE