



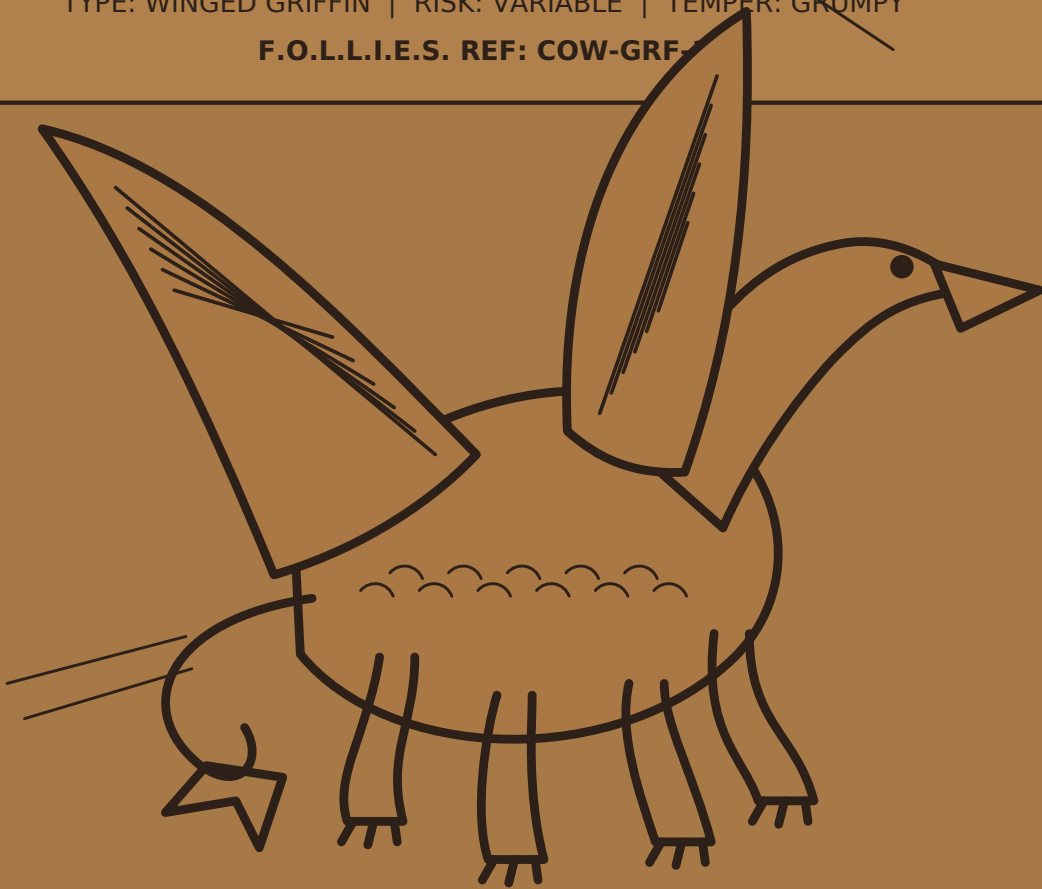
GARY THE GRIFFIN

COWES CASE FILE

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: VA-AERIS

TYPE: WINGED GRIFFIN | RISK: VARIABLE | TEMPER: GRUMPY

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FIELD SKETCH: SUBJECT NOT TO SCALE

Observed over Cowes • Solent • Harbour • Waterfront

CASE STATUS
ACTIVE

CASE FILE OPENED: COWES

INVESTIGATION DESK • STORY 1

SUBJECT CARD

NAME	Gary
TYPE	Griffin
WINGS	Very broad
RISK	Variable
TEMPER	Grumpy
FAVOURITE	Lobster



PRIMARY SIGHTING: NORTH COAST



COWES

FOLLOW THE LOBSTER CLUES

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A low growl may mean hello. Approach politely and keep hold of your lunch.

EVIDENCE 01: ARRIVAL



It was a crisp autumn morning in Cowes. The sun had only just reached the harbour when a vast shadow swept across the water.

Down came a creature with the body of a lion, the head of an eagle and wings broad enough to make the marina flags flap.

GARY THE GRIFFIN HAD ARRIVED!

WELCOME TO COWES

Children peeped from behind their parents. Shopkeepers stretched their necks. Even the mayor stepped forward, although his knees looked rather less confident than the rest of him.

“Welcome to Cowes,” said Mayor Pritchard.

Gary answered with a low, rumbling growl. The mayor decided this probably meant yes.



CLUE: Gary wanted friendship, not fear.

THE SKY WAS HIS FAVOURITE ROAD



Every morning, Gary rose with the sun. He circled Cowes, glided over the Solent and watched the fishing boats below.

Fishermen waved. Gary dipped one wing in reply. Children stopped on their way to school and pointed upwards.

For Cowes, a griffin in the sky soon felt almost normal.

EVIDENCE 02: RED KAYAK



Then Gary found a bright red kayak. Nobody expected a creature with wings to choose a paddle, but Gary mastered it at once.

Soon he was leading the local kayakers. They laughed, cheered and tried very hard to keep up.

HOW DOES A GRIFFIN KAYAK?



TALONS GRIP THE PADDLE

WINGS FOLDED DRY

TAIL HELPS WITH BALANCE

PROFESSOR'S VERDICT: It should not work. It definitely should not look this elegant. Gary disagrees.



Gary also discovered lobster. One visit to a seaside restaurant became a feast so enormous that the whole town heard about it.

ONE MEAL BECAME THREE DAYS!

Plates arrived. Crowds gathered. Gary remained extremely focused.

EVEN A GRIFFIN HAS LIMITS

1

DAY OF DINING

Gary began with confidence.

2

MORE PLATES

The restaurant became the busiest place in Cowes.

3

ONE VERY FULL GRIFFIN

Cheerful chatter finally sent Gary home for peace and quiet.

LESSON LOGGED: Enjoying something is excellent.
Knowing when to stop is also rather useful.





Cowes Week filled the harbour with flags, music and sailing boats. Gary preferred quieter water.

When one noisy crew mocked him, Gary answered with a single mighty flap. Their boat tipped. Their captain's hat did not survive with dignity.

Everyone was safe, soaked and suddenly much more polite.

THE SPLASHY LESSON

WHAT HAPPENED?

A loud crew teased Gary from their boat.

WHAT DID GARY DO?

He tipped the boat with one controlled wing beat.

WHAT CHANGED?

The crew left Cowes with wet socks and a new respect for griffins.



TEASING



SPLASH



RESPECT

Professor Follies notes: Gary's method was dramatic. A calm conversation would have been drier.

GRUMPY CAN STILL BE GENEROUS

Gary was not always cheerful, but he cared about Cows. His sharp eyes helped fishermen spot shoals. His strength helped builders move heavy materials.

Most importantly, Gary sold his lobster catch and used the money to support community projects.



EYE

KEEN EYES



PWR

GREAT STRENGTH



COMMUNITY HEART

A person, or a griffin, can need quiet time and still care deeply about others.

EVIDENCE 05: TEAMWORK



When the old library needed help, Gary organised a lobster-catching competition and a charity kayak race.

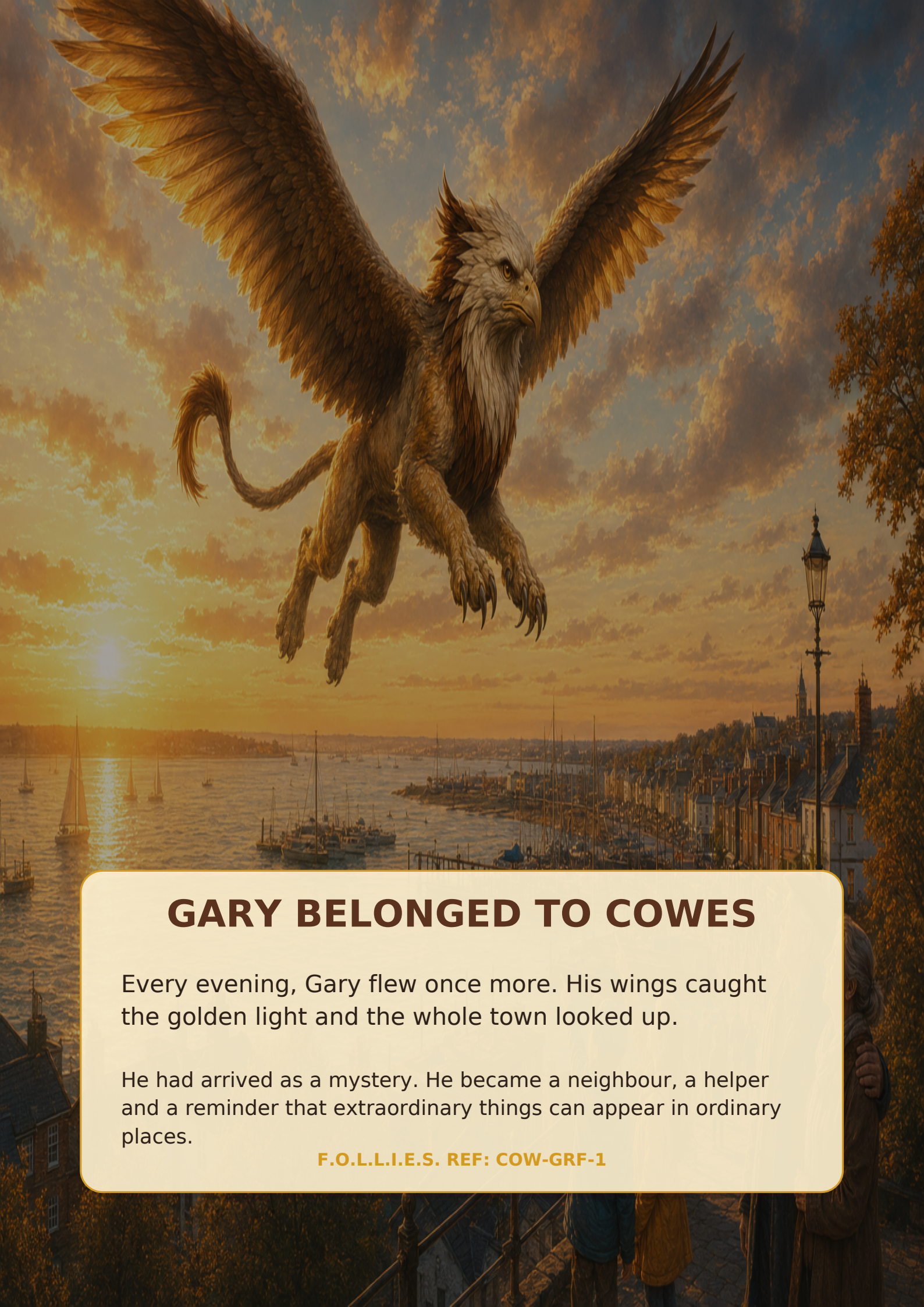
The island joined in. The library was restored, expanded and filled with books once more.

Gary pretended not to enjoy his thank-you plaque.

GARY'S GOOD IDEA



One creature's unusual talent became something the whole town could share.



GARY BELONGED TO COWES

Every evening, Gary flew once more. His wings caught the golden light and the whole town looked up.

He had arrived as a mystery. He became a neighbour, a helper and a reminder that extraordinary things can appear in ordinary places.

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WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

MAJESTIC

Gary's wings and strength inspired wonder.

INDIVIDUAL

He loved skies, kayaks, lobster and quiet.

IMPERFECT

He could be grumpy and rather dramatic.

GENEROUS

He used his talents to help his town.

FINAL FINDING: Kindness does not always look cheerful. Sometimes it has feathers, talons and a very full stomach.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. If Gary landed near your home, what would you say first?

2. Was tipping the boat fair, funny, or both? What could Gary have tried instead?

3. Which would be harder for a griffin: kayaking, queuing or using a tiny library card?

4. Gary was grumpy but generous. Can somebody be both at the same time?

5. If you planned a fundraiser with Gary, what would it be?

6. What strange clue would convince you that a griffin had visited overnight?

Professor Follies says: There are no wrong answers, although “three-day lobster buffet” requires a very good explanation.





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CASE FILE COMPLETE

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already be waiting.

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