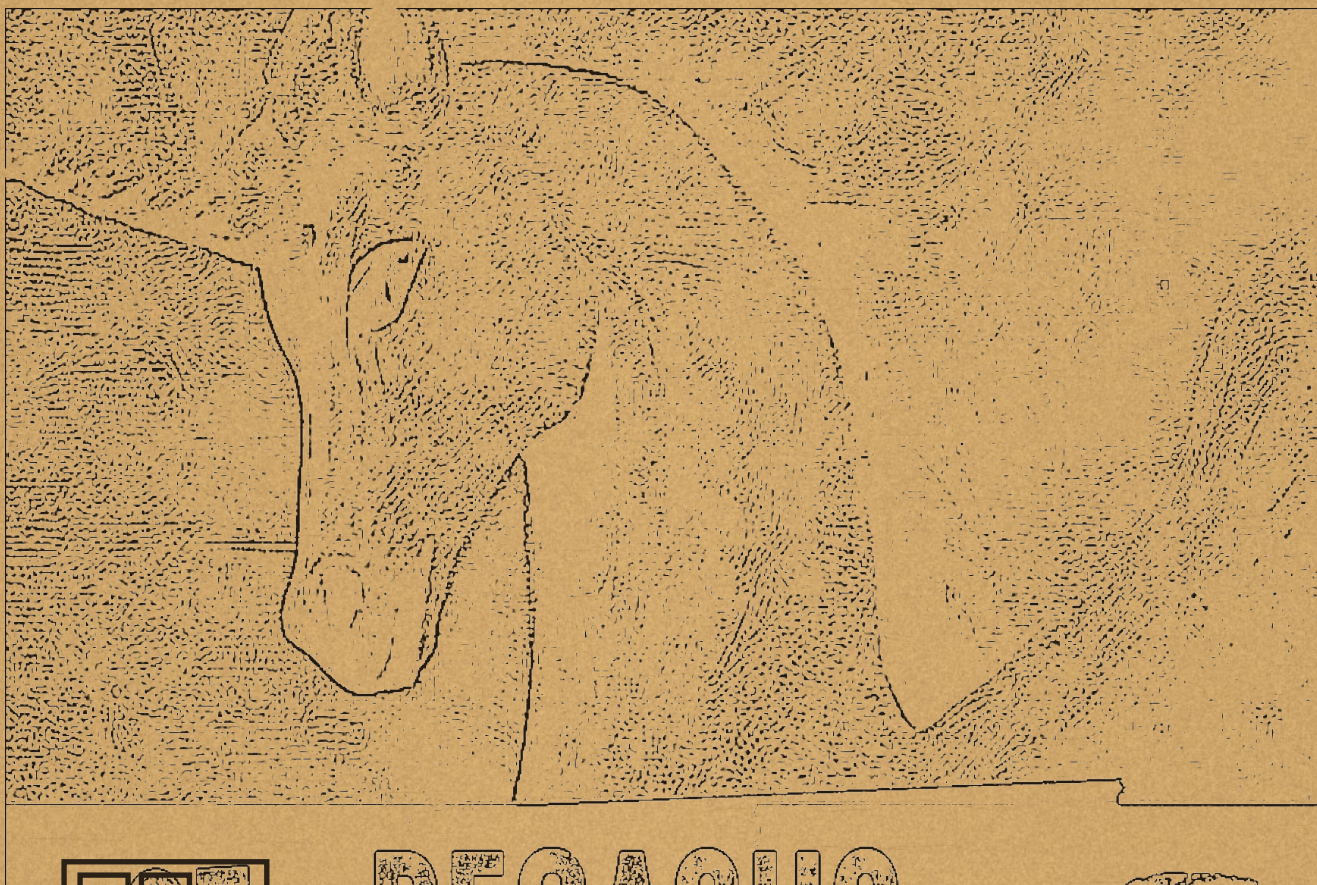




CASE FILE 35

THE PEGASUS OF ALUM BAY

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: WINGED EQUINE - COASTAL GUARDIAN



Estimated scale comparison - not to be used for parking decisions

FILE REFERENCE: F.O.L.L.I.E.S./ALUM-BAY/PEGASUS/35

STATUS: ACTIVE | SUBJECT: IRIS | ACCESS: PASS HOLDERS

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LOCATION BOARD: ALUM BAY



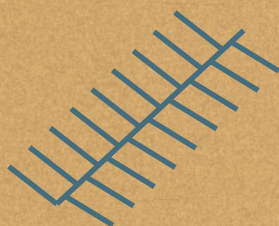
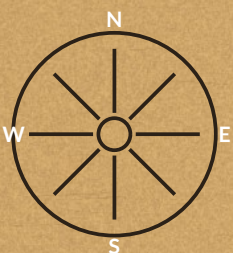
LOCATION NOTES

Alum Bay sits beside the Needles at the western end of the Isle of Wight. Its coloured cliffs, open sea and strong winds make it an excellent place for a flying creature to hide in plain sight.

FIELD COORDINATES

Approximate centre:
50.6665° N
1.5755° W

Nearby: The Needles, lighthouse, coastal path.



INVESTIGATOR NOTE:

At sunset, watch the cliff edge and the air above the Needles. A sudden rainbow shimmer may be sunlight on a wing, or it may be Iris choosing the scenic route.

CREATURE PROFILE: IRIS

VITAL FACTS

CREATURE	Pegasus
NAME	Iris
HEIGHT	About 2.5 m at the shoulder
WINGSPAN	Estimated up to 7 m
COLOURS	White, pearl and rainbow sheen
NATURE	Playful, thoughtful, protective

SPECIAL ABILITIES

- Reads wind and approaching weather
- Rides strong air currents to conserve energy
- Creates rainbow-like flashes in sunlight
- Can travel rapidly across the island
- Excellent at disappearing just before a camera focuses



Artist-enhanced source image: Iris above the cliffs

WHY ALUM BAY?

Iris uses the cliffs as a launch point and the broad western sky as a weather window. She studies waves, cloud shapes and changing light before choosing a flight path. Her favourite quiet place is the lighthouse at the Needles, where she can watch the sea and think without anybody asking for a lift.

THE BIGFOOT PHOTOGRAPH PROBLEM



HOW THE PRANK WORKS

1. Iris swoops low and stirs the air.
2. Benny stamps enormous footprints into soft ground.
3. A tourist turns around too late.
4. The resulting photograph contains a blur, a hoof, three feathers and one very pleased Bigfoot.

WITNESS REPORT

"I saw Bigfoot riding a flying horse!"

Assessment: surprisingly possible.

Photographic quality: dreadful, as usual.

IRIS: "Did you see their faces, Benny?"

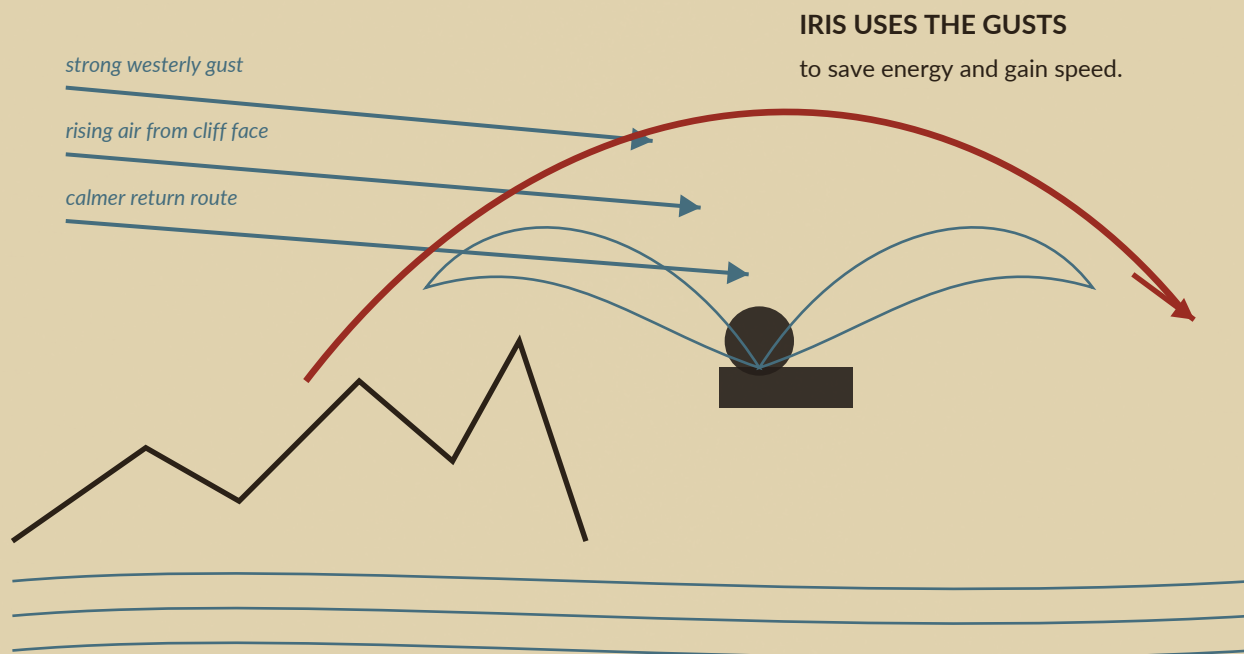
BENNY: "They will be talking about that for years."

CASE NOTE:

Their pranks are carefully planned around wind, geography and the important scientific principle of being somewhere else before anyone complains.

FLIGHT PLAN: WIND, WEATHER AND WINGS

FIELD DIAGRAM 5A



WHAT IRIS CHECKS

- Cloud build-up on the horizon
- Direction of spray and sea mist
- Wave height around the Needles
- Sunlight angle and visibility
- Whether Benny has packed snacks

RUMOUR CONTROL

The story claims the rotation of Earth affects Iris's route. That effect is tiny on a short flight, but skilled fliers do account for changing wind, weather and direction. Professor Follies has circled "rotation" twice and written: interesting, but do not blame the planet for missed landings.

EVIDENCE COLLECTED



Feather



Hoot mark



Large footprint



Rainbow mist

UNCONFIRMED INTERNATIONAL DETOURS

RECORDED STORY

Iris and Benny's tricks did not always stay on the Island. Stories placed them in the forests of Canada and at a Bigfoot conference in Washington State. Iris's wings cast strange shadows while Benny's footprints led investigators in completely the wrong direction.

EVIDENCE STATUS

Photographs: blurry
Footprints: enormous
Feathers: conveniently missing
Conclusion: excellent story, further investigation required.

MORE THAN A MISCHIEF TEAM

Behind the pranks is a strong friendship. Benny has an excellent sense of direction. Iris reads the sky. When forests are dense, storms are building or the route is unfamiliar, each relies on the other. One day Iris asks whether people might ever know the real pair rather than only the legends. Benny answers that mystery is part of their magic, but perhaps they can share a little of themselves without losing it.

"Maybe one day, we will find a way to let them in without losing what makes us special."



Evidence sketches, not courtroom-quality proof

THE NEEDLES LIGHTHOUSE SANCTUARY



Iris during a rare quiet moment near the western coast

IRIS FINDS PEACE

The lighthouse becomes Iris's favourite place to think. From there she watches clouds, stars and the changing light. It is a sanctuary where she can stop performing, stop plotting and simply be herself.

A SECRET BASE?

Benny joins her at sunset. He suggests that the lighthouse could become their secret base, a safe place to return to after adventures. Iris agrees. They sit in comfortable silence, which is difficult for Benny but apparently possible.

SYMBOL IN THE STORY

The changing lighthouse beam marks time passing, while its steady return offers continuity. For Iris and Benny it represents home: a place where magic and everyday life can meet without either one having to pretend.

THE LEGEND TAKES FLIGHT

WHAT THE ISLAND REMEMBERS

People begin to see Iris and Benny not merely as strange creatures, but as familiar figures who bring laughter and wonder. Stories reach Newport, Carisbrooke Castle and beyond. Children grow up hearing about the rainbow-winged Pegasus and the enormous footprints that always appear just after somebody checks the camera.

CASE CONCLUSION

Iris has found a place where she belongs. Alum Bay gives her wind, space and a horizon. Benny gives her friendship, laughter and occasional logistical problems. Together they leave a trail of stories that make the Island feel larger, stranger and more joyful.



Iris, keeper of the western sky

FINAL FIELD ENTRY

As evening settles over the Needles, Iris watches the sea from her lighthouse perch. Benny sits nearby, probably eating something noisy. They know their adventures will continue, but they also know where to return. The Pegasus of Alum Bay and her Bigfoot companion are part of the Island's living legend: a story of mischief, friendship, mystery and finding a home in the most dramatic corner available.

CASE STATUS: LEGEND ENDURES

PROFESSOR FOLLIES ASKS...

"A good case file should answer some questions and create at least three more."



QUESTIONS FOR QUESTORS

1. Why do you think Iris enjoys Alum Bay more than a quiet field inland?
2. Which part of the Bigfoot photograph prank is cleverest, and which part is most likely to go wrong?
3. Would you trust Benny to plan a secret operation if snacks were involved?
4. Why might Iris want people to know the real pair, not only the legends?
5. What clues would prove that a huge winged creature had launched from the cliff?
6. Is the lighthouse a hiding place, a home, or both?
7. Invent one harmless prank Iris and Benny could play on Professor Follies. He has requested that it not involve his hat.

INVESTIGATOR RESPONSE

Draw the prank, write the clue you would investigate first, or design a better secret-base sign for the lighthouse.



CASE FILE 35 CLOSED

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Keep exploring. Keep wondering. Treat the coast with respect, check the sky for rainbow wings, and never assume an enormous footprint belongs to an ordinary walking boot.

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Stay curious. Stay kind. Stay ready to look up.