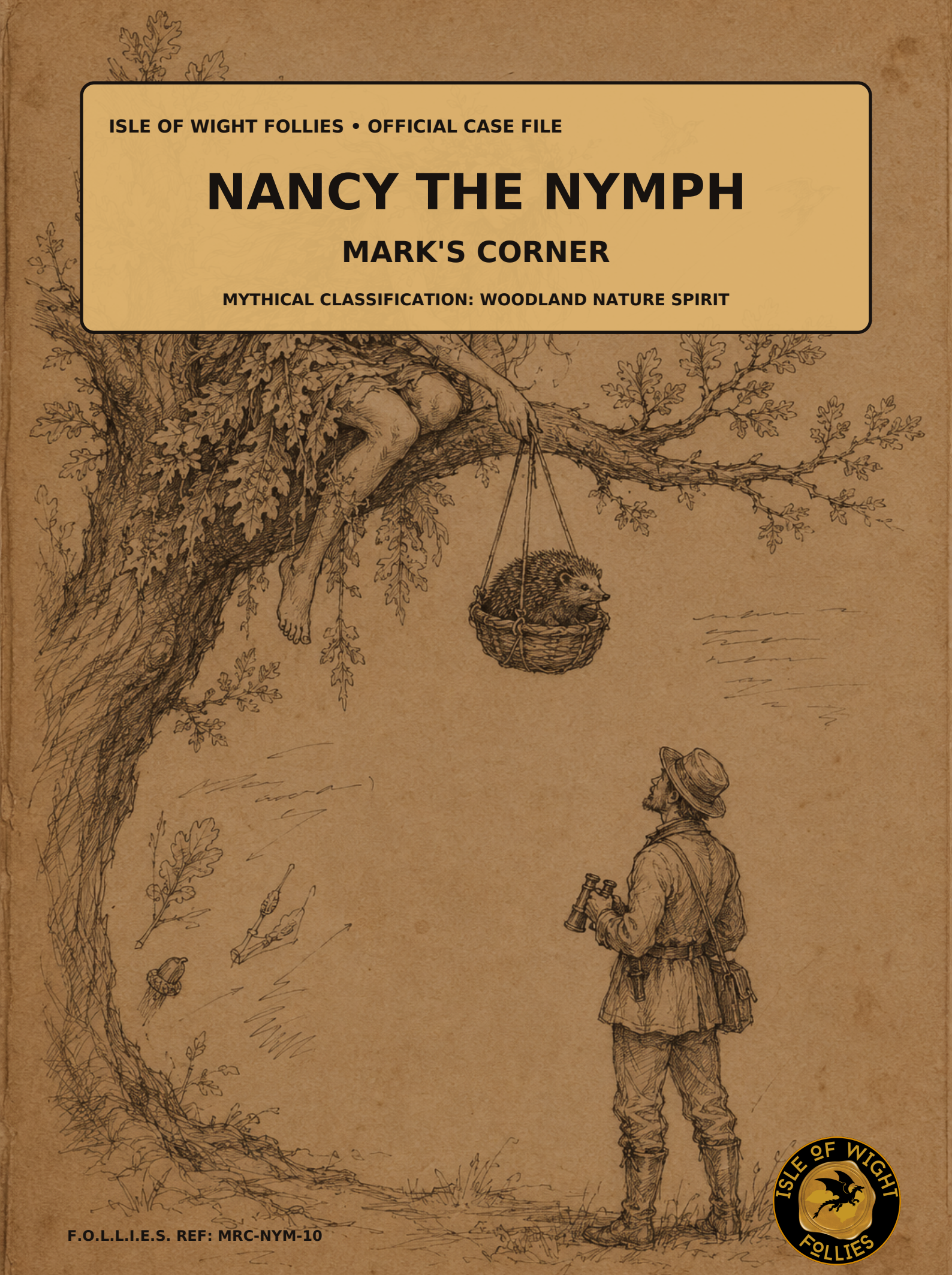
ISLE OF WIGHT FOLLIES • OFFICIAL CASE FILE

NANCY THE NYMPH

MARK'S CORNER

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: WOODLAND NATURE SPIRIT



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OFFICIAL CASE BRIEF

THE GUARDIAN OF MARKS CORNER

CREATURE	Woodland nymph
NAME	Nancy
RANGE	Mark's Corner and Parkhurst Forest
SPECIALISM	Bird songs and forest care
UNUSUAL DUTY	Rescuing hedgehogs from trees
MISCHIEF LEVEL	Playful, surprising, never harmful

THE F.O.L.L.I.E.S. BRIEF

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Follow the feathers, listen for laughter and do not assume a hedgehog understands gravity.

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FIELD RULE

Mischief is only funny when everyone can laugh afterwards.

FOLLOW THE FEATHER

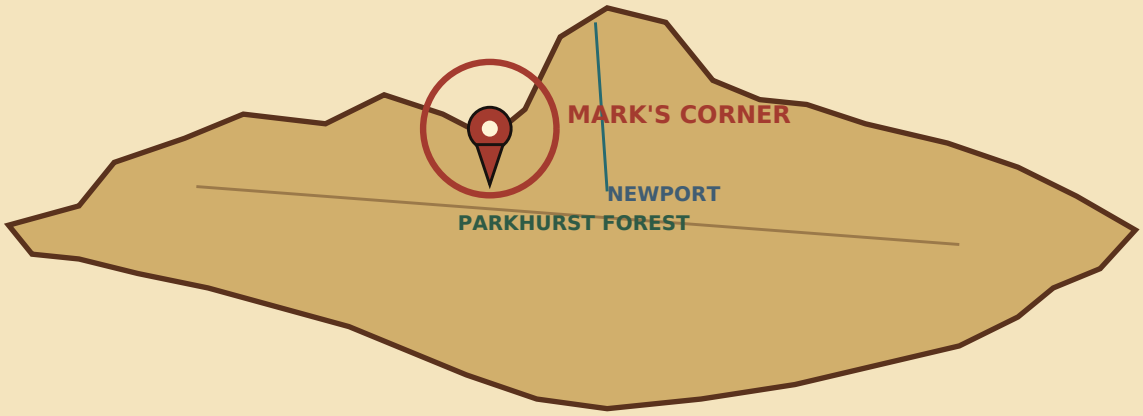


Professor Follies pinned every clue around an Isle of Wight map: feathers, acorns, field notes and one extremely suspicious garden hose.

The official pin belongs north of Parkhurst Forest, west of Newport - at the real hamlet of Mark's Corner.

LOCATION VERIFIED

WHERE IS MARK'S CORNER?



NORTH-CENTRAL ISLE OF WIGHT • ABOUT 4 KM FROM NEWPORT

GROUND CHECK: Mark's Corner is a real hamlet beside the woodland of Parkhurst Forest. That makes it excellent country for birds, secret paths and a nymph who prefers leaves to street signs.

MAP VERIFIED • STORY MYSTERY AHEAD

EVIDENCE 01: BIRDWATCHER



Nancy could name a bird from a single note. Robin, blue tit or woodpecker - she listened before she looked.

Her green-and-gold hair blended with the leaves, which made her very good at observing wildlife and rather too good at hiding from gardeners.

LISTEN • LOOK • LOG

1

LISTEN

Pause. Let the forest speak first.

2

LOOK

Scan branches without disturbing nests.

3

LOG

Sketch the bird, place and behaviour.

TRY IT: How many different bird sounds can you notice in one quiet minute?

EVIDENCE 02: TREE RESCUE



Then came the impossible part: a hedgehog in an oak tree. Nobody knew how it climbed there. The hedgehog was not available for comment.

Nancy used calm hands, a soft cloth and a basket. Down it came, safe and only slightly embarrassed.

RESCUE DIAGRAM

THE ARBOREAL HEDGEHOG PLAN

1

SPOT

Look up. Blink twice. It really is a hedgehog.

2

SUPPORT

Use a soft cloth and steady basket.

3

LOWER

Move slowly. No heroic wobbling.

4

RELEASE

Ground level. Sniff. Waddle away.

Important: Real wildlife should be helped by a responsible adult or trained rescuer. Nymph skills are not included in ordinary first-aid kits.

THE GREAT GARDEN SHUFFLE

Mr Green reached for his rake. He found a spade.

He reached for the hose. It had been twisted into a knot that looked suspiciously like a sleeping dragon.

From the leaves came the tiniest bell-like laugh. Mr Green sighed, then chuckled. Nancy had struck again.



PRANK CHECK: Confusing? Yes. Damaging? No. Funny afterwards? Mr Green says yes.

INCIDENT 02: CAFÉ



The café menu changed every few minutes. Coffee became tea. Sandwiches became cake. Nobody received what they ordered.

Mrs Potts was flustered for exactly one minute - then joined the guessing game. Nancy laughed behind the ivy.

PROFESSOR FOLLIES EXPLAINS

WHEN IS A PRANK ACTUALLY FUNNY?

SAFE — Nobody is hurt or put in danger.

KIND — Nobody is embarrassed or picked on.

REVERSIBLE — The muddle can be put right.

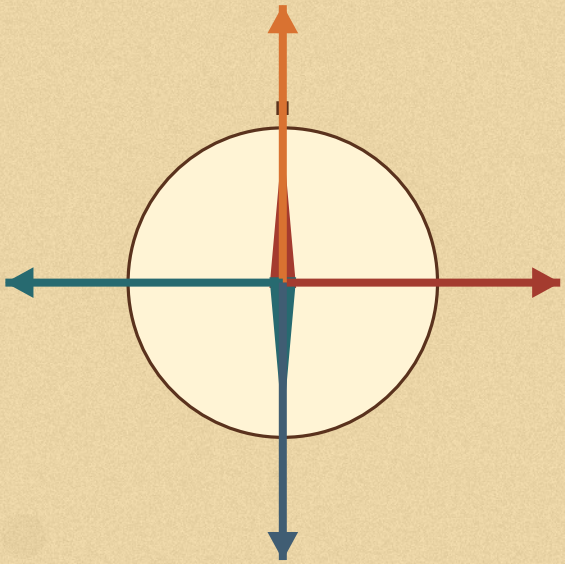
SHARED — Everyone can laugh afterwards.

STOP RULE: If someone is frightened, upset or asks you to stop, the prank is over. Kindness comes first - even for experts in mischief.

A WIND THAT COULD NOT DECIDE

The weather vane spun north, south, east, west - and briefly toward the biscuit tin.

At the village picnic, sandwiches became sweets. The baskets had not moved. The labels had. A green-and-gold curl vanished behind the hedge.



EVIDENCE:
1 spinning vane
2 swapped picnics
1 distant giggle

Could you solve the case without seeing Nancy?

MORE THAN MISCHIEF



Nancy sensed thirsty plants, damaged branches and nests that needed quiet. She tended the forest with patience.

Her playful spirit drew people in. Her careful work showed them why the woodland mattered.

FOREST GATHERING



At night, the trees became an amphitheatre. Lanterns glowed; Larry danced; Sally offered riddles; Oliver read poetry in a voice as deep as thunder.

Nancy enchanted the drinks to change colour and flavour. Even Oliver stopped grumbling long enough to request another.

CHALLENGE FILE

THE HIDDEN-GROVE TREASURE HUNT

1

FEATHER CLUE

Find the oak that shelters three birds.

2

RIDDLE STONE

Answer Sally without overthinking it.

3

POETRY PATH

Follow Oliver’s rhyming directions.

4

HIDDEN GROVE

Share the feast and the discovery.

The best treasure was not gold. It was a place nobody had noticed before.

CASE CONCLUSION

WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

CURIOUS She listens, watches and keeps learning.

CARING She protects animals, plants and trees.

PLAYFUL She brings surprise into ordinary days.

MEMORABLE The village sees nature with fresh eyes.

FINAL FINDING: Nancy's real magic was helping everyone notice the living world - preferably while laughing.



PROFESSOR FOLLIES ASKS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



1. How do you think the hedgehogs reached the branches?

2. Which bird song would you most like Nancy to teach you?

3. When does a harmless prank stop being harmless?

4. Would you order from the enchanted café? What would you risk receiving?

5. What clue would you hide in Nancy’s treasure hunt?

6. If a tree could ask for help, what might it say?

Professor Follies says: The best answers make you grin first - and think again afterwards.

CASE FILE COMPLETE

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Keep your eyes on the branches. The next rustle may be a bird, a nymph - or a very confused hedgehog.

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