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Every night magic things happen at the Museum of Natural History in New York. There are electronic exhibits that walk and talk like real people and animals. Many visitors come to see the electronic exhibits. They think they are wonderful and very clever. But they don't know the secret. The exhibits aren't electronic, they are real!

Ahkmenrah has a magic tablet from Egypt. At night the tablet shines and the exhibits come to life. Many years ago Larry discovered this secret and the exhibits became his friends. Larry asked Dr McPhee to open the museum for visitors at night too.

Larry and his son, Nick, have had many adventures with their friends at the museum. There was the time when a night guard tried to take the tablet away. And once Dr McPhee sent the tablet to another museum and Larry had to get it back.

It's the start of another adventure at the Museum of Natural History. What's going to happen tonight?

CHAPTER 1

ONE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

It was an important evening at the Museum of Natural History. Rich and famous people arrived at the entrance in their big, black cars. They were there to see the new planetarium*.

Larry Daley watched them. He felt a little hot and uncomfortable in his expensive clothes. He hoped everything was ready. He and the exhibits were planning a very special show for the guests. Some of the people here tonight could give lots of money to the museum.

Dr McPhee, the head of the museum, was watching too. His face was red and his small eyes looked worried.

Larry touched Dr McPhee's arm. 'Nice jacket, boss,' he said. 'Did you borrow it?'

'No, I did not!' said McPhee angrily and he pushed Larry's hand away. 'I'm the head of this museum. I don't need to borrow clothes!' He walked quickly into the museum and Larry followed.

The new planetarium looked fantastic. It was in a very large glass room and right now the room was full of people. Everyone was smiling and talking.

'Big night for you!' Dr McPhee looked at Larry. He was always worried when Larry planned things. There were often problems. 'I hope your surprise is ready.'

* You can look at the moon and stars from a planetarium.