

TWO OLD FOOLS ON A CAMEL

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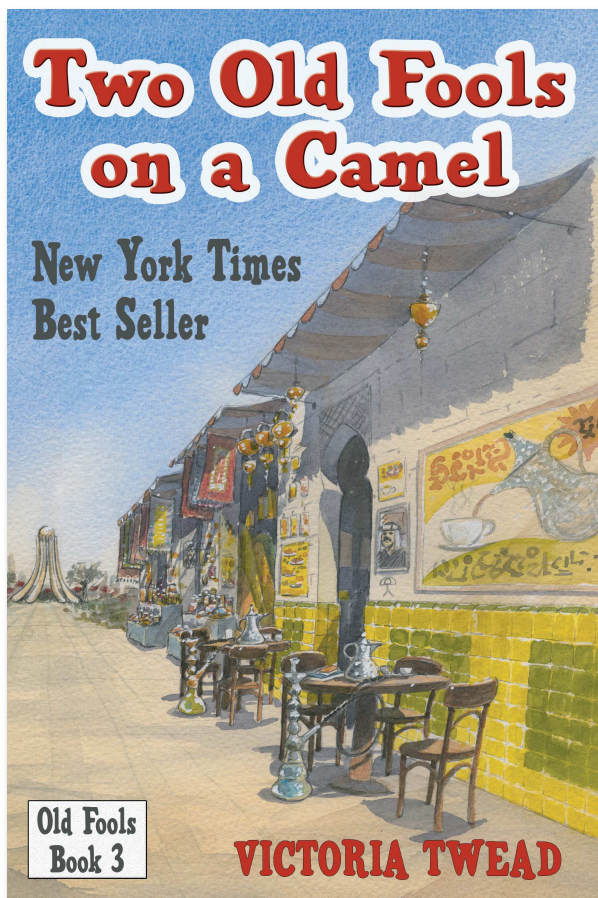


Photo Book 3

with additional material

Two Old Fools on a Camel is the third book in the Old Fools series.

Please note, these are not professional photos! I do hope you enjoy them anyway, and that they help paint a picture of the day-to-day life of two old fools.



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After living in a remote mountain village in Spain for 11 years, and owning probably the most dangerous cockerel in Europe, Victoria and Joe retired to Australia where another joyous life-chapter has begun.

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The Pearl Monument, Manama

When Joe and I arrived in Bahrain, we had no idea that this spectacular statue would make history, and play a significant part in our lives. It was a breathtaking sculpture, very tall and white, stretching up to the Middle Eastern sky.



This photo of the Pearl Monument at night demonstrates how big it was. It stood in the centre of a roundabout.



To our delight, the hotel had a rooftop swimming pool. This area also gave us interesting views over the city of Manama.

View from the rooftop over the city at night.



Our hotel room suite. It was a bit old-fashioned but it was clean and comfortable. The curtains were always closed to keep out the heat.



"At the beautiful Grand Mosque, or Al-Fateh, which I recognised from the 20BD banknote, we all removed our shoes. The females of the party were ushered into an anteroom where we were issued with all-covering abayas and hijabs, without which we would not be granted access."



Joe and me



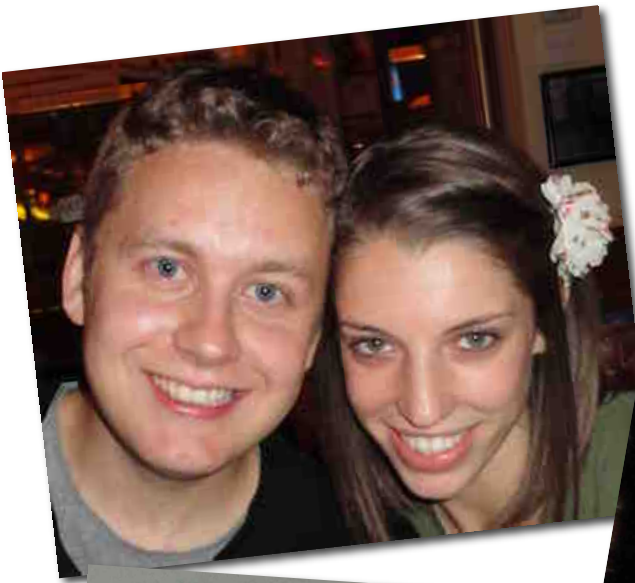
Emily, me and Allison



The Formula 1 track - I think Joe was the only person on the coach to be excited about this.



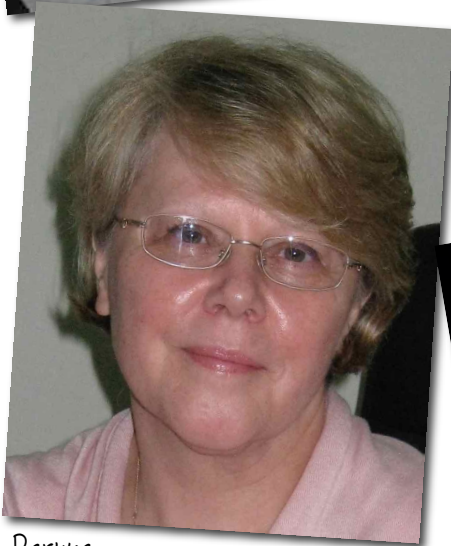
Our first shopping trip. I don't think I've ever seen so many different types of rice.



Jake and Emily



Colton



Daryna



Saja



Miss Hawa



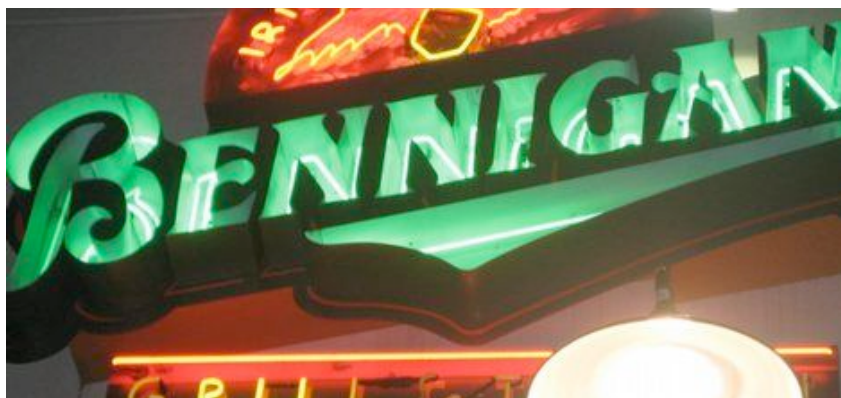
Jasim's school bus



My classroom

You can see where I've papered over the windows and faced the chairs away in an attempt to stop my students being distracted by activity outside.

"The bus passed Bennigan's every day, but I'd never given it much thought, as it was shuttered up during Ramadan. Now a green neon light was flashing a welcome and the doors were open. The four of us skipped in."





"The Gin Twins had a good time, in spite of being pursued, and I was ridiculously jealous of them being in our house in Spain."



The Tree of Life



Jake: "It had a green iron fence surrounding the base of the trunk. But the branches reached so low you could easily climb up and walk along the entire tree. People had carved their names all over it. It was sad to see so many of the large branches broken off and lying nearby."



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A typical fast food menu



Shopping at the souk was always a colourful experience.





Joe getting measured for
tailormade trousers.



The supermarket had a small Christmas display.



*Christmas 2010, with no idea of what was on its way...
Joe, me, Allison, Emily, Colton and Jake*



*Colton and Joe
buying alcohol and
having to hide it in
black bags to take
home.*

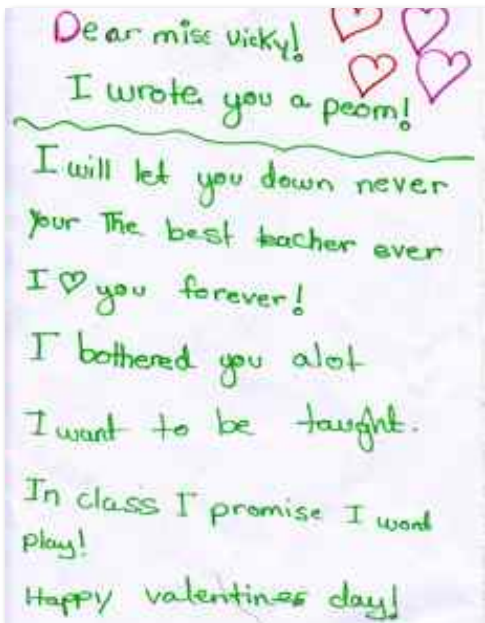
"Then Joe and Colton decided to commemorate the event by dressing up. I have no idea why, except that when you put those two together, nothing good comes of it."



Colton and Joe had a special bond in spite of their age difference.



I cheered when this notice was put up on the school's entrance doors.



Valentine's Day, 14th February 2011

We innocently joined a joyful Sunni march near the Grand Mosque.



Me, Colton and Joe



And that weekend, we moved into our fabulous new apartment.



We celebrated the long-awaited move at Bennigan's, of course.



Meanwhile, Shi'a protesters were beginning to converge and camp at the Pearl Monument. Emily took this photo on 19th February 2011. Already lives had been lost.

"On the 15th March, the King announced that, until further notice, Bahrain was under Martial Law."



Our view of the smoke rising from the burning tents

On the 18th March, at dawn, the proud Pearl Monument was levelled.
Pictures from Wikipedia.





Lovely memories of
Karly and Cam's
wedding in Sydney,
Australia



Me with Karly
and my niece
Becky



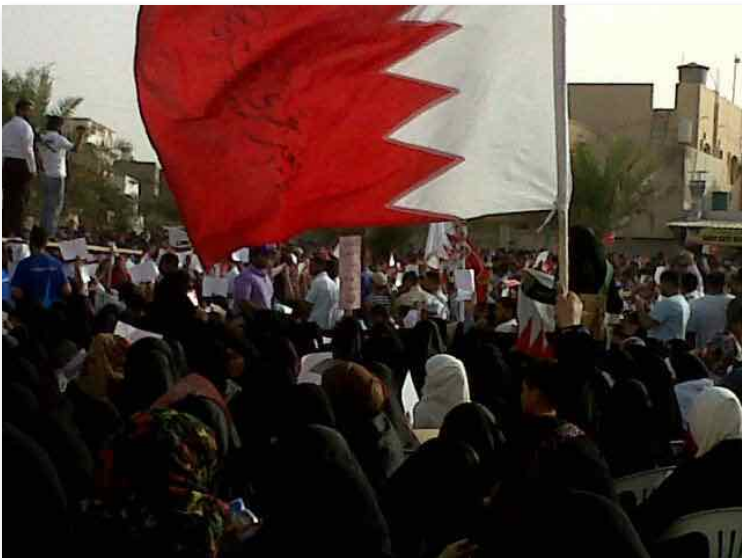
*A final walk on the beach
with Karly and a last look at
the Opera House, then back
to Bahrain.*





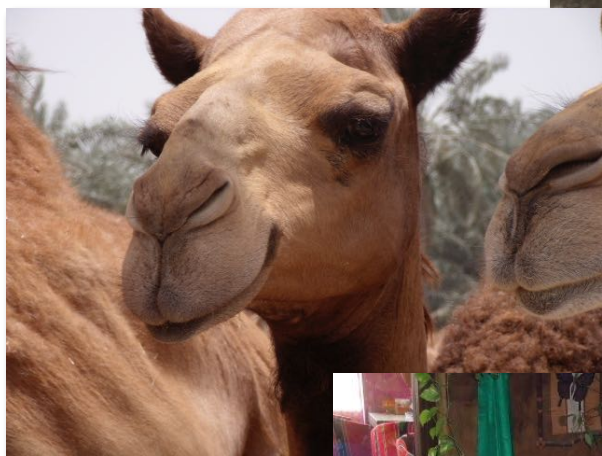
Back in Bahrain,
pictures of the King
were suddenly
appearing everywhere.

Rallies continued
regularly, and we
were notified by the
British Embassy which
areas of the island to
to avoid.





Some of the 450 King's camels



Our last day together

Jake, me, Joe and
Colton





Packing up. I realised we needed more space, so I bought the fated red suitcase (not shown here) which readers will meet in the next book...



The journey home, and of course we had to stop for a coffee at this cafe at Madrid airport!



The Ufartes had left all their stuff out in the street...

...we only had one chicken left...



...and most of the plants in the garden had died, but we didn't care.

We were home.

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