

Life with Captain Ferdinand

They had been on this ship for three whole months and they were really starting to get on each other nerves. Anyone would too if they were cramped on a small ship with so many other people. Their captain's name was Ferdinand. Ferdinand had very good people skills, he was a good leader. There were many things that the crew really liked about Ferdinand. His crew really trusted him. They really felt safe in his presence, but there was one big thing that he was lacking. The thing that he was lacking was good organizational skills. There was no aspect of organization that he was good at. He was constantly losing things. His clothes rarely matched because he was always misplacing things.

One morning, Captain Ferdinand headed down to the dining room of the ship for breakfast. He could feel some strange vibes from the room the instant that he entered. He knew something was up, but he could not figure out exactly what it was, so he ignored it. Ferdinand proceeded on to make his breakfast. He got a slice of bread and put it in the toaster. He got a cup of coffee, and then poured a bowl of cereal. When he went to open the door of the refrigerator to get some milk, he noticed that the door was broken. He figured out what was up... somebody broke the refrigerator door and didn't tell the captain. He was furious, so furious that he barged into the dining room, demanding that somebody tell him what happened.

At first, they all just sat there and stared at him. All of a sudden, he noticed two young men who were looking awfully suspicious. They were on opposite sides of the room and they were really glaring at one another. Ferdinand demanded to have a word with them in his office. Their names were Marty and Patrick. He began to ask them what happened. They were

both so angry it was really hard for Ferdinand to understand what exactly happened. They were both yelling and blaming each other. Ferdinand had become so tired of this nonsense that he kicked them out.

From what pieces that he could understand, he figured out what had happened. Patrick and Marty both wanted some milk on their cereal, but there was not enough for the both of them. Patrick got the milk first, and this angered Marty. He was so mad that he slammed the refrigerator door shut so hard that it broke right off the hinges. They both knew how mad the Captain would be about this situation, so they decided to shut the door so it was not noticeable.

Too bad for them, Ferdinand did notice and he was indeed very angry. He was not angry that the door was broken, he was mad because members of his own crew had lied to him. As a punishment, Ferdinand decided to make them fix the door together. Maybe they would start to get along this way. Captain Ferdinand then went off to find his toolbox for the boys.

He searched high and low, but he couldn't find the toolbox anywhere. He went back to the dining hall to explain what happened. Maybe somebody knew where the toolbox was. He began explain, and the crew began to get very angry. They had not seen it, and they decided that it was not their job to find it either. All of a sudden, Captain Ferdinand began to smell smoke, so he began to investigate.

He went into the kitchen and noticed it right away. The toaster was up in flames. During all of this nonsense he forgot about the toast he put in the toaster. Like the refrigerator, the toaster was broken too. When the toast was done toasting, it didn't just pop up like a normal toaster, it just kept on

toasting. It was too late; the toaster was not fixable at this point. The crew all barged into the kitchen to see what all the chaos was about. When they saw the toaster, they became even angrier and frustrated with their Captain. What if the fire had gotten bigger, it could have burned up the whole ship. Their ship would sink, and they would all drown helplessly in the middle of the ocean.

The crew decided that they needed to have a talk with the captain about getting his organization under control. It was really beginning to affect the safety of all of the people on his ship, including his own. They all calmly told him what he thought. He agreed and said that he would try really hard to get things better under control.

As a start, they all went into the kitchen to begin the cleanup. This was the best place to start since that was where the accident happened. The sloppy captain polished the table near a broken refrigerator to quiet the angry mob. The angry mob began to get a lot less angry along the way. They found the toolbox, and Marty and Patrick fixed the refrigerator door.

Not long after the accident, the ship was in tip top shape. Marty and Patrick were getting along a lot better. Captain Ferdinand quit losing everything. The crew seemed a lot happier. People were easier to get along with. The newly organized ship was a much happier place to be. Maybe life on a ship is not so bad after all!