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Al Capone Does My Shirts

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Moose and his family move to Alcatraz. Convicts live on Alcatraz. Natalie is Moose’s sister. Natalie needs to go to a new school. Moose and Natalie meet Theresa. Theresa shows Moose and Natalie around Alcatraz.
Natalie’s New School
Theresa, Moose, and Natalie meet a girl named Piper. Piper does not like Natalie.

Moose and his family go on a boat to Natalie's new school. Natalie will live at the school.

Page 2.
Moose goes home with his mom & dad. They miss Natalie. Moose meets with Piper’s dad. He is the Warden. He tells Moose the rules of Alcatraz.

Page 3.
Moose goes to his new school with Piper.

He makes a new friend named Scout. Moose plays baseball with his new friends from school.
Theresa

Jimmy

Annie
Moose comes home from baseball and plays outside with Theresa. He meets Jimmy and Annie. Annie is good at baseball too.
Mom

Moose
Moose and his mom go on the boat to Natalie's school. They bring Natalie home. The Principal says that Natalie cannot stay at her new school.
Moose and Piper start a laundry service at school. They charge the kids 5 cents for each shirt. Moose's mom wants him to take Natalie outside to play. Moose is angry with his mom.
Alcatraz Convicts
Moose and Natalie meet Piper and Annie outside. They watch the inmates walk to their jailcells. Al Capone is the scariest convict.
Moose and Piper go to school. They give the kids their clean laundry back. Scout tells Moose that they can play baseball tomorrow. Moose's mom tells him that he has to babysit Natalie tomorrow. Moose is angry.
Moose, Piper, Annie, and Jimmy get in trouble for selling the laundry service.

The Warden is upset and yells at them.

Moose's dad takes away his baseball bat and glove.
Al Capone

Young Al Capone and his mom
Piper returns to Alcatraz. Piper says:

Al Capone's mom is coming to Alcatraz.

All the kids ride the boat to see Al Capone's mom.
baseball.
stones
Moose’s friend, Scout, wants a baseball that was hit by a convict. Moose takes Natalie to look for a baseball. Natalie gathers stones while Moose looks for a baseball.
friend.

terrified
Natalie goes to find Convict 105. Natalie is happy. She has a friend. Moose is terrified of Convict 105.
Convict 105 gives a baseball to Natalie. Piper is excited to see the baseball.
angry.

afraid
Moose is afraid to go outside. Natalie wants to go outside. She is angry.

Natalie yells. She asks to go out.

Moose takes her outside.
goodbye
Natalie's mom wants Natalie to go to a new school. Natalie wants to say goodbye to Convict 105. Piper & Moose follow Natalie to Convict 105.
birthday.

party.
It is Natalie's birthday. Mom has a party.

Theresa helps Natalie open her presents. Natalie gets a book and buttons.

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Natalie is 16. She is too old to go to the new school. Moose asks the Warden to help Natalie get in to the new school. The Warden says "no".
ask

help

letter

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Moose wants to ask Al Capone to help Natalie get into her new school. Moose and Piper write a letter to Al Capone.
Al Capone helps Natalie get into her new school. Everyone is happy!