

Patrick Alexander © 2025  
panic@chickennation.com  
<https://www.chickennation.com/works>

(For 'Beyond These Stars')

## Dialogue sample

**Matilda:** Hm. How about that. I mean, gee.

**Lottie:** Language, Matilda! What's the problem?

**Matilda:** Well, I don't mean to complain, but... they stopped building the Tree Nursery.

**Lottie:** Oh, that! Yeah, we're all outta stone, that's why! The mine is tapped out. Nothing left down the stone mine but rock.

**Matilda:** B...? But what's the differe—

**Kieran:** Ah, it's just as I feared. Do you know the legend of the Stony-Backed Space Whale?

**Matilda:** No.

**Lottie:** I never heard of it.

**Kieran:** Indeed, neither have I. We must therefore conclude that Space Whales' backs have stone deposits that are unremarkable. Until we can find a new source of stone, we shall simply have to repurpose the stone we already have. Those fountains, for example — could we do without them?

**Matilda:** But they bring Peeps so much happiness.

**Lottie:** And a happy Peep is a busy Peep!

**Kieran:** Well, well, quite. Erm... knock down some houses, then?

**Matilda:** But Peeps live in those!

**Lottie:** Wait a minute, wait a minute. You're telling me that after I sweated all day building those houses with my own two hands, now I have sweat all day breaking them down into raw materials with my own two hands?

**Kieran:** Well...

**Lottie:** Because I am UP FOR IT. Yeah!

**Kieran:** I'll leave it to the two of you. As always, you can click on a building to examine just how much it's being used. You can also select the Demolition control and hover it over a building to see what resources will become available if you go ahead and click.

**Matilda:** There might be some difficult choices ahead.

**Lottie:** Hey, have faith in your own good sense. Kieran trusts you, and so do I.

## **Peep name and bio samples**

Karl

Speaks softly and left his stick at home

Dot

Skips everywhere

Björn

Has been spotted dancing like no-one's watching

Turtle

Possesses many fine linens

Stretch

Understands what must be done

Æthelred

Ready as he'll ever be

#