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The Eye of the North by Sinead O'Hart

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For as long as she could remember, Emmeline Widget had been sure her parents were trying to kill her.

So starts this stomping adventure!

Set in a future where the seas have risen due to the ice melting, this story follows Emmeline across continents.

Emmeline's parents are scientists and explorers; she is used to them being away but her whole life changes the

day the letter arrives, announcing their probable death.

Emmeline is whisked away to Paris, to safety with someone she has never met. But it is on the boat that her adventures really begin.

Hiding from would-be kidnapper villainous Dr Bauer, Emmeline is befriended by Thing, a stowaway boy. But even Thing, with all his ingenuity cannot help her escape the Doctor's clutches. It is then a race for the North to stop Bauer from accomplishing the awakening of a centuries old monster...

This is storytelling at it's best. Yes, it is outlandish and fantastical and some of the plot is just too convenient; but the characters of Emm and Thing are believable and the supporting cast are diverse enough to prevent the narrative from becoming twee.

A super read.

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