

The Hamburg Superdetectives · Book 1

The Hamburg Superdetectives

and the Shadow in the Speicherstadt

Book 1 · A Hamburg Adventure



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LINA STORM

a story told with Bennet and Sophia

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CHAPTER

The Houseboat on the Alster



It was a sunny morning in Hamburg. A small, colorful houseboat rocked on the Alster. It had blue shutters and a red roof. On the chimney, in big letters, was the word DETECTIVES.

This was no ordinary houseboat. It was the Hamburg Superdetectives' secret headquarters.

Finn stood on the roof, looking through his binoculars.

"Today is a perfect day for an adventure," he said.

"You say that every day." Mia laughed. She sat on a wooden stool on deck. Her two guinea pigs, Lulu and Rocky, were asleep in her lap. "But most days, nothing happens."

"Today it will," a raspy voice whispered.

Everyone turned around. Alva, the black cat, sat on the bookshelf. Her yellow eyes glowed.

"What's going on, Alva?" asked Lia.

Alva closed her eyes. "Something mysterious. Last night. At Wunderland."

“At Miniatur Wunderland?” cried Ben. He was just coming up the stairs. He pushed his glasses into place and blinked in the sunlight. His little hamster, Hamsti-Hams, sat on his shoulder. “I was there just last week! What happened?”

Mia took her tablet out of her bag. She read out a news story posted that morning on the Hamburger Abendblatt website. “Theft at Miniatur Wunderland. A tiny gold ship has disappeared from the model harbor.”

“A gold ship?” asked Lia, stroking Charlie, her red-orange cat. “Who steals a tiny ship? It’s not even as big as your thumb.”

Charlie looked at Lia and purred softly.

“Charlie says it’s important,” Lia translated. “Very important, in fact.”

“Then we have to go!” cried Finn. “Maili, come on!”

His dog, Maili, leaped out of his basket. He barked excitedly and wagged his tail.

Mia took the big map of Hamburg out of the drawer.

“We’ll take the detective bike. We’ll be there in ten minutes.”

Ben quickly checked his backpack. His inventions were inside: a mini drone, a clue scanner, a powerful magnifying glass, and a jar of super-sticky glue. You never knew what you might need.

“Let’s go, Hamburg Superdetectives!” called Finn.

They jumped from the houseboat onto the dock. They didn’t know someone was already waiting for them at Miniatur Wunderland.

 QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER 1

1. *Do You Remember?*—Where do the Hamburg Superdetectives meet?
2. *Think It Through*—Why is Alva's clue important?
3. *Imagine More*—What would you pack in your detective backpack?



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What Happens Next?

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