

# John Phoenix Learns to Swim

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## **\*Chapter 1\*: John Phoenix Learns to Swim**

John Phoenix was sitting on the sand of the beach of Tudors once again listening to the crashing of the waves, and he thought to himself: why should his movements be restricted to dry land? He could see no conceivable reason for it, so it was time to get wet!

John Phoenix stepped into the water and all of a sudden he was plunged deep under and was splashing around trying not to drown.

"John Phoenix I'll get you out!" shouted a man. John Phoenix coughed and sputtered on the sand again. He hated the sand. Who dared bring him back to it?

It was Herlock Sholmes!

"My good fellow, could it be that you do not know how to swim?" said Herlock Sholmes.

John Phoenix could not deny this. He never learned how to swim. This was why he brought his own lifeboat with him in John Phoenix of the Golden Witch, because he would not have been able to swim to safety. This was a flaw of his that was planned from the very beginning.

"Worry not, I am a black belt in the art of swimming and shall teach you all I know."

Sholmes jumped into the sea and started kicking his legs and he swam. John Phoenix found there was very little to it so he got bored and went to sleep.

"Good heavens help me!" a shout awoke him. John Phoenix looked to the sea and saw Sholmes was drowning.

"Ahh! Sholmes is drowning!" shouted Ryunosuke. "But I don't know how to swim!"

John Phoenix didn't know how to swim either. But then he remembered why he got bored and fell asleep. He did that because it was nothing but kicking your legs.

So John Phoenix jumped into the sea and started kicking his legs and he moved. He didn't sink because he simply chose not to sink so he did not sink. He floated. And he moved. John Phoenix was swimming. Swimming is easy.

Anyway he grabbed Sholmes and they swam back to the beach and lay in the sand.

"Thank you John Phoenix," said Sholmes.

"Cough," John Phoenix coughed. "I hate the sand! Get rid of it at once!"

So to reward his efforts everyone gathered together and dug up the sand and threw it all away.

The End!