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## NAR OF INDEPENDCE

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This is the story of a young boy called Micheal Crowley, who had an amazing life.

Once upon a time, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September,1903, Cathleen Crowley gave birth to a baby boy. After much consideration, they decided to call him after his father, Micheal Crowley. Being born into a family of 12, he was never alone. As he grew up, his personality developed and he became quiet, gentle and loved nothing more than to sing. When he was 17 years old, he joined the Old IRA.

One day he was walking along a street with his friend, rifle in hand, when they were suddenly ambushed. Micheal and his friend tried to persuade them that they weren't part of the Old IRA, but the Black & Tans didn't believe them for a second. They were immediately arrested.

They were marched at gun-point all the way to Limerick Gaol. Once there, they were thrown into a cell and left there to rot. Fortunately, both of them had read many adventure books so they knew just what to do.

First, they made friends with a fellow prisoner. After that, they told the guards they were on hunger strike and wouldn't eat a morsel of food until they were released. The guards were a little concerned but told them that they would be released over their dead bodies. All going to plan, Micheal and his friend didn't eat anything the guards gave them. Instead, they begged a little bit of food and water from their prison friend every day to keep going. Every time a guard passed their cell, both pretended that they were starving. After two weeks, the guards had to let them out. Micheal Crowley and his friend ran home as fast as they

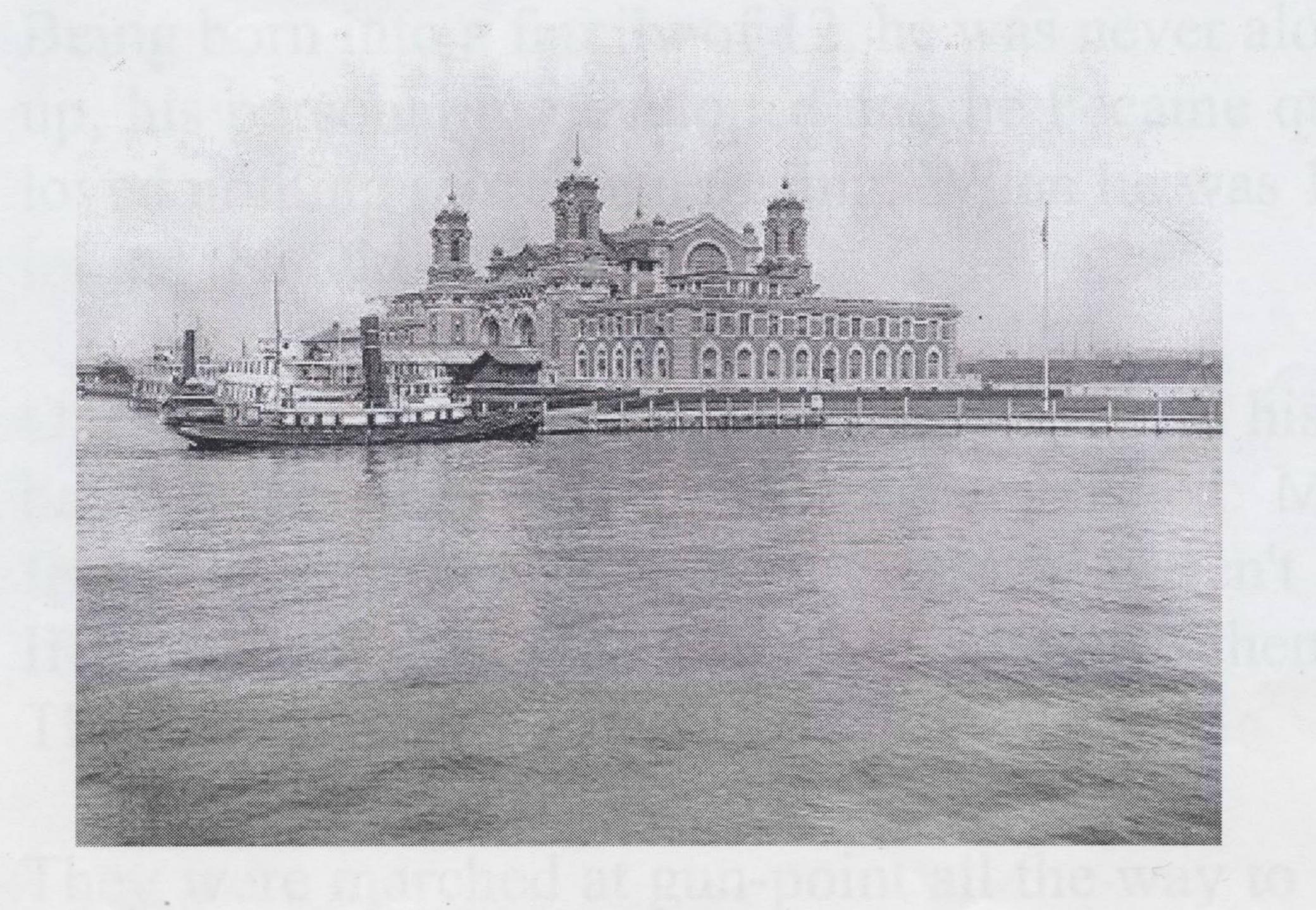
could, before the prison guards could Change their minds. Micheal arrived home full of joy, and all of his big family were speechless at the sight of their brother and son who was supposed to be in prison. He told his family all that had happened and they were amazed. Finally his mother begged him to leave Ireland and go to America, where he could start a family and no one would know him. Micheal happily agreed and within the month he was aboard a boat from Cobh heading to the great city of New York with his younger brother John (or as everyone called him Jack).

But Micheal and Jack's journey was not going to be that easy. First, they had to go to Ellis Island, an immigrant quarantine island. After a few weeks, they were allowed to enter the New York. The first thing that Micheal and Jack did was say goodbye and go their separate ways once they got to New York. Micheal headed for the central New York. He soon got a job, helping build the Empire State Building!

After the Easter rising, he immigrated back to Ireland. He then got married to Kathleen Lawlor. Kathleen gave birth to 12 children — Michael, Patrick, Kitty, Lydia, Patsy, Maureen, Eileen, Flor, Derry, Teresa, and Liam. Flor went on to get married to Noirin Hourihan, and they had two children, Marianne and Micheal Crowley. Marianne went on to get married to Barry Lonergan, and they had two children, Simon and Isabelle Lonergan. Isabelle Lonergan, that's me!

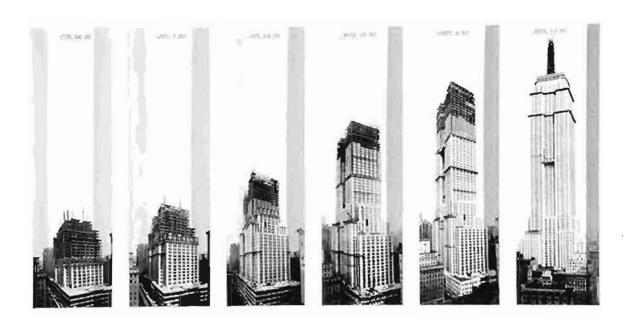
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Michael Crowley going aboard his ship at Cobh



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