**Antarctica Setting Description**

Antarctica is like a snow-covered, icy kingdom. All around the coastline, enormous icebergs tower out of the sea, looming over passing ships full of excited tourists as if they are guards protecting the continent. One is as big as a fifteen story building and it looks like a giant, crouching lion. Another is jade coloured with a smooth, rounded top and there is even a triangular shaped one with a long, black stripe stretching across it. Glistening like millions of shining diamonds, snow stretches as far as the eye can see towards the horizon while the calm, gentle waters lap at the rocky, stone covered shore that has small odd shaped patches of snow. In the distance, sharp peaks of colossal, snow topped mountains reach high into the dull, cloudy sky as small flurries of dancing snowflakes flutter to the ground like soft petals of a beautiful white rose. Between the enormous alps, gigantic glaciers begin to crack before a huge slab plummets towards the sea below causing waves to cascade onto the shore. Beside the shore, pieces of shattered ice float and bob up and down on the rolling waves while a sneaky, crab-eater seal pokes his round, grey head through a hole in one of the fragments. Far out at sea, a pod of huge killer whales swim steadily through the cold ocean as their shiny black bodies stand out against the clear, still water. On a small floe of ice, a group of mischievous Adelie penguins that look like tiny waiters in suits fight over a small, silver fish. While the blinding light of the winter sun beams down on the icy, powdery surface, a group of Emperor penguins begin their long, exhausting trek to find a mate to breed with. The sun’s gleaming light bounces off the still, glassy, partially frozen water as it reflects the monstrous mountain range like a mirror. At the water’s edge, frozen waves climb and reach up the sheer cliff face. Apart from the icy winds blowing like freezing hurricanes and whipping up the fresh, powdery snow, there is no sound. Just an eerie silence.