

A Magical World

My name is Alexa. I love Huntington Beach Public Library. When I visited that library, I knew it was not only filled with books but magical too.

I was daydreaming about a fantastic book when the librarian returned. "How about this one?" she said, her eyes shining. I opened the mesmerizing book. I flipped through the book's pages. I was about to see that the book was blank but pretty, but the book started to rise then it swirled and swirled until there was a gleaming portal. I turned my head to the librarian for an explanation. She wasn't around and in fact only me was around. My curiosity grew, I took a deep breath and walked into the portal.

I opened my eyes. The sand was pure white, and it was as soft as silk. A crystal-clear wave crashed onto the shore. A marine turtle arrived nearby and said "You are here because you are destined to save a beautiful dolphin. You can't refuse because it is your destiny. I was so surprised but pleased. But somehow the air tasted sweeter. I was a good swimmer. "I will do it," I say. I walked to the shore. I jumped in the clear blue water.

I swam deeper. However, I didn't need to come up for air. I felt one with the water. I felt like a marine creature. The deeper I swam the more confident I became. I felt free. I had that feeling similar when I am reading a fascinating new book. I looked and saw that my hair had grown at least two feet and I had a lustrous lavender tail. I was a mermaid.

Just then a seahorse came up to me and said "To rescue a dolphin you must find one grain of sand for wisdom, a strip of kelp for curiosity, and a heart shaped seashell for reasoning.

I swam to a coral reef. and picked up a grain of sand. I put it in my pocket which is beneath my scales. I swim to a place with tall strips of kelp. I pull hard on the kelp strip that is the tallest. I just can't pull it out. Then a beautiful sea foam green dolphin swims up to me. The dolphin and I tug on the strip of kelp. With our teamwork the kelp easily came out. I said thank you to the dolphin and gave her a pearl that came out of my top. I saw something familiar about the dolphin as she looked back at me and then she swam away,

When I start to swim away, I hear a loud high-pitched sound. I swam to that sound. I see a baby turtle tangled in the kelp. I gently pluck the baby turtle out. The sea turtle looks very relieved. He took a heart shaped seashell out of its pocket and gave it to me.

I had collected all the items that the seahorse told me to collect. I swam freely but somehow; I knew where I was going. Without thinking I stopped. I saw two dolphins. They were identical in their appearance. Without waiting another moment, I swam closer to them. I looked deep into their eyes. I saw a kind glow in one of the dolphin's eyes. I touched her.

The other dolphin suddenly turned into a sea witch. "Now girl you must sacrifice something that you have. Your ability to read." said the sea witch. I bit my lip tightly. I loved to read more than anything but... I wanted to save the dolphin. "I will do it," I said boldly. Just then the water seemed to get brighter. There were millions of bubbles gathering around the dolphin. The items I gathered joined the bubbles. The dolphin was the librarian! I couldn't believe my eyes. The witch had vanished. "Thank you. Now there's only one thing left to do," said the librarian.

"Thank you very much for helping me," the librarian said. "In return you will be able to read again and when you are on land you are a human but, in the water, you are a graceful mermaid. The librarian spun her finger around and the bubbles made a portal for the librarian and I to go back to the library.

When I came back to the library, I saw the blank book the librarian gave me. I picked it up. It has our adventures written in it.

The power and greatness of reading is magical, and it opens many doors to adventures and possibilities. I can't wait...to discover them.