

The Amazing Beach Discovery

The Coral Kingdom

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One day as I was walking on the beach near the lifeguard station number 2 at the end of the Santa Ana river, I found a strange shell among the rocky areas. The shell was shaped like a sea star but it looked like flower petals with round shapes. I never seen this kind of shell before. Then I remembered I read a book named "Shell Book" at the Huntington Beach Central Library. I thought I might get some answers from that book. I picked the sea shell and went back to library to check out the book. But then when I flipped through the pages, hoping to find what the strange shell was about, I couldn't find anything. I went back to the beach then I couldn't believe my eyes... I saw a Manatee signaling to me.

Manatees were so rare! I thought we would only find them in Florida! The Manatee talk to me and said, "Would you like to come with me to The Coral Kingdom?" I asked her. "Why you can speak? What are you doing in Huntington Beach?" She then said, "I am here because you have the Great Shell, so I would like you to see our King because we are all now in danger! Please hurry, we don't have much time before the Kingdom collapses." She then gave me a giant Air Bubble, I could get into it and breathe freely underwater inside it. The Air Bubble was blurry at first but then it became clear once it was in the water so I could see again and then we swam together until we saw the Coral Kingdom.

When we approached Coral Kingdom, the Manatee told me that it was the home of all the Ocean Creatures. Then another Manatee that had armor on approached us and said, "Stop right there! What are you doing here?" He looked at my friend and said, "Are you inviting a human being to our Kingdom?" Then my Manatee friend said, "We are here to see the King." Then the Manatee in armor said, "But who is she?" "A guest for the King because she has the



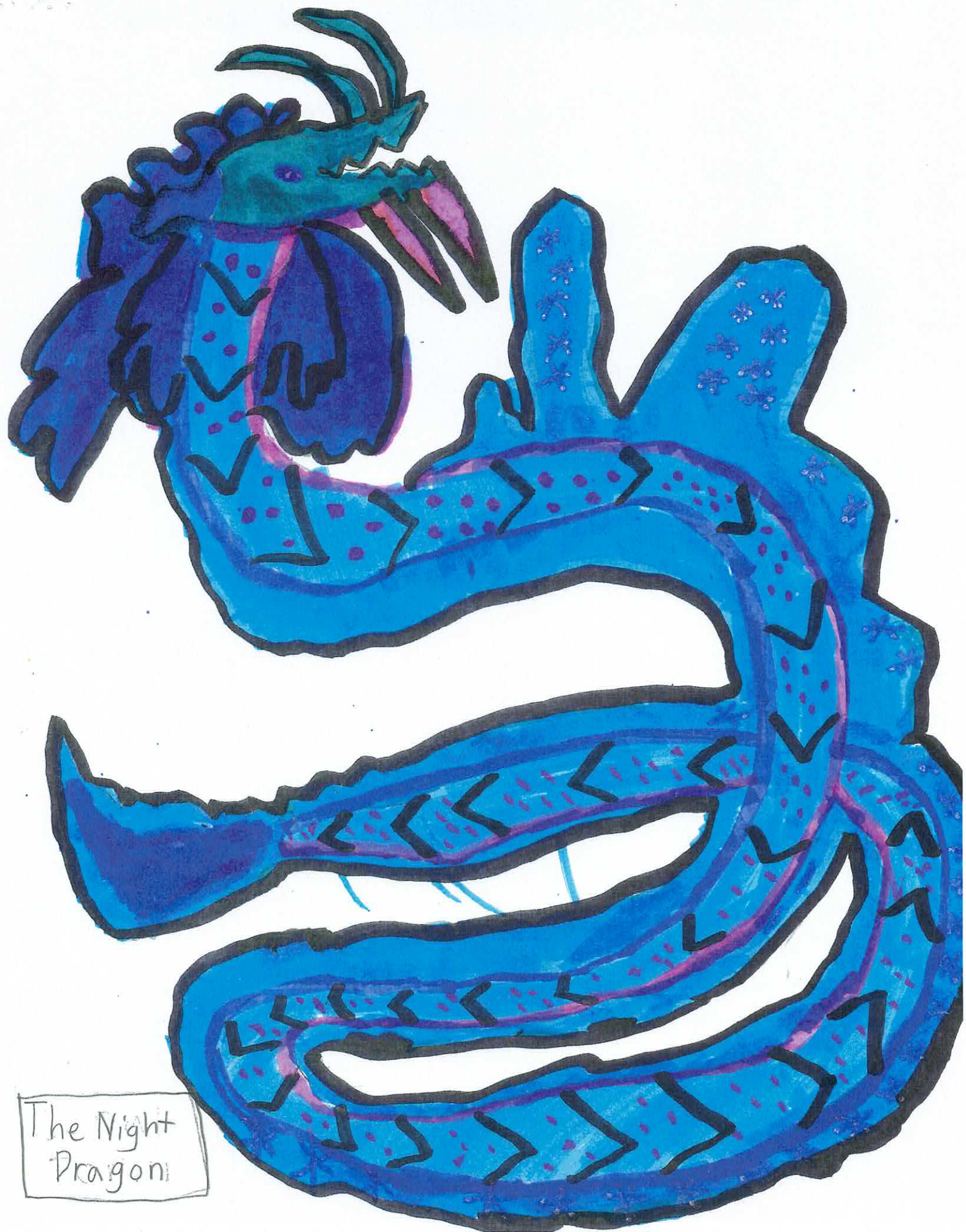
Great Shell." My Manatee friend said. Then the Manatee in armor said, "Alright come on in!" Then we approached the center of Coral Kingdom.

When we went inside the village, we saw the whole place. There were clown fishes picking crops and harvesting, jelly fish plucking seaweed, dolphins selling the seaweed, squid making coral patches and selling them for a profit. The Manatee said there were 5 parts of the Kingdom. The Sea Village, the Sea Town, the Sea Temple, the Sea Forest and the Castle.

We finally arrived to the Castle and we saw the King Manatee. My friend Manatee showed the Great Shell and the guard let us get closer to the King. The King said, "Why are you here and who are you?" Then my friend Manatee responded and said, "The Great Shell is back, she found it on the beach." Then she used her fin and made me hold up the Great Shell in the air. Everyone in the room looked at the shell and were shocked. The King said, "Then that means the Night Dragon is back, it always wants the Great Shell and used it to make a wish to destroy the ocean life."

The King said, "We must prepare for its attack and plan for our defense. Let's take out our poisonous seaweed cannons. Tell everyone that the Night Dragon will be back!" He said to the guards. Then the guards left but then we heard a loud sound. It was the Night Dragon.

The Night Dragon scowled and scratched the Castle. Then he said, "I am only here for the Shell, don't waste my time." He hissed and grabbed the shell from my hand and he swam and went out to the surface of the ocean. Then the King said, "Follow him!" The ocean creatures



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formed into groups. Then the King hollered, "Air Bubbles emerge!" Then the ocean creatures got into the Air Bubbles with the seaweed cannon. But it was too late for that because the Night Dragon swam to the ocean surface and it flew, shot up to the sky and went into the Outer Space!

Then the Night Dragon went to the moon and put the Great shell onto the Moon! The King gasped, "That shell is the most important thing in the Kingdom. If we lose it and falls in the wrong hands, it will control the ocean life of Huntington Beach. It can't be destroyed!" Then the Manatee said, "All hope is lost "she cried. Then I thought maybe I could use some of my gadget to help and defeat the dragon, although it would be very risky. Then I saw something familiar fly by in the outer space. Manatee said, "Wait, what is that?" I said, "It is a satellite, maybe we can use that to help us!" Then I remembered that I had a very long rope in my backpack. I told my Manatee friend about it, and she told the King to use his magic to make us lasso the rope along the satellite and tug it and then tie up the Night Dragon. What an invention! Suddenly, a bright light happened then the Night Dragon said "No... .ooo this can't be happening" and then he disappeared with a blast light... And suddenly we were all back at the Coral Kingdom.

The King said, "Thank you so much for saving our Kingdom. We wish you could stay with us." he said. "Thanks, I wish but I must go home." Then the Air Bubble gave me a ride and I was back on Huntington Beach. But then I realized... The Great Shell was still left on the moon! Luckily, the Shell Book I checked out from the library was still in my backpack, so I could return it on time.

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