

A Mermaid's Tail

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Once upon a time a girl named Emma was walking along a beach, looking for a place to sit and rest. When she found the perfect place, she stretched out on her back and looked at the clouds. Then she sat up and realized she had three hours until she had to go home for lunch. She decided to go for a swim. She walked out into the ocean until she was up to her chest in water. She dove under.

At first she saw nothing and wasn't very fascinated. But then she saw something colorful and began swimming toward it. What was it? When she got near to it, she realized it was a reef. It wasn't just a normal reef, it was the biggest reef she ever saw, and it was very, very bright.

She swam closer, trying to get a better look. She suddenly felt a strong current pulling her towards it. She tried to swim away, but the current was too strong. It pulled her so close to the reef that she could touch the coral.

She was afraid she would drown from being under the water for so long. Then she realized the coral was now covering her and sucking her down into a hole. She knew she must breathe! She tried taking a deep breath. She felt water all around her so she knew she was still under water. She tried again, just to be sure. She really could breathe! She was so fascinated about breathing under water that she decided to explore.

It was beautiful! There was colorful coral and beautiful fish all around. Then came the most beautiful thing she ever saw. It was a Mermaid with a rainbow tail fin. She couldn't believe her eyes, but as it came closer she realized it was real. Then the mermaid said to her,

“Welcome to my palace.” She couldn’t believe what she was hearing – or was she hearing it?

All her life she thought mermaids were just fairytales, but her mind was changed.

“Are you real?” asked Emma.

“Of course I am, but you must not tell anyone,” said the mermaid. “Never!” said Emma.

“My name is Alisa,” the mermaid said.

“My name is Emma.” “Nice to meet you.”

“You, too.”

For the next few hours, Emma and Alisa went to lots of underwater stores. Emma ate new foods and tried on many mermaid tails in all the stores. When she finished, she was swimming with ten shopping bags. Suddenly she saw the most beautiful seashell she had ever seen. It had all the colors of a rainbow and was very sparkly.

She grabbed for it, but it faded away. So did the store! Everything started to fade away, even her shopping bags. She was most upset about her shopping bags. Everything then changed to white, pure white! Now she saw her bedroom. She was in her bed. Suddenly she realized..... It had all been a beautiful dream!