

SOPHIE'S ADVENTURE UNDER THE SEA

Sophie F

One day there was a young girl called Sophie and she liked to explore the sea. Sophie liked to snorkel and scuba dive, she loved swimming through coral reefs and schools of fish. On her last holiday, she had swum with dolphins! Sophie had thought it was the best holiday ever. Her family go on holidays like that every year where they go to various parts of the sea. This year though, her parents told her it was a surprise where they were going. So just like a normal year she packed her bags and the next morning they set off to the airport and Sophie asked her Mum and Dad if they were going to tell her where they going. "Not yet", her dad said, "Just wait a bit more", her mum chuckled, "Okay", Sophie mumbled.

"Five hours left passengers", the captain said into the microphone. Sophie was half asleep on the aeroplane and was waiting to arrive, it had been half a day and she had fallen asleep for at least an hour or so. Where they were going was still a mystery to her, but she was excited wherever they were going. About an hour later she felt the plane hit the ground and sprang out of her seat when she heard the captain's voice say: "Passengers we have landed, please stay in your seats for now". Sophie looked out the window and what a sight to see! There were beaches everywhere! And a cool blue ocean was spread out so far, she could not see it end! Sophie wanted to dive straight in when her mum came up to her and said: "Welcome to Hawaii". "Wow", Sophie breathed.

"This is freezing", Sophie said diving into the cool blue water. She dunked her head under then swam down to the bottom to the seabed where she could see all the fish because she had swum out far. "Be careful", her mum yelled. "Okay", Sophie replied. Just as she said that a little fin popped up near her. "Mum, Dad"! It's a dolphin! Sophie suddenly remembered the time she had swum with the other dolphins. "Hello", she cooed to the dolphin. The dolphin swam around her and whistled like she wanted her to do something. Then Sophie realized it. "Do you want me to ride you"? The dolphin spun around as if it agreed which, it seemed like it did, so Sophie put on her snorkel mask and jumped on the dolphin. Her parents had gone back to the hotel, so Sophie was all alone. She held on tightly as the dolphin pulled her under to the darkness of the sea beyond.

"Oh my", Sophie whispered; the dolphin had taken her into a beautiful underwater sea palace! It was as big as probably three buses stacked on top of each other with lots of twisting turrets and towers decorated with beautiful shells and coloured seaweed with fish squirming all around the place. Sophie had never seen anything like it! "Where are we"? She said. "We are at coral palace". Sophie froze. She looked down at the dolphin. "Did you just talk"? She asked the dolphin. "Yes," he said. "All creatures can talk at coral town, big or small". "Really"? She said. "That's so cool"! Sophie said. "Hang on, why is it called coral palace"? "Well, look at all the coral around us"! He cried. "But doesn't every town have coral"? Sophie asked. "No", the dolphin replied. "Some towns are too warm or too cold for the coral to grow". But Sophie was not listening, she was looking at the small little town that was just below the castle. It was dotted with mini houses, shops, and fish all over the place! "And that's coral town", the dolphin added, pointing at with his fin. "It's so cute" Sophie said. "You can take your mask off," said the dolphin. "But I need it to breathe", Sophie said. "Not here you don't", said the dolphin. So, Sophie did what he said. She slowly took the mask off and took a big

breath, and she could breathe! It felt like she was breathing in mist. "That's so cool"! Sophie said, she had never known humans could breathe underwater! Sophie took another big breath and gripped onto the dolphin's sides. "Why is the air so misty"? Sophie asked the dolphin. "That's because we are only at the outside of coral town", said the dolphin. "Hold on tight", he said. And with that, he zoomed down to the floor and Sophie was able to walk. But just as she took a few steps her legs started to tingle and shimmer and suddenly, she did not have legs anymore, she had a bright pink tail!

"What's going on"? Sophie gasped. "Where are my legs"? The dolphin smiled. "Coral town has more magic than you think". The dolphin winked. Sophie twirled around, admiring her new tail. She felt it with her hands, it felt scaly and smooth. "Hold onto me and I will show you around". So, Sophie held onto his fin, and the dolphin slowly floated around. Sophie saw lots of other people, who, were mermaids as well. She saw lots of different fish as well, fish all shapes and sizes. Pink ones, large ones, orange ones and small ones.

Where do you live"? Sophie asked. "I live at dolphin cove", he answered, and showed her a big stable with lots of dolphins in the paddocks. "Dolphins are used for underwater carriages". He showed her some dolphins pulling a gold carriage with some little fish sitting inside.

Sophie suddenly realized that she was really hungry and asked the dolphin: "what do you eat around here"? "Follow me and I will show you some options", he said. So, the dolphin showed Sophie a little blue shop with miniature tables and chairs. There was a mermaid with wavy pink hair and a shining green tail serving customers. There was a big menu of all the options she could get. Sophie looked at them for a while before she chose a burger with seaweed and some slimy red stuff inside.

When Sophie got her food she took a big bite and thought it was more delicious than Sophie had thought. "What is this"? Sophie asked the dolphin. "The coral crazy burger", he replied. Sophie swallowed the rest of the burger and followed the dolphin to the other side of town, which, Sophie thought, had more delicious food along the way.

Sophie and the dolphin were floating along when the dolphin stopped at a little red building with tables and chairs out the front. The sign said, 'JACKS SEAWEED SURPRISES'. Just as Sophie was reading the menu, a merman jumped out from behind the counter! He had a bright blue tail and short green hair. "Welcome to Jacks seaweed surprises"! He said. "My name is Jack", said Jack. "What can I do for you today"? He asked. Sophie had decided to get the seaweed surprise roll, so she told Jack what she wanted and got her roll and they were on their way again. Sophie followed the dolphin to the palace which lay beyond them.

"This is so beautiful", Sophie said. The dolphin had led her into a sparkling, colourful, golden room! There were all kinds of shells on the walls and on a small golden stand, sat a little white pearl. It sat on a velvet cushion, shining in the sea water like a star in a dark sky. "What is that"? Sophie asked, staring at the pearl. "The pearl of magic", the dolphin replied. "It holds all of the magic of seabed town", he said. "If we lost it you wouldn't have your tail, you wouldn't be able to breathe underwater and I wouldn't be talking". "Same with everyone else", the dolphin said.

But just then, Sophie saw a flash of black in the window. "What was that"? Sophie asked the dolphin, staring at the window. "What was what"? The dolphin asked, puzzled. "I saw something black outside the window"! The dolphin looked at her seriously. "Are you sure"? The dolphin asked. "Yes"! Sophie said. "Follow me", the dolphin said, but Sophie disagreed. "What if someone has come

to steal the pearl"? "We can't leave it unguarded"! "Okay then", the dolphin said, and rushed out of the room without her.

Sophie didn't feel safe anymore. She didn't have the dolphin by her side anymore. Suddenly, Sophie heard a CRASH and dived behind one of the curtains. Sophie thought in her head what kind of horrible creature it would be, a three headed monster, a goblin, or a slimy, green beast. Sophie waited a long time, expecting a monster to come out any second. Sophie peeked out of the curtain, the pearl was gone! "Oh no"! Sophie said. She was supposed to be guarding the pearl! Just then the dolphin came back! Sophie jumped out from behind the curtain just in time to see his astonished face. "What happened to the pearl"? He yelled, half angry and half worried. Sophie explained what had happened. She explained when she heard the CRASH and that she hid behind the curtain. "But we only have a few hours till all of the magic disappears"! The dolphin yelled, sounding angrier now. "We can get the pearl back"! Sophie yelled over his voice. "How"? The dolphin yelled back. Sophie spoke more calmly now. "Look"! "Whatever took the pearl has left clues". Sophie showed the dolphin some small droplets of blood that led outside into the hall. The dolphin looked at Sophie. Sophie looked at the dolphin. "Well then what are we waiting for"? The dolphin asked. "Let's get this pearl back"! Yelled Sophie, sounding determined. And she was.

"We have been swimming for hours"! Groaned Sophie. Sophie's tail was hurting so bad from all the swimming. "I think we are on a wild goose chase", Sophie said to the dolphin. "Just keep swimming", the dolphin asked. So they kept walking and walking and walking until they came to a big, black palace. "What is this horrible place"? Sophie asked the dolphin. "Black pearl kingdom", the dolphin replied. "This place has no magic at all". "Then it's definitely them who stole the pearl"! Sophie cried. "They want magic"! "We can't make accusations yet, Sophie", the dolphin said.

So they followed the blood inside the castle into a dark, mouldy corridor and into a small room. The room was lit by a few candles, but in the centre of the room was a little chair. On the chair sat a small bag, so Sophie went over to it. There was a lock on the bag so Sophie searched for a key. Then she had a thought. "The pearl is in here"! Sophie yelled. "How can you be sure"? The dolphin asked. "Look"! Sophie said. "There's blood all over the floor"! "And why would they put a padlock on a bag"? Sophie reached into her hair and pulled out a small pin and put it in the lock. She wriggled it around and heard a CLICK and the lock fell to the floor. Sophie wrenched open the bag, but as soon as she did, a siren went off! Sophie grabbed the bag and swam out with the dolphin just in time as the guards all piled into the room.

"That was close", Sophie said, and looked down at the bag. "We have to go back to coral town now", the dolphin said. "Okay", Sophie replied. So they swam back to coral town and made their way back up to coral palace to put the pearl back in its right place. Just as Sophie and the dolphin were making their way up to the castle, someone yelled "STOP"! It was Jack! So they stopped. "What's wrong"? Sophie asked. "Where did you get that"? Asked Jack, ignoring her question. "Black pearl kingdom", replied the dolphin, sounding calm. "How did you get it"? Jack asked. "We snuck in", said the dolphin, a grin spreading across his face. "They stole the pearl of magic", Sophie interrupted. "They did"? Jack asked, astounded. "Come into my shop and I will take a look at the bag", Jack said, rushing them into the building.

Jack led them into a little room in the back which had lots of different materials Sophie had never seen before. "What is this place"? Sophie asked. "My lab", Jack said proudly. "Now let's try and open this

bag", said Jack. "We already opened it", smiled Sophie. "You did"? Jack said, spinning round to face her. "How"? He asked again, sounding puzzled. Sophie tapped her hairclip and smiled. "A special trick", Sophie chuckled. After Jack had put some sort of key in the keyhole on the bag, it slowly opened, but instead of a pearl there was only a little piece of paper! "The paper has writing on it"! Sophie exclaimed. The note said:

I have stolen your precious pearl and taken it somewhere you will never find it, and if you do, I will be waiting.

SIGNED, King Jaws

"Who is King Jaws"? Sophie asked. "King of black pearl kingdom", the dolphin replied. "What are we going to do"? Cried Jack. "King Jaws could be anywhere"! He yelled. "Wait"! Yelled Sophie. "There's one more thing"! Sophie pointed at a little piece of some sort of cake. "What is that"? Sophie asked. "Sand cake", replied Jack. You can only find that in one type of shop, in black pearl kingdom.

"Then let's go there"! Sophie cried. "There's one problem", said the dolphin. "What"? Sophie asked, eager to get going. "We don't know where to find sand cake", said the dolphin. "You don't"? said Sophie. "We'll find it", said Jack. So off they went, searching every single shop in black pearl kingdom. They were floating along when they came to a little black shop with a sign saying, 'BLACK PEARL CAKES'. So they went in.

"Hello"? Sophie called. "Let's have a look around", said Jack. So they went up to the front counter where there was a big glass box with lots of different cakes inside. They looked inside the box to try and match the cake that they had. Suddenly, a big shark came out of the back room! "How can I help you today"? He asked, in a deep voice. "We're looking for sand cake", Sophie stammered. The shark looked at her sternly. "I've got lots of it in the back", the shark mumbled, still staring at Sophie. "King Jaws dropped some off, he said I would be having visitors later", he said. "Well we are here for sand cake so can we have some"? Jack interrupted. "Of course", said the shark, turning around to Jack. "Follow me", he said, showing them a room full of boxes. "King Jaws was here"! Sophie whispered to Jack and the dolphin. "Maybe instead of getting sand cake, King Jaws left a clue"! Said the dolphin. "And we need to find it"! Said Jack. "In all the boxes is sand cake", said the shark. "Take as much as you want".

Sophie was slowly floating looking at all the boxes when she saw a purple box with black seaweed attached to it. She went over to the box and picked it up. Sophie put it in the bag she was carrying and went back outside the shop with Jack and the dolphin close behind. "Did you find something"? The dolphin asked. "Yes", Sophie grinned. "We need to go somewhere more private", Sophie glanced around at all the sharks watching them. "Follow me I know a place", whispered the dolphin.

So they followed the dolphin back to seabed town into dolphin cove. "Where's the secret place"? Asked Jack. "Where're not there yet", said the dolphin. The dolphin led them into one of the paddocks and showed them a small door about the size of a small dog. "Come on", the dolphin said. So Sophie and Jack followed the dolphin through the door. They were led into a narrow tunnel filled with sea slugs and slimy seaweed. When they came out the other side it was beautiful! It was a big coral reef with fish all over the place! And in the corner was a little cave with seahorses and clownfish. The dolphin led them into that cave and pulled out a table made of old coral. "This place is beautiful", Sophie said to the dolphin. The dolphin winked. "Sophie what did you find at that shop"? Interrupted Jack. Sophie pulled out the little box and placed it on the table. She reached out and opened the box, inside was a note and a small, purple crystal. This note said:

I am waiting somewhere dark and deep, where crystals glint and beep, I will be there, waiting.

SIGNED, King Jaws

"Where is some place where crystals glint and beep"? Sophie asked. "The beeping crystal cave", Jack whispered. "I didn't know crystals could beep", said Sophie, puzzled. But Jack and the dolphin weren't listening as they were already looking at the purple crystal that was beeping and glinting. "To the beeping crystal cave"! The dolphin yelled. So they sped out of the cave and out into the reef.

"This place is beautiful"! Sophie said, her voice echoing into the cave. They were outside of the beeping crystal cave and there were lots of crystals. "Take these", Jack said to her, giving Sophie two little sea sponges. "What am I supposed to do with these"? Sophie asked, staring down at the sponges. "For your ears", replied Jack. So Sophie squished them into her ears and followed the others into the cave.

As Sophie was walking in she spotted some small arrows on the ground. "Look"! She yelled, her voice echoing. "What"? Jack and the dolphin said in unison. "There's arrows on the ground"! Sophie said. "I wonder if they lead to king jaws"? They said. So they kept walking. After about an hour of swimming they came to a cave which was different from the others. The cave was black. There were no arrows and the walls had shrunk in more. Sophie noticed that there was a little bit of paper wedged between one of the crystals. It was another note! This time the note said:

You found me

"Look", Sophie yelled, and showed the others the note she had found. "What does he mean we found him he's not even here"! Jack said. "Yes I am", a deep voice echoed. They all turned their heads. In front of them was a huge shark! "Are you king jaws"? Sophie whispered. "Yes", he replied. "Where is the pearl"? Jack yelled. "It's very safe with me", the shark said, pointing at a small blue box sitting on a rock. Jack lurched forward to try and grab it, but the shark grabbed him with his fin. "You have to get past me first", the shark grinned.

Sophie tapped Jack and the dolphin and pointed at a small nook in the wall. "We need to make a plan", she whispered to them. So they all made a plan and went out into the other caves. They got all the things they needed and went back out to the shark. Jack went over to the shark and started talking about rocks. While he was doing that, Sophie wrapped a piece of seaweed around the shark's fin. She tied it to one of the crystals and tapped the wall gently, giving Jack the signal. Then Jack said to the shark, "look"! "Someone is trying to take the box"! The shark whirled around, getting tangled up in seaweed, and hit his head hard on the wall and fell to the ground.

"Finally we're back", Jack said. They were back at seabed town now and they were swimming back to return the pearl. When they got inside the castle they went into the room where the pearl had been before. They placed the pearl back and went back outside. "I have to go back to my shop now", Jack said sadly. "I hope I see you guys again soon", said Jack. So Jack swam off back to his shop and left the dolphin and Sophie alone. "I think I need to go home now", Sophie said. So she hopped onto the dolphin's back and he led her up to the surface. When they got to the top, Sophie poked her head out of the water and took a big breath. So did the dolphin. Sophie looked at the dolphin sadly. "Well I guess this is goodbye", the dolphin said, looking at Sophie. "I will come and visit again soon", Sophie whispered. The dolphin smiled. "I know you will", he said. So Sophie gave him a big hug and swam back over to the shore. Since she had gone out of coral town, her legs were back! Sophie stood on the beach,

waving sadly at the dolphin until she couldn't see him anymore. "See you soon", she whispered. And that was true. Another adventure was waiting for her at coral town.

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