

The Secret Shell.

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P1: "Where am I?" whispered Bella. Bella woke up in a dark room. The walls were grey and dusty. Not a single sound could be heard, nor a single object seen. She looked down at the pale trumpet shell, dangling beneath her feet. Then Bella heard a whoosh! It was the sound of the ocean. The walls looked like they were closing in. Was this just a dream? Slam! A door closed behind her. Bella turned around and saw a little creature. "Hello, I'm Mini, and I am here to help." She squeaked. "I'm stuck in this room. Could you please help me out?" "Sure!" Mini replied. Bella followed Mini out of the door that Mini created and stared at the glistening beach. Bella felt something hard in her pocket. It was the shell from the dusty room. "How did it get there?" Bella thought. Bella and Mini laid down together on the sand. The water glistened with the sun's light beaming down. It was truly beautiful and peaceful. That peace was interrupted by something tugging at Bella's pocket. She looked up and discovered it was a hermit crab! It looked up at Bella with an angry grin. "I want that shell!" He snarled. The crab tried to claw the shell, but it was too slippery. As the crab crawled away feeling dejected, Bella and Mini decided to have a campfire.

P2: Eventually, a man showed up with a flashlight and some sticks. "I own

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A lighthouse not far from here," Josh explained. "It is very tall, and the light is quite extraordinary." As Bella, Mini and Josh walk towards the lighthouse, they notice something strange. The lights are flickering and there is an evil laugh. They look up, their eyes are wide and their jaw is dropped, low. "What is happening to my lighthouse!?" Josh shouted. "Wait, hold on, it was just morning a minute ago. There is something weird going on." Bella exclaimed. "Weird and mysterious things only started happening when I have this shell." She touched her pocket, trying to find the shell. "Where's the shell?" asked Bella. Bella, Mini and Josh see something glowing behind them in the dusty room. They walked towards the glowing object. It was the trumpet shell!

P3. "That shell is definitely magical," Josh said, not expressing his shocked feeling at all. "But what power would it have?" Mini asked. "Do you want to test it, Bella?" Josh wondered. "Sure!" Bella replied. Bella went first. "I want to go to the top level of Josh's lighthouse." The room was whirling around, and they were already on the highest level of the lighthouse. "Bella, I'm afraid of heights!" cried Josh, covering his eyes. "Then why do you own a lighthouse?" asked Bella. "I just do," replied Josh. Bella then found a telescope and saw a

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deserted island. "Take me there, magic shell." whispered Bella. The next minute, Bella was there. Suddenly, there were hundreds of dolphins surrounding her. Back in the lighthouse, Josh tried to use his wish to get to the ground, for there were no stairs, but Bella had already used Josh's wish.

P4: "There is only one way to get back to the ground," Mini explained. "Jump out the window." "That's crazy!" Josh shouted. Bella was now swimming with the dolphins. Soon, Josh and Mini were going to jump back to ~~the~~ ground. "3, 2, 1!" They counted. They jumped out safely and landed on two feet. Bella met them on the sandy shore. "Where were you?" Mini asked, worried. "I was swimming with Aqua the dolphin, he is great company," Bella replied. She eyed the gleaming shell around Aqua's neck and smiled. "I just wish to be with my family. Suddenly, there was a glowing portal, and everyone on the beach stepped inside. Before Bella left, Aqua winked at her. Mini, Josh and Bella were now at home. "Was that just a dream?" Bella thought. "Your back!" Bella's mother cried. Maybe it wasn't a dream.

So, next time you're on the beach, and you see a trumpet shell, pick it up and put it in your pocket, you never know if it will give you an adventure.

