

Fairytales Collection

THE POTION

MERMAID



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Now, you may think of Royal Families being beautiful, nice and the kindest people that you would ever meet. Oh No! Not the family in the kingdom of Dong! They were rude. They were disrespectful, and they were fat! Although, one of them was not. One of the princesses was beautiful, nice and kind. And that's how our story begins...



One morning, princess Ellie was gobbling down doughnuts as usual, and getting her sister Ruby to do her jobs. You see, Ellie and Ruby were twins, but Ruby was the eldest. She was praised by everyone, and it was agreed that she was going to turn out to be the nice sister. But then Ellie, well, she was a different story. She sat around playing video games and eating doughnuts all day, ordering her slave, Ruby, to do jobs, until, the sun went down.

Later that night, Ruby went down to the ocean to wash off. This was a daily thing that she would do. This was because Ellie wouldn't want her to wash in her showers. Yes, I know, HER showers! You see, Ellie had been given the ownership of the castle when she was three, because she would never get over how sad she might become, as a result of her being not the next in line for the throne. Ellie was always the apple of her parents eyes. This was because she had

turned out like them.

Now, back to the story. So, when Ruby went down to the ocean, she noticed something like a big fish swimming around. But it wasn't a big fish, and it wasn't swimming around like a fish. Ruby decided to go and investigate the mysterious, fishy thing.



She waded swiftly into the clear water. Then out of nowhere, the most beautiful thing popped up. Ruby froze and considered backing out of the water, but then, it spoke.

"Hello there, praised child of kingdom of Dong." Ruby was stunned, amazed and excited. Ruby had dreamed of meeting such a thing since she was a toddler. Yes, it was a mermaid.

"How do you know that I'm the praised child?" Ruby stuttered. The mermaid explained about how she had been watching the Kingdom of Dong since she was born, as she desperately wanted to know how children would turn out. She explained that when Ruby was born she had come out smiling and happy. But when Ellie was born, she had come out crying and screaming and being quite ridiculous. The mermaid said that she had the power to praise people when they were born.

After hours of explaining, the mermaid asked why princess Ruby

looked so sad. Now, I realise that you know, but the mermaid didn't. Ruby explained that Ellie was selfish and rude because she wasn't next in line for the throne, and also that she had made Ruby her slave. The mermaid was most surprised about this. Ruby explained that Ellie hated her so much that she locked her up in the dungeon every night with an old, ugly troll, that Ellie had killed.

When the sun went down, Ruby had explained all her poor life. The mermaid thought about this for a long time, until the queen yelled out to Ruby to come home.

As Ruby turned and ran home, she pleaded with the mermaid to praise her family.

Ruby was in huge strife when she got home. The king was yelling his heart out at her, and sent her to the dungeon for the rest of the week.

Also, she wasn't allowed to wash and had to do extra hours of chores for Ellie, the King and the Queen. She was absolutely sad.

After a long week of doing chores, Ruby really needed a wash. She was as stinky as ever. She had been sweating all day, as she was working to hard. As she made her way down to the dungeon, she remembered the mermaid.



She started to run down to the beach to try and find the mermaid.  
"Mermaid! Come! Come!"

Then, up the mermaid popped, out of the water. Ruby was so pleased. She began to tell the mermaid that she had been locked up in the dungeon for the whole week. She also told the mermaid that she wasn't allowed to wash, and that's why she wasn't out on the beach for the week.

After a long conversation with the mermaid, Ruby had three very important questions bobbing in her head. The first one was,..... Was the mermaid real?

The mermaid replied and said that if you have seen me, then I am real. But those who haven't seen me, they may believe what they want.

Ruby was in wonder. Her dream was to meet a real life mermaid and it had come true. Ruby's second question was.....What was the mermaid's name? The mermaid said that she would only tell people



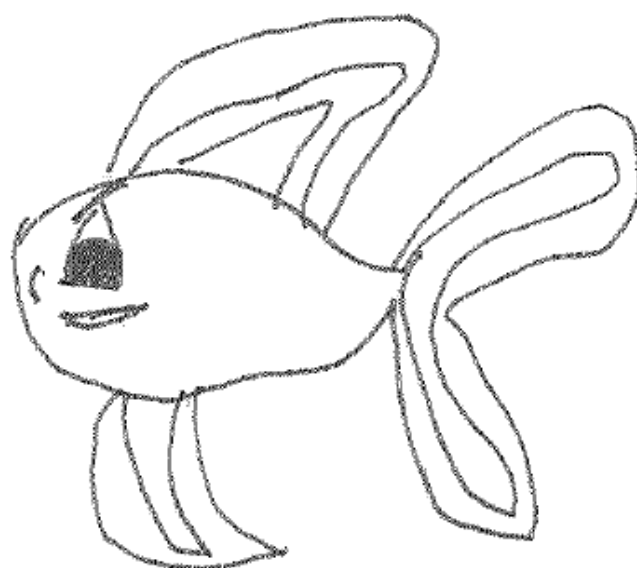
that she trusted. She said that she trusted Ruby, so she would tell

her, her name. The name of the mermaid was also Ruby. That's why she had been praised. Ruby was so amazed. She felt so unique and happy. Ruby was very serious about her third question. It was the most important of them all. It would make her life a much nicer place to live in. Ruby's question was.....Could the mermaid praise Ruby's parents and Ellie? Ruby wanted this because she wanted parents who were proud of her and loved her. She wouldn't be selfish like Ellie. She would just appreciate everything that she got, as well as the love from her parents.

After hours of thinking of how to fulfil the task, the mermaid finally thought of an amazing plan. She knew that it would be hard. Very hard. She would have to ask permission from the whole mermaid community.

It wouldn't be asking permission that would be the hard part. The hard part would be making this whole thing work! The mermaid set off to the mermaid Queen's house.

Wow, I can tell, that you want to know what the mermaid Queen's house looked like. Well, I can tell



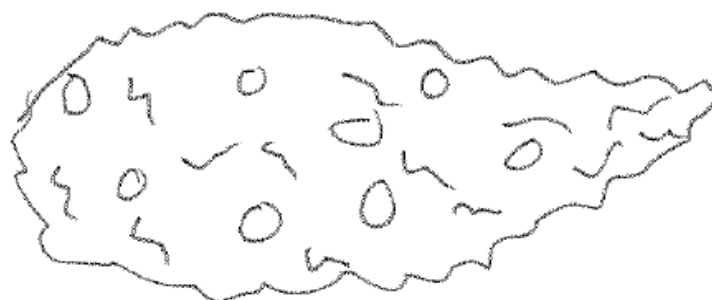
you this. It looked majestic! It was made entirely out of coral. It

had feisty fish guarding the door. There were loads of gems, jewels and diamonds spread all over the place!

One person that could go inside was the mermaid. She had got permission from the feisty fish to go and visit the Queen. She was only allowed a short visit though. The mermaid decided to go over the key points to the Queen. She didn't want to waste her precious time. The mermaid stated that, she needed permission and why. The meeting turned out to be a very short one. This was because the Mermaid Queen was very nice and basically said yes to everything her civilians asked for.

A day later, the mermaid started on a potion. She got out her family's massive book of all potions. She started to read through the recipe. She searched through her cupboard to see if she had the right ingredients. She was so disappointed. One ingredient, just one she had missed out on.

The Fluzocubomber! It had always been the hardest ingredient to find. It was very rare



and very tough to find. The mermaid decided to go and find a book that would have all the places where it could be found.

She set off on a mission. She had known people that had died trying

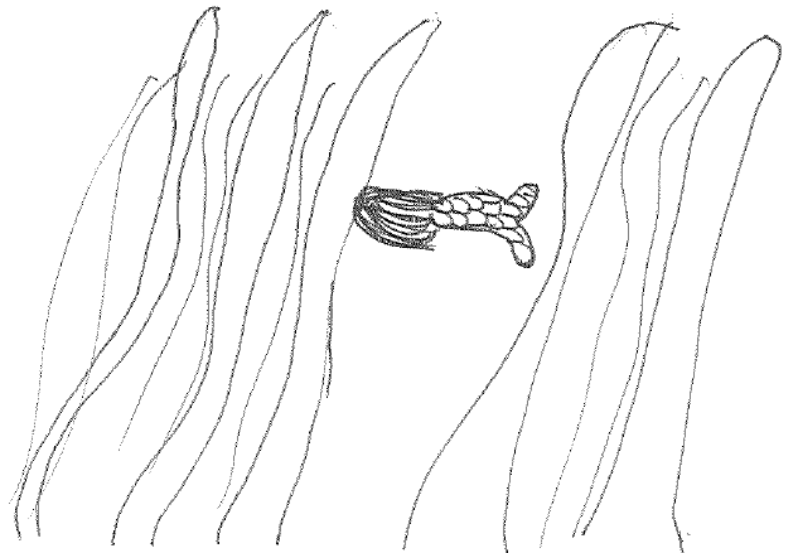
to find fluzocubomber. As she read the book she realised how hard it is to find. You would have to go and swim alongside poisonous plants, and swim past massive squids. The mermaid decided to set off.

She packed a small bag with the resources that she needed, such as: food, squid poison and antibacterial cream in case she was poisoned by the plants.

As she swam off, she kept a good lookout for any poisonous plants. She got out the map that she had found in the book that she had read. She looked at the map that she had found in the

Fluzocubomber book. It all seemed very complicated, but she figured it out.

She followed the map until... she came to the poisonous plants. As mermaids are very good at swimming, she could weave through them very easily.



When the mermaid had almost finished weaving through the poisonous plants she spotted the giant squids. She was so scared that she ran into a plant! She was horrified. This was the worst case scenario. She reached for her bag and got out the antibacterial. She slabbbed it on. The stinging was so bad she hoped that it would go



away as soon as possible.

She continued on her journey. She knew that the squids would be much harder to dodge as they would come to her and try to eat her. This was how the person had died last time they looked for fluzocubomber.

She tried to swim slowly and quietly as she realised that the squids were asleep. Off she went. Out in the distance she could see the fluzocubomber forest, so she speeded up a bit. She couldn't wait to get there.

When she finally got to the forest she heaved and pulled and heaved at the fluzocubomber. As there was no more in the potion cupboard she got another three which would last the mermaid family ages. She put the four fluzocubomber's into her bag and swam back to the mermaid community.

When she got to the village she went home and started making the potion. She got out the right ingredients and started making the potion. As she was making the potion she got out the special ingredient. Yes you know what it was... the Fluzocubomber.

When she had finished, she swam up to the surface, and to her surprise, the princess was



there waiting for her. The mermaid explained how to make the potion work. Ruby, the princess would have to ask the king, queen and fat princess for a cup of tea or a piece of cake or something along those lines. She would have to put only half a tablespoon of potion in their food or drink. The potion would take about 24hrs to set in. Then she would have nice parents and a nice sister. This would lead to a nice king and queen. Ruby would also be next in line for the throne. Everyone would be happy again.

Ruby raced home straight away, and did the steps that the mermaid told her to do. It was a pretty easy task, as her parents had always ordered her around to do things.



That night, when she went to bed she dreamt about having nice parents and sisters.

When she got up the next morning, she heard the queen yelling out, "Ruby, breakfast is ready!" This was the best day of Ruby's life. My mother was yelling out to me. Not yelling orders, but yelling out nice things.

After breakfast Ruby went down to the beach to see Ruby the mermaid. She thanked her so much, and explained how much that it

meant to her. The mermaid responded and said that Ruby would probably never see her again, now that she was with her parents. "Oh no! Of course I will see you. I'll come and see you everyday! I'm not giving up my visits!" Said the princess.

So this is where our story ends. And of course, everyone lived happily ever after.

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