



Blue Sea Squad

Princess Muthu only wants to have fun, not go to boring meetings where she has to cooperate with others. But who will come to her rescue when she finds herself in danger?



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"La...la...la...la...la...la... We are pearls, white white pearls. We are together; dancing together merrily."The Little Pearls surrounded Mermaid Princess Muthu, singing and dancing.



"Our beautiful, blue-finned Princess who glows like the sun. Dressed by the stars that have come down from heaven. She wears strings of pearls that make a soothing noise. Dear Princess, come and dance with us."



Princess Muthu played with the Little Pearls and she was very happy. Suddenly, there was a big commotion at the Mermaid Palace. "Princess! Princess! Princess!" the guards called out to Princess Muthu.



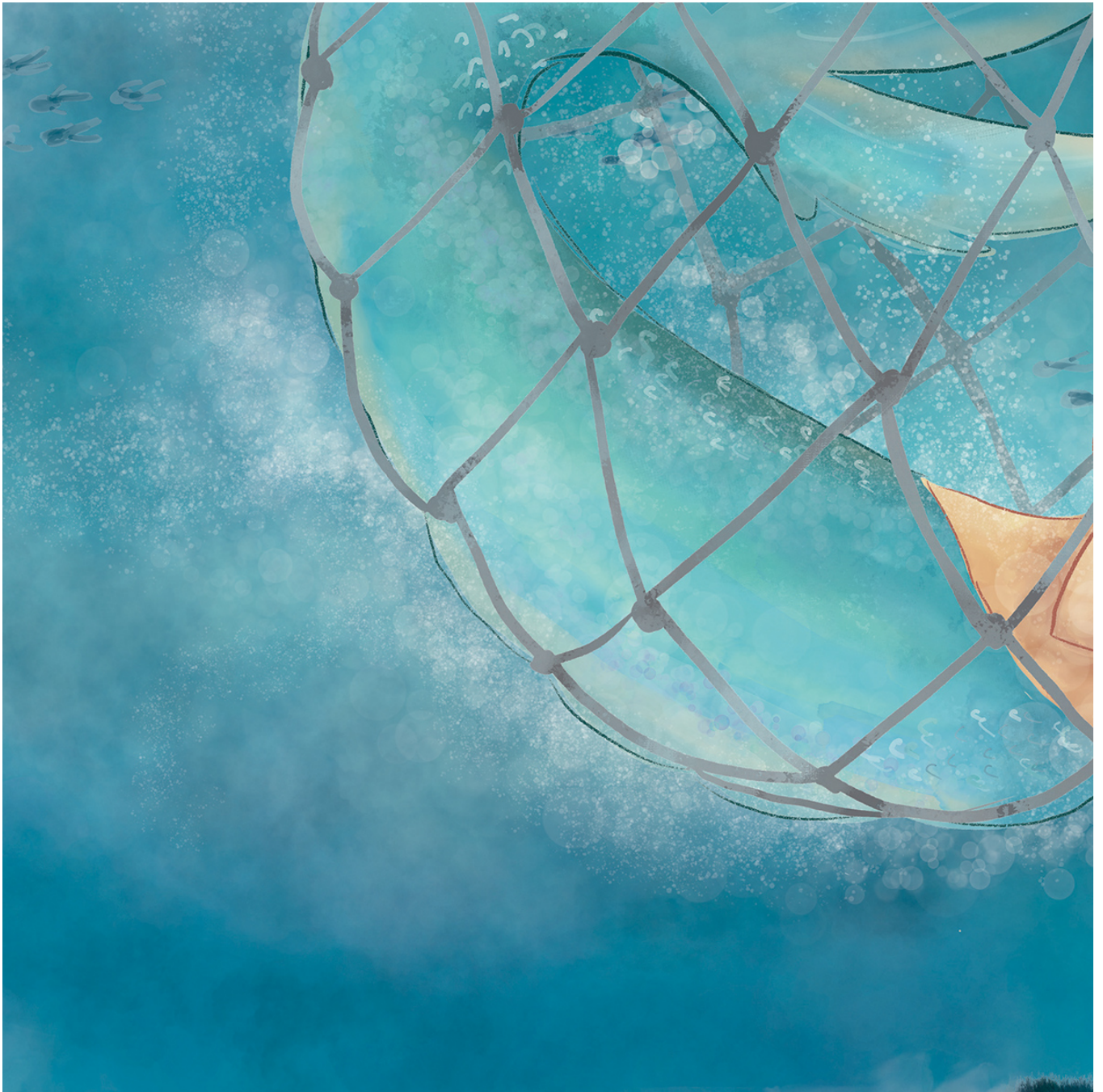
"Haha, catch me if you can!" Princess Muthu shouted. She swam off, zigzagging through the reefs and causing her guards to worry. Suddenly, she ran into Red Crab. "Ahh, it's the little princess! We're coming to the palace today to invite you to a special event," Red Crab said. "What's this special event, Mr. Crab?" Princess Muthu asked.



"Today Old Man Turtle has summoned a Council of the Sea. Everyone will be happy if you too would come join us," Red Crab explained. "No way! Those meetings are so boring," the princess shouted as she swam off towards the Dark Sea.



As the princess got closer, she started having second thoughts. "Oh my, this is a scary place. It's so dark here. I would've been with my friends if I'd gone to Old Man Turtle's meeting," Princess Muthu thought. The water was so cold, dark, and black in the Dark Sea. The princess wondered if she should go back.



Suddenly, the princess got caught in a net placed by creatures of the Dark Sea. "Save me! Save me!" she screamed. The princess saw Ms. Jelly swimming by, only glancing at her. The princess shouted out for help again. She couldn't swim. She tried to escape, but the harder she tried, the more she got hurt by the net.



Thump, thump, thump. The creatures of the dark are approaching, she thought.



She heard a sound behind her. The princess turned back slowly, in fear. But it was Red Crab, and he wasn't alone. He was with a lot of friends!





Thump, thump, thump. "Cut, cut. Pull, pull. Cut, cut. Pull, pull," they chanted in unison. Everyone worked together and freed the princess from the net.



"Ms. Jelly, you have done your job well," Old Man Turtle thanked Ms. Jelly. "Oh no, she saw me but swam away pretending she didn't see," the Princess said. "That's not why she swam away. We've asked Ms. Jelly to be our eyes in the Dark Sea. She was the one who told us you were trapped," Mr. Octopus said. "Thank you, everyone for saving me. Old Man Turtle, I will come to your Council of the Sea from now on, without fail," the princess said.



"Friends, I have a good idea. Let's form a security force," the princess said. "Oh, a marine security squad. What a great idea," everyone said. Old Man Turtle divided up the work.



"Mr. Octopus and Ms. Jelly will keep on being our eyes and ears. The princess will lead the dolphins and inform us about dangers. The Little Pearls and Baby Shark will help Red Crab. Let's work together and keep each other safe. We of the Blue Sea will do what's right," Old Man Turtle exclaimed. Everyone applauded.



Together they sang, "We are the protectors of the glowing blue sea. We protect our friends from creatures of the dark. We will always stand united. We are the blue squad in this blue sea."



