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The Night the Reef Woke Up



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Pink at Bedtime

It was bedtime, and the lights were out. Then the tide-glass began to glow, soft and pink, in the dark. Teo pulled his blanket up to his nose. "At night?" Grandpa Sol peeked in. "Some wonders only wake up at night," he whispered.





Out on the Night Sea

The Button floated on a calm black sea, with the lantern glowing on its mast and stars everywhere. Up came Moss, shiny in the lantern light. Helmet lamps on, the children slipped down beside him. "I'll be right here," said Grandpa.

The Reef in the Dark

Under the water, it was very dark. Their helmet lamps made two bright circles on the coral. Everything else was black. Teo swam so close to Moss, he was almost under his flipper. "I don't like the dark," he whispered.





A Sleepy Fish

In Teo's bright light, a big parrotfish was trying to sleep in a coral cave. It squinted. It turned away. Every time Teo's lamp shone on it, it blinked and shuffled. "Our lights are keeping everyone awake," said Lumi softly.

Teo Switches Off

Teo did not want it to be dark. But he wanted the fish to sleep. He swam up close to Moss. He took a big breath. And click, he switched his lamp off. Then Lumi switched hers off too. Dark. Quiet. Teo stayed very still.





The Reef Wakes Up

And then... the reef woke up. Tiny lights, blue and green, sparkled all around them. When Teo wiggled his fingers, sparks swirled like fairy dust. The coral glowed. The water glittered. "The dark," whispered Teo, "is full of little lights!"

A Bubble Blanket

In the glow, the parrotfish blew a big see-through bubble all around itself, like a blanket, and went to sleep inside. Some parrotfish really do sleep in a bubble they make! "It's a blanket made of fish spit," whispered Lumi. "Eww!" said Teo. Then: "Can I have one?"





A Pink Light to Keep

Back in bed, the lighthouse was dark. Teo did not pull up his blanket. He looked at the tide-glass, where a small pink light now glowed beside the green and the yellow. "Goodnight, little lights," he said, and he closed his eyes.

THE END

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