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The Whale Who Knew the Way



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Far, Far Out

Today the tide-glass glowed deep, deep blue, and the needle pointed far out, past everything. "The whale road," said Grandpa Sol. Up went the little sail, and the Button skipped over the waves, with Moss swimming alongside.





The Whale Road

Out here the sea was huge and blue in every direction. Far away, something blew a puff of mist into the air. Pfoooosh! "Whales," whispered Lumi. Moss dipped his head and dived down deep, to look for the road.

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The Fog Comes

Then the fog came, thick and white as milk. It swallowed the sun. It swallowed the waves. It swallowed the lighthouse. Grandpa Sol lit the lantern. "Which way is home?" asked Teo in a very small voice. Nobody knew.





A Giant Eye

Something huge rose out of the water, right beside the Button. A long dark back, knobbly and shiny. And then an eye opened, an eye as big as Teo's whole face. Teo hid behind Grandpa. "It's a GIANT," he squeaked.

Lumi Says Hello

Lumi's knees wobbled. But she stood up, very slowly, and held the tide-glass up so its blue light shone. "Hello," she said, in her steadiest voice. "We're lost. We can't find our lighthouse." The huge eye looked at the little blue light. And it blinked.





The Whale Sings

The whale sang. A long, low, wobbly song that buzzed in the boat and in their tummies. A humpback's song can be heard by other whales about twenty miles away! Then the whale swam slowly ahead into the fog, and stopped, and waited. "It's showing us the way!" cried Teo.

Whoosh!

At the edge of the fog, the whale took a big breath. WHOOSH! Out of its blowhole came a spout of misty water, all over the Button. Grandpa Sol's beard dripped. His glasses dripped. Teo laughed so hard he got the hiccups.





A Blue Light to Keep

The fog melted away, and there it was: the red-and-white lighthouse, waiting. The whale waved one long flipper, splash, and swam back to its road. Moss popped up beside them, as if he'd known all along. And a small blue light now glowed in the tide-glass. "The giant," said Lumi, "was a friend."

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