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Who's Hiding in the Kelp Forest?



The Tide-Glass Glows

Every morning, Lumi looked at the tide-glass. Today it glowed green and gold, and its little golden needle swung to point at the sea. "Green!" shouted Teo. "Where does green go?" Grandpa Sol laughed. "Life vests on. Into the Button!"





Moss Comes Up

The Button bobbed out over the golden-green water. Then, splash, up came an old wrinkly head. "Moss!" Moss was the oldest turtle in the sea, and he knew every road under the waves. Helmets on, the children slipped down the little ladder. Grandpa waved. "I'll be right here, above you."

The Forest Under the Sea

Down they went, into a forest. Not a forest of trees, a forest of kelp! Long golden-green ribbons reached all the way up to the sun. "Giant kelp can grow as long as your arm in just one day," said Lumi. Teo held out his arm. "In ONE day?"





A Tiny Squeak

"Eek! Eek!" A tiny squeak came from up at the top. A fluffy little sea otter was floating on its back, all alone, and the waves were pushing it away, out toward the big open sea. "Where is its mummy?" whispered Lumi.

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A Big Dark Shadow

Then something big swooshed through the kelp below them. A long dark shadow, fast and twisty. Teo grabbed Lumi's hand. "A monster!" he whispered. Moss did not swim away. Moss just blinked, slow and calm.





Teo Holds Out the Kelp

The little otter was drifting further away. Teo was scared of the shadow, but he was more worried about the otter. He took a long kelp ribbon and swam up, up, up. "Hold on!" he said, and he laid it right by the otter's paws. The otter grabbed it and held on tight.

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The Monster Was a Mummy

Swoosh! The big shadow shot up out of the kelp. It was not a monster at all. It was the otter's mummy, with a spiky sea urchin in her paws for lunch! She wrapped her baby in the kelp like a cosy blanket. The baby sneezed, "A-CHOO!", and bubbles went all over Teo's helmet.





A Green Light to Keep

At sunset, Grandpa Sol tied up the Button. When Lumi looked at the tide-glass, a tiny green light was glowing in it, to keep. "We found out who was hiding," said Teo, yawning. "It was a mummy." Grandpa smiled. "And who was brave?" Lumi hugged her brother. "Teo was."

THE END

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