



The Tail

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Scene 1

I woke up just in time for breakfast.

I sat up, took a sip of my water, and got out of bed.

The smell of the chocolate chip pancakes and the sound of the sizzling on the pan made my belly grumble.

“Mmmm, chocolate chip pancakes and strawberries and whipped cream.” Clara said.

“Guess what the news said honey.” Mom said.

“Like every other day?” I said

Mom said, “Yep.”

I was annoyed because my Mom and Dad believed everything that was on the news, even though most of it was not true. My best friend had finally woken up, she was at my house because her parents were going to Hawaii for a few days so she decided to stay here with me and my Mom and Dad.

"Can you please turn the news on?" said Maddy. Yes, my best friend's name is Maddy and she loves surfing which makes us surfing buddies because I love surfing too.

"Yes sweetie." my Mom said.

"No, No, No ,NO!!" I said, because everytime the news turns on it annoys me because the news lady says that these things are not real and they are, but no one believes me.

"They are not real!!" said the news lady.

"Told you Clara" said Maddy.

"We knew it!!" said my Mom and Dad.

"They are real no matter what anyone says!!" I said.

"Lets go surfing," Maddy said.

We all got our bathing suits on and then our wetsuits. I grabbed my surfboard and so did my family and my best friend. We put our surfboards in the trunk and got in the car. When we parked in the parking lot I looked at the ocean.

"Wow," I said

"It's beautiful," said Maddy.

I saw a fin in the water and I didn't bother at first, but then my mind went solid and I thought of only one thing,..... A shark. Me and my best friend raced each other into the water and we surfed for a few hours. A wave came up and Maddy and I went over it. I saw the fin again. A shark!!!! I didn't know what to do, my heart was racing and I didn't know if the shark was coming to eat me or Maddy, I started swimming back to shore, but something stopped me. The shark passed by and right at that time I looked behind me.

"Look!!" I said. There it was, right there in the ocean. The shimmering tail and the glow of the one and only mermaid. Maddy saw it too.

"I believe." said Maddy.

"Hello." said the mermaid. "My name is Isla and I know that you believe Clara," said the mermaid

"Really?" I said.

"This is why I have come here, to give you this." said Isla.

"What is it?" I said.

"It is a necklace that can turn you into a mermaid and back to a human. To turn into a mermaid you have to hold it. If you want to turn back to a human you hold it while you are a mermaid." said Isla.

"Wow." I said.

"Your friend wasn't a believer until she saw it with her own eyes. Make people believe." said Isla.

"Okay, thank you so much!!" I said.

"No, thank you!!" said Isla. I went back to tell my Mom and Dad that I saw a mermaid. Maddy tried to help, but it just made it worse.

"Dad I saw a mermaid." I said

"Maddy, get off and swim as calmly and as smoothly as you can, do not splash or make any noise." I said.

Maddy got off her surfboard as the shark ate the last bite of it. The shark was big and I thought it was a great white shark, but I didn't know for sure.

"Okay, now me and you are going to swim very slow and steady and pull the surfboard with us. I said.

"What is your name?" I asked the little girl.

"Lucy." the little girl said.

"Lucy sit on the surfboard and don't move, me and Maddy will pull you, just tell us if the shark is coming right towards us."

"Im telling you, this is a bad idea." Maddy said.

"Hey... guys..... the... shark... is right... there... in front..... of you!!" Lucy said.

I tapped my necklace on accident and I turned into a mermaid and my tail was glowing, the shark swam away fast and then Isla came.

"Are you guys okay?" Isla said.

"I guess." I said

"Whoa, is that a real mermaid?" said Lucy.

"I am, and I came because Clara used her necklace which is also a necklace that warns me if you are in trouble or not." Said Isla.

"Wow!!" said Lucy.

"Here you go." said Isla.

"What is it?" said Lucy.

"It is a necklace that can turn you into a mermaid and back into a human, Clara has one to and that is why she turned into a mermaid, she tapped her necklace." said Isla.

"Thank you, I hope I see you again, I wish you lived with me." said Lucy.

"I have to go, Clara, make sure you explain the rest of the necklace to Lucy." said Isla.

"I will" I said

We all said bye as Isla left. We got back to shore safe and I couldn't wait to go home. My Mom came up and gave me a hug, she had a very bad tan. We all started to build a sandcastle. I saw a crab and it pinched me which hurt pretty bad. I went into the ocean with Lucy and we both held the necklace, we both turned into a mermaid and Maddy swam with us. It was so much fun. I couldn't wait to do it again. There was just one more thing that I had to do.

Scene 3

"Come on, let's go back to shore." I suggested.

"Yeah, I agree." Lucy agreed.

"Okay, I'll get on the surfboard with you guys and we can use the waves to get back to shore." Maddy suggested.

"LUCY!!!!... LUCY!!!!" a woman cried.

"That's my Mom." Lucy said.

“CLARA!!!!....CLARA!!!” my Dad screamed.

“MADDY!!MADDY!!!” my Mom screamed.

The parents were looking for us.

“I can't believe it took them that long to actually see that we were missing.” Maddy said.

“I'm surprised they haven't come out in the ocean to look for us.” Lucy suggested.

“Why on Earth would they come out into the ocean to look for us, my Mom is scared of getting eaten by a shark and if my Dad ever came into the ocean, it would be because he wanted to show off his muscles to girls.” I said.

“That's true.” Maddy agreed

“Okay let's get back to shore” I said.

We swam back to shore and when we did our Mom's and Dad's hugged us. They hugged me, Maddy, and Lucy so hard that we couldn't breathe. Me, Maddy, and Lucy did get yelled at for first taking Lucy in the ocean, second for Lucy coming with us even though we were total strangers to her, and third for not yelling to them for help. We told the parents that we yelled for help, but they couldn't hear us because they were arguing, but they didn't believe us.

We also made a club for mermaid believers and surprisingly there were a lot of people that joined it. The people in our mermaid club got to go surfing with us and see Isla, Isla gave all of them a necklace and soon enough, the news was even saying mermaids were real. My parents were mad at us for making a mermaid club, but after a few months they finally believed and year after year more people started to believe. My work is done here and it is time that people stand up for what they believe in. And me..., I am just an inspiration for people in the future.