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One day, I was swimming around my room in the Coral Sea. My large tail fin sparkled bright pink. I combed my long blue wavy hair. Today was my  $15^{\rm th}$  birthday, so I asked my dad "Hey dad?"

"Yes sweetie?" My dad Robert replied.

"So I heard about shore race sign ups and they' re today," I explained. "Can you please take me?"

"Would you like me to?"

I looked away from my dad knowing that it is really dangerous because humans are way too close. I hesitated, "Well, yes I would, but if you have something that you have to do then it's okay. I can just sign up for something else another time. I know you have to work. So never mind, it's okay. I can sign up for something else. I mean my friends are doing it so I want to do it, but like I said it's ok," I talked for ever. I think he might of forgotten what I was talking about.

"No sweetie, I can take you today because I took today off remember. Just know that this sport is very dangerous and I need to see you do better in school and at practice," he explained.

"Yay, yay, yay, I'll go upstairs and get my swimming suit and my bag!!!" I exclaimed.

I ran upstairs and got all of my stuff ran downstairs and got in the carriage.

"Hurry dad!!!" I yelled from the carriage.

## Chapter Two

#### The Try Outs

"Hi, how can I help you today?" said the girl at the small rectangular light pink shell desk.

"Um... Yes actually I would like to try out for the shore racing," I responded in a flash.

"Ok. Let me go get a sheet for you to fill out," the young girl with teal hair and a pink and orange tail that looked kind of like mine said. When she got back with the long narrow white piece of paper in her small hands, "Here you go, By the way my name is Jessica."

"Oh, that's a very pretty name!" I said as I scanned the paper that Jessica had given to her earlier.

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"Dad I'm done filling out this paper," I noted.

"Well than go turn it in," Robert demanded.

I returned the paper that I had filled out and then sat down in the blue rocky dirt and took a big drink of ice cold water that I had prepared the night before.

"Okay girls," there was a few other girls that I saw as I looked around the plan room, "First we are going to warmup,"

We all did a few warmups together and then we started swimming.

"Okay, so now that we are done warming up, raise your hand if you are tired. This will tell me if you are going to be able to swim as much as we do at practice,"

A few girls raised their hand. Jessica looked at each of them one by one, then looked down at her clipboard and I'm assuming that it had a paper with all of our names on it.

"Girls, now we are going to race and see who is going to be are lead swimmer," Jessica said very excitedly.

We raced and I did my best but I was in  $3^{\rm rd}$  place.

My dad looked at me with a loving look on his "Its okay sweetie. I was in last but then I became the lead swimmer."

## Chapter 3

#### The First Practice

I heard footsteps coming towards my room as I was half asleep and half awake, "Sweetie I got a call from Jessica a few minutes ago and she said," he said this in a disappointed voice, "You' re first practice is today!!!

I jumped out of my bed, "What do I need to go?"

"You' 11 only need you' re swimsuit today."

We got in my carriage and went to my practice. There was more girls this time. We ran most of the day and then we did the race again.

"I came in first!" I told my dad as we left.

I could tell he was proud of me because of the face that he had.

## Chapter 4

#### Our First Race

Today is our first race and I am very excited. I get to be our lead flopper.

"Ok guys," said Jessica. "Our lead flopper is Coral so everybody needs to follow her instructions."

Everyone looked at me with a proud face.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" Jessica asked.

"Yah, I'm sure" I answered.

We all went to the shore that was around where my grandmother used to live before she passed. I'm

me. We had to flop all the way across the shore and back with three humans having a picnic and I had to do all kinds of signals that I didn't even know.

We all got back to the water safely but my heart was pounding so hard that I had to lay down and take some deep breathing time and when I was done I and my team cheered.

"Ok girls, you guys did great!" Jessica said proudly while watching all 13 of us girls cheer, "Tonight at 7:00 and it is going to be at my place."

## Chapter 5

#### The Party

At 7:00 I went to Jessica's house and when I got there I looked down at my pink and blue striped seashell phone that I had gotten for my 13<sup>th</sup> birth day.

I took a deep breath and then walked in and everybody was partying. I went into the kitchen and

got some punch and then I walked outside with Jessica sitting with a very upset look on her face so I walked over to her and asked "What's wrong?"

"Well I got a call from the men that plans all of the things that we do and they said that we had to race one of the best teams in the sea."

I looked at her knowing that I had to do something for the team. I went inside and talked to the team about what Jessica had told me. They all decided that we would practice more often and keep it a secret so Jessica doesn't find out and say that we can't because we need to get our sleep.

## Chapter 6

#### The Big Race

I went to our practice place seeing the other team practicing and then I turned my head and saw my team practicing.

"We are so dead" I thought to myself.

I walked over to my team and joined them warming up. When we were done warming up we all got our flopping suits on.

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