

Only One Straw
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That was the last straw and Maisy couldn't take anymore. Maisy was a caring, charitable and considerate girl. She was as kind as a good Samaritan and loved going to the beach with her friend Taylor. Maisy and Taylor had known each other from the day they were born. Taylor was very different to Maisy and she had a well-known reputation to be nasty to people, and not be patient.

Another fight was let off as quick as a shot gun, down by the beach. Taylor started yelling and screaming.

"Why wont you share your ice-cream with me?"

"You've already had yours!" Maisy screamed scarily while scowling at Taylor.

"But its not fair!" Taylor sobbed as a tear streamaed down her face.

"Fine then, have my sugary strawberry sorbet" Maisy said angrily as she threw her sorbet at Taylor and stormed off down the beach.

She walked miles of the beach on the sizzling hot sand and in the scorching hot sun. Her fists were clamped tightly. She was thinking of a million things at once, her friendship with Taylor was coming to an end. Suddenly she spotted something in the corner of her eye, a rock pool. The water was as clear as crystal and the pebbles were fine and smooth.

Maisy dipped her feet in and felt the water in between her toes. Everything went black. Maisy felt coolness on her whole body, she started to shiver. Maisy tried to open her eyes, but they wouldn't budge. Finally giving up, she started to relax. Her eyes opened, and a crab was looking at her.

"Hello", said the crab.

"AAHHH", screamed Maisy.

"Calm down, I won't hurt you" he said, "I'm here to tell you something. You have fell into a portal, we have to get you to the next portal to take you back home", he explained.

"Are we crossing that?" Maisy asked.

"Yes", said the crab.

They swam over to the seaweed goblins. Maisy needed to think of an idea.

"I HAVE IT!" she gasped, "you are going to distract the goblins and they are going to follow you, then I swim straight through", she said.

"Ok", the crab said.

The crab crawled over and sang Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. The goblins slithered to the crab hungrily.

Soon all the goblins made a clear space. Maisy swam straight through entering the portal. She looked back.

"THANK YOU", shouted Maisy.