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Boat Cove just below Zennor Head was the beach they had found and occupied. Every year for as long as Cherry could remember they had rented the same granite cottage, set back in the fields below the Eagle's Nest, and every year they came to the same beach because no one else did. In two weeks not another soul had ventured down the winding track through the bracken from the coastal path. It was a long climb down and a very

much longer one up. The beach itself was almost hidden from the path that ran along the cliff top a hundred feet above. It was private and perfect and theirs. The boys swam in amongst the rocks, diving and snorkelling for hours on end. Her mother and father would sit side by side on stripy deckchairs. She would read endlessly and he would close his eyes against the sun and dream for hours on end.





on her jersey and jeans.  
She did look up then and  
saw that the sea was angry,  
but she saw no threat in that  
and did not look back over  
her shoulder towards Boat  
Cove. She was aware that  
time was running short so

she went down on her knees again and dug feverishly in  
the sand. There were still thirty shells to collect and she  
was not going home without them.

It was the baleful sound of a foghorn somewhere  
out at sea beyond Gunnards Head that at last forced  
Cherry to consider her own predicament. Only then  
did she take some account of the incoming tide. She  
looked for the rocks she would have to clamber over

