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With a neigh, Neptune charged out of the tunnel. Evie opened her eyes. They were galloping along a beach of golden sand! Evie's dress was all the colours of the ocean and it sparkled like the waves.

Neptune's mane shimmered with silver and the softest sea blue. Her bridle was decorated with the prettiest seashells, and droplets of seawater on her reins glittered like diamonds. Up ahead, Evie spotted a figure sitting on the rocks.

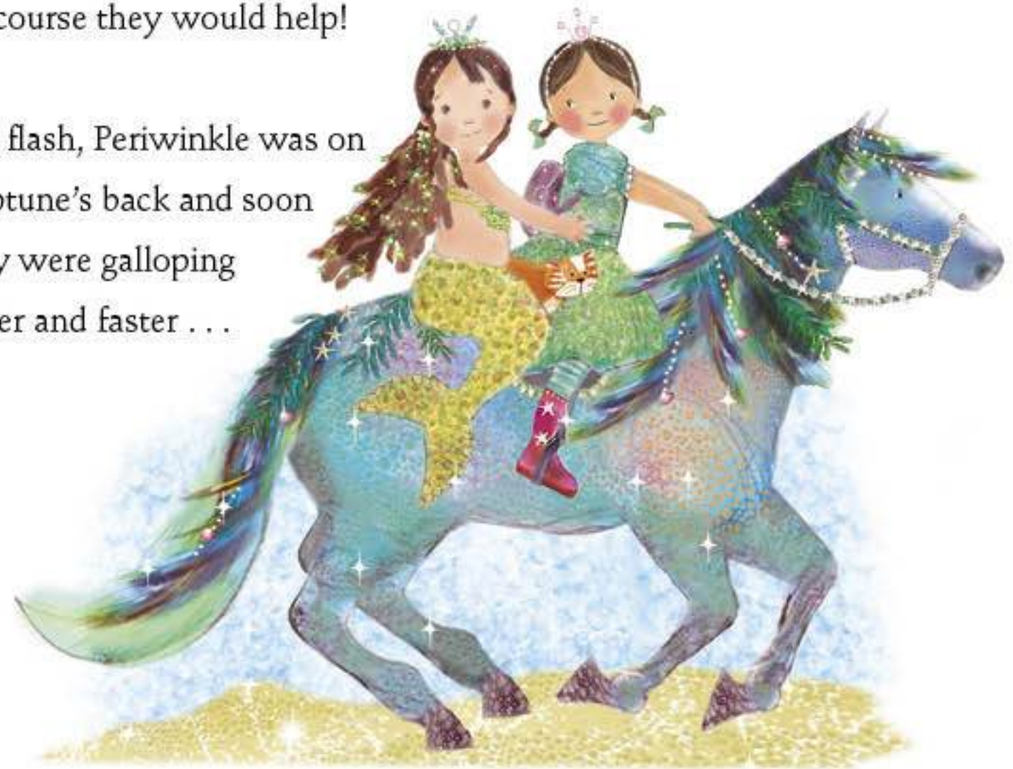


It was a mermaid!

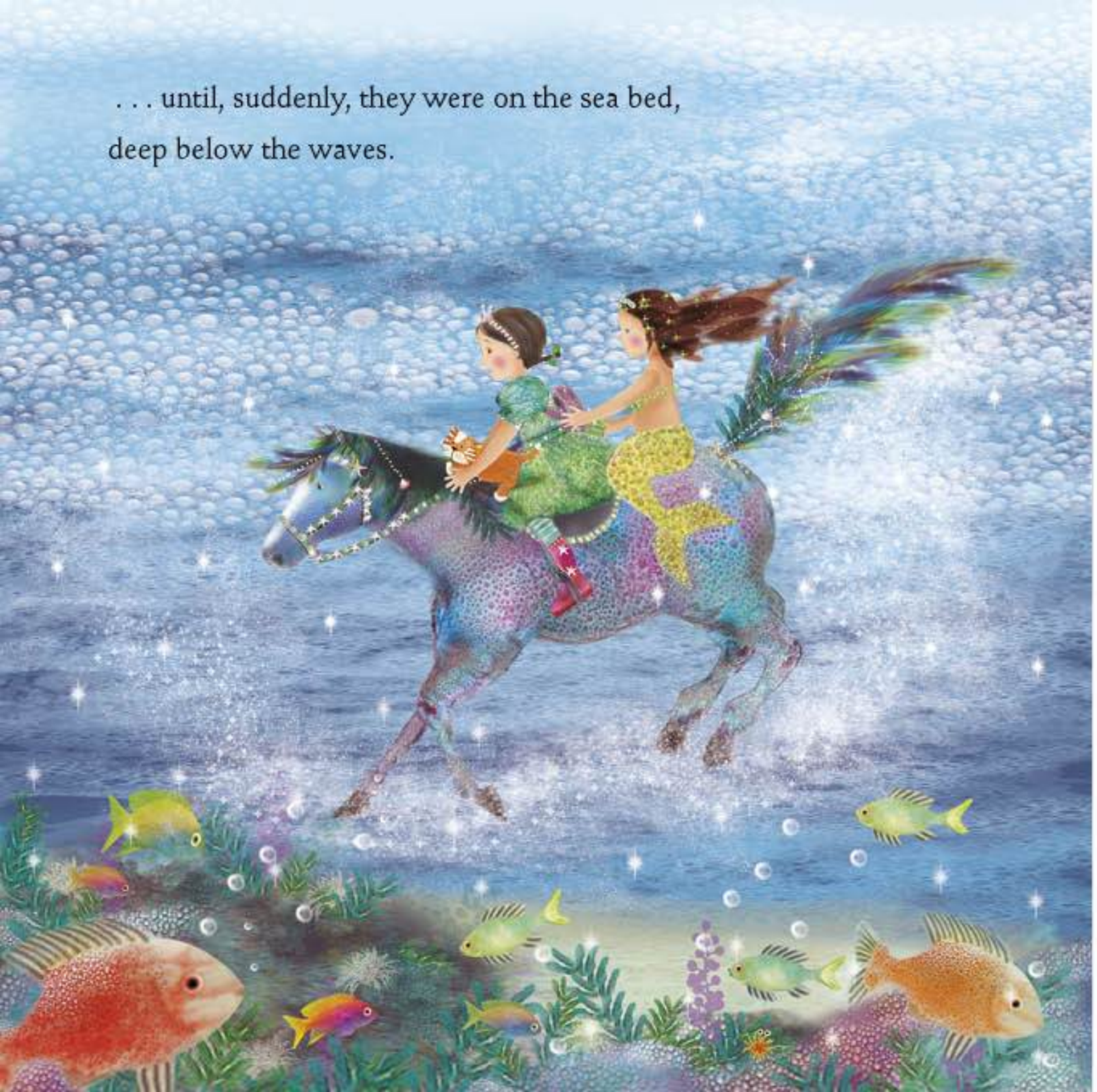
"Hello," said Evie. "I'm Evie.
This is my pony, Neptune,
and this is my kitten, Sparkles."
The mermaid turned around.
Her eyes were full of tears.

"I'm Periwinkle," she sniffed. "Please, will you and your sea pony help me? I've lost my precious pink pearl and I need it for the Mermaid Queen's Parade."
"Wow!" thought Evie. "Neptune – a sea pony!"
Of course they would help!

In a flash, Periwinkle was on Neptune's back and soon they were galloping faster and faster . . .



. . . until, suddenly, they were on the sea bed,
deep below the waves.





"Have you seen a precious pink pearl?" Evie asked some spiky sea urchins.



"Yes, we've seen it," they said. "It came bobbing along on the tide. We smoothed and polished it with our sponges but then it bobbed away."

"Oh, no!" sighed Periwinkle. "Now I'll never find it!"

But Neptune wasn't going to give up that easily.



Together they all swam deeper and deeper, and spotted an octopus. "Madam O!" called Periwinkle. "Have you seen my precious pink pearl? It fell off my crown when I was polishing it in a rock pool."

"Yes, I've seen it," replied Madam O. "I was practising my juggling when your pearl came floating by. I tried to juggle with it but I got in a tangle and it floated off towards that cave."

