

## **The Story of the Sea Lion, Esmeralda and The Dream Giver**

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*Everybody has a dream for their life. You may not have discovered it yet, but it is there in the corner of your heart waiting to be discovered. It was placed there before you were born by..... The Dream Giver'.*

### **PART 11. The Sea Lion's Test**

#### ***No place for the Faint Hearted***

Esmeralda was stunned at her father's request for Ordinary to do battle with Black Jack, but she knew in her spirit that her father was guided by the Dream Giver. He would not give Ordie such a dangerous mission unless it came directly from the Dream Giver. Still, it was very worrying for her. She just had to believe that the Dream Giver had gone before...as he always did. Even at her young age she had experienced the Dream Giver's provision for her a number of times. And Ordinary although being concerned about the task ahead, felt a great peace come upon himself. He understood in his spirit that the Dream Giver had specifically arranged this test for him. He accepted the challenge knowing that it was in the Dream Giver's plan to free this part of the kingdom from the enemy and it would also be a stepping stone for his next assignment.

#### ***A Tragic Turn of Events.***

Esmeralda and her friends had arranged a morning to go swimming where they would make plans for her 'hens' night out. Ordie was not sure what a 'hens' night involved, even his mates had no idea. One suggested it had something to do with catching chickens! Anyway, the 'girls' went off that morning, having such a good time, giggling their heads off, that they did not notice how far they had swum. They were way out of their safe swimming zone and had entered Black Jack's territory. It all happened so fast. One minute they were all having fun... and then Black Jack struck. He quickly singled out Esmeralda and gave her a quick sting to knock her out. Esmeralda's friends could not save her. Black Jack took her back to his cave. She would be worth of a great ransom. He helped himself to a large plate of shrimps and gloated as to how rich he would become.

Maximus and Mrs. E were staggered by the girls stupidity but were thankful that their only daughter was alive even though being held for ransom. Much crying took place by the girls. Ordinary was pensive but not dismayed. This was the challenge he must face...to free Esmeralda and dispose of Black Jack.

#### ***The Battle plan.***

After consulting the Dream Giver that night Ordinary slept soundly. He had a dream and in that dream he was shown what to do to save Esmeralda and defeat Black Jack. In the dream he saw his porpoise friends coming to his assistance serving as annoying decoys. He also saw his, now, old friend 'Whitie', the white pointer shark whom he had helped save from the shark net a few years ago. Sea lions are not generally friends of sharks, particularly white pointers but in this case 'Whitie' owed Ordinary his life. Ordinary would take the ransom chest filled with gold to secure the release of Esmeralda. The porpoises would tease Black Jack, while Whitie with his mates got between Black Jack and his cave to block any retreat. That was the plan.

### ***The Battle.***

The dolphins led by his friend Billy were keen to have some fun even if it was risky. 'Whitie' was in to settle a score he had with Black Jack and also help Ordie free Esmeralda. Black Jack was restricting the fishing rights in the Strait and making hard work for the sharks to secure adequate food. Ordinary sent word to Black Jack that he would personally deliver the ransom in two days time. This gave all involved time to plan the details of Esmeralda's release and be in position on time.

Black Jack was keen to get his filthy hands on the gold and came well out of his safety zone. as Ordie had planned. Ordinary though kept the chest well out his reach. Immediately the porpoises began swimming around Black Jack calling out continuously 'Scardie-ray' you can't catch us 'na-na-narna-narna.' This enraged Black Jack as he went around and around trying to catch a flying porpoise. Whitie came in from behind and bite off Black Jack's stinger tail at his butt. The dolphins went into ecstasy chanting 'Scardie-ray has lost his tail.' and 'You can't sting me.' Ordinary moved closer now to give Black Jack the chance to open the chest and see the gold...but all he saw was a long white feather. 'What is the meaning of this?' he roared. Ordinary moving even closer replied, 'It is far more valuable than gold Black Jack'. 'Show me how this is so?' Black Jack yelled out of control. 'Certainly' Ordinary responded. 'It is my pleasure'. With that Ordinary picked up the white feather which instantly transformed into the gleaming mighty double edged sword. Black Jack's eyes bulged out of his head and he even turned white. Ordinary stuck the sword low into black Jack's guts and then sliced him all the way up to his gullet. Ordie jumped out of the way as Black Jack hit the sand. 'A present from the Dream Giver...Black Jack!' With that Ordinary raised the sword and rammed it though Black Jack's brain. The immediate ocean was filled by flashes of light. The news of Ordinary's victory spread quickly. Everyone rejoiced that the whole land had been freed from the evil power of Black Jack. All the creatures of the island, the Strait and the mainland sang songs praising the Dream Giver and for saving Esmeralda. Great and mighty is the Dream Giver they sang. Celebrations were held all over the land.

### ***The Wedding plans.***

Maximus and Golden rejoiced with all their people for the victory the Dream Giver had given them and shared from their own wealth to all under their rule. Ordinary had earned his right to marry Esmeralda and become the heir to Maximus' throne. It was now time to plan for the wedding. Everyone wanted to be involved of course. Special and elaborate wedding garments were to be made for the Bride and the Groom. Ornate sea shells were collected in abundance for decorations. A pearl neckless and tiara were commissioned to be made for Princess Esmeralda. Invitations were sent far and wide. It was to be a day of great rejoicing and giving thanks to the Dream Giver for deliverance.

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