"One Day at the Beach"

The waves crashed against the sand. I plopped my pack down and spread out my towel. It was going to be a wonderful day. Just then...

"My little brother pulled the towel out from under me and I fell face first in the sand. The hot gritty sand tasted salty. I could hear Sam laughing and I was getting madder by the minute. Suddenly I felt something movin by my cheek. When I wiped the sand off my face I saw a nest of sea turtle eggs. Baby sea turtles were hatching out of blue speckled eggs. The minute they hatched they ran right to the ocean. I forgot about my family on the beach and followed the sea turtles into the ocean. I looked down to see the bottom of the ocean and realized I had a mermaid tail. I swam with the sea turtles. We saw red coral, dolphins and angelfish. The water was blue and clear. We had fun! Suddenly I remembered my family on the beach. As I swam toward the beach my tail disappeared. I walked up on the beach and my family wondered where I had been. I laughed but never told them about my secret adventure with the sea turtles."

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