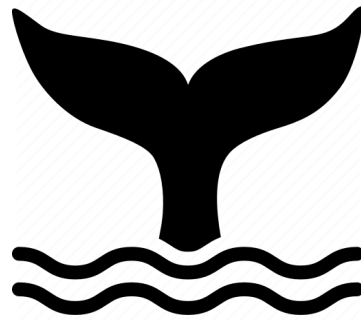


Mermellissa





Mermellissa was a beautiful girl that had no parents so she had to live with her evil aunt. Mermellissa was always working, cleaning the house, washing the dishes, and cooking because her aunt was always giving her work to do. But Mermellissa was never angry at her.

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On the day of her birthday, her aunt didn't remember that it was Mermellissa's special day so she didn't receive any gifts. Instead, she had to wash the clothes.

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Mermellissa took the clothes to the river to wash them. When she finished her work, she sat down and cried. “I wish somebody loved me,” she said.

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Suddenly, the wind blew one of the shirts Mermellissa had washed away. The girl followed the shirt but she couldn't catch it. The shirt fell in the middle of the sea and disappeared.

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**After losing the shirt the little girl was scared of going home without it.
She was sure that she would get punished. Mermellissa sat on a rock
and cried.**

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Then, she heard a voice that said “Mermellissa, Mermellissa”. The girl looked around to see who was calling her, but no one was there. She heard the voice again “Mermellissa” “Mermellissa”.

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“Mermellissa, Mermellissa,” the voice came from the sea. The girl looked down at the sea and saw lots of golden fishes but they were not talking.

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“Mermellissa, Mermellissa” the voice continued. Suddenly, the waves became big and little Mermellissa fell into the sea.

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She went down, down. Deep into the sea.

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“Mermellissa, Mermellissa” the voice sounded again. “Who’s calling me?” said Mermellissa. She realized that the voice came from behind a big shell. She got closer to it and she saw a big monster.

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“Happy birthday, Mermellissa,” said the ugly monster. “Oh thank you,” said Mermellissa”. She was so happy that someone had remembered her birthday.

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The ugly monster gave her a hug and all of a sudden, Mermellissa's legs disappeared and she turned into a mermaid!

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“Mermellissa, I like you because you are kind and innocent. Can we be friends?” asked the monster. “Of course,” said the girl. And they sang the happy birthday song together.

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They spent the whole night dancing and singing and when Mermellissa got tired, she lay on a rock and they talked for hours. Mermellissa thought it was the best birthday she ever had.

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