

Dolphin Adventures
Book One
Secrets of the Sea
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CHAPTER ONE

A long time ago, in an ocean far away, there were large mammals with skin like satin that dove playfully in and out of the water. They had a long nose and a fin on top of their back which is why some people mistook them for sharks.

These wonderful creatures were called “Dolphins.” They were intelligent and spiritual beings that knew great secrets of the Universe. They could communicate with mankind, when mankind was open to receiving their thoughts. This did not happen often, since man believed that he could only communicate with those who spoke his own language. Man did not know that his thoughts could be understood by many in the animal kingdom and that he too could communicate this way.

These dolphins lived in an enchanted, peaceful kingdom that they shared with beautiful sea goddesses and other creatures of the sea.

The sea goddesses were like no others in the world of the deep sea. The scales on their tail and part of their bodies glistened like silver and went from the tip of their tail all the way up to under their arm pits. Yes they were human looking from the top of their chest up and mammal on the rest of their bodies with a tail. They all had long flowing

hair that hung down past their waist. These sea goddesses were legendary. Mankind for centuries referred to them as mermaids.

In many coastal areas where mankind docked their boats, the stories of these mermaids had been told over and over again. The sea goddesses had very special powers with their voice. They had a mystical sound that sent chills up and down your spine. When mankind heard them sing, they were put under a spell. The spell was never meant to harm anyone. It was used by the sea goddesses whenever they had to teach mankind a lesson about their world.

Because all of the different creatures of the sea had learned to respect each other, their kingdom had always been peaceful.

CHAPTER TWO

One day this quiet peaceful kingdom was disturbed. A little dolphin named, Seneo (Sin-a-o) came swimming into their kingdom crying for help. The eldest and wisest of the sea goddesses, Anasia (Ana-see-a) asked Seneo what was wrong.

“I was swimming out near the old sunken ship when I saw many tuna fish being lifted out of the water. I looked up to what was lifting them and I saw a boat with mankind on it. They were lifting the net onto their boat with this big metal crane,” said Seneo stopping for a moment to collect his thoughts. “But the bad part was I saw some of our dolphin friends caught in the net too.”

By now all the dolphins and sea goddesses were gathered around Seneo and Anasia. Everyone was silent as they waited for Anasia to speak. “These of mankind are called fishermen. They catch fish to eat and also to make a profit by selling them to others. Unfortunately in doing so, they harm many of our dolphin friends,” she said.

Everyone seemed horrified by this news. Their eyes were huge and their mouths gaped open. They could not believe that another living being would hurt another so terribly.

“Did you happen to see which direction the boat was heading for?” Anasia asked.

“They were heading for the Island of Inaca,” said Seneo. I am calling a special meeting. I want all the sea goddesses and the dolphins to meet in the castles’ large hall in ten minutes. I’ll explain what we’ll do when everyone has gathered,” said Anasia.

Anasia signaled for Seneo to follow her and they swam toward the great castle. The castle loomed high before them and had an enchanting look about it. Many said this old castle was part of the days of Atlantis. In the days of Atlantis the human and dolphins worked side by side and helped one another.

There was a feeling of love and peacefulness that one could feel as they approached the castle. Any foreign fish to their waters that visited their area found great comfort and healing within the walls of this castle. The peacefulness and love of the kingdom was legendary, almost as legendary as the sea goddesses and dolphins.

When they reached the castle, Anasia and Seneo swam into the great hall to discuss the situation. Within a few minutes everyone else arrived. Anasia swam to the front of the room. Seneo swam up front with her and waited to her left for direction. All eyes were on Anasia as they waited for her to tell them what to do.

“I have decided we must follow this boat to Inaca and cast a spell on these fishermen. This is the only way to save our friends and educate mankind. We will all swim to Inaca to help save our friends, but we must be careful not to get too close to the boat. Seneo and I will take the lead and Seneo will show us the boat that took our friends. We will leave at once. Everyone please choose a partner to swim with just in case there are more boats in the area with their horrible nets,” she said. Everyone immediately paired up and off they swam following Seneo and Anasia towards Inaca.

CHAPTER THREE

They swam quickly, diving in and out of the water, at times skimming the top of the water. They slowed down when they came within sight of the fishing boat so they would not be seen. They could see the fishermen lifting a huge net full of Tuna onto their large gray boat. They stopped within a few feet of the boat and gathered around Anasia so she could tell them what to do.

Anasia chose Felice and Tahia to lead the spellbinding chant. They swam closer to the boat waved and called to the men. They waited till all of them were looking at them and then they began their legendary chant that would cast the spell. They chose the chant that would turn the fishermen into dolphins.

The others quickly formed a circle around Felice and Tahia. Felice and Tahia began to sway in the middle of the sacred circle of sea goddesses and dolphins as they all chanted. As their mystical voices began the fishermen one by one were put in a trance like state. Slowly the fishermen dove off their boat and as they hit the water turned into dolphins. The chanting continued until all the fishermen were off the boat and now in the water as

dolphins. The sea goddesses then swam around to the other side of the boat where the net was being lifted from the water. They now changed to their release chant and were able to lower the net back into the water and release the tuna and their dolphin friends back safely in the ocean.

They then guided their newly turned dolphins back to the castle where Anasia gathered the new dolphins together and told them why they had been turned into dolphins and brought to the castle.

My name is Anasia she began in a calm soothing voice, we mean you no harm. We want you to see what our world is like. It is then and only then that you can really know what it means to be the fish caught in your nets. It is in experiencing our world that we believe we can reach your hearts. It's not what you know in your head that moves you to action, but what one knows in their heart. You will live with us until we feel you fully understand what your actions do to us. It is important that you learn to appreciate and respect us, and then we will change you back.

The fishermen started to protest, but were soon hushed by Anasia. "Do not worry about your loved ones missing you. Time does not run our lives as it does in mankind's world. It will be as if you were only gone moments in your world. You will be taken care of and shown how to use your new

bodies. You must live as one of us to truly know what our world is all about she said in her calm soothing voice.”

The fishermen reluctantly accepted their fate. They believed the beautiful Anasia and felt no harm would come to them. They could feel nothing but love coming from all the inhabitants of the castle towards them. They were shown around the castle and to the area that they would stay. One of the older dolphins, Estaci (es-ta-see) said he would teach them later what all they could do with their new bodies and how to exist in their new surroundings.

CHAPTER FOUR

The next day Estaci set off with the new dolphins. He showed them how to use their tail and body to maneuver themselves more quickly through the water like the other dolphins could.

“First move your tail and body up and down and move your head at the same time. As it becomes easier for you to do, you will see how fast this will move you through the water. Then you might even be able to get up enough speed to jump out of the water and leap through the air as we do,” said Estaci.

The fishermen began to move their bodies like Estaci had shown them. They caught on fast and were soon swimming just as fast as the other dolphins. They all raced through the water together as if they'd been swimming all their lives as dolphins.

One thing the fishermen realized is how carefree and fun it was to be a dolphin. Some of them had never been this carefree in their human lives. They thought when and if I am returned to my human life I am going to remember to make more time for fun and carefree acts.

Estaci gathered the fishermen together and told them he was now going to show them how to catch food as a

dolphin. The men looked at each other with dread as the thought of eating live fish turned their stomachs. They watched as Estaci dove down low and stayed quiet. A school of fish was swimming near him. Estaci quietly told the fishermen that it was important to realize as dolphins they do not chew their food, they swallow it whole. “Be sure and take the fish head first, he said so that the spine of the fish does not get caught in your throat.” Estaci quickly grabbed the closest fish swimming by him swallowing him whole head first and enjoying the look on the fishermen’s faces as he gulped the creature down into his stomach. “Now you all try” said Estaci.

Not wanting to jump right in and experience eating live fish the fishermen named Luke decided to ask a question. “Wait a minute he said. How come it’s okay for you as dolphins to catch and eat these fish?” “You tell us it’s wrong for us to catch the tuna and sometimes a few dolphins in our nets, yet you can catch them this way. What is the difference?” he asked.

“The difference is the fish we eat are in our life path to be eaten by us for our very existence. We do not kill them for sport. We do not catch them to sell to others and make a profit. When we eat them it is quick and no suffering is experienced by the fish. We kill only what we need as food to survive at the moment. Dolphins were not put here for you to consume in your life path. We are here to help

mankind, but you see yourselves as superior to all other life forms. Therefore you do not make yourself available to us for this help,” answered Estaci.

Accepting what Estaci said but not sure they agreed with him the fishermen decided to drop the subject and see if they could catch fish dolphin style. They all got low behind some large rocks and plants. They stayed as quiet as they could while waiting for a school of fish to swim by. As the fish came near they swam out and pounced on them making sure they remembered to swallow them head first so that their spines did not get caught in their throats. The fishermen were surprised, the live fish tasted good to them. Because they still thought as men, they expected eating raw fish to taste horrible. They had a great time swimming around with Estaci but it was time now to head back to the castle.

After several days of being dolphins, the fishermen found they liked it. It was exciting to swim and play and truly be in the now enjoying each day. The fishermen had never been able to do this as men. Jumping high in the air and flying over the top of the waves made them wonder if they could ever go back and being just men. They especially liked when Estaci showed them how to stiffen their bodies with their upper half up out of the water and moving backwards. They loved making the chattering noise with their mouths and racing one another.

CHAPTER FIVE

While out swimming with Estaci a shark swam nearby. The fishermen immediately started to swim and hide. Estaci called them back and laughed at them. He then let them know that in the big ocean the sharks run from them. The fishermen all of a sudden felt very powerful. As men they would have been afraid the shark would come after them. But now as dolphins they did not have to be afraid. Estaci told them of many stories where dolphins saved the lives of humans from circling sharks. The fishermen all looked at one another; they had never known that dolphins helped mankind in this way.

One day while out frolicking in the surf they asked Estaci to take them to the old sunken ship. They had heard there might still be treasure on the ship and now that they were dolphins they would be able to really check the ship out thoroughly. Still thinking like men they wanted to come back and get any treasure they might find now. Estaci agreed to take them, even though he knew they were still being greedy men. He knew they wanted to find the treasure to keep for themselves once they were returned to human form.

As they headed for the ship Estaci wondered if mankind would ever learn not to take what did not belong to them. It

seemed to him that humans made material possessions more important than life itself. They were always looking for wealth to bring them the much sought after happiness they all seemed to desire. Estaci knew what all life forms know; happiness can only come from within.

When they reached the ship the fisherman split up swimming inside and outside the ship looking for what could be seen as treasure. They searched the area around the ship in case the treasure had been knocked off the ship when it sunk, but nothing was found.

Deciding they wanted to mess with Estaci a little bit the fishermen talked him into playing a game they knew, hide and seek. After explaining the concept of the game, they made Estaci it and had him close his eyes and count while they hid.

Estaci counted to 20 and then began searching for the fishermen. As soon as he turned the corner of the ship, he heard from a distance the dolphins struggling and sending a loud squeal for help. He quickly swam towards the sound and found the fishermen struggling in a huge fishing net that seemed to be left behind by some fishermen. Estaci told them to quit struggling and be still before they injured themselves and he would run and get a friend to help get them out of the net. He told them he would return soon and not to worry.

Estaci went off to find his swordfish friend, Stashi. He found Stashi swimming around a favorite cave of his not very far from where the fishermen were caught in the net. Estaci told him what had happened and asked for his help. Stashi said he would help and they swam toward the net.

When they reached where the net had been, it was gone. Estaci and Stashi swam to the surface and saw a large boat heading towards another island called, Lazon. They followed a few feet behind the boat until it dropped anchor. As they watched they saw the net being maneuvered full of fish and their new dolphin friends being dropped onto the boat. Knowing that their dolphin friends would soon die if not back in the water, Estaci sent a mental message to Anasia back at the castle. Anasia gathered the sea goddesses and dolphins and quickly sped to where Estaci had shown her with images the area of where they were. She only hoped they reached them all in time.

CHAPTER SIX

As the Sea Goddesses and dolphins approached the Island of Lazon they saw the fishing boat and then Estaci and Stashi. Estaci quickly told Anasia and the others what had happened to their new friends. Anasia and the other Sea Goddesses made a circle in the water and began their mystical song. This time it was Eina's and Tezra's turn to lead them in their ancient chant. Time stopped and as their voices raised in pitch the dolphins and tuna that had been caught in the net began to rise above the boat and slowly released into the water.

The fishermen stood on the boat in a trance, the effects of the Sea Goddess's voices on them. Once all the fish and dolphins were safe in the water they swam back to the castle. As they swam they could hear the fishermen on the boat all yelling at one another and accusing each other of letting the fish go.

As they reached the castle the dolphins and sea goddesses gathered and waited to hear from Anasia. She took her place at the front of the big hall and looked out among the Sea Goddesses and dolphins. She looked at the new dolphins that had become their friends now and said, "We are so sorry for your experience and hope none

of you were harmed. Please tell us what you our new friends learned from your experience.” The new dolphins looked at one another. They were all still trembling from their ordeal. One of the dolphins swam towards Anasia it was the fisherman, Luke. “I was scared to death when I got snagged into that net. We tried to get free but it seemed the more we moved the more tangled up we became. When the fishermen pulled us up out of the water my heart was racing. It was hard for me to breathe, my life flashed before my eyes. In that moment I realized how cruel we have been to you and the fish we catch. Those nets are horrible to be caught in. The netting tears at your skin and fins. The more we struggled the more our fins received cuts. Please, please accept our apologies for the horrible things we have done. We had no idea that being caught was that horrible for you.”

Another fisherman by the name of Jake swam to the front of the room. “I was scared too, he said. I could just picture being someone’s lunch. We have enjoyed these past few days with you, we are all so ashamed. We truly had no idea that you were so much like us. That you could be scared and that you had feelings like us. For some reason we thought your lives were not all that important in the grand scheme of life but we know better now.”

“Yes!” cried all the other new dolphins. “We are sorry for not realizing the pain we brought to you. We are sorry for

thinking your lives were not important, that we put money and our own desires ahead of your lives.”

Anasia and all the others smiled, it had been a successful lesson. They felt these fishermen if put back into their own world would teach others to respect all life. They would now think before taking action against other living things. “We will take you back to your boat now and turn you back into your human bodies. “I think you have all learned your lessons well,” said Anasia looking at the men with love in her heart.

They gathered as a group swimming in twos as they all escorted the fishermen back to their boat that stood empty like a ghost ship. They had put a spell on the boat so that no one fishing in the same area would see it. As they neared the boat the Sea Goddesses formed a circle.

Anasia looked at the fishermen and said, “You will remember your whole experience with us but you will remember it as if you dreamt it rather than living it. Also you will remember it as an individual experience, not a group one. You now will respect all life knowing the brotherhood you share with all creatures. If you choose to eat of the animal kingdom to live, please give thanks to the animal that gives up its life for you. Be sure to only kill that which you need at the time and that the animal does not suffer. You are all forgiven and we will keep you in our hearts.”

Everyone got quiet as the Sea Goddesses began to move in their circle and chant their song. Camia and Seri were the ones to lead this chant. Slowly their voices rose as they began their movement. The new dolphins began to rise out of the water and were placed onto their boat. As they were released onto their boat they immediately turned back into men. Once all the men were back onto their boat the Sea Goddesses and dolphins backed away from the boat and observed the behavior of the men to see what happened.

As the men touched the floor of the boat they began remembering their ordeal individually as a dream. They looked around at each other and scratched their heads wondering why they were all just standing there. The captain of the boat no longer had a strong desire to catch fish in their nets. He wondered about the dream he had and if his men had also dreamed since they seemed to all have a dazed look on their faces. He finally decided that he needed to say something to his crew. "I've decided he began, that it's time we head back home. There doesn't seem to be any tuna out in this area."

Once again Anasia, the Sea Goddesses and the dolphins swam back to their peaceful kingdom. They were glad that these men had learned their lesson. But they knew it would only be a matter of time before another fishing boat would again be in their area. If only all of mankind could

learn to honor all living things, the earth could then be as peaceful and loving as the Enchanted Kingdom.

The End