



Tail of A Mermaid

READER'S THEATER

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When you think about it, a mermaid's tail (SWISH) is a wondrous thing. The tail (SWISH) is covered with iridescent scales that glow blue, green, purple, yellow, orange, red, and sometimes pink, depending on the light. Mira The Mermaid had a tail (SWISH) that was no different. It was pearly, colorful (LIKE A RAINBOW) and lustrous. Mira loved her tail (SWISH) but loved it for a different reason. She loved it for its strength (OOH, AAH). That tail could and would take her places to the ocean's depths and shallows around the Hawaiian Islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai (WOW! THAT'S A LOT).

One day, while Mira was collecting ocean trash (PLEASE RECYCLE!) and putting it into her net, she heard something distinctive (WHISTLE AND CLICK). It was a message just for her. It was an invitation from her friends, who happened to be bottlenose dolphins (WHISTLE AND CLICK), to meet up for lunch and a swim at the coral reef at Lanai. Could she meet them in about an hour (TICK TOCK)?

Mira happened to be off the shore of Maui, which was close to the other island, so her answer was yes. Besides, mermaids and dolphins are fast—the average bottlenose swims around 22 miles per hour (REALLY???), and Mira was just as fast. So, with a flip of her tail (SWISH) Mira made it to the reef in record time. The dolphins (WHISTLE AND CLICK) swam in at the same moment. The reef was beautiful and filled with a kaleidoscope of colorful (LIKE A RAINBOW) fish and corals. Mira and the dolphins (WHISTLE AND CLICK) swirled, turned, and twisted through the shallow waters with the help of their powerful tails (SWISH). They played for hours.

Finally, one of the dolphins asked Mira, "Sushi anyone?" and they swam to the reef's sushi bar, where they feasted on seaweed, shrimp, and squid. (YUM)

The End.

