

GIRL IN THE LOCKET

Omniscient writing

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Nina and Emily are two best friends, who are classmates and neighbors. They are in 8th grade. They both are interested in developing service-oriented programs for the community around them. They mostly used their summer time to work on these projects. Their previous projects include food drive for low-income people, donating old books to senior Center providing clean drinking water to unprivileged.



This year their principal recommended Nina and Emily for a beach cleanup project in Florida over the summer break. Since Emily's uncle works for a non-profit organization in Florida, their parents decided to send them over there so he can take care of them. They planned their logistics with the team, which is flying to Florida and reached there.

Next morning, upon reaching the beach they found a huge pile of debris, which was washed ashore, and a lot of rubbish discarded by the beach visitors that became harmful to the marine life. At first they both felt disgusted looking at the



garbage. But after they went around and noticed others helping so selflessly, and hearing their team leader's inspirational words, they both gave it a second thought about the great difference their service is going to make to the marine life and overall well being of the nature around there, and got back to work.

Nina and Emily worked a very long day cleaning up the beach, all of a sudden we both found a worn out box in the sand stuck deep under the rock. Nina was so curious to open it and said, "oh I wonder what it has in it "I wish to see a key to a great treasure box hidden under the ocean". They both were hoping for a key as they heard something clattering inside the box.



They both tried to open it in many ways but their efforts weren't fruitful. Emily's uncle came to pick them up when it's time for them to go. They handed him the box and asked him to help them open the box and see. He then tried to open it

but he is not successful either. Next morning he took it to his friend who is a locksmith and finally opened the box. Nina and Emily eagerly pounced on the box to find a necklace, which has a small photo of a little girl. The girls were both surprised and disappointed at the same time to just find the necklace. They both were expecting to find something fascinating like in their childhood fantasy stories.



Emily's uncle took the box with him and the girls were looking at him with puzzled eyes expecting he would give it back to them as a keepsake. Instead, he explained to them that since most of the things, which washed ashore, were from the recent hurricane in the neighboring islands and authorities are on the lookout for any clues, which might help them, assess the conditions, and after math of the hurricane, which also might lead them to any clues of the missing people.

He asked Nina and Emily if they would like to join him to return the box to the authorities responsible. They later thanked the girls for helping out in the clean up and finding the box, which might someday be related to a person who might be missing in the hurricane.

Nina and Emily got home with a heavy heart thinking the girl in the necklace always will remain a mystery for them forever.

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GIRL IN THE LOCKET

(First person point of view)

Nina and I are best friends and classmates. We are in 8th grade 8 and are interested in developing service-oriented programs for the community around us. We mostly used summer break to work on these projects. Our previous projects include food drive for low-income people, donating old books to senior Center, providing clean drinking water for under privileged.

This year our school principal recommended Nina and I to go participate in a beach cleanup project in Florida over the summer break. As soon as I heard it, I said, "Hurray what an opportunity". Since my uncle works for a non-profit organization in Florida my parents decided to send us there so he can take care of us. We planned our logistics with other team, which is travelling there.

Next morning, upon reaching the beach we saw a huge pile of debris, which was washed ashore, and a lot of rubbish, which was discarded by the beach visitors, which became harmful to the marine life. At first we both felt disgusted looking at the garbage around us. Nina said, "oh my gosh how on earth are we going to clean this up?????" But after we went around and noticed others helping so selflessly, and hearing the team leader's motivational words, Nina and I gave it a second thought about the great difference our service is going to make to the marine life and overall wellbeing around there and got back to work.

After a long day working there digging up the dirt, all of a sudden we found a worn-out wooden box stuck under the rock. Nina was so curious to open it and said, "oh I wonder what it has in it "I wish to see a key to a great treasure box lying under the ocean". We both were hoping to see a key upon opening because we heard something clattering in it when we shook the box.

We tried to open it in many ways we could but our efforts weren't fruitful. Later, our uncle came to pick us up when it's

time for us to go. We handed him the box and asked him to help us open it. He tried it with different keys but he is not successful opening it too. Next morning he took the box to a friend who is a locksmith. He finally opened it. Nina and I eagerly pounced on the box and found a necklace with a locket. The locket has a picture of a little girl in it. We were a bit disappointed and surprised at the same time, as we wanted it to hold a valuable thing in it like in our fairy tales. Later, my uncle drove us back to the beach site so we can finish the rest of our work. On our way back we both were lost in our thought figuring who this girl might be and how did this wooden box end up here in the beach.

My uncle took the box from us as we looked at him with our puzzled eyes expecting him to return it to us to keep it as a keepsake. Instead, he started explaining us his thinking that most of the things which washed ashore were from the recent hurricane in the neighboring islands they are on the lookout for any clues which might help them assess the conditions and aftermath of the hurricane which might lead them to any missing people there.

He also asked us to join him to return the wooden box to the authorities responsible. The officers thanked us for helping in cleaning out and finding the box that might help them in someday locating the missing person. Nina and I got home with a heavy heart thinking the girl in the necklace would always remain a mystery for us forever.

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