

Phoenix Hopes

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Willow was walking home from school when she saw it. There was a little lake with an island in it right outside of Willow's community. Willow thought she saw something but then ended up thinking her mind and eyes were playing tricks on her. But as she went closer she started to believe herself. She knew it! There was a sea lion on the mini island!!!! "Wow this is news!" she thought. Willow called her mom to come over and see for herself. "Honey, this is huge! But, there might be something wrong with the sea lion so we should call someone" Willow's mom

told her. "Maybe the aquarium people can come help," Willow's mom (Mrs.Brody)

told Willow. "Sure," Willow replied. So Willow's mom called the aquarium to help Willow's discovery. A couple minutes later a huge truck came to take the sea lion away to get checked out. They came out with a huge crew and a stretcher. They plunged into the

murky water to swim towards the sea lion. The sea lion squealed a sea lion squeal. Willow jumped back in surprise. Willow thought it was weird that the sea lion didn't swim away but she just watched nervously. "I'm going to name her Phoenix



because Phoenix birds are very red and she has a little bit of red marks on his belly,” Willow told her mother. “I think that is a wonderful and an astounding idea,” Mrs. Brody replied. So from then on the Sea Lion was now Phoenix!

“Well actually Phoenix is a male sea lion, also it is really uncommon to find sea lions here. They are originally found in the Pacific Ocean and definitely not here,” the marine biologist next to Willow said. “Fascinating,” Mrs. Brody told the biologist. Finally the people in the water with Phoenix got out of the water and loaded Phoenix into the truck. Willow was sad to see Phoenix go. Mrs. Brody drove Willow to the aquarium where Phoenix would get checked out. There Willow met a girl her age named Hannah in the same room where Phoenix was. Hannah was a nice girl who like Willow loved marine life maybe not as much as Willow but still. She was also the daughter of a rescuer so she knew all about the aquarium and all of its animals. While Willow was busy exploring with Hannah Mrs. Brody was calling her husband (Willow’s father a.k.a Mr. Brody) to tell him all about the little adventure they had. He was so impressed that he said, “Maybe this should be our little girl’s dream she sure is good at it. I’m starting to believe if she has this dream it might be good for her!” This made Mrs. Brody really happy she started yelling, “I told you so! `I told you so!” right there in the aquarium!!!

A couple days later, the people in the aquarium were done taking care of Phoenix. “He is in perfect shape just lost and lonely.” the head biologist told the Willow. “Good thing you found him sooner or he might have gotten sick. Now, all we need to do is find his family,” she went on. “I’m glad I could help,” Willow said shyly. “I hope we find his family.” “We will,” said the biologist firmly. “Would you like to help us?” she asked. “Oh by the way, my name is Dr. Antonio but call me Alex.” “Sure I would love to help Dr. An... oh, sorry Alex,” Willow replied.

The next morning Alex, Willow, Hannah, Josh (Willow’s brother), Mrs. Brody, Mr. Brody, and five workers from the aquarium set out. They filled up two whole entire boats and began to explore. One boat with Alex, Willow, Hannah, and two aquarium workers went to explore the lake where they found Phoenix. While another boat with Josh, Mr and Mrs. Brody, and the rest of the aquarium workers searched the nearby bay. Each boat had life jackets and walkie talkies. They explored and searched. “I see something!!! It looks like a swimming sea lion!!!” called Josh. There ended up being a whole raft (group of sea lions in the water) there. They sent a message over the walkie talkies to the other boat who hurried threw the canal to get to the bay where the other boat was. “Okay, I planned for this.

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