

Mystery in the Sea Cave

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The sea cave's walls echoed as waves splashed against them. Bella timidly crept forwards with her soaking wet golden retriever, Ben. They had come to solve the mystery of the awful crying.

It had started the night before when Bella had sleepily woken up to get a cold cup of water. Suddenly she could hear dreadful wails and screams of "Help, Help!" coming from the direction of the beach.

The next night, Bella was awake and ready. Sure enough she heard a faint cry for help. There was detective work to be done, she thought. In the morning, Bella and Ben had come to investigate.

Bella was down to 11 exhausting laps of the cave when Ben barked excitedly. "What is it Ben?" she whispered. She followed him quietly across the pitch black cave. Through the darkness Bella heard him gobbling something. "Ben, stop eating that at once," she commanded. Bella stumbled over the excitable dog's wagging tail and crashed onto the ground. Yuck, she felt something soft and slimy. Her ears rang as she heard Ben whining softly. Bella looked at his tail carefully. "It's okay Benny boy, nothings hurt," Then she felt the slimy stuff. It was food! "I wonder why that's there," she pondered. Bella cleverly put the crying and the food together.

Maybe, she thought, there is a person trapped somewhere, stuck and alone. Bella sometimes felt like that with her parents at work all the time. She decided she had to save him.

"Come on Ben," she demanded. But Bella heard absolutely nothing. She swerved around anxiously scanning the hard, unkempt ground. Panic swept up inside her like a bushfire, starting low then rising higher.

Instead of finding him lying on his back Bella saw a huge hole she'd never seen before. At the bottom of the dank, dark pit she saw a disgruntled Ben and a strange boy she'd never seen before. He had knotty and dishevelled blond hair and his wild blue eyes had the look of someone that was lost. Bella gasped, he must be the person who had been crying and whose food

she had fallen on. The boy sounded weak from lack of hunger. He wheezed: "Thank you for finding me. I've been stuck down here for two days. I have a rope in my bag that will get us out". Bella went back to get the rope. She stopped, she heard pounding waves. Bella was curious and went to see what it was. This is what she saw..... Sea waves were smashing against the cave. She froze, her heart was pounding as she realised the tide was coming in. She ran back, got the rope and freed them. They just got out in time.

The boy, Max, told her his phone number and Bella's mum called his parents. They were very grateful and thanked Bella heaps.

Afterwards she said to her mum: "That was the greatest adventure I've ever had." I would agree with her, wouldn't you?