

THE BLUE MERMAID.

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SCENE.1

Back drop. A dingy shed...a typical Aussie garage full of junk. (Black fabric attached to 2 poles and held by backstage crew would suffice.)

Black out with spotlight on the 2 figures (Fish and Chips) centre stage bending over a stack of junk.

FISH: Hey Chips! Take a look at what I found in this old tin of Grandad's.

CHIPS: What is it, Fish?

FISH: I think it might be something important. It has gold lettering on it and a special wax seal.

CHIPS: Oh wow! We might have won the lottery of something! Let's undo it and have a look.

FISH: Yeah. But I think we had better ask Grandma if that would be O.K. This doesn't belong to us; remember. All this stuff belonged to my Grandad and he died years ago.

CHIPS: Good idea. Let's go and find her in the house.

FULL STAGE LIGHTS UP FISH AND CHIPS MOVE TO ANOTHER POSITION ON THE STAGE. THERE IS NO NEED FOR A SCENE CHANGE.

GRANDMA WHALEY IS BUSY MIXING A CAKE.

GRANDMA: Hello Fish dear. What have you been up to this morning? I thought you'd be out fishing on the first day of your school holidays.

FISH: Chips and I thought we'd give you a hand and clean out some of Grandad's junk from the shed for you.

GRANDMA: Oh, what good boys you are. There is a lot of old junk in there. It could do with a good tidy. Then there would be room for the old boat.

CHIPS: Gee can I lick the bowl when you have finished mixing that cake Mrs Whaley?

FISH GIVES CHIPS A NUDGE.

FISH: Actually Grandma, we found this and wonder if it is anything important.

GRANDMA: Let me see boys. **(Grandma unrolls the scroll)**. Well goodness me! This is an old document from you Grandfather. It says "When I am gone, please take care of the Blue Mermaid". She is quite old and may need a makeover

CHIPS: Who is the Blue Mermaid?

GRANDMA: I'm sure I don't know dear, but I have a feeling you two are going to have an interesting holiday trying find out!

FISH: Would you mind if we did try, Grandma? It could be fun. We could use Grandad's old boat he used for fishing and explore the coast a little.

GRANDMA: Go ahead boys. Make sure you wear your life jackets in the boat please. You can come and have some cake when you are done.

FISH AND CHIPS: Great! Let's go and get everything ready!

GRANDMA: I'll cut you some sandwiches. Is Vegemite O.K.?

STAGE LIGHTS DOWN AND SPOT ON TO THE SIDE OF THE STAGE.

FISH AND CHIPS, GRANDMA AND BACKSTAGE CREW EXIT STAGE.

LIGHT UP THE MERMAID.

(Mermaid is in hair rollers reading the newspaper sitting on a beach chair.)

Hands, the octopus enters with a telegram for Mermaid.

HANDS: This just arrived for you by water taxi, Madam.

MERMAID: Thankyou hands. I won't shake your hand because I don't know which one to shake. **(she cracks up laughing. Hands rolls eyes.)** Read it for me will you Hands. Can't you see I have my Hands full? **(cracks up laughing again)**

Hands undoes envelope.

HANDS: Of course Madam. "Scroll discovered in old shed STOP Search on for old blue Mermaid in need of makeover STOP Be prepared, this could be your lucky break STOP.

MERMAID: Old! Who says I'm old? And makeover!!! How rude!! Who sent this telegram? Well don't just stand there Hands! Help me get ready! I've been waiting for years to be discovered!

HANDS : Of course Madam. I will go and prepare your tail.

HANDS MOVES TO THE CENTRE STAGE AND IS GREETED BY OTHER SEA CREATURES.

SEA CREATURE 1: Boy she gives you such a hard time Hands.

SEA CREATURE 2: She really shouldn't make jokes about you all the time either. That's mean. Every one knows an octopus has 8 arms. No big deal.

SEA CREATURE 3: That's right hands. You have been caring for her for years. She should treat you with more respect.

SEA CREATURE 4: Exactly. I hope one day that you can follow your dreams Hands, and do what you would like to do. By the way, what is it you would like to do?

HANDS: Yes. That would be nice. All I really want to be is a gardener. You know... coral and kelp and sea sponges everywhere. I hope this is her lucky break so that I can follow my dream. She can become famous and I can have my underwater garden.**(sigh)**

HANDS WALKS TO MICROPHONE.

HANDS SOLO ,DANCE ROUTINE AND CHOIR.

1 OCTOPUSES GARDEN.

MERMAID.Hands! Oh Hands! Where is that Handy little fish when I need him? Hands!

HANDS: Yes Madam? What can I help you with?

MERMAID: Where were you? Come on, help me get to the health spa. I need a mud pack to make me more beautiful.

HANDS: Yes I agree. Some mud on your face could only help.

LIGHTS DOWN.

END SCENE 1.