The Cure for Corona

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I was sick of coronavirus. It devastated many people. Schools, shops, events and more were closed. The new law stated that you had to wear a mask in public and everyone had to stay at home and stay 6 ft. apart. Many people got the virus and some were even dying. I know it was a long shot but I set off to find a cure.

The night before I had Face-timed my best friend Alexandra and told her about my idea. She loved it and was desperate as I was. The flower that is said to cure corona is in an underwater cave that is not possible for a human to reach. Many people have tried to reach it and have drowned. A human is not able to hold their breath for that long. Our secret was that we were half-mermaid. When Alexandra and I were Underwater we became mermaids. Above water we were human. It was hard not to go to swimming parties so others would not see us as mermaids. Our family were the only ones who knew and claimed it was too dangerous to try and get the flower. I felt bad disobeying them but at this time people were desperate. So desperate that every day several people died trying to reach the flower. Our world needed us, I thought as we swam to the cave.
“We are here!” Alexandra said as she pointed at what looked like the outline of a cave. It was midnight and hard to see the cave. There was one thing I did see clearly was something that looked like a camera. I decided not to mention it because it probably was just a rock. I flicked my tail and looked down at the tiny ripples I made in the water. It was so beautiful.

“Lets go,” I said as I propelled my tail and swam toward the cave. At this point we were swimming underwater and towards more water.

“Where are we?” Alexandra asked.

“I really don’t know,” I replied. But then I saw it, a small light at first but then it got brighter. So bright that I could see it was a small glowing...flower! “Alexandra!” I shouted “I see the flower”

“Where?” She asked

“Over there, by that light” I said as I pointed towards the flower just below us.

“Well, what are we waiting for? Lets go get it!” Alexandra said excitedly. We dived down for what felt like an hour. Before it looked so close but now it’s so far away. After diving for an hour and a half we finally reached the flower. Now I could see how hard it would be for a human. I felt around the seafloor, I picked up a handful of sand. It was SO soft! This sand was like fresh snow and felt like a cloud. I saw Alexandra pick the flower. It was so pretty and the petals were as soft as the sand. As she picked the flower I felt shaking soft at first but now getting worse and worse one more second and the seafloor would erupt.

“Swim!” I screamed as the seafloor lifted and sand flew everywhere.
"I can't see where I am going" shouted Alexandra.

"I can't either" I shouted back "try to swim upward." I saw Alexandra trying and so did I. After trying we gave up and let the whirlpool take us. After a half an hour it stopped and was now a calm sea. Thankfully we were in the same place and the flower was lying on the seafloor. Alexandra grabbed the flower and we started our long journey out of the cave. Alexandra put the flower in her backpack. Once we got to Alexandra's house she went inside and I went home. I climbed into bed and slept for the rest of the night.
“Evelyn, wake up” I heard my mom say “it’s 11 am” I yawned and got out of bed.

“Look” said my mom as she thrust a newspaper in my face. It said that someone found a cure for corona. The picture was of 2 girls, mermaids! I thought I saw a camera! “I’m not happy” said my mom. “Neither is Alexandra’s mom. But it was very brave of you two, you saved the world!”

“I know!” I cheered. Later I called Alexandra and asked her to come over. We still had to social distance though. When she came over there was a crowd behind her, at least 1,000 people.

“They followed me” she explained “we are heros.” I laughed and Alexandra did too. Later there were many newspapers about us and everything was back to normal in a month. I smiled as I entered school for the first time in months, with my best friend beside me!