

Magic Tree House, Book 31

Summer of the Sea Serpent (Unabridged)

Chapter 1: summer solstice

Jack was sitting on the porch reading a newspaper. It was a warm summer day but the porch was chilling and cool. Anne portered at the other green door.

Hi! Mom said she's a driver so late this afternoon. She said.

Jack didn't raise his eyes from the the weather page,

Did you know the day of summer solstice? he said.

What's that? Asked Anne.

It's the official first day of the summer. Said Jack. It's more longer day like today than anyother day in the year.

Cool. Said Anne.

Starting the mall the days were getting shorter and shorter. Said Jack. A lot of scirms came from the head.

Look! Said Anne. A seagull.

Jack looked up. A large wild gull were serkling the bright noon sky.

What's he doing here? Asked Jack. The ocean is two hours away.

The gull swooped down and scratched again.

Maybe he is a messenger from Morgan and Moline? Said Anne.

Maybe one of them sent info from the tree house and finally back.

Jack's heart began to pound. He put down the newspaper.

Do You think so? He asked.

Jack and Anne hadn't seen the magic tree house since their Moline motion to the haunted castle at the Halloween Eve. Jack began to worry about the tree house that it might be never come back.

Look! It's flying to our woods! Said Anne.

Jack jumped up. Ok! He said. Let's go.

We'll be back soon. Mom! Anne called.

Then she and Jack dashed across the yard. They run down their street, and into the fog crake woods. The shade was redapoled with sun light. The air smelled fresh and clean. Jack and Anne hurried pass the leap great trees, until they came to the tallest oak. High in the oak branches, the magic tree house was waiting for them.

Wow! Jack and Anne said together.

The tree house was looked exactly as the same as they last time to see it. Anne grasped the rope ladder and started up. Jack followed.

When they climbed into the tree house, no one was there.

Look! A royal invitation is still here. Said Anne.

She picked up the card. That had taken them to Camelot on Christmas Eve. And leaves from Moline are here. said Jack. He

picked the yellow autumn leaf that sent them to the castle in the Halloween eve.

This is news? Said Anne. She picked up the pale blue seashore.

The shore was shaped like a small fat. There was writing on it.

Hi! This looks like Moline's handwriting. Said Anne. We must be going on the other mission for Moline. She read aloud the message from the magician.

To Jack and Anne to forg grey. On the summer solstice, journey to the land of losting missed. To a time that ever before Camelot. Follow my realm, complete your mission.

Am.

Anne looked up.

What realm? She said.

Let me see. Jack took the shore and turned it over. On the other side was the poem. Jack read the poem aloud.

Before night falls,

On the long summer day,

A shinning solstice must on its way,

Into your hands and out of the ground

Were camelot's king show me the noon

The beginning that crest salt of light

Call for the help on the other night
Then passed it to the spider in that cove
A spider queen...

A spide queen? Anne interrupted.
She frowned. Spider was about the only thing she was afraid of.
Don't think about it now. said Jack. Let's keep going. He read on.
Pass to the cove with spider queen.
And swim with creature closing green
Into the curve of the stall cost
Dave in the cloak with old great ghost

Jack stopped reading.
Old grey ghost? Old great ghost? He said.
Don't think about it now. said Anne. Keep going.

Jack read more:
Answer question with log not failure
With roming sword
Your home is near

Both Jack and Anne were silent for a moment.

That's a lot to do before the night fall. Jack finally said.

Yeah! Said Anne. And now I'm worry about the spider part.

And ghost part? Said Jack.

Hey! Said Anne. If we are going on the other Moline's mission, I bet Teddy will come with us. He can help us get through the scary parts.

Right! Said Jack. Just here in Teddy's name, make him feel more braver.

So! Said Anne.

Arnurrd?

Arnurrd.

Was Teddy's favorite world.

Arnurd. Said Jack. He pointed to the handwriting of pale glue shell.

I wish we could go to the time before Camelot.

The wind started to blow. The tree house started to spin. It spun faster and faster. Then everything was still. Absolutely still.

Chapter 2: the water knight

A salty breeze blew into the tree house. Seagulls greached over their head. Jack and Anne looked out of the tree house window. There were high branches of the old tree. The tree was on the secrets been no crap mountains. The mountain was looked over rocky cold .. there was no sign of human life anywhere.

It looked wild and lonely here. Said Anne.

Very lonely. Said Jack. I wonder where Moline and Teddy are.

I don't know. Said Anne. They were on the jungle our tree last time.

Let's look for them from this one. She climbed down the rope ladder, Jack crambled the seashore and got off followed her.

Moline? Anne called. Teddy?

Jack and Anne searched in the tree trunk, but there was no sign of the insurance of the magic cheeseberg Moline the magician. They searched the tree again, Jack tapped the bark for several places.

I have a feeling that no one lives in this tree. Said Anne.

I think you're right. Said Jack.

Maybe they're down by the water. Said Anne.

Anne and Jack walked a few feet to the ledge of the cliff and looked down at the rocky coust, they saw three goats separated by the rocky clipps. The cliffs were failed, with shadowy cracks, and dark

marks of coves. In the first cove, some of water flattened from the open hole to a small space between the cliffs. Then washed down a placidly shore. The second cove was smaller but looked much more like the first, the third cove was different. The farthest way surrounded by a ring of red green hills. The same as one missed, the milky waters.

I don't see any signs of Moline's and Teddy's. said Jack. I guess we have to start without them.

Read beginning of Moline's realm again. Said Anne.

Jack threw his sword to the pocket, and read aloud:

Before night falls on this long summer day

The shining sword must find its way

Into your hands and up follow the gloom

A Camelot's king will show the doom

Jack looked up at the sky. The sun was almost reckly over his head.

It must be around noon now. he said.

We don't have too much time. Said Anne. What will we do first?

Jack looked back at the realm and read aloud:

To begin your request, for the sword of light

All for the help of the odder night

Oh! Easy! Said Anne.

It is ? said Jack.

Sure. Said Anne.

If he is a water knight. He's probably by the water.

She started down at the water which heeled to the port near the cove. Jack started to show his pocket.

Right. He's probably down by the water.

She started down the rocky hailer ladder to the nearest gulf. Jack stuffed shell back to the pocket.

But it's not the water knight. He yelled as he followed Anne.

It doesn't matter. She yelled back, we have to go down the cove nearby the water gulf for help.

They climbed over large porters towards the gulf. The porters were slippery, but Jack snickers from its sliding. A damn blue from his sea.

It may be scanning close to its climate. When they got to the shore, Jack weared and missed off his glasses and looked around. The wide beach was covered with several pebbles, shells and rows of seafood. Sand piper and ghost crab pinked claws to heaven.

The time must be out. Said Jack.

He started to clap the cove.

I don't know our night king can go down here, the horse could never make over all those rocks.

Let's just do what the realm tells us. Said Anne. And see what happens.

Anne stretched her arms, she closed her eyes, she raised her head towards the sky and shouted:

Oh! What a night! Whoever you are? Come here and help Jack and Anne!

Oh! Brother! Jack murmured to himself.

Suddenly they heard a wild crazy howl from a seagull.

Jack! Look! Said Anne.

She pointed to the middle of cove. Seabirds were reaching and flapping above the giant seaweed sprays and followed. They were just splashing the surface of the water. Happily to the beach.

Wow! Said Anne. She took up frowning and across the sand.

Come back! Shouted Jack.

No. come look! Said Anne.

Jack hurried to the ledge of the surf. Through the blue surface, they saw the silver haunt of the light appeared above the water. They saw silver blast stammer, then a stranger creature burst through the surface, carrying the light back. The creature had a horse's

head, and neck and round legs. But it instead of back legs, it had a long slivery fish's tail.

With the water light on its back, the horse creature had grasped ...seagulls thrushed wildly to its head. Following the tower to the shore, as the night closed to the water. He looked straight at Jack and Anne. He raised his gloved head, and backoned to them.

Ok! We're coming! Cried Anne.

She started pulling off her niggles,

Wait! You should think about this! Cried Jack.

We have not enough time. Said Anne. He wants to help us. He's like a stag to carry us to Camelot.

Not yet then. Said Jack. It's much a weirder.

But Anne toasted sneaker to its rocks and splashed with shallow water. The night held up his head, and helped to the long stranger creature. The creature slapped its fish's tail against the water, sending up a frond of sprade.

Come on! Jack! Anne yelled. We can't waster time !

Anne's right. Jack thought. We have to find the sword of light before the night falls. They pulled up their sneakers and toasted band to the rocks near Anne's. then they stepped into the cold water and waited out to the wright. Anne pulled Jack up onto the horse creature. He sat on the skaly tail and clownched Anne she held

tightly to the water knight's neck. The silvery fish's tail slapped the water. The shore splitted into a rainy down way toward Jack. She closed her eyes.

I've worked. She said faintly.

The water knight turned to way off the shore, with more slaps from its tail, the horse creature began gulping (galloping) its way swimming across the cove. The seagulls screwed wildly, as they swooped after them.

Puping, oping down. Jack klonped desperately to Anne.

He kept his eyes squeezly shut, trying hard not to fall off.

As they spread cove, the water knight carried his deep overly repul and wave. The popling wright into a smooth one.

This is great~! Cried Anne.

Jack opened his eyes with the windy spread his face and hair, he began to fell more excited than scared.

Our Betty's taking us to the south of the light! Cried Anne.

Will be down our mission in no time.

That will be too easy. Thought Jack.

But he spider with his wave hopeful.

Maybe she's right. Maybe it will be easy . he thought.

Not all our mission happened to be hard.

But what about the resffin staff around?

What about? Before Jack and Anne finished thought.

The stranger horse creature stopped and reared up. Jack and Anne tumbled into its fishy tail, and splashed into the cold water. They sank for a moment and then bobbed back up to the surface. Frantically trembling in the water, they looked up at the water knight and it's not like a horse. The knight lifted its arms into the air. He pointed to a pile of powder near the base of the nearby cliff. And he spread his fingers and glove, and gesture a faire well.

Bye! Thanks! Shouted Anne.

The horse creature slapped its fishy tail, and took off the frontier. The glove is above them. The mysterious pairs of waterholes towards the passage between the cliffs led out to the sea. In the moment, they vanished into the open water and yawned(beyond).

Chapter 3: cave of the spider queen

Gentle waves rapped through the cove, as Jack and Anne swam to the foot of the cliff. They pulled themselves onto the borders. Soaking and wet, they sat for a moment in the warm sunlight, and

caught their breath.

That was so cool. Said Anne.

Yeah! But why? Jack gapped. Why they dumped us out of here?

What do we do now?

Check the realm. Said Anne.

What happened after we called for the help from the water knight?

Jack reached to his pocket.

Why? Jack gasped. Why did they dumped us out here?

Jack reached to his pocket and pulled out the seashore. He read aloud:

Call for the help of the water knight

Then pass to the cave of the spider queen

Oh, right. Said Anne.

She took a deep breath.

Spider queen...

Sorry. Jack said softly.

But don't worry, maybe the spider queen is just a person. Maybe the spider queen is her nickname.

But what if she's happened to be not a person? A half person and half spider. Said Anne. As the raven king is the half man, and half raven.

Jack shultted as he memorized the monster of Moline's mission.

Don't think about that. He said. Time's running out. Let's just find out this cave.

Anne nodded and smiled bravely.

Ok! You're right. She said

They stood up and started climbing the bell of feet around the craggie cruves of the base of the cliff. As they rounded the corner, they both gasped. In front of them, is the mouth of the cave. The mouth was covered with silk sticky web of ropes. The ropes were roven tightly together and crest-cross cupweb and pattern.

If that's a spider web, we went a big trouble. Said Anne.

Jack tried to calm her.

Ah..besides the web there doesn't come to us the spider. He said.

Plus, I want to know the spider as big as inner plate.

Yeah. And know who was on earth the giant fish's tail either? Said Anne.

Good point. Thought Jack.

Let's just concentrate on fairing sort of light before knight fall. He said.

Jack picked up stone besides a soft ball. He threw it to the mouth of

the cave. The stone seals to the giant web into the cave, pulling the sticky rope like the strings down with it.

Jack turned to Anne,

Ready? He said.

She didn't move. Jack took her hand,

Don't worry. I'll let you meet any monster spider who will get you.

He said.

He nodded to the mouth of the cave.

Onward?

Onward...

Anne repeated in a small voice.

Then together she and Jack crept into the fallen web and entered the cave of spider queen. Inside the cave, the wall was black and shinning. The ground was wet and slippery under the barefeet.

Yaex! Anne said jumping back!

A pale pink crab scattered side, across the rocky floor.

Don't be afraid. Said Jack. Just not the spider.

I know. Said Anne. Sorry.

As they went deeper and deeper into the cave, it grew darker and darker. Finally Jack saw a faint light becoming from the wide arched passage.

That way. He said.

They stepped through the arch into the room, ground chimble with the high ceiling. There were several large cracks in the ceiling that slimmed some light. The mist light was shinning on moisy green passages and a green sponge like a flower.(licked on the floor)

Silver droplets streeped from above. Clopping into the tiny pools. Shrimps and crabs come from the crannies to the highest places of the walls.

That's that noise. Asked Anne.

Probably just tinny quick(squeak) of baby bets. Said Jack.

No. that noise. Said Anne. The whispering noise.

Jack listened. Never heard it. The low whispering. He couldn't make up the words. It's just sound like whisper...whisper...whisper...whisper...

They heard up to the best of hear they could have a neck. Now he began to fell scared.

Thess whispers felt very crappy. Said Anne.

No kidding. Said Jack. But we don't have to stay here a long, the realm we just have is: pass through the cave. So let's hurry up and pass through it.

Jack and Anne walked through the ghostly green light of the chamber. The sponge floor squished by the knees of their bare feet. As they searched for the excess of the cave, they both kept the eye out for the spider queen.

Hey! Look at the star fish! Said Anne.

She pointed to a bright warning starfish climbing to the rocky ceiling.

How he get up there?

Before Jack could answer, the wave crashed into the chamber. Water splashed over Jack and Anne.

Yaex! Said Anne.

She and Jack jumped on to a moisty ledge of the wall. The wave splashed out. (washed back out). It was the moment of quiet. In the other wave sheerved into the chamber, splashed against the chin wall, soaking Jack and Anne again.

Oh, ma'am! Said Jack. The tide must be coming in. so it's ok will be flooded.

The wave receded. For a moment all was quiet again.

We'd better leave now. said Jack.

Quick! Go back the way we came in!

Jack and Anne jumped down from the ledge. Before they could skip, another wave crashed into the cave. This one swept them off their feet and hit (pulled) them down into the cold water. Jack grasped Anne's hand. By the swollen current, they climbed back up onto the mossy ledge. The water jerked and gurgled around the chamber. We can't go back the way we came in! said Jack. The way has just blocked down by the wave and we've been got caught of the current!

Maybe we can get out through that crack! Cried Anne.

She pointed to the wide crack on the cave's ceiling. It was high above the swollen water.

It's still high. Said Jack. We can't get up there.

He looked frantically around the flood cave, searching for other way out.

Suddenly, he froze in horror.

Climbing to the ledge near the ceiling crouched was the spider queen. She had eight red glowing eyes. She had eight long grey legs. And she was much bigger than any ordinary spider. The spider queen was bigger than Jack.

Chapter 4: web, work

Jack grasped Anne's hand.

Whatever you do, don't look up. He said.

Anne looked up.

a.aa.aaa...she screamed. She started to leap up off the ledge and fell into the water. But then another web craped widely against the water. Jack held Anne back.

Don't jump. He shouted. You'll drown.

Above the sound of the rushing waters, a loud whisper echoed around the cave.

Stay!

Stay!

Stay!

The spider queen was staring down at them with her eight red eyes.

As Jack and Anne stared back at her, the giant spider shuttled a web silk rope strand straight towards them. Jack and Anne drunk into the strings dock to the wall.

What's she doing? Cried Anne.

I don't know. Said Jack.

He and Anne looked back at the spider queen. She crawled a few flicks closer to the crack of the wall. She stared down at them for a

few moment with her glowing eyes, them shuttled out another silk rope strand .

Watch out! Said Jack.

He and Anne ward. Wow! The second web stopped the ledge, just few feet away from the first.

Oh, no! look! Shred Anne.

She pointed up to the cave's ceiling. The monster spider with zigzagging between the two streap of her webbing. She was heading straight towards them. Jack and Anne screamed pressing themselves against the wall.

We have to leave! Cried Anne.

But before they could make a move, an other wave crashed into the cave. The water swallowed with fierce force into the first surround wall of the chamber.

We can't leave! Cried Jack.

We can't stay! Cried Anne.

Wait! Wait! Wait!

Whispered the spider queen.

The giant spider kept zigzagging between the two lines, spinning more web, coming closer and closer to Jack and Anne. They watched her in horror, unable to speak or move. But just when she

came closer to touch them, the spider queen turned and scurried back up to the ceiling, leaving a giant web behind her.

The spider queen stared down at Jack and Anne with her eight red eyes.

Climb! Climb! Climb!

She whispered in her stammered voice from her spot of ceiling.

I think she wants to help us. Said Jack.

No! she was the trappers! Said Anne.

The spider whispered again: Climb! Climb! Climb!

Something in spider's voice made Jack felt certainly that the spider queen wanted to help them.

She doesn't want to hurt us. He said. She wants to help us from the scape. We don't have any choice.

The water wad rising higher and higher over their ledge and was swallowing above their ankles now.

We have to climb the web. Said Jack. I'll go first.

He reached up and grasped one of the spider's ropes. It felt damp and sticky, he pulled himself onto the barn of the entrench of the web ladder.

Grab on! He shouted to Anne above the raw of the water.

We have to get the crack of the safe ceiling.

Anne grabbed the web ropes.

Ouh~! She said! it grows!

Just climb! Said Jack.

Holding tightly to the sickly strings, Jack and Anne began making their way up the spider queen's web ladder. The web swayed and stretched, but it was steady and held their web to wall. It's sticky and wet from their falling crawling and climbing they moved higher and higher above the crashing waters.

As they neared the crack of the ceiling, Jack kept his eyes on the spider queen. She was watching them carefully. Finally, Jack reached the ceiling crack, he swung (swang) one side of the web ladder, putting himself between Anne and giant spider.

You go first. He said.

Ok! Said Anne.

She grabbed the rocky edge and staggered ahead out of the crack.

There's no way to go but into the water. She called.

I've all done in it. Said Jack.

Pretty far! Said Anne. But I think we can make it.

Wait! Said Jack.

But Anne was already creeping herself into the crack.

Anne, be careful! Said Jack.

Splash!

Oh! Ma'am! Said Jack.

He crouched at the edge of the crack, and kept an eye on the spider queen. Her glowing red eyes appeared out from the shadows.

Go! Go! Go!

She whispered.

Jack smiled at her.

Thanks! He said.

Go...

The spider queen whispered again.

Jack pulled himself out of the darkness onto a narrow rocky ledge.

The bright sun sparkled on the blue water and small waves below.

Come on! Anne shouted. She was pushing up and down the gentle waves. Jack took off his glasses, he pinched his nose close to the ledge, and then jumped off the ledge.

Chapter 5: wow..wow...the voice of crow

Jack splashed into the blue sun-like sea. He sank to the bottom and then popped back up. He calved and pushed his hair out of his eyes.

Anne was treading water nearby.

Hi! She called.

Hi! Jack spaded.

I was wrong, you're right. Anne said.

She sounded thrilled, the spider queen just wanted to help us.

Yeha! Said Jack.

He shook the sea water off his glasses and wore them on.

She must be very lonely. Said Anne. She probably feels that she was hidden behind the cave because she was so scary looking.

Maybe. Said Jack.

He looked around the second cove. Powerful shadows stretched over rocky seashore by nearby cliffs. The sun moved further across the sky.

We'd better hurry! Said Jack

What do we do now? said Jack.

We do realm. Said Anne.

Jack pulled the shell out of his pocket, trading water, you will read
the next line of Moline's poem.

And swam with the silky

Closing to the deep green,

What's silky? Said Anne.

Who knows. Said Jack.

He looked cliffs on the shore. As silky a fish or a person? What? He
wondered.

In Jack's two dark sheep (ships)

splidding like fast beatles

blowing through the surface of the water

they were coming straight to Jack and Anne.

Watch out~! Jack shouted.

Yeax! Anne yelled.

Jack and Anne swam out of the way the creature was smoothly
passed them. Suddenly, two sleek grey head popped up above the
surface. They had wide snouts, and long wide whiskers, they had
tiny winky ears, and big dark eyes.

Seals! Cried Anne.

The two seals turned their head slightly to grope, when they saw Jack and Anne, they opened their mouths showing their small pointed teeth. They seemed to be smiling.

Hi, guys! Said Anne.

Woof! Woof! The seals barked.

Then they roped through the water, and punched Jack and Anne with their noses. They barked again joyfully, then darted toward shore.

Come on! Cried Anne. Let's play with them.

We don't have time to play. Said Jack.

But Anne had already started after the seals, swimming towards the rocky beach.

Anne stop! Called Jack. We have to hurry up to find out the silky. I'm a sort of late before night fall. The king Arthur was making a doom.

Jack's voice trailed half. Anne didn't hear him, she and two seals had reached the shore, and they had been getting out of the water. The seals were climbing hard onto the big rock and flocked down. Anne climbed onto the rock too.

Anne! Come on! Shouted Jack.

It could be as late as four clock's now. he thought, and there were

still a lot of things they have to do before night fall.

Let's rush for a minute. Anne called.

She sat near the seals and petted them at their shinning heads as if they were big dogs. The seals barked. Actually Jack wanted to rest too. He felt really tired.

Maybe we could have a rest at the rock with the seals. He thought. Then search for the silky.

Well. Ok! He shouted. But just for a quake minute.

Jack headed for shore but tide dragged him out of the water. The seals relaying on their backs with their eyes closed. Their wide whiskers twisted at warn sun light.

Shh... they are napping. Said Anne.

She laid down beside the seals and closed her eyes too. The sun felt really good, Jack. Come on! Lie down with us for a second.

Oh! Brother! Jack murmured. But the afternoon sunlight did feel good.

He climbed down to the warm rock and laid down next to Anne and seals.

Ok! Just for a quake second. He said.

Jack closed his eyes. The sunshine felt good on his tired arms and legs. The gentle sea breeze felt specially clean and fresh after the cave of the spider queen. The next thing he knew he had faded into deep peaceful sleep.

Chapter 6: the saluki

Wake up! You lazy bone! You can't sleep all afternoon. Said a friendly voice.

Jack's eyes shut open.

Oh, no. he thought. What Time is it. He sat up and looked around. The seals were gone. Standing over Jack and Anne was a bearful boy with happy fakled face.

Teddy! Said Jack.

For a moment, he forgot all about the time.

Teddy, Teddy! Cried Anne. She leaped up and hug the young sorcerer.

Teddy greened from ear to ear. He was wearing a brown tilneck.

His red hair was damp.

You're finally here. Said Jack laughing.

I've been here for some time. Said Teddy. Moline said it to me this morning, I was waiting for you on the beach when Cstherine came along and invited me to go for swimming with her.

Teddy turned to a girl standing a little further down the beach. Like Teddy, she looked to be about thirteen.

Cstherine! Come here, my new friend!

The girl smiled and began walking over the rock towards Jack, Anne and Teddy. She wore green dress. It looked been woven from grass. Her hair's fallen down from her wrist like a dark waterfall.

This is my good friends, Jack and Anne. Teddy said to the girl. They come from a faraway land.

Hello! Jack and Anne. The girl said in a friendly voice. I'm very happy to meet you. My name is Cstherine.

As she spoke, Cstherine's large sparkle eyes with blue and sky and water.

Jack couldn't speak.

Cstherine was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen.

I like your dress. Said Anne.

Cstherine laughed. I wove it from sea grass. She said. I'm not a very good weaver, I'm sad to say.

Do you live here? Asked Anne.

I do. Said Cstherine. With my nineteen sisters.

Nineteen sisters? Said Anne.

Yes. Said Cstherine tossing back her long course.

I'm the youngest of all. We live in a cave up the cliffs.

Cool. Said Anne. Is your cave like the spider queen?

No, no. said Cstherine. It's much more cheerful than moor eggs' cave. (Moagge)

So that's her name? said Anne. I'm worry that she might be lonely.

I do not worry. Said Cstherine. Moagge has many friends. Darts, crabs and starfish.

But they don't seem to concern about her.

She smiled at Anne. Cstherine's mAnner finally gave Jack the brave to speak.

He cleared his throat.

The water knight is really cool. He said.

The water knight? Said Cstherine.

Yeah! He said. the guy who carried us across the first cove.

Cstherine looked puzzled. And that knight has a horse's head. Said

Anne.

How strange. Said Cstherine. I often go swimming at that cove, but I've never seen or heard such a knight.

Have you lived here for a long time? Asked Anne.

Always. Said Cstherine.

Cstherine is a saluki. Said Teddy.

A saluki? Jack and Anne said together.

Yes! Said Cstherine laughing.

Here is Moline's realm. Said Anne.

It says:

Swimming with a saluki

Closing in green

Moline's realm? Asked Teddy.

Moline gave us a realm to help us to find a sword of light. Said Jack.

A smile left at Cstherine's face. Her beautiful eyes darkened.

You have come here to search a sword of light? She said. oh! Dear!

What's wrong? Said Jack.

Many had passed through here seeking the sword of light. Said Cstherine. But as soon as anyone entered the cove of the young jellyfish cave, terrible winter storm seemed bluster them all

nowhere. Even in summer, the storm has icy winds and rain. No seacher of the sword of light had ever survived through these gales.

Have you ever got to the cave beyond the jellyfish cave? Asked Jack.

Cstherine shook her head, my older sisters have always forbidden me to go there. She said. in fact, no saluki had ever dared to swimming at the cove of the stormy coast.

Cove of the stormy coast? Said Anne. That's the excellent in Moline's realm.

Into the cove of the stormy coast.

What is Moline's realm? Asked Teddy.

Here. Look. Said Jack. He handed seashell to Teddy. The boy sorcerer quickly read Moline's message on realm. Then he looked up the sky, the sun moves on. He said.

That may be the case we must find the sword before the night fall.

Someday Arthur was making the doom.

Wait a minute! Said Anne.

She looked at Cstherine.

The realm says we swam with you. Will you come with us?

Cstherine looked at them for a long moment. Then she stood up and tossed by her curves. Her eyes were bright.

I've always wanted to explore that cove. She said.

Hurry! Said Teddy.

You'll be the first saluki to do so. A grand adventure is waiting us all.

Onward!

Hold on! Said Jack.

What about that jellyfish cave?

You need not worry about the jellyfish. Said Cstherine. They can not harm us.

They can not? Said Jack.

No. said the saluki. Now we all will change into the seals.

Chapter 7: cove of the stormy coast

Seals? Asked Anne.

Jack looked at Teddy. Did you say to change us into the seals? He asked.

Indeed. Said Teddy. That was salukis do. They people in land, and seals in sea.

You're a seal? Jack asked Cstherine.

Sometimes. Said the saluki smiling.

Jack just stared at her, he couldn't believe the beautiful girl sometime is a seal.

Whenever I come to shore, I dry off from the sun, my seal's skin falls away. Said Cstherine. Then I am as human as well. I'm ready now.

Oh! I get it. Said Anne. You'll make us all be seals in the water.

Of course. Said Cstherine. And Teddy was the other.

Jack looked at Teddy.

You...? He stammered. How...

Teddy grimed. I'm a magician, remember? He said.

Cstherine laughed.

Yes, but this time is turn that my magic do the work. She said.

She pointed two shinning grace scans longing (lying) on the sand.

I will give my seal's skin, and spoke saluki spell.

You turn Teddy into a seal? Asked Jack.

Yeah! Said Cstherine. And I should do the same for you. I'm sure my sisters will not mind if I borrow two more of the skins.

The saluki started towards a large pile of rocks.

Teddy watched Cstherine to go and looked back to Jack and Anne.

She's a powerful magic indeed. He said.

No kidding. Said Anne.

Jack was speechless. He couldn't believe in any words that come from seals.

Cstherine came behind from the rocks, carrying two shinning skins.

Take this. She said, handing them to Jack and Anne.

The skins looked like scope devils with suits and holes.

Put it on over your close. Said Cstherine. Like this.

She and Teddy picked up their own seal's skins from the sand and began to pulling them on. Jack and Anne did the same. Jack stretched the skin up over his neck or legs and shoulders, and over his arms and T-shirt, before he finally wearing the skin, take a layer and rubber.

Before we cover our head and face, Cstherine said, we must wait in the water.

Follow me!

Jack waited calmly, into the water with the others.

This is crazy. He thought.

You can't become a seal just by putting on a seal costume.

Cstherine stopped them when they were waste deep.

Stop on your holes. She said. I will see if your wands fit with saluki language.

Then they shouted all dive in.

Teddy grown Jack and Anne.

We've flown to the sky. He said. now we shall swim to the deep. Ah! Er?

Jack nodded, but he still believed that it could possibly work.

Quick! Said Cstherine. Cover you heads and faces and dive! It soon will spoken the spell.

Jack pulled down his hood, he stretched down over his forehead, them over his face, his glassed now was in chain. He couldn't see and talk, he ralmped to hold off. But Cstherine's voice stopped him. Ankle dow to ratty me.

Ba me who know nay ha nee.

Jack heard one splash, then two more.

He'd quickly doven into the sea. As soon as the sea water covered his seal body, Jack felt his seal's skin mutton through to its own. His chest span with a sign of berrow. His arms and legs vanished and flippers took their place. Jack shuck to the water like a torpedo.

When he moved his fore flippers he turned the right to left, when he moved his back flippers, he swam forward. Jack rolled and rolled and made a lot of scrolls and rushed through the jungles of sea grasses. He dove down to the murky dives of the cove. And then seal showed back to its surface. He moved his seal body, and swam ten times faster as he had ever swam in his human body. And a good seal and here perfectly! Jack rolled and fell down, rolled and fell, rolled and fell to the deep.

Two seals were beside him. Bubbles came from their mouth. They make giggling clipping sounds. Jack could understand exactly what their sounds meant.

Hey! Jack! It's me.

It's me too.

Hi! Guys. Jack called to Anne and Teddy.

He heard trilling sounds from the other side, he saw the third seal, it was Catherine, swimming gracefully towards him.

Hello! Jack!

Hello! Catherine! Jack clicked back to her.

He wanted to tell the saluki how much funny he'd had with heaven.

When he opened his mouth, a scroll of tiny fish came down through his mouth before he knew it, Jack swallowed all the fish in whole!

But he didn't mind, he lived a seal life full of bubbles.

Onward! Cstherine! Called Teddy.

Lead us to the jellyfish cave!

Chapter 8: cloak of the all grey ghost

The four seals paddled with ease through the sunny water of the saluki cave and into the jellyfish cave. The water in the cave was cold and murky. But in the seal body, Jack felt warm and with his seal eyes he could see clearly. As he swam further and further into the cave, the jellyfish began to appear. At first, it was just a few, then they were hundreds, then thousands. Pink jellyfish, purple jellyfish, orange and chocolate jellyfish. Jellyfish like big umbrellas, and like smallest pennies, jellyfish's shape like bells, sorcerers, shoes, mushrooms, cannon balls. Jellyfish that like bright candle light, and jellyfish like clear glass. Some of the jellyfish poltze the Annen as they swam. Others silently drafted by them. Long sting tecticles treeling behind them.

As Jack swam among the jellyfish, he was afraid of them at all. His seal skin protected him completely. Finally Cstherine and Jack and Teddy and Anne swam through the passage of the cave. And into the milky green waters of the third cove. the fourth seal popped its head above the surfave of the water and took a deep group of air. Jack and wiskers striched. As he looked around the cove of the stormy coast.

The cove was completely silent. It was left a haze warm light. The water was flat common with single repel. Circling the cove, was strange green heels shimmered in the afternoon light. Snow capped mountains was above the heels. Jack could see the tree with the magic tree house in the distance of sea cliff.

Climb to thsese rocks and dry off! Cstherine barked.

They all swam to a small rocky island in the middle of the cove. Jack cloak his tear bloody body out of the water. He flopped beside the others and puffed and groaned. The seal body was so graceful under water not felt heavy and outworked. Jack scAnned and began to felt tired and tired under the sunlight.

Almost before he knew that, the skin had slipped from his body like an old rapping paper. He was human again, lying on the rocks of

the shore T-shirt. He sat up and pushed from his place.

That was great! Said Anne.

Jack looked at her. The same magic had happened to Anne and others. They were all human again.

Yeha! It was. Jack said happily. He looked around.

And I have not seen any signs of winter storm here.

No. but still I do not like to look at these places. Said Teddy.

The boy sorcerer was frowned appeared around the cove.

He gives me the quivers.

Jack landed insurancely at Teddy.

If Teddy was afraid, something must be wrong.

Teddy never acted as worried about anything.

While the day wipe on. Teddy said, looking up the sinking sun.

Let's hurry up to find the lighting sword. So we can leave this cove as quickly as possible.

I fear the search may be difficult. Said Cstherine.

Look! A deem scream was rolling down from the mountains.

As they watched, before the secret water of tree house landed.

Within a moment, before they completely the green holes, they were all swept by the windless waters of the cove.

Oh, dear! Said Cstherine The cloak of the old grey ghost of the Pallace!

The cloak of the old grey ghost? Asked Anne.

Yeah! That's why we salukis call very sick folk. Said Cstherine.

And I met them in Moline's realm! Said Anne.

Dive in the crack of old grey ghost.

Jack's brave releaf.

Grey ghost is a ghost at all. It was just an other name for fog.

So I guess we just go to the shore and find the fogs somewhere. He said.

The realm says we dive! Said Teddy.

So perhaps we do not go over to the shore at all.

All right. Said Jack.

Do you mean we just turn back to our seals?

Shivering in the cold fog, he was eager go back to his warm seal body.

I felt we can not at all be seals. Cstherine said.

For how we could grasp the heavy sword with our flappers?

You and Teddy become the seals then, and look for the sword. Said Anne.

Jack and I can swim down to grab the sword as you show where it is.

Jack was about to say that he would rather to be a seal. But before he could speak, Teddy pepped up.

Excellent plan. he said.

Indeed. Said Cstherine. Your friends are very brave.

She turned a warmly smile to Jack.

Ah.. sure! No problem. He said.

Let's make cased. Said Teddy.

Heaten by the fog, he and Cstherine pulled their seals' skins back on. A moment later, Jack heard Teddy's call out.

farewell! Friends!

Then Cstherine spoke saluki spell, her words were followed by two splashes.

What do we do now? Jack asked.

We wait for them to find the sword. Said Anne.

I hope they could be hurry. Said Jack in shivering.

Me too. Said Anne.

They listened to the barking of the seals. They listened and listeded.

I wonder what time is it. Said Anne.

Impossible to tell. Said Jack.

It'd better...

Shh...said Jack.

He heard a faint seal bark. And another, and another. But in the big fog, he couldn't where the barks were coming from.

Where are they? He said.

I think they are over there. Said Anne.

Splash! Anne had jumped in. Jack couldn't see her in the fog.

Anne, where are you? He shouted.

Here! Anne yelled to the ghosting mist.

Come on!

Jack put his glasses down on the rocks and slowly lowered himself into the water. An then he started after Anne. His human body felt freezing cold compare to its powerful seal body. He couldn't swim nearly as fast, he couldn't hold the breath under the water as nearly as long,

It's freezing cold!

The seal barks grew louder and louder.

Bark! Bark!

Jack didn't see their two friends until he nearly bumped at them.

Teddy and Cstherine were swimming in the tight circle, barking excitedly.

Did you find the sword? Anne shouted at them.

Is it here?

The seals barked under the water. Jack and Anne took a deep breath and followed.

The seals swam quickly and sunk in back to the sandy bottom of the cove. They circled the shimmering objects sticking out of the sand. It was the golden handle of a sword.

Chapter 9: the sword of light

Anne pointed to the sword handle, Jack nodded.

But he was running out the air and he swam back up the the surface. Anne followed him. Their heads pods above the water and gasped.

Did you see it? Cried Anne. The handle of the sword.

Yes! The blade must be buried into the sand. Said Jack.

We have to pull it out. Said Anne. And we have to hurry!

Right! Said Jack.

He and Anne took a giant gasp of air. And then they swam down to the bottom of the cove. Jack gulped the sword first. He grabbed the handle and pulled. The sword didn't budge. He pulled again. The sword still didn't move. Anne grabbed the one side of the handle, she and Jack pulled together. Jack felt the sword moved a tiny bit. His long fells about to burst.

Grasping the handle with his both hands Jack pulled it out with all his might. Suddenly, the flashing blades slapped out of the sand. Jack and Anne carried the sword to the water as fast as they could. They burst to the air, cleaning to the sword of light. And gasping for air.

We got it. Jack called to Cstherine and Teddy.

The seals circled around them, splashing in bark joyfully.

Bark! Bark!

Lit it to the rocks! Anne shouted.

Jack and Anne each held on the sword's handle with one hand, passing with their free hands they dragged the sword to the seals. As they swam, the fog began to lift, and sky turned from grey to blue. By the time they reached the rocky island, light from the blade

of sword (bright afternoon sun) glinting again on the strange green shore line.

Hold the sword, and we'll get out. Jack shouted to Anne.

Jack climbed on to the rocky island, he took the sword from Anne, and carefully pulled it on to the rocks and lit it under the sight.

Anne climbed out of the water. Nearby Teddy and Cstherine pumped their seals head and they were all silent as they stared at the wonder of the sword.

Wow! Grieved Anne.

Jack nodded.

The mighty sword reflected the burning light of the setting sun. its blade glowed as if too on fire.

Now what do we do? Jack said.

We have to get the sword to Moline as fast. Said Anne.

The sun is about to go down.

Right. Said Jack. Before night fall, all right.

Suddenly Teddy and Cstherine barked in warning.

Jack and Anne looked up.

The water had begun to repel. The repel started at the edge of the cove. And swapped towards the center. Waves crashed against the

small rocky island, sending up great shower of spray.

What's going on? Said Jack.

Maybe a bad storm is coming. Said Anne.

Bark! Bark!

Cstherine and Teddy tried to hold themselves under the rock. But the waves pushed them away.

If we could help them. Said Anne.

She and Jack tried to help the seals out of the ruff water. Their hand slipped over the slip seal's skin. And they nearly trampled into the water themselves. The waves kept rolling and splashing.

Bark! Bark!

The two seals were swept away from the rocky island.

Look! Cried Anne.

The land is moving~!

Jack looked at the green strange shore line that surrounding the cove.

It was moving, it shifted from side to side.

In slivered forward.

A great roaming noise rocked from the cove. A monster head rose

above the surface of the water. The green heels was not heels at all. They were the coils of a giant sea serpent's body.

Chapter 10: the ancient question

a..aa.. screamed Jack and Anne.

The giant sea serpent arched its long neck to the sky. It's scaly green scans glistening in the late sunlight. Staring at Jack and Anne, its eyes burnt like bright yellow lamps. Jack and Anne were frozen with terror. The monster opened its mouth, inside were hitties fangs and proper forked tongue. The serpent made terrible hissing sound. Jack and Anne held together on the rock. Frightened barks were heard from far away.

Teddy! Yelled Jack.

Cstherine!

Their magic can't help them now. cried Anne. They are stocking in the seal.

Before she could finish, the sea serpent's deep voice boomed through the cove.

Who are you? And why are you stealing the sword of light?

Jack was too stank to answer. But Anne shouted back to the monster.

We're Jack and Anne. We have a mission for Moline!

Ssss....

The serpent hissed angrily. It's proper tongue flipped, as it coiled its body around the rocky island. The monster arched its neck, and lowed its huge head. Again, the ancient voice boomed through the cove.

To be worry about the sword. You must answer the question of the sword.

What is the question? Shoutd Anne.

Ssss...

Hissed the serpent.

It was on the way to circle the rocks again. Soon, it's scaly body was coiled twice around the little rocky island.

It's going to crush us! Jack shouted with her.

Maybe they had strength to escape from the monster before it crushed them. .

Pick up the sword~! He shouted to Anne.

Together Jack and Anne held the mighty sword. They grabbed its handle and pointed the gleaming blade towards the sea serpent

Don't come in closer! Jack yelled.

The serpent came closer. Its eyes flashed. Its forked tongue darted in and out. It opened its mouth wide.

Wait! Stop! Anne shouted at the sea serpent.

Give us a chance. We'll answer the question.

The serpent closed its mouth, and it did arch its neck, and its huge head deep down right at the front of Jack and Anne. In a low deep voice, it said:

What is..ss...the purpose..sss...of the ssssword?

That is the ancient.

Washed it on.

Ok! The purpose of the sword. Just a minute! Shouted Anne.

She turned to Jack,

What's the purpose of the sword? She asked

To fight with the enemies. Jack said.

Anne shook her head, that doesn't sound right.

The first of them give up? Jack said, to slam them?

No. I'm sure that's not right. Said Anne.

Ssss....

The serpent hissed impatiently.

And what? Said Jack.

I don't know. Said Anne.

Maybe, maybe, it's not about the fighting at all. Look at it!

Jack stared at the glimmering sword.

It's silver blade glow against the red sun set sky. Staring at the wonder of sword, Jack felt calmer. A stranger sense of joy lifted over him.

Anssser..the quesssstion...

The serpent boomed.

Jack's mind became clear.

I think I've got it. He said.

Remember the lines from Moline's realm?

Answer question with love not fear.

Yes! Said Anne.

Yes! That's it! It's not about fighting. It's about napping. I'm afraid.

Anssser..the quesssstion...

The serpent boomed.

Jack looked up at the serpent face, as he stared at the deep yellow eyes, he no longer felt any fear. It was the serpent seemed to afraid now.

The sword is not be used as a harm to anyone or anything. Jack shouted.

That's right. Said Anne.

It's should be used for good only.

The serpent stopped swaying. It flicked its tongue.

The sword is not made people to afraid. Said Jack.

It should help them to take away their fear. If there is not fear, they will stop fighting.

The serpent was very still.

The purpose of the sword is not fighting. Jack shouted .

The purpose of the sword is peace.

Chapter 11: sword and realm

The sea serpent moved its head very close to Jack and Anne and hissed a long whispery sssss.....

The serpent's flicking tongue touched the sword for a moment. Jack's heart nearly stopped. But then the serpent slowly pulled back its head and began to crawl from the rocky island. The monster kept crawling and crawling its great body until once again one wide ring survived the cove like a circle of green heels.

Then the serpent's head sank in the water with barely repel. It was impossible to tell where its body started and where it ended. Jack and Anne lowered the sword of light and led it back to the rock. Then they held up a huge sigh of relieve and sat next to the sword.

Cstherine and Teddy pulled their seal's head up from the calm water,

Bark! Bark! They barked.

Jack and Anne laughed.

It's safe to come out now. Anne called.

The seals held themselves onto the rocky island then they plopped their size.

The sword help us answer the ancient question. Said Jack.

They all looked at the sword of the light. It glowed brightly, even no the sun is slipped below the horizon. The purple sky was fading into twilight.

We still have to get out of here before it's completely dark. Said Anne.

I know. Said Jack

But how?

Looking at Moline's realm. Said Anne.

Jack took the shell from the pocket, he read the last line of Moline's realm:

With realm sword, your home is near.

Jack looked up.

It doesn't make sense. He said.

Perhaps it does said Teddy.

Jack and Anne turned around,

Teddy and Cstherine were standing behind them, their seals' skin had silently slipped off. They were human again.

Perhaps it's a call from a magic realm. Said Teddy.

And I am a magician, remember?

Anne laughed .

How could we forget? She said.

Teddy grimed.

I've got much better with my realms. He said.

Just watch.

He grabbed his hands together, then he carefully picked up the sword of light. He grasped over his both hands, he pointed the silver blade towards the treehouse from the distance of the sea cliff.

Teddy took a deep breath, then he shouted.

All sorts of light, now light and night, Teddy paused,

Jack reworred. Teddy always has trouble when finishing his realms.

And enve when he did finished, never worked away he supposed do.

Cstherine stepped close to the young sorcerer.

Say it again. She said softly.

Teddy called up again.

All sorts of light, now light the night,

Cstherine finished the realm in saluki language.

May eh brauw eh bright.

The sword began to flare in Teddy's hands. There was a row, and bluster white light. Shimmering beams shocked to the dark. The beams wickled and waved. Then streamed together to make a glittering bridge. The bridge span the purple darkness of the dusk. It stretched from the rocky island in the middle of the cove to the sickle leaves above the coast.

When Teddy lowered the sword, the bridge was madding into the sky.

Wow! Whispered Anne.

She truned to Cstherine

What did you say to finish the realm?

May eh brauw eh bright.

Cstherine told her.

Make a bridge strong in bright.

Yes! That is exactly what I going out to say. Said Teddy.

Indeed. Said Cstherine smiling.

She took Teddy's hand then turned to Jack and Anne.

This bright bridge will take you from my world back to yours.

You mean, we can walk on it? Said Anne.

Try it! Said Teddy.

Oh! Ma'am! Said Jack.

He laughed nervously, then he raised his foot and put it down on the light. It felt solid, he put another foot on the light and took a step forward. The light felt as firm as brick pass way. Anne stepped on the bridge beside Jack . it was wide enough for them to stand side by side.

This is so cool... she whispered.

Wait. Do not forget this. Said Teddy. He carefully handed Jack and Anne the sword of light. Together they grabbed the handle of the sword.

What about you guys? Asked Jack.

I must return to my cave now. said Cstherine

Or my sisters began to worry.

And I will see Cstherine back home. Said Teddy.

Then they return to the future of Camelot. After you stay for supper with my sisters. Cstherine remind to Teddy.

Cool. Said Jack.

He wanted to the supper with salukis too. He wanted to have more time with Cstherine and Teddy whatever they are doing.

We'd better get going Jack. Said Anne.

It's almost dark.

Ok. Said Jack.

Good bye for now. Cstherine said to them.

And thank you. It's amazing how you defeated the enemy.

The sea serpent wasn't really a enemy, said Jack.

He was like the spider queen. Said Anne.

They both seem very scary until we got to know them.

Yeah! Said Jack.

Will we see you again?

Anne asked Teddy and Cstherine.

Yes. I've a feeling you'll see both of us again soon. Said the saluki.

We'll find you in the list of respect. Said Teddy with a grime.

Now, my friends, you must go. Night comes quickly upon you.

Farewell.

Farewell. Said Jack and Anne.

They turned and started to walking up the bright bridge. High above the water, the sorts of light swung over the cove like a sway lighten.

The water below shimmered with sparkling ripples. Jack heard two splashes behind them. He stopped and listened.

Go go go... whispered Anne.

Jack started walking again. He and Anne climbed higher and higher until they came to the end of the bright pass way. They stepped off the bridge until the rock cliffs above the coves. Clinging the handle of the sword, they looked back, the shinning bright shuttle into a million of pieces of golden light. Like the sparks of the firecracker, the glomming pieces of rain down to the sky and then quickly burnt out. The coves below were dark and silent except for the distance barking of seals.

Chapter 12: the air of the ever land

Now what? Jack asked

Now I thank you. Said a deep voice.

Moline! Cried Anne. Moline stepped out of the shadows. He weared white magician's cloak, his long white beard shined in the glow of the sword.

You've brought the sword of light out of the gloom just in time. He said. before nightfall, on the summer solstice.

Why did we have to get it on summer solstice? Said Jack.

That is the day when the powers of the ice wizard of the winter

awaked. Said Moline.

The ice wizard of winter? Said Anne.

Is this sword belong to him? Did we steal it from him?

No. said Moline. Long ago, the ice wizard stole the sword from the lady of the lake and brought it to his kingdom of high above the north sea.

Moline pointed to the snow capped mountains beyond the rocky coast, the wizard soon discovered the sword of light was useless to him. For the lady of lake placed a spell upon it. It made powerful only in the hands of wised mortals. Stil the wizard refused the power of it. He buried it on the bottom of the cove.

The cove of the stormy coast, said Jack.

Yes. Said Moline. Only resently did the sea birds tell me about the sword where about. I knew I need more mortals to retrieve it. So I sent for you on the summer solstice when the ice wizard could not send the mighty storms from keeping you to find it. The only throat of the cloak of the old grey ghost over you.

So the ice wizard sent the fog? Said Anne.

And sent the monster of cove too? Asked Jack.

Moline smiled.

No. the serpent serves the lady of the lake. Long ago he secretly took the pounding himself to guard it. Should any mortals to vive

the wizards storm and gales they still have to prove themselves by answering the question. I believed you two will be able to answer the question wisely.

And I was right.

Your realm helped. Said Jack.

He and Anne carefully handed the sword of light to Moline,
Will you put this sword to stone now? asked Anne. So either can completely someday become king?

No. this sword is even more powerful than the sword in the stone.
Said Moline.

This sword has a name, Excalibur.

Excalibur! Said Jack and Anne.

I will take it back to the alabram land now. said Moline. And return it to the lady of the lake. Someday after they raise king, she will give it to him. The sword will help him through many challenges bravely and wisely. He will...Moline was interrupted by a strange song from the water below.

It's song like the deep bellow of the fog horn.

What was that? Said Jack.

Ah! Yes. There is one else thing to do. Said Moline.

He raised the sword and pointed it toward the cover of the storming coast. Like a beam of giant search light, the sword's light shimmered over the black waters, Moline move the beam back and forth, as if he was looking for something.

Ah... he said. there he is.

The light revealed the giant head of the sea serpent, its yellow eyes shinning back at them.

He mourns now. said Moline. For he has lost his purpose been here. It's time to help him home to the water above the long.

The magician lifted the sword softly, the beam made a peck that showed the monster the jaw of the cove. The giant serpent slept to the water, and soon disappeared beneath the way of the dark summer sea.

This mission is done now. said Anne.

Yes! Insure as you are my friends. Said Moline.

You must climb the ladder to your tree house and go home. But light the sword Jack and Anne found their way to the rope ladder, and they climbed up to the tree house. When they looked out of the window, they saw Moline standing under the glow of the sword light.

Bye! Jack and Anne called.

The magician raised his arm and spread his fingers and waved the farewell.

Moline's gesture stirred something in Jack's memory. But he wasn't sure what it was.

Let's go now. Anne said.

Jack took the seashell out of his pocket, and pointed to the words fog crick.

I wish I could go home. he said.

Wait! Said Anne.

The shoes. We left them on the beach

Too late.

The wind started to blow, the tree house started to spin. It span faster and faster. Then everything was still. Absolutely still.

Jack opened his eyes, a warm summer breeze swept into the tree house. The noon sunshine was between the tree leaves. No time at all was past in fog crick.

Moline was the water knight. Jack said.

What? Said Anne.

When you said goodbye, Moline gave us the same way as the water knight gave us. Said Jack.

Remember? Jack raised his hand and imitated Moline's gesture.

Here..rey! Anne laughed.

Why didn't I think of that! You always help us to get start on our missions.

And now we have three thing for them. Said Jack.

He put the pale blue shell on the floor next to royal mutation. And yellow autumn leaf. Then he looked at Anne.

Home? He said.

She nodded.

They climbed down the rope ladder and started walling barefoot to the damn pliff woods.

I guess we have to tell mom we lost our shoes the time before Camelot. Said Jack.

Yeah! Said Anne.

And we get the sort of light that was stolen by the ice wizard of winter and in guarded by a giant sea serpent who served the lady of the lake.

Right! Said Jack. A simplex position.

Are you very like to go swimming in the lake right now? asked Anne.

Jack remembered the thrill being and feeling to the deep waters.

It won't be the same with Cstherine and Teddy. He said. it won't be seals.

We can pretend. Said Anne.

Let's hurry before mom and dad decided too late to go.

They took off running.

They run barefoot to the woods over stakes and leaves and dappled moonlight.

Then they run down their street. They all were out of breath, but timely reached their yard.

Oh! Wow! Said Anne.

Look! She pointed at the porch, sitting in front of the door was their sneakers.

Jack and Anne climbed the porch and picked up their shoes as Jack turned his over, found white sign fallowed and couple of tiny silver purples.

Oh. Wow! He said.

A seagull crouched over their head, they looked up, the gull scratched again and then flew away and disappeared into the soft

summer light.

Anne shrowed.

A little left-over magic. She said. then she crossed the screendoor,
Mom! We're ready!

The end