

The Little Mermaid

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This is a retelling of one of my favorite stories, Disney's The Little Mermaid. The story starts at the point where Ariel has fallen in love with Eric and wishes to be with him.

In each assignment, I always try to use a different style. In this work, I was going for a storybook look. I used the stained glass visual style to present the story because I think it goes really well with the vibrant colors of the underwater world and the beautiful red hair of Ariel's.

The goal I had for this work is to try to fit in as many storylines as possible within the limitation. There are 3 choices, 7 options and 8 storylines possible in this comic. There are only two endings, but one of the ending has 3 different interpretations depending on the storyline chosen.

A theme for this comic is about women's choices. If the reader finishes all the storylines, he/she will realize that the only two good endings are either the father (male) gives Ariel legs or Eric (male) chooses to look for Ariel. While Ursula (female) also gives Ariel choices, these choices (look or voice) do not lead to true good endings. I am using this sarcasm to criticize the gender inequality.

One difficulty for this work is the choice structure. I spent hours trying to fit in the storylines and think of ways to reuse the panels. Another limitation is that I needed to figure out how to incorporate speech bubbles into the stained glass style panels.

A note about the submission:

I have in total 21 panels, but the number of webpages is larger than this number. That is because I am reusing the same panels in different storylines. Therefore, sometimes the same panel needs to have different hyperlinks in different storylines. For example, panel 11 in one storyline may lead to Ending 1, while in another storyline may lead to Ending 2. That is why I need to separate them into two webpages.

However, except for the hyperlink, all other elements in the webpages of the same panel are exactly the same. In terms of the total number of panels, I only have 21.