

# What Would You Do?

The Tale of Tafa and Emily



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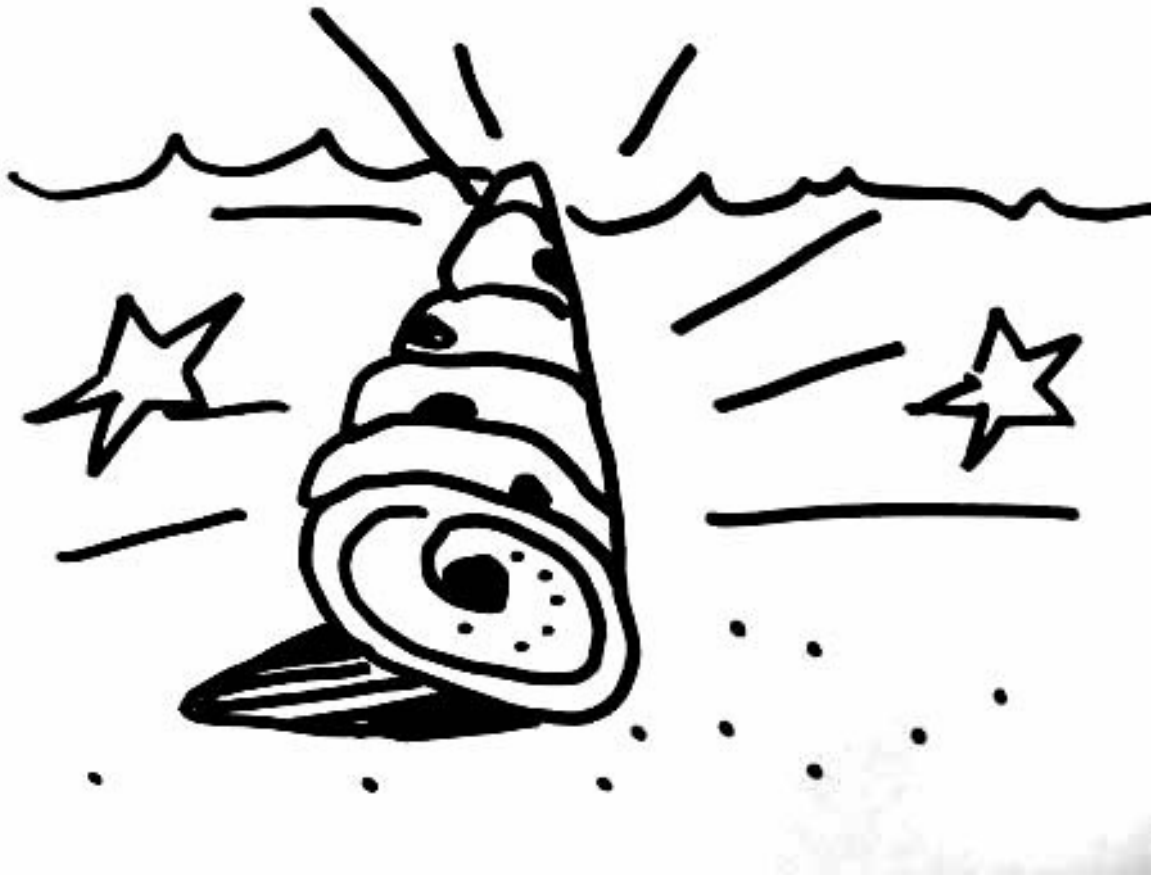
Every morning they walked along the beach to school.



Every afternoon they walked along the beach to go home.

They played all the time.

Tafa and Emily were good friends.



One day while they were walking along the beach after school, Tafa and Emily spotted a very shiny shell. Tafa quickly ran to pick it up from the sand.

Emily was right behind him. Tafa got there first and picked up the shell. Emily wished she was there first.



“Isn’t this the best shell you’ve ever seen?” said Tafa.

“It sure is,” said Emily.

“I will add it to my shell collection,” said Tafa. It’s the best one yet!”

Emily felt disappointed. After all, they spotted the shell at the same time, and it was the most shiny shell they had ever seen.

*What would you do? How would you feel?*



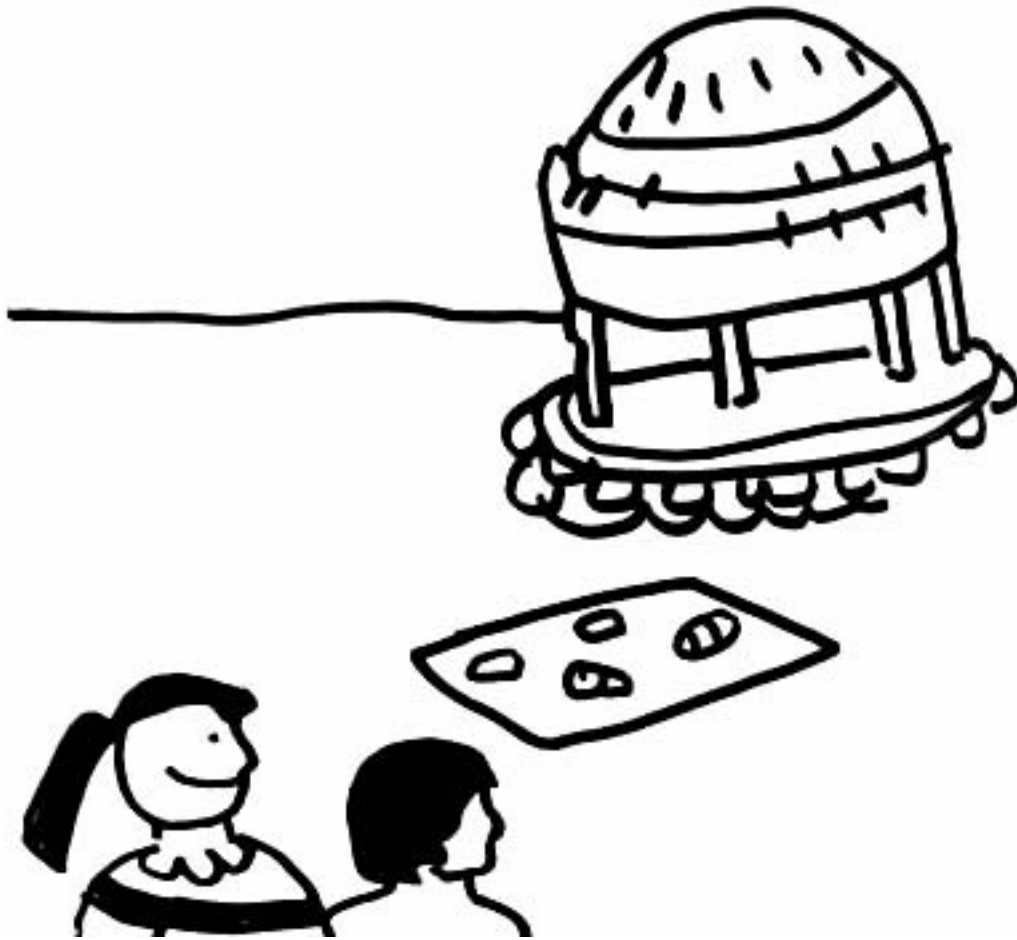
Tafa put the shell into the pocket of his shorts as they walked home along the beach.

Little did Tafa know that there was a hole in the pocket of his shorts, big enough for a small shell to fall through. He did not notice that the shell had slipped down into the sand.



But Emily did notice....and while Tafa walked along, she bent down quickly and put the shiny shell into the pocket of her dress.

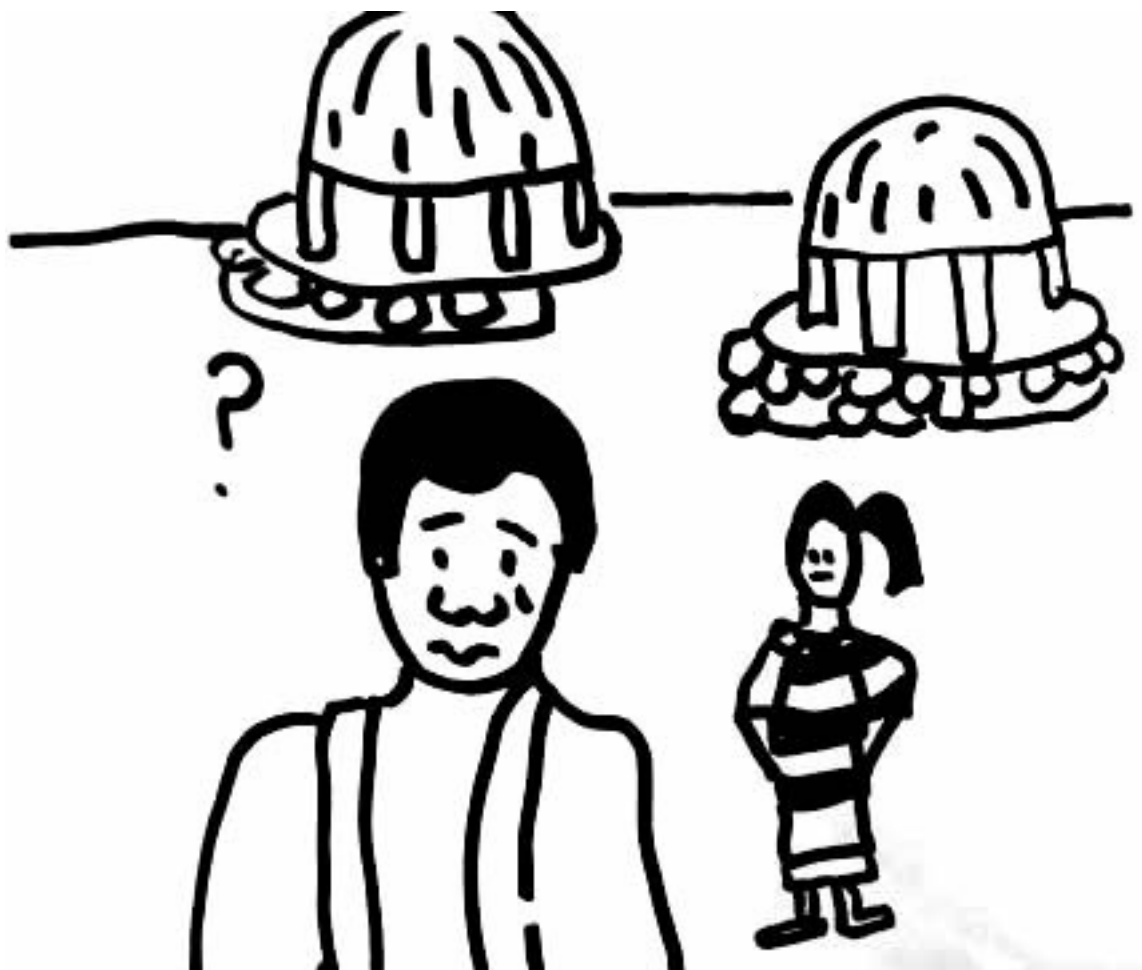
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Tafa and Emily continued to walk along the beach. When they reached home Tafa asked Emily if she would help him with his shell collection.

But Emily had other things to do and quickly said, "No I have homework to do. See you tomorrow."





Just then, Tafa put his hand in his pocket to pull out the shell, but it wasn't there. "I have lost my beautiful shell!" he screamed.

Tafa started to cry. Emily just stood there, not knowing what to say or do. So she did not say anything and went into her house.

*What would you do? How would you feel?*



Emily felt bad about what happened, but it felt so good to have that shiny shell in her pocket. She took it out and held it carefully in her hand. It was so beautiful.

But Emily had a funny feeling in her stomach.



That night she had a terrible dream about the shiny shell getting washed out to sea. Emily couldn't sleep all night. She knew she had to do something to make things right.

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The next morning Tafa and Emily met on the beach. They were quiet for a while, but Emily could not hold this secret any longer.

“Tafa,” she said, “I want you to know that I know where your shell is and I want you to have it back.”

Tafa looked surprised when Emily pulled out the shell from her pocket.



“Where did you find it?” said Tafa.

“It fell out of your pocket on the beach and I picked it up. I wanted to keep it, but I felt bad and you were so sad. It really is the most shiny shell,” said Emily.

She carefully handed the shiny shell to her friend, Tafa, who smiled the widest smile.



“You know Emily,” said Tafa, “we could share the shell. Sometimes you can keep it, and sometimes I can keep it.”

Emily thought that was a good idea and they agreed to share the shiny shell.

Emily said, “We could also take a nice long walk on the beach and find some more shells.”

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