



MANDY THE MERMAID

YARMOUTH CASE FILE

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: VA-SIREN

TYPE: GREAT MERMAID | ELEMENT: SEA | GIFT: ENCHANTING VOICE

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FIELD SKETCH: SONG DETECTED AT SUNSET

Observed near Yarmouth harbour • Western Solent • Tidal rocks

CASE STATUS
ACTIVE

CASE FILE OPENED: YARMOUTH

WALL OF EVIDENCE • STORY 7

SUBJECT CARD

NAME	Mandy
TYPE	Great mermaid
TAIL	Turquoise
VOICE	Enchanting
HABIT	Picnic mischief
STATUS	Local legend



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Pinned clues: one giant scale, a shell comb, a model boat and a suspiciously empty sandwich basket.

EVIDENCE 01: ROCK SINGER



At sunrise, Yarmouth's harbour woke to a voice gliding across the water.

On the rocks sat Mandy, a mermaid larger than a fishing boat. Her turquoise tail flashed gold, and even the gulls seemed to pause and listen.

BEAUTIFUL, MYSTERIOUS AND VERY HARD TO IGNORE.

ANATOMY OF A SEA SONG



VOICE STARTS HERE

TAIL STEERS IN TIDES

SCALES CATCH SUNLIGHT

FIELD VERDICT: Mandy's voice can carry farther than a harbour bell. Distance, attention and a clear route home are essential.

SUN, SONGS AND SEAWEED COMBS



Every morning Mandy chose the warmest rock, combed her copper hair and sang to the changing tide.

Visitors watched from the quay. Fishermen admired her from a sensible distance and checked that their lunches were firmly fastened.

CLUE: GULLS WERE NOT ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSING SANDWICHES.

THE CASE OF THE WALKING LUNCH

1

BASKET CLOSED

Lunch safely on the quay.

2

ONE SONG LATER

Everyone stared at the sea.

3

BASKET OPEN

A sandwich travelled mysteriously.

4

MANDY SMILING

Investigation complicated.

Professor Follies logged the culprit as “possibly mermaid, possibly very organised crab”.

EVIDENCE 03: NEW FRIEND



One morning, a curious girl called Lily approached the rocks carefully and stopped at a respectful distance.

Mandy did not sing. She told a story instead, filling the air with watery pictures of whales, islands and tall ships.

LILY DISCOVERED THAT LISTENING WORKS BOTH WAYS.

FROM SHELL TO SEA ADVENTURE

1

CHOOSE A CLUE

A shell, feather or scrap of rope.

2

ADD A QUESTION

Where has it travelled?

3

MAKE A WAVE

Let the story move and surprise.

4

BRING IT HOME

End somewhere safe and warm.

Try it yourself: choose one object nearby and invent the furthest place it could have been.

A SONG CAN PULL ATTENTION



At sunset, Mandy sang a melody so strong that a sailor named Jack forgot to watch the water ahead.

His little boat drifted towards the rocks. Mandy saw the danger, but her song had already travelled farther than she intended.

A BEAUTIFUL GIFT CAN STILL NEED CAREFUL RULES.



THE WIND BROKE THE SPELL

A sudden gust filled Jack's sail and pushed his boat safely back towards open water.

Jack gripped the tiller. Mandy stopped singing. For a long moment, they both listened only to the waves.

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WHAT CHANGED?

1

SONG

Attention moved away from the sea.

2

DRIFT

The boat came too close to rocks.

3

WIND

A gust opened a safe route.

4

PAUSE

Mandy understood the risk.

Lesson logged: Intent matters, but so does what happens next. Powerful talents need responsibility.

JACK CAME BACK IN DAYLIGHT



Jack returned with Lily, a conch shell and a question: could Mandy sing without pulling boats off course?

Mandy listened. This time, nobody was enchanted into silence.

THE BEST PLAN BEGAN WITH AN HONEST CONVERSATION.

OPERATION: SAFE SONG



Together they marked a wide route with bright buoys.
Boats would stay outside; Mandy would sing inside.

One conch note meant “song beginning”. Two meant “song finished”. Picnic baskets remained under guard.

THE CRAB WAS NOT OFFICIALLY APPOINTED TO SECURITY.

HEAR THE CONCH? CHECK THREE THINGS

1

LOOK

Where are the rocks?



2

STEER

Stay beyond the buoy line.



3

LISTEN

Enjoy the song while watching the water.

Professor Follies recommends keeping eyes, ears and sandwiches equally alert.





YARMOUTH'S LANTERN SONG

At the summer festival, Mandy sang from her rock while lanterns shone along the quay and boats waited safely beyond the buoys.

Her voice filled the harbour with wonder. This time, everybody knew how to enjoy it.

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WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

ENCHANTING

Mandy's voice could transform a harbour.

MISCHIEVOUS

Unattended picnics remained vulnerable.

THOUGHTFUL

She listened when Jack explained the danger.

CONNECTED

Her stories brought Yarmouth together.

FINAL FINDING: Being yourself does not mean ignoring your effect on others. Mandy kept her magic and learned to share it safely.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. If you heard Mandy singing, how would you remember to keep watching the water?

2. What would be the best sandwich-proof picnic basket?

3. Was Mandy responsible for Jack's drifting boat? Why?

4. Why did Jack return instead of staying away?

5. What signal would you invent for a magical harbour?

6. Which object would you give Mandy for her next sea story?

Professor Follies says: There are no wrong answers, although "attach the lunch to a lighthouse" may be excessive.





PASSPORT

CASE FILE COMPLETE

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