Ellen the Dreamer

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Once upon a time there was a salmon named Ellen. She lived happily with her mom and dad in the sea. Ellen liked the sea, but she thought land might be better. One day she was swimming close to the bank and saw humans for the first time. She was scared of them. She saw beautiful flowers, tall, elegant trees, and the bright green grass which seemed to make all the scary things on land fade away.

Suddenly a boat rushed through the water. Ellen felt herself being hoisted up, up, up in a net! She heard her mom and dad yelling beside her. Then, she saw her mom and dad being tossed into a bowl filled with water! Ellen gathered up all of her courage and strength. She leapt from the net into the bowl.
The next thing she knew, they were in a little girl’s room. The girl had sapphire eyes and blonde hair. Her name was Ivy. She was staring into the fishbowl and whispering to Ellen, “Wake up. You’re alright here.” Ellen glanced at her mom and dad asleep beside a little toy castle. Ellen lay down beside them and fell asleep thinking, “As long as I am with my mom and dad, I will always feel safe.”

She awoke to the sun glaring on her face, and Ivy crying on her bed. “You have to save your parents from my brother!” she cried.
“Little, little fishies for my snake Brutus. How delicious! Yum!” Ivy’s brother said. He had crept into Ivy’s room while she was out for a walk and had stolen Ellen’s mom and dad by scooping them into a glass.

Just then, Ivy came running in with the fishbowl and Ellen. She said “Supper is ready! Wash up!” The boy ran out of the room and Ivy dumped two rubber salmon into the glass and put Ellen’s mom and dad back into the fishbowl. As Ellen fell asleep, she thought for the second time, “As long as I am with my mom and dad, I will always feel safe.”

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