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**Short Story Competition 2024** 

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## A dream come true

Once upon a time in a small coastal town, there lived a young girl named Lily. Since she was little, Lily dreamt of becoming a marine biologist. She spent countless hours on the beach, collecting shells and watching the waves, imagining what mysteries lay beneath the ocean's surface.

As she grew older, Lily's passion for marine life only deepened. She studied hard in school, devouring books on marine biology and volunteering at the local aquarium. Despite her family's modest means, they always supported Lily's dream, encouraging her very step of the way. One summer, an opportunity arose that would change Lily's life forever. A renowned marine biologist from a prestigious university visited her town to conduct research on dolphins. Lily eagerly volunteered to assist him, despite her nerves and self-doubt.

Under the guidance of the biologist, Lily flourished. She spent days aboard a research vessel, observing dolphins in their natural habitat and recording valuable data. Her enthusiasm and dedication caught the biologist's attention, and he offered her a chance to join his research team for a semester at the university.

Lily could not believe it, her dream was within reach. With the unwavering support of her family and the biologist, she embarked on this new chapter of her life.