Orin and the Two Endings

Friends can imagine different things.



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Orin and Peta were making a story about a travelling whale. They drew an island, a boat and a very large blue tail. Everything fitted until the ending.



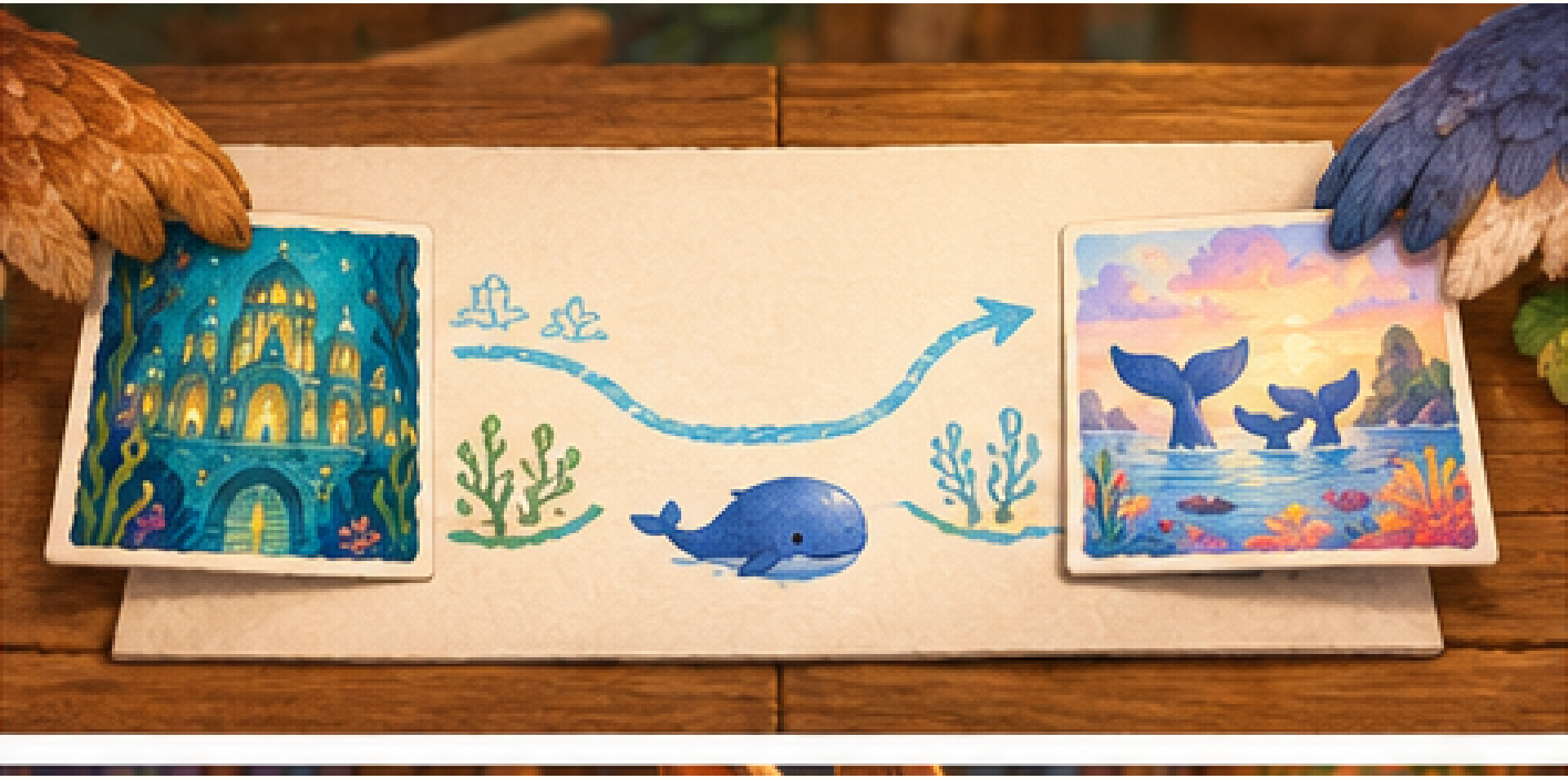
"The whale finds a city under the sea," said Orin. "The whale returns to her family," said Peta. They both reached for the last blank card.



Orin held it close. "A city is more exciting." Peta folded her wings. "I want her to go home." Neither ending would squeeze inside the other one.



Their teacher gave them a long strip of paper. "You can decide how your book works," she said. Orin drew the journey along the strip, leaving the end empty.



Peta placed her home picture on the right. Orin set his city picture on the left. The paper path between them began to look like a fork.



"What if the reader chooses?" Peta asked. Orin blinked. The whale could turn one way in one reading and the other way in another. Both pictures could stay.



They made two paper flaps. Under the left flap, Orin drew glowing windows and seaweed towers. Under the right, Peta drew three welcoming tails beside a reef.



They read the story to their friend Tess. At the fork, Tess chose the city. Orin lifted his flap. Peta made the sound of water bubbling around towers.



Then Tess asked for the home ending. Peta lifted her flap. Orin made the sound of whale songs travelling through the sea. Tess listened all the way through.



"Which was the proper ending?" she asked. Orin looked at Peta. "Both belong in our book," he said. "You can choose which one you want today."



On the cover, they drew one whale and two little arrows. They wrote both their names underneath. Their story had become wider than either of them expected.



That evening, Orin chose the home ending. Tomorrow he might visit the city. The whale waited patiently between the flaps, ready for either kind of adventure.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

How did the paper fork help them?

Can two different ideas both belong in one project?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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