

Coral Keepers

Claim the Emerald Crown



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For OY, my noble mermaid princess who sees the truth –RY
For my adventurous lil' sis-stars, Kayla and Kiley. –PK

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A Lost Scroll



Princess Finn searched her messy desk while her friends Moon and Link watched.

“Where is my library scroll?” Finn groaned. Her gills fluttered with worry.

The three magicians were almost ready to go on their quest to find the Emerald Crown. Anjeea needed the crown to rebuild the magical wall destroyed by the evil magician Rozaro.

Because the Silver Shell could show a shark magician whatever Anjeea needed most, Finn already knew the crown was hidden in the Emerald Islands.



So, they needed to head there right away.

But first, Queen Ula asked Finn and her friends to visit the Pink Palace's library. Fable, the old librarian, had important information for their quest.

Finn's shark friend Jewel nuzzled at a scroll with his pebbly snout.

"No, not that one," Finn said.

“We’ll help you look for your library scroll,” said Moon. A glowing squid zipped over to shine on Finn’s shelves. Moon was an amazing light magician!



Moon’s little brother, Link, studied an open scroll. Nix, Link’s tiny turtle friend, peeked at it, too. Link had turtle magic!

“I love when scrolls have pictures,” Link said.

“That’s the scroll I was looking for, Link!” Finn said, scooping it up. “Great work—let’s go!”



Finn, Moon, and Link dove to the library.

At the entrance, Finn winced. The librarian was never happy when scrolls were late. And he expected Finn to know *everything* about Anjeea because Finn was Anjeea's princess.

"Remember," Finn told her friends, "Fable can be . . . stern."



"Seaweeds," Link said. "I better not knock anything over."

Moon and Finn smiled at Link.

But suddenly, Finn's tail tingled and her smile faded.

"What is it?" Moon asked.

“A warning from my shark patrol,” Finn answered. Her shark magic continued to strengthen. Sharks that Finn had called were guarding Anjeea’s border, and she had learned to connect her mind to them.

Through the eyes of a hammerhead, Finn saw nothing new. Just two sharp-toothed seals still guarding Rozaro’s bone-white castle. But then she saw what the patrol was warning her about. Two more seals lurked near the Eastern Gate.



Finn's tail tingled again as sharks all around Anjeea sent urgent warnings.

"Rozaro's guards are watching *every* gate," Finn told her friends.

"Can we leave Anjeea without passing them?" Link asked.

Finn shook her head. "We'll need Keeper Azan to help us leave without being spotted."

Azan was Anjeea's Head Coral Keeper and trainer of the mermaid magicians. She knew her evil twin, Rozaro, better than anyone.

"I'm sure Azan will have a plan!" Moon said. "We won't let Rozaro or his seals stop us from finding the Emerald Crown!"

