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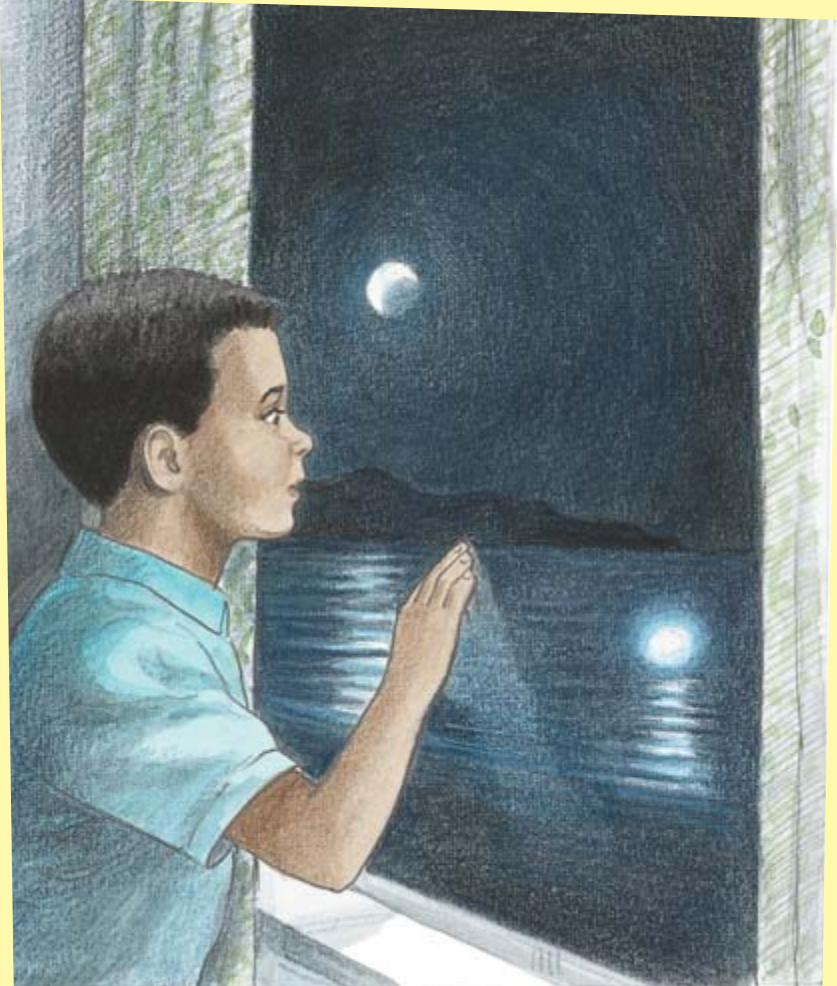
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🔊 Carl looked out the window into the dark. There was an odd light on the water.



- ▶ “Alex, come look!” called Carl.
“What is it?” Alex asked.
“I don’t know,” Carl said.
“Perhaps it’s a visitor!”
- ▶ “I just remembered Dad has a flashlight,” said Alex. “Let’s go down to the beach and take a look.”



▶ The boys went out of the house.

“Wait!” whispered Carl. “We should talk to Dad!”

▶ “Yes, let’s go back and talk to him,” said Alex.



“Talk to him about what?” Dad called all of a sudden.

“Dad, look at the light!” whispered Alex.

“Listen!” whispered Carl. “Now I hear a woman.”

“Come on,” said Dad. “I’ll take you to the beach.”

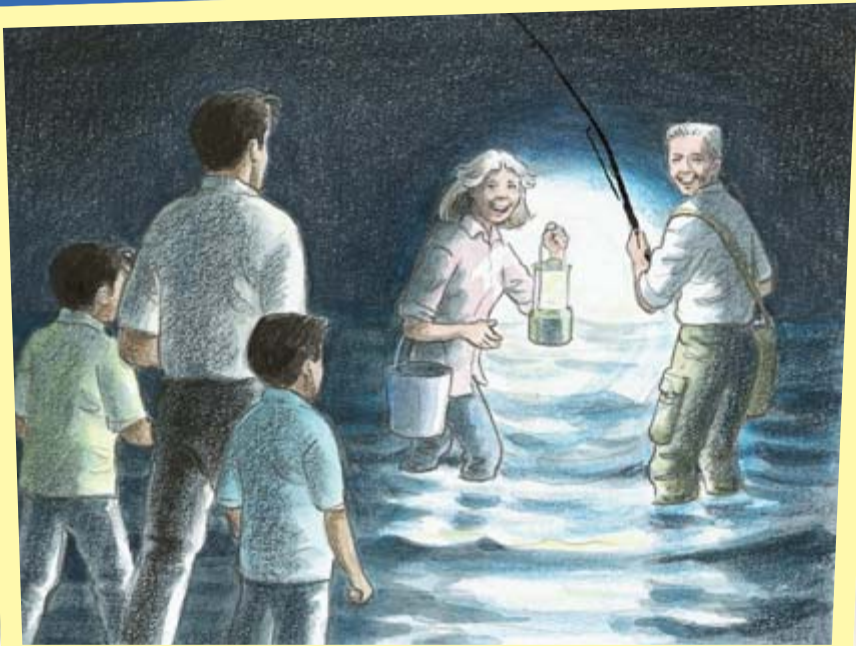


▶ The tide was high, and they could hear waves breaking gently on the beach.

▶ “I hear a man now, too,” whispered Carl.

▶ “What’s going on, Dad?” Alex asked, looking at the light out on the water.

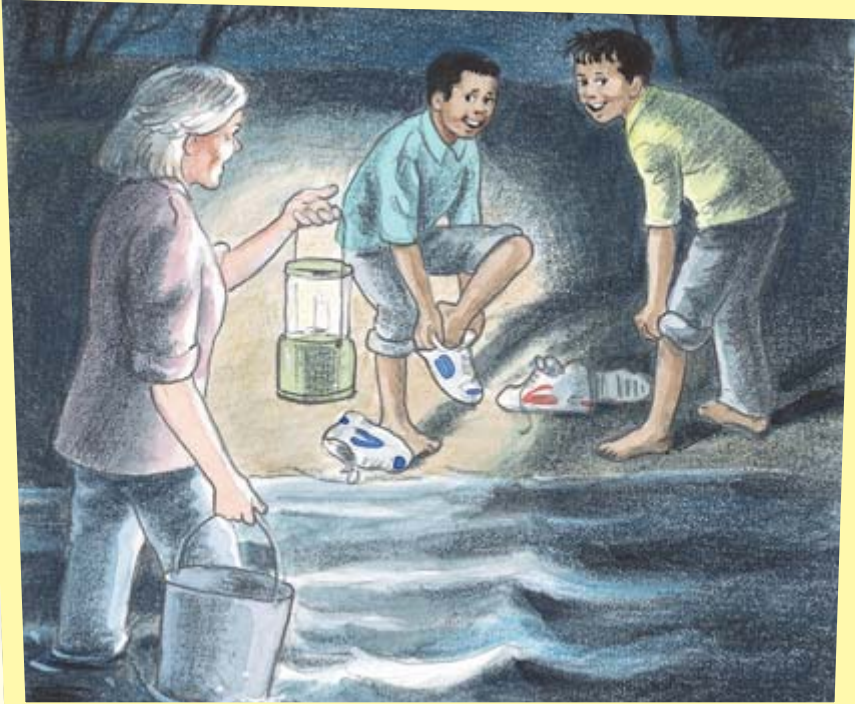
“Come to the edge of the water, boys,” Dad smiled.



“Hello, Nell!” Dad called. “Have you and Bob got some fish?”

“Fish?” said Carl. His eyes started to become used to the light on the water. He saw two people standing in the sea.

“Bob and Nell love fishing at night!” said Dad.



“We’ve been very busy. We’ve got loads of fish!” called Nell. “Fishing at night is fun! Would you like to join us?”

“Yes, please!” called Alex.

“Fishing!” giggled Carl. “So that’s what this was all about!”

Think Critically

- 1. Where did the story take place?
- 2. What did Carl see when he looked out the window?
- 3. Had Dad seen Nell and Carl fishing before? How do you know?
- 4. Why do you think Carl said they should go back and talk to Dad?
- 5. Would you like to go fishing at night? Why or why not?



Social Studies

Write Sentences Write sentences telling about things you could do if you lived by the sea.



School-Home Connection Tell a family member about the story. Talk about why it was important for Dad to go with the boys to the beach.