

Tom and Jerry and the Singing Beacon

On a quiet stretch of the coastline, where waves rolled in slow rhythms and gulls traced gentle circles in the sky, stood a tall white lighthouse. Its light turned every evening, patient and steady, guarding ships as they passed. This lighthouse was not silent. When the wind brushed its windows and the tide kissed the rocks below, it hummed a low melody that sounded almost like a lullaby. Tom the cat lived inside the lighthouse. He was the official keeper, proud of his job and very serious about polishing the brass rails and winding the great light each night. Jerry the mouse lived there too, tucked behind a warm wall near the stairs, where he could hear the heartbeat of the tower through the stone. One evening, as the sun melted into the sea, Jerry peeked out and listened. "Tom, do you hear that?" "Hear what, Jerry?" Tom replied, adjusting his cap. "The lighthouse is singing again. It sounds sad tonight." Tom paused. He had heard the sound many times, but he had never thought about its feelings. "Lighthouses do not feel things," Tom said carefully. "Then why does it sound different every night?" Jerry asked softly. That question stayed with Tom as darkness settled. When the light began its steady turn, the melody changed, rising and falling like a story without words. Ships answered with distant horns, and the sea glowed silver. Later that night, a small boat drifted closer than usual. Its engine sputtered, and the waves nudged it toward the rocks. "Tom!" Jerry cried. "Look!" "I see it," Tom said, his voice tight. "We have to help." Tom turned the light brighter and faster, but the song of the lighthouse trembled, as if unsure. "It is scared," Jerry whispered. "Just like us." "Then we should not be scared," Tom answered. "We should be brave for it." Tom climbed the stairs two at a time and opened the great window near the lamp. The wind rushed in, carrying salt and starlight. Jerry stood beside him, holding a small bell he had found earlier. "What are you doing with that?" Tom asked. "Adding a voice," Jerry said with a grin. Jerry rang the bell in time with the turning light. Ding. Ding. The sound carried across the water, steady and kind. Tom tapped the railing with his paw, making a deep, warm rhythm. The lighthouse responded, its hum growing clearer, stronger, more confident. "It likes it," Jerry said. "Then keep going," Tom replied. Together, cat and mouse made music with the tower. The light shone straight and true, the melody steady as a heartbeat. The little boat corrected its course, engine catching again, and moved safely past the rocks. From the deck came a thankful wave and a distant cheer. "We did it!" Jerry laughed. "We all did," Tom said, looking at the glowing room around them. When the night grew quiet again, the lighthouse settled into a gentle tune, warm and calm. "Tom," Jerry asked, "do you think the lighthouse remembers?" "I think it feels," Tom answered after a moment. "Just like us." Days passed, and the story of the singing lighthouse spread along the coast. Boats slowed to listen. Children pointed from the shore. Every evening, Tom and Jerry added their small sounds to the great turning light. One night, a thick fog rolled in, wrapping the sea in silence. The melody faded, muffled by the heavy air. "It cannot sing through this," Jerry said, worried. "Then we will help again," Tom replied. Tom lit lanterns along the stairs, their glow soft and golden. Jerry placed mirrors near the windows, catching and bending the light into gentle paths. "Ready?" Tom asked. "Ready," Jerry said. They worked together, calm and focused. The lighthouse answered, its song finding new strength. The fog thinned, the sea breathed again, and ships passed safely, guided by light and sound. As dawn approached, the lighthouse hummed a peaceful ending, like a satisfied sigh. "Thank you," Jerry whispered to the tower. "Sleep well," Tom added. When the sun rose, the sea sparkled, and the lighthouse stood tall, proud and quiet, saving its voice for night. That

evening, as stars returned, Jerry curled up near the wall, eyes heavy.- "Tom?"- "Yes, Jerry?"- "I like our lighthouse."- "So do I," Tom said, smiling.The light turned on, the melody began, and the coast rested easy, knowing that a caring cat, a clever mouse, and a singing lighthouse were watching over the night.

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