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Episode 7: Acceptance

Deep in the Pacific Ocean, far away from any land, there is an entire city of mermaids. The mermaids have houses made of **(insert object)**. They swim with schools of fish and play tag with all the starfish. Every single mermaid is given an oyster when they're born. Inside each oyster, there is a pearl that determines what kind of job each mermaid will have in the community. Pearls that are the color **(insert color)**, mean that they will be a teacher. Pearls that are the color **(insert color)**, means they will work at the bank. And pearls with the color **(insert color)**, mean they will be a builder. The list goes on and on, but the important thing to understand is that mermaids always have to follow what their pearls tell them. Everyone had followed this rule, up until when a young mermaid named Aqua received her oyster. Aqua was only 15 years old. She had gotten a pearl with the color **(insert color)** and decided that it wasn't the job she wanted to do. She had always dreamt of becoming a doctor. She told her best friend named **(insert girl's name)** how she was feeling about the pearl she received. Her friend gasped and swam away when Aqua confided in her. Aqua then tried to tell her parents, but they





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said she was being crazy. Aqua decided to go to her room and do some research. She picked up her shell phone and made a call. After a few rings, someone picked up and said, "Hello, this is the Hospital at **(insert place)** , and this is **(insert boy name)** speaking, how may I help you?" Aqua told him that she wanted to know what it was like to be a doctor. Aqua also expressed how she really wanted to a meet a doctor. The nice man on the phone said that he would set up a meeting for Aqua to talk to Dr. Sponge. He said that they would meet at the **(insert place)** the following day. Aqua was so excited, she could barely wait for her meeting with Dr. Sponge. Aqua went to sleep right after she hung up her shell phone. She woke up and swam as fast as she could to meet Dr. Sponge. When she arrived, Aqua spotted Dr. Sponge drinking a **(insert drink)**, and she sat down next to her. "Hello dear," said Dr. Sponge. Aqua greeted Dr. Sponge and quickly jumped into her long list of questions. One of her questions was **(insert funny question)**. Dr. Sponge was a very sweet doctor who wore a coat made out of **(insert clothing material)**. Dr. Sponge was patient and answered all of Aqua's questions. She even agreed to take Aqua back to the hospital so that she could meet her team. When they got to hospital,





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everyone was very welcoming to Aqua and even offered to take her to the (insert place) . However, the team of doctors changed their tone when Aqua mentioned that she didn't receive a doctor colored pearl. Everyone laughed at Aqua and walked away to go back to their work. Aqua was filled with sadness and struggled to hold back her tears. Dr. Sponge immediately called the team back together. "Now, now, there is no need for behavior like this," she said. "Aqua wants to help people, and just because her pearl isn't the same color as ours does not mean that she can't do that. We are going to accept her and we are going to help her be the best doctor the sea has ever seen." Everyone turned back to Aqua and nodded their heads. The team even went to the closet and got her a matching (insert clothing item) and (insert accessory) . Aqua was so happy they finally accepted her, she felt as though she could burst with excitement. From that moment on, everyone at the hospital taught Aqua what she needed to know to be the best doctor she could be. Aqua had never been more excited for the future! Aqua even made plans to go to (insert place) to learn more. No matter what happened, Aqua would hold her pearl to her chest every single night and be thankful for what she





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was given, even though it wasn't the color she wanted. The people she cared about accepted her for who she was, and that was all that mattered.

