

The Jelly Fish and the Monkey

The Kingdom of the Sea was governed by a wonderful King. He was called Rin Jin, or the Dragon King of the Sea. His power was immense; he was the ruler of all sea creatures, both great and small, and he was the keeper of the Jewels of the Tide. When the Jewels of the Tide were thrown into the ocean, it made the waves rise as high as mountains and flow upon the shore like a tidal wave.

The Palace of Rin Jin was at the bottom of the sea and it was so beautiful that no one has ever seen anything like it, even in dreams. The walls were made of coral, the roof of jade stone and the floors were of the finest pearl. But, despite all this, the Dragon King was not at all happy for he reigned alone. He thought that if he finally married, he would not only be happier but also more powerful so he decided to take a wife. Calling all of the fish together, he chose several of them to go through the sea and search for a young Dragon Princess who would be his bride.

At last they returned to the palace, bringing with them a lovely, young dragon. Her scales were of glittering green like the wings of summer beetles, her eyes threw out glances of fire and she was dressed in gorgeous robes, decorated with all of the jewels of the sea.

The King fell in love with her at once and the wedding ceremony was celebrated with great splendour. Every living thing in the sea, from the great whales down to the little shrimps, came in shoals to offer their congratulations. Never before had there been such festivities in the underwater world. Each fish carried a lantern and was dressed in ceremonial robes of gleaming blue, pink and silver. The lights twinkled so brightly that, as the waves rose and fell that night, they seemed to be waves of white and green fire.



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Accept any reasonable answer referring to a group of or lots of creatures.

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Examples of an acceptable answers are:

'The King of the Sea had a beautiful palace but he was not happy. He fell in love and had a wonderful wedding.' or **'Rin Jin was an unhappy king who lived in a nice palace. Fish found him a princess to marry.'**

3. Give three facts from the text about the Palace of Rin Jin.

Accept any three of the following:

It was at the bottom of the sea.

It was beautiful.

The walls were made of coral.

The roof was made of jade stone.

The floors were made of pearl.

4. How does the author make the wedding sound exciting?

The author makes the wedding sound exciting by:

using exciting vocabulary, e.g. splendour, gleaming, 'the lights twinkled so brightly';

making it sound unique, e.g. 'never before';

using exciting imagery, e.g. 'they seemed to be waves of white and green fire',

'ceremonial robes';

commenting on the characters' feelings, e.g. 'every living thing... came in shoals to offer their congratulations';

making it sound busy and bustling.