

A HOME FOR SHELLINGTON



This is Shellington !!!



**Shellington is 4 years old
and is a Sea Otter who
lives in the ocean.**

Shellington is a lovely, kind and funny Sea Otter, who tries very hard to make everyone around him happy.



Shellington is very good at playing the harp, piano, golf and table tennis. He is also good at drawing, and identifying different sea creatures.



**Shellington lives in the
ocean with his Mummy,
Daddy and big sister Pearl.**



Shellington didn't always live with Mummy, Daddy and Pearl. Mummy, Daddy and Pearl are Shellington's adopted family.



Adoption is when a child who can't stay with the family, they were born into finds a new family to live with until they are all grown up.

This new family loves and cares for the child, just like if they were born into that family.



**Before being adopted,
Shellington used to live
with his birth mother
and birth father.**

**The birth mother and
birth father are the
people who made
Shellington.**

**The birth mother was
the one who gave birth
to Shellington.**



Sadly, Shellington's birth mother and birth father could not look after him.



Shellington thought this was his fault. This made him feel sad.

But it was not his fault at all.

Shellington was just a baby at the time, and his family could not give him everything he needed to grow into a big, strong, happy and healthy little Sea Otter.



**What do little boys and girls
need to grow big and strong,
happy and healthy?**



**To have
clothes
that are
clean and
warm**

**To feel
safe**

**To be fed
with
healthy
foods**

**Toys to
play
with**

**To be
played
with**

**To live in
a warm
and clean
house**

**To be
cuddled**



What else can you think of?

This is Sandy!

Sandy is a very special person called a Social Worker.



A Social Worker is someone who works with children and families to keep children safe.

Some children don't have mummies and daddies who can look after them, so they need other families to live with who are able to look after them.

These families can help them to feel safe, happy and loved. If this happens it is Sandy's job to find the perfect family for them.



Sandy was Shellington's social worker, and she was worried about Shellington.

Sandy thought that Shellington needed to live with a special family who could help him grow into a happy and healthy little Sea Otter.



Sandy needed to find the perfect family for Shellington.

**This is Pearl and her
Mummy and Daddy.**

**One day, they were
all watching TV.**



**Only the TV there
was a mummy
seahorse who had
a baby seahorse
growing in her
tummy.**



Pearl's Mummy explained to Pearl that she had grown in her tummy too.



Mummy told Pearl she and Daddy have a lot of love in their hearts and maybe they could share that love with another child who needed them. A child that didn't come from her tummy.



Pearl thought about this for a little while and realised she had a lot love in her heart to share too.





Pearl thought about how exciting it would be to have a brother or sister to play with and share her lovely home with.



Mummy and Daddy knew what to do.

**They phoned Sandy and asked if she
knew of a child who needed all the
they had to give.**



**Sandy knew the perfect little
Sea Otter who needed a home
and could join their family.**



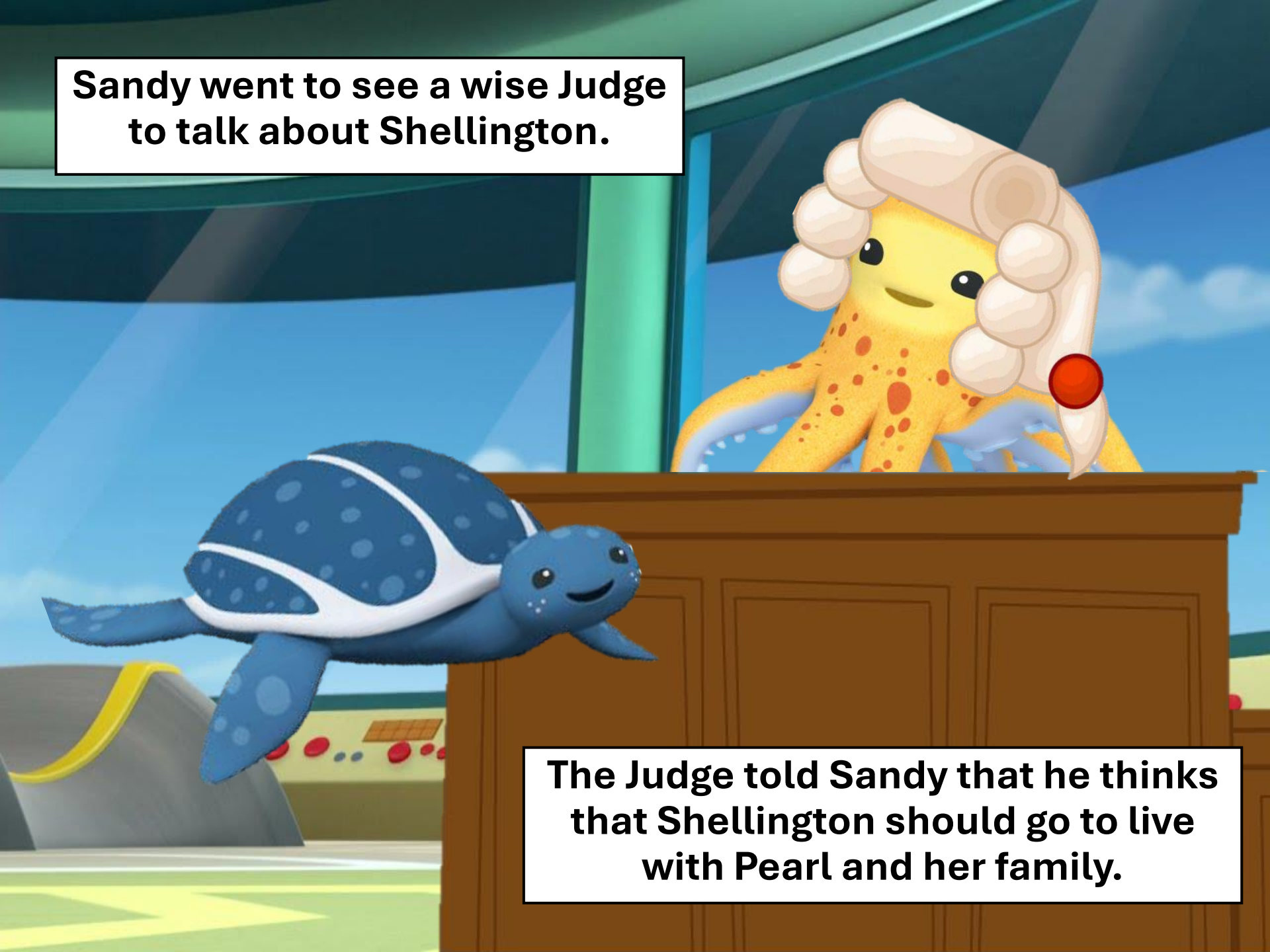
A little while later....

WELCOME HOME!



Sandy brought Shellington to meet Pearl, Mummy and Daddy. Shellington

**Sandy went to see a wise Judge
to talk about Shellington.**



**The Judge told Sandy that he thinks
that Shellington should go to live
with Pearl and her family.**

The image features two cartoon sea otters. On the left is Shellington, a brown otter with a white face, wearing a blue captain's hat with a white octopus logo and a blue sash. On the right is Pearl, a brown otter with a white face, wearing a yellow headband with orange and red stripes and a yellow watch. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a warm, reddish-brown color with some green foliage at the bottom left.

**Shellington is now a happy
Sea Otter with his new family.**

**And best of all, Pearl gets a
new brother to play with.**

**But Shellington's
story does not
finish here.**



A few years later.....

Shellington meets the Octonauts and becomes a Marine Biologist in their Octopod.



Can you see where Shellington is?

Shellington has made lots of new friends since becoming an Octonaut.



His life is full of adventures and making new memories with his family and friends. Shellington's story continues.

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