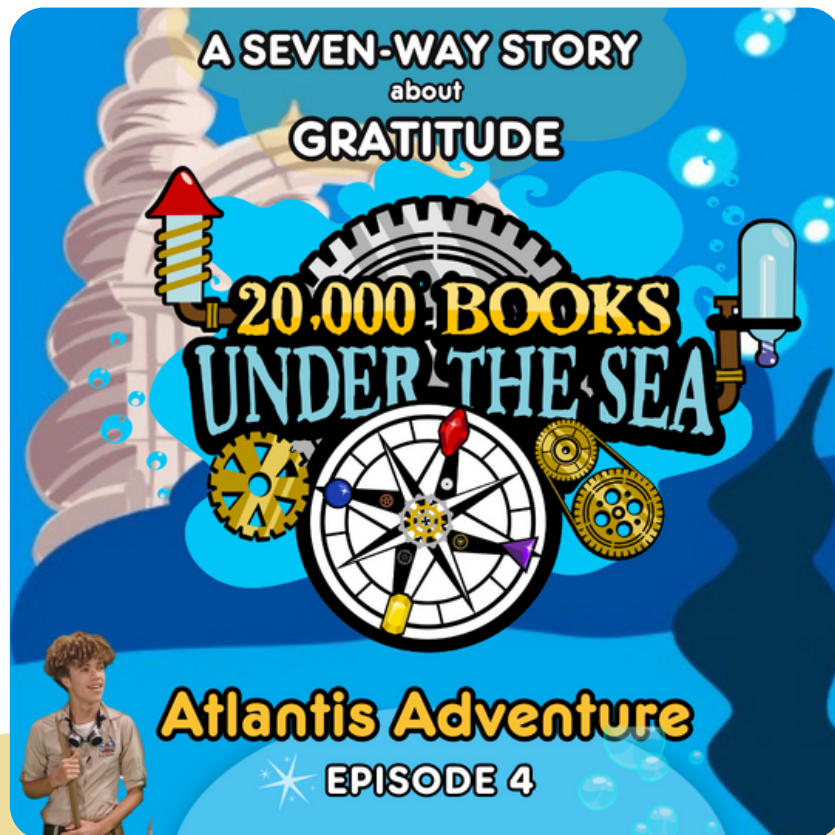




# FINDERELLA

## Reader's Theater Script

One Part of a  
Seven-Way Story Adventure



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## READER'S THEATER SCRIPT

### Characters:

Narrator

Finderella

Parrot Fish

Manta Ray

Sea turtle

Fish at the Ball

Fairy Cod Mother

Note: Other sea creatures can be added and given lines

### Setting:

A Coral Reef in the Ocean

Note: Finderella is based on a real fish called a wrasse, which is a “cleaner fish” that lives on the coral reef and helps remove dead skin and parasites from other sea creatures. These cleaning stations are very important to the health of the reef and the fish that live there.

### NARRATOR

Once Upon a Coral Reef, there lived a little fish named Finderella.  
Finderella worked at the Carp Wash where she spent long hours nibbling dead skin and parasites off all the other inhabitants on the reef.

### PARROTFISH

Hurry up, Finderella, said parrot fish. I must get ready for the Coral Ball!

### MANTA RAY

Yes, said manta ray. I want to look my best when I dance and twirl.

### SEA TURTLE

Don't forget my flippers, Finderella, said Sea Turtle.

NARRATOR

When she had cleaned her final fish. FINDERELLA swishes her tail and sighs.

FINDERELLA

I wish I could go to the Coral Ball.

NARRATOR

Suddenly there was a loud POOF and a sparkly fish appeared in a burst of bubbles.

FINDERELLA

(surprised)

Who are you?

FAIRY COD MOTHER

Why, my dear, I'm your Fairy Cod Mother, of course. I've come to grant your wish.

FINDERELLA

Oh, thank you! I wish to go to the Coral ball. But I'm just a wrasse, a plain old cleaner fish. I'm not special enough for a ball.

FAIRY COD MOTHER

Hmmm... said the very Fairy Cod Mother. You want to be special. Is that it?

FINDERELLA

Yes, yes! That's exactly it.

FAIRY COD MOTHER

Verywell.

NARRATOR

She waved her fins and said...

FAIRY COD MOTHER

Bubble trouble, scales and tails, I weave this ocean spell  
To change this common cleaner wrasse to one no one knows well.  
I'll paint her all the colors that I know how to give  
You're still a wrasse my dear lass  
But with the hues of ROY G BIV

NARRATOR

With a poof of bubbles the Fairy Cod Mother transformed Finderella into a beautiful Fairy Wrasse, with all the colors of a rainbow.

FINDERELLA

Oh, thank you. Thank you!

NARRATOR

Finderella headed for the ball her conch carriage, pulled by ten seahorses.  
When she got to the ball, Finderella swam out of the conch carriage and waved.

FISH

Oooh. Ahhh!

PARROTFISH

She's so beautiful.

MANTA RAY

Yes, and very fancy.

SEA TURTLE

But where is Finderella?

PARROTFISH

I don't see her anywhere.

FISH

She's the one we wanted to see.

FINDERELLA

They wanted to see me? But why? I'm not special.

SEA TURTLE

(To Finderella)

Excuse me, Miss. You're very beautiful, but we're looking for our friend, Finderella.

MANTA RAY

Yes, please tell us if you see her. We have a surprise.

FINDERELLA

You do? A surprise?

PARROTFISH

Yes, we want to thank her for all the help she always gives us.

SEA TURTLE

She spends a lot of time eating dead skin and parasites,  
making sure we are all healthy and look our best.

FINDERELLA

(To herself)

Maybe I am special after all.

NARRATOR

With a loud POOF the Fairy Cod Mother appeared.

FAIRY COD MOTHER

Do you want to change your wish, Finderella?

FINDERELLA

I do, Fairy Cod Mother! I wish to just be ME.

Because I am special just the way I am.

NARRATOR

The Fairy Cod Mother smiled and waved her fin.

With another POOF, Finderella changed back to her wonderful self.

SEA CREATURES

Hooray!

SEA TURTLE

We're so glad you're here, Finderella.

PARROTFISH

We have a surprise for you.

MANTA RAY

We want to thank you for all the help you give us  
and you know, eating our dead skin and parasites.

Not a lot of fish would do that, you know.

NARRATOR

They pulled a rope and raised a sign announcing...

FINDERELLA DAY!

FINDERELLA

Oh, thank you! Thank you!

FAIRY COD MOTHER

Now...happily ever after in the ocean they all live  
Knowing everyone is special and has a gift to  
give.