

Week 2: Add Your Story's Secret Sauce - Animal Spirit Bookend

TITLE: SWISH

FORMAT: Animated/Family feature film

COMPS: FREAKY FRIDAY meets THE LITTLE MERMAID

LOGLINE: When a rejected 13-year-old wannabe songstress makes a wish to sing like a mermaid, she magically swaps bodies with a mischievous mermaid who wants to be human and save the humpback whales. With only 48 hours before her new tail is permanent and her legs are lost forever, the girl must find her true voice with the help of the humpbacks and battle the mermaid to switch back, or she's stuck as a mermaid for good.

OPENING BOOKEND:

In the shimmering depths, a bejeweled encrusted compact mirror reveals not the mermaid's reflection, but that of a human teen girl. Destiny beckons, filling the mermaid's heart with fleeting joy. Yet as visions of new legs vanish in the mirror, she clutches her slimy fantail, torn between worlds. With resolve, the mermaid vows to remember her humble mermaid beginnings and the fish who bear witness to her pact.

CLOSING BOOKEND:

Returning to her underwater cave, the mermaid discovers her compact mirror missing. Meanwhile, on the beach, the 13-year-old girl, who had swapped bodies with the mermaid was back in her human form. Standing contemplative, the teen spots a jeweled mirror laying in the sand by her feet. She opens it, expecting her reflection but finding the mermaid staring back at her. As they both smile, a realization dawns: their sisterhood

connection transcends mere reflection. "This isn't over," they declare in unison, echoing across the divide.

Note: From Week 2's challenge, I got insight to edit my Week 1's challenge, the morning montage. I added the mermaid running into her Queen Mother after stealing the necklace, as well as leaving her "bejeweled mirror" behind. This exercise has been helpful to me! I hope you do it, too.