

Tsunamika



Tsunamika meets friends



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A living symbol

She emerged as a response to the devastation brought about by the Tsunami of December 26th 2004. Initiated by the international township of Auroville on the southern coast of India as a way of healing and transforming the trauma caused, hundreds of fisherwomen were trained to make little dolls out of left-over fabric.

The little doll, called Tsunamika, became very popular among those who received her as a gift and thus she became a new livelihood option for the women who were making her. Now Tsunamika reaches households in many nations through a network of volunteers as a symbol of joy, hope and unconditional giving. She is a beloved friend to children and adults alike. This is her story.

Handmade by fisherwomen. A gift of love, not for sale.



This is a gift for _____

from _____. Just because I like you!

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There

was a little girl

who lived on an ocean floor.

She had never seen the sun, the moon or the stars

because no light ever reached the ocean floor.

She lived all by herself and felt very lonely.



"I wish I had friends," cried the little girl.



One day

a starfish appeared and asked her,

“Have you seen the sun?”

“No,” said the little girl.

“How sad,” said the starfish, and went away.



The

little girl started looking for the sun everywhere;
she walked a long long way.





One day she saw
a gaint conch with lovely spiral and colourful patterns.

She knocked on the door of the conch...



A sage

came out and asked,
"My child, what can I do for you?"

The little girl asked: "How do I find the sun?"

The sage said:

"You must think only
about the sun for 21 days,
and then you will
see the sun."



So

the little girl sat on a rock
at the bottom of the ocean and thought only
about the sun.



She sat there for 21 days, without playing,
thinking only about the sun.



On the 21st day, suddenly the ocean floor shook powerfully and threw her upwards.

She went up...up...up in the water till she reached the surface of the ocean.





And she saw the sun, shining in the sky!



She was delighted to find the sun smiling at her.

The sun said: "I am the sun, welcome to the world of light. I am pleased with your determination to find me. I shall give you a special gift, please ask whatever you wish."

"I want to have lots of friends," said the girl.
"So be it, you shall have lots of friends, and I shall always be there for you whenever you need help," said the sun.





Then

huge and swift waves rose up
and carried her away.

"Where are you taking me?"
asked the girl to the giant waves.

"We shall take you to distant lands," said the waves.



The

waves traveled far and wide and reached
a distant land and left her on the shore.



There she saw many little huts that were destroyed by the giant waves. People were crying and the children were terrified.

The little girl had never imagined this could happen.

She felt very sad.

But she then remembered the words of the sun.



“Sun, how can I help these people?
How can I make them happy?” asked the girl.

Almost immediately the sun appeared
from behind the clouds, and said:

“Give them your love.”

So the little girl went to a woman
who was crying, and said:
“Please accept my love.”

The woman looked at the little girl and said,
“I lost my children, will you be my daughter?”
The little girl said “Yes!”

The woman was happy. She asked, “What is your name?”
“Tsunamika,” said the little girl.



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Then

a little boy came along
and asked, "Tsunamika, will you be my friend?"

She said "Yes," and became his friend.

Then more and more children came to her and asked,
"Dear Tsunamika, will you stay with us?"



Tsunamika said "Yes, yes, yes" to all of them.
She went to each and every home
and became a member of the family.
And people started coming from distant lands, all looking for her.

And

Tsunamika,

the little girl, looked up
at the sun and smiled.

She realized that she could give her love
to all the people in the world.



So she multiplied into thousands, and then tens of thousands,
as she crossed the oceans, reaching far and distant lands.



That is how she started traveling all over the world.

Now she has reached you.

She is your friend, little Tsunamika!

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This is the story of a little girl who longed for friendship.

Through the mystery of the tsunami, and the destruction it caused, she discovers the powerful alchemy of love and compassion. Now she is travelling across the world, giving comfort, joy and hope, - through the gift of her unconditional love.



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