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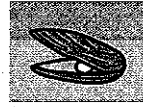
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The Pearl Vocabulary

Chapter 1



Kino



Juana



Coyotito



song



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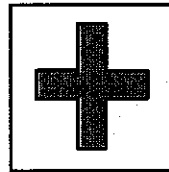
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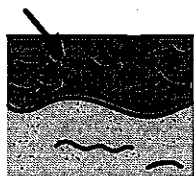


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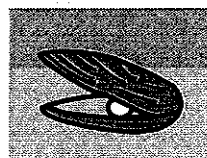
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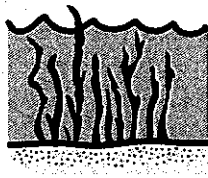
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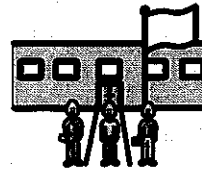
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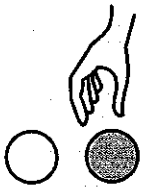
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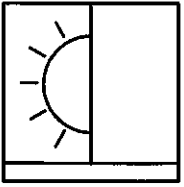


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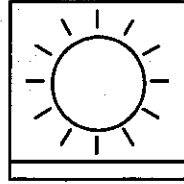


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kill



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animals



pool

Chapter 1



It is the dawn of a new day. Kino and his wife get up. Juana



prepares the fire and checks on their baby, Coyotito. She makes their



simple breakfast of corncakes and syrup. Kino watches the ocean. He



hears an old song that comes from his culture-the Song of the



Family. It is a song he hears when his family is together. The song

makes him feel happy.



Kino loves his family.



Kino is a poor fisherman. He lives a simple life with Juana and



Coyotito. They do not have money, but they are happy together. Sometimes,



Kino dreams of finding a pearl in the ocean that will make him rich.



People will pay a lot of money for a beautiful pearl. Kino dreams of



having money to buy nice things for his family.



Kino loves his family.



Suddenly, Kino sees a scorpion crawling into Coyotito's crib. A scorpion



is a spider that can kill people with its poison. Now, Kino hears the



Song of evil - the song that Kino hears when bad things happen to



his family. Kino moves closer to the crib. Juana prays that the



scorpion will not bite her baby. Kino tries to keep the scorpion away



from Coyotito.



Kino loves his family.



It is too late! The scorpion jumps into the crib. It bites Coyotito on the



shoulder. Kino grabs the scorpion and throws it onto the floor. Juana

tries to suck the poison out of the bite. This is a way that people give



first aid to someone who has been bitten by a snake or spider. The



neighbors come to Kino's hut when they hear the baby crying. They



know that a scorpion bite can kill a small baby. Kino and Juana



take their baby to the doctor.



Kino loves his family.



The doctor is rich. He knows that Kino and Juana are poor people.



He knows that they cannot pay him to help their baby. The doctor will



not help Coyotito. The doctor tells Kino to go away. Kino is angry



and embarrassed that he cannot help his baby.



Kino loves his family.

Chapter 2



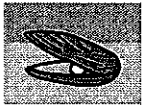
Kino must go to work in the ocean. Kino and Juana go to



their canoe. The canoe is special to Kino. His father and grandfather



used this canoe to work in the ocean. They found oysters and



pearls and sold them to earn money. They also dreamed of finding the



great pearl. Now, Kino hears his family's other song-the song of the



great pearl.



Kino looks for the great pearl.



Before getting into the canoe, Juana makes a special medicine for



Coyotito. She puts seaweed from the ocean on the bite. Sometimes,

people use plants to take care of bites and cuts. This is another way to



give first aid.



Then Kino, Juana, and Coyotito take the canoe into the ocean.



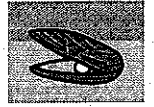
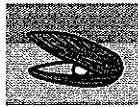
Kino wants to start his work.



Kino looks for the great pearl.



Sometimes, Kino only finds oysters . People use oysters for food.



Other times, Kino finds small pearls in the oysters' shells. A pearl

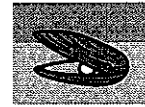


is made inside the oyster shell from a grain of sand. First, the sand

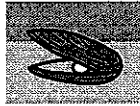


gets inside the shell and hurts the oyster's muscles. Next, the oyster

makes a covering to stop the pain. Then, the covering hardens to form a



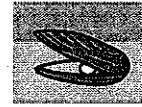
pearl. Today, Kino hears the song of the great pearl.



Kino looks for the great pearl.



Kino dives into the ocean. He sees many small oysters. Then, he



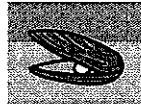
sees a large oyster shell. He can see a large pearl inside the shell.



Kino swims to the oyster. He picks it up and takes it to the



canoe. Kino is excited!



Kino looks for the great pearl.



Kino and Juana do not want to open the oyster too quickly. They



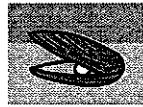
wait a short time. Then, they open the oyster shell. They find the great



pearl inside! Next, Kino looks at Coyotito. The bite is healing! Kino

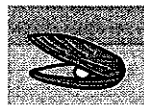


and Juana are very happy.



Kino finds the great pearl.

Chapter 3



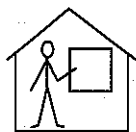
Kino and Juana bring the pearl to town. The people know that



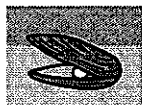
Kino will be rich. Some people want Kino to give them money.



Other people want to steal the pearl from Kino. Kino dreams



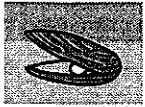
of sending Coyotito to school.



Everyone wants the pearl.



The priest wants Kino to say a prayer of thanks for finding the



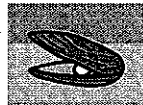
pearl. Then, he tells Kino that the church needs repairs. The priest



wants Kino to help pay for the repairs.



The beggars want Kino to give them money for food. The pearl



buyers want Kino to bring the pearl to them. They know they will



be rich if they can sell the pearl to the jewelry makers.



Everyone wants the pearl.



Then, the doctor tricks Kino. He says that Coyotito is not really cured.



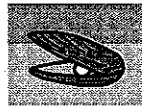
He puts a powder on Coyotito that makes him sick again. Then, he



says that Kino must pay him money to help Coyotito get better.



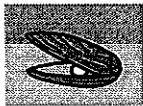
Kino says that he will pay when he sells the pearl. The doctor



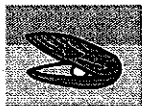
says that he wants to keep the pearl safe for Kino, but Kino



says no. Then, the doctor watches Kino's eyes to see where he hid



the pearl.



Everyone wants the pearl.



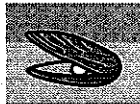
That night, the doctor sends a robber to Kino's hut to steal the



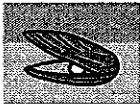
pearl. Kino wakes up and stabs the robber. Kino is hurt in the



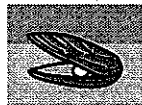
fight, too. Juana tells Kino that the pearl is bad luck. She says



that they must throw the pearl back into the ocean. Kino wants to

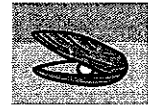


keep the pearl. He says it will be good for their family.



Everyone wants the pearl.

Chapter 4



The next day, Kino and Juana plan to sell the pearl. They



dress in their best clothes. They dress Coyotito in his best clothes. It is



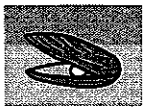
a special day for Kino and the whole town. Everyone walks with



them on their way to town. Kino's brother, Juan Tomas, walks with



Kino. Juan Tomas and Kino talk about where to sell the



pearl.



Kino must make a choice.



Juan Tomas and Kino remember an old story. Long ago, men in their



town only sold pearls to the town's pearl buyers. The pearl



buyers in their town tried to cheat them. The men did not want to be



cheated. They decided to sell their pearls in another town. Those

men were killed. The priest told this story each year. He wanted the men



to stay in their own town. He said they would be punished if they



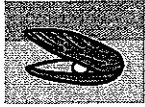
tried to sell pearls in another town. Kino thought about selling



his pearl.



Kino must make a choice.



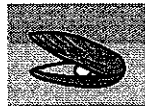
The pearl buyers waited for Kino. They had a plan. One buyer



would offer Kino a small amount of money for the pearl. Then, the



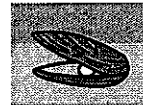
others would agree. They did not want to give Kino too much money.



When they got the pearl from Kino, they would sell it in another



town for more money. The buyers wanted to cheat Kino. They thought



that Kino would be afraid to sell his pearl in another town.



Kino must make a choice.

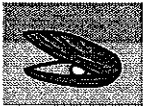


Kino arrives at the town. He shows the pearl to a buyer. The

buyer pretends that it is not worth much money. The buyer is lying to



Kino. The other buyers look at the pearl. They tell Kino that the



pearl is too big. Kino knows that they are lying. Kino tells the



buyers that he will go to another town. The buyers try to give him



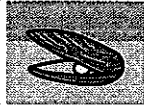
more money. Kino walks out of the shop.



Kino must make a choice.



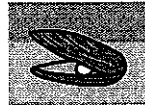
Kino's neighbors do not agree with Kino. They think he must sell to



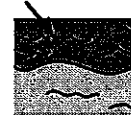
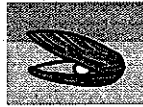
the town's pearl buyers. They believe that Kino will be punished for



going to another town. That night, robbers come to the house again.



They try to steal the pearl. They hurt Kino. Juana is afraid.

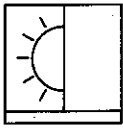


She wants to throw the pearl back into the ocean.



Kino must make a choice.

Chapter 5



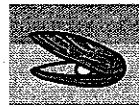
The next morning, Juana gets up before Kino. She creeps to the



fireplace. Kino hid the pearl under a stone there. She takes the



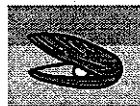
pearl and leaves the house. Kino follows her to the ocean.



Juana raises her hand to throw the pearl into the ocean. Kino



hits her. He is so angry that he cannot talk. He makes a sound like a



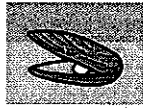
snake. He will not lose the pearl.



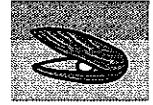
Kino must have the pearl.



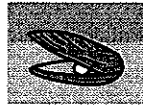
Robbers follow Kino and Juana to the ocean. One robber tries to



steal the pearl from Kino. Kino stabs the robber. Now,



Kino has killed a man. Kino did not want to lose the pearl.



Kino must have the pearl.



Kino and Juana must get away. Kino goes to his canoe.



Someone has put a hole in his canoe! Now, Kino hears the Song



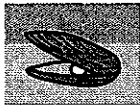
of Evil again. It is getting louder in his head. Someone has destroyed



his family's canoe. He has hit Juana. He has killed a man. All of



these things make the Song of Evil louder. Still, Kino will not get



rid of the pearl.



Kino must have the pearl.



Kino and Juana go back to their house. Juana sees that the other



robber has been in their house. She gets Coyotito and runs out. The



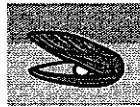
other robber has set the house on fire! Now, Kino's family has no



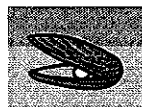
canoe and no home. They hide in Juan Tomas' house until night.



Kino must take his family to another town. Kino thinks that



everyone wants to steal his pearl. He will not let anyone take it. He



tells Juan Tomas, "the pearl is in my soul now".



Kino must have the pearl.

Chapter 6



At night, Kino and Juana leave their little town of Le Paz. They



go into the dry land away from the ocean. This land is strange to



them. Kino covers his tracks so that no one can follow. He knows



that they must go to another town to sell the pearl. He wants to

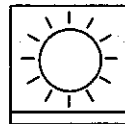


start a new life. Kino hears the song of the family. It plays quietly in

his head.



Kino must save his family.



Kino and Juana rest during the day. Then, Kino sees the



hunters following them. The hunters want to steal the pearl. He knows



that they will find his family and kill them. He takes Juana and



Coyotito to the mountains to hide. He knows that animals hide from



hunters in the mountains too. Now, he hears the song of Evil. It plays

loudly in his head.



Kino must save his family.



Kino finds a pool of fresh water in the mountains. Kino, Juana



and Coyotito stop at the pool. They drink the fresh water. Kino



knows that animals come to this pool to drink. They come to this



pool to kill other animals, too. It is a place of life and death.



Kino sees the hunters far away. He must hide his family in a cave.



Kino must save his family.



At night, the hunters fall asleep by the pool. Kino, Juana and



Coyotito hide in a small cave. Kino knows that he must kill the



hunters to keep his family safe. He creeps down the mountain. Then,



Coyotito cries in the cave. The hunter thinks it is a coyote. He points his



rifle at the cave. Kino knows he must attack now.



Kino must save his family.



Kino kills all of the hunters by the pool. Then, he hears a cry in



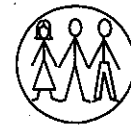
the mountains. It is the cry of death. The hunter killed Coyotito. Kino



and Juana return to their town. They know that they must get rid of



the pearl. Kino throws the pearl into the ocean. The song of



the Pearl goes away. Kino hears the song of the family. It plays

softly in his head.



Kino must save his family.



THE END