

Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

Narrator 1:	One morning, Moomin worked on his toy boat, and Little My helped him. Then, they heard a loud noise from upstairs.
Moomin:	What was that?
Narrator 2:	Moomin and Little My ran to the top of the house. Moominpappa was there.
Moominpappa:	I came to get something, and these boxes fell on the floor.
Narrator 1:	There were lots of things on the floor.
Narrator 2:	Moominpappa took a shell from the floor, and put it next to his ear.
Moominpappa:	What beautiful music! It's the song of the sea!
Narrator 1:	The door opened. It was Moominmamma.
Moominmamma:	What are you all doing?
Moominpappa:	I'm listening to the song of the sea.
	(Little My is angry.)



Little My:	I can't hear music!
Moominpappa:	Only the person who found the shell can hear the song. You can't hear it because you didn't find the shell, Little My.
Narrator 2:	Moomin went for a walk with Snorkmaiden, and he told her about the shell. Snorkmaiden was very excited.
Snorkmaiden:	I would like to hear the song of the sea!
Narrator 1:	Then, Moomin had an idea.
Moomin:	Would you like to find a shell with me? A shell for us?
Snorkmaiden:	Oh! What a nice idea!
Moomin:	Let's find Snufkin. He can help us.
	(Moomin and Snorkmaiden find Snufkin.)
Moomin:	We want a shell that has a song of the sea inside it! Where can we find one?
Snufkin:	On Lonely Island!
Sniff:	Do we have to go by boat?
Narrator 2:	Sniff was afraid of the water.
Snufkin:	Of course!
	(Moomin, Snorkmaiden, Sniff, and Snufkin are in a boat.)
Narrator 1:	The weather was sunny and windy, which was good for a boat trip. They were all happy and excited.
Sniff:	Is that an island?

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Snufkin:	Yes, it's Lonely Island!
Narrator 2:	Moomin and Snorkmaiden saw something in the sea.
Snorkmaiden:	Look!
Narrator 1:	There were two beautiful animals in the water.
Moomin:	Seahorses! What pretty colors!
Narrator 2:	When the seahorses saw the boat, they quickly swam under the water.
Narrator 1:	There were lots of shells on the beach.
Moomin:	Some of these are prettier then Moominpappa's shell!
Moomin: (to Snorkmaiden)	I want to find you a shell with the song of the sea inside it!



