The Sea Turtle

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(dictated to his mom)

It's about a turtle that lives in the sea. His name is Herman. He has a weird pattern on his back. That pattern is striped. And he has some friends that like his pattern, and some that don't. And he lives in a big pile of seaweed.

He sees a message in a bottle, and he looked at it and he thought it was just something weird that's always thrown in the water. But he swam closer to it, and he takes it out of its bottle, and reads it. And then he's like "What?! It's a QUEST?!"

The message says:

> *The Quest of a Striped Turtle:*
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> *Go into the city of Atlantis and get a giant seashell and bring it to people on land, and tell a person that they can help you to get the weird stripe off your back.*

And he went out to Atlantis and asked a merman, "Have you seen a big shell?" And the merman starts laughing. The merman says, "Ha! You're a long way from Atlantis. It's that way!" pointing south. Herman started swimming, swimming, swimming south. And then he finds a mermaid and asks, "Is this Atlantis?" The mermaid says, "Yes!" And then Herman says, "Whooopeee! I'm gonna get my stripe off my back! I'm gonna get my stripe off my back!" and he looked back on the message and he found a new part that said:

> *You have to go to 666666666666666666666666666666661 Shell Lane*

He swims and swims and finally finds 666666666666666666666666666666666661 Shell Lane and then he bangs his head against the door and says "Hello! Anyone here?" The door opens and an old merman comes out of the door and says "Come in!" Then Herman comes into the house and is like "I'm a striped turtle. Do you know where a big shell is?" and the old merman says "Ah! Yes! At Shell Lane number 61" and Herman went and he found the house and the same old merman swam with him and the merman knocks on the door. And then a merman peeks out of the door and says "Hello! What are you looking for?" Herman says "I'm looking for a big shell." The merman takes a big shell out of his house and gives it to Herman. Then Herman swims up and up and pokes his head out of the water and then a person was looking in the water where he just came and then Herman says "Hey! There's a human! Here's a big shell from Atlantis, and can you tell me how to get this stripe off my back?" The person says "Ah! It's oil, because of the pollution." Then Herman give the person the shell, and the person says "I can wash that off." Then Herman paddles over with the person to the person's house, and the person washes his stripe off and says "You can go, little guy!" Herman says "Yahooo! Now some of my friends won't laugh at me!" and then he swims happily ever after.