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Young Girl Drowns at Zennor Head

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Yesterday, at dusk, Cherry Stone drowned at Boat Cove, supposedly making a necklace of cowrie shells for a 'giant'.

The Giant's Necklace

Cherry, aged 10, had been determined to finish a necklace she had been making out of glistening pink cowrie shells. She had been told to be home for tea but little did her family know that she would never return again. Police officers and detectives have looked into the disaster and think that she was cut off in Boat Cove and then attempted to climb a steep cliff face. Had she already drowned? Was she already dead?

Zennor, located in Cornwall, is a usual happy annual holiday visit for the Stone family. It's very unusual for a girl of Cherry's age to be left alone on a beach late in the evening. The parents, Ed and Nicola, are distraught.

At The Beach

Mr and Mrs Stone have started a campaign to stop children being on the beach by themselves later than 5:00. Mrs Stone told us that Cherry was a very independent girl so they thought she would be fine. But nobody can be fine once they have been cut off by a tide and thrown around by an Atlantic wave.

The Stone's

"We were joking around with her just hours earlier and now she's dead!" said one of her brothers, Felix. Another one of her brothers recalled that she had been making a cowrie shell necklace since the start of their holiday two weeks before. They explained that she needed only a few more inches to reach the toaster – but tragically those inches cost her her life!

An Atlantic Storm

Zennor Head coast guards searched the cove all day until they found Cherry's dead body. She was discovered a mile or so out from Boat Cove, lying on the sand, surrounded by seaweed and cowrie shells. The search party believe that she was collecting shells and the sudden change of weather came quickly: she didn't have enough time to get away. Once she had been dragged under by the sea, she had been carried away from Boat Cove. Half way up a nearby cliff, searchers found a collection of perfect-looking cowrie shells wrapped in a towel. Cherry's parents confirm that these were Cherry's.



Boat Cove, where Cherry died.

A Funeral For Cherry

There will be a funeral for Cherry Stone at St George's Church in Cornwall at 5:45 on Saturday the 19th of June.