



This mystery starts in Eerie-on-Sea,  
There's a pier, a beach, deckchairs, a quay,  
The kind of place where kids can wander free

But everything is not as it first seems,  
A creature lurks and creeps and screams,  
Worse than any monsters in your dreams

The Malamander, slimy and scaly and spiny,  
A fish-man with two eyes, enormous and shiny,  
Its lair in the Leviathan is sunk out in the briny

Its egg, it is said, will make wishes come true,  
Sebastian Eels wants to steal it, Captain Kraken too,  
(He's Boathook Man and he has a curse to undo)

But Herbert Lemon and his friend, Violet Parma,  
Have their parts to play in this nail-biting drama  
When Vi's in danger and people want to harm her...

Other characters come into this story,  
Mrs Fossil who gets bitten – that bit's gory,  
Dr Thalassi, Jenny Hanniver, they all earn glory

Lady K, with her Cameraluna, spies  
She wants Herbie to be her ears and eyes,  
But he won't betray his trusted allies

Cos he's a Lost-and-Founder, in charge of gone stuff,  
He has an honest heart and that's enough  
To keep him strong when the going gets tough

The Eerie Book Dispensary has this book,  
The next time you're there, take a look,  
Watch out for a one-handed man with a hook...

You'll pick up Erwin, the talking cat,  
Drop some coins in the mermonkey's hat,  
And he'll type ISBN 978-1-4063-8628-8 just like that

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