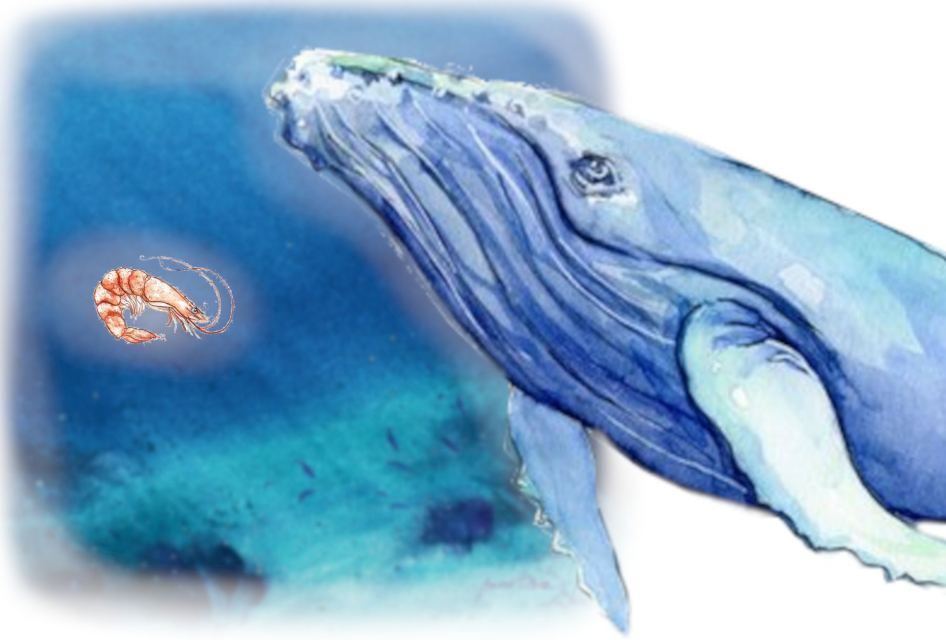


Fred's Deep Ocean Adventures

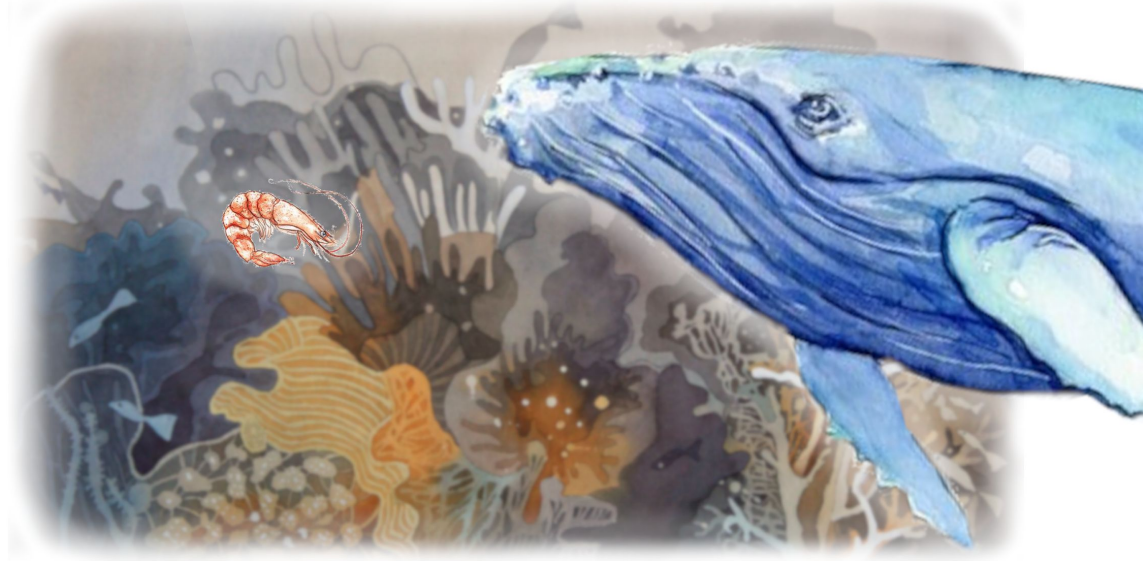


Once upon a time, there were two best friends: Fred the whale and Sebastian the shrimp.



And as they swam together, as they so often do, they had the brilliant idea to go ask their friend, Tom the goliath grouper, if he would care to join them. So, eager to ask their friend to explore the ocean, the two set off to the reefs to find Tom.

Fred and Sebastian travelled down and down, closer to the sea floor, where Tom lived with his family...



...but when they arrived Tom and his family were gone! "Do you know where Tom went?" Sebastian asked Fred, but Fred shook his head not knowing himself. So in an effort to find Tom they searched and searched, but could not find him anywhere! "I hope the fishermen did not get him, but Tom is smart, so I bet he hid somewhere with his family." Sebastian said. "Let us keep looking for him!"

As they kept looking around, and headed deeper and deeper, they eventually realized they were lost, and it was very hard to see!



At this point a strange feeling overcame Sebastian, he felt that something was wrong...

When Fred turned around, he saw Sebastian glowing! "Oh no, we must have swam into radioactive waste that was dumped into our ocean! Hurry, we need to get away fast before it hurts us!"



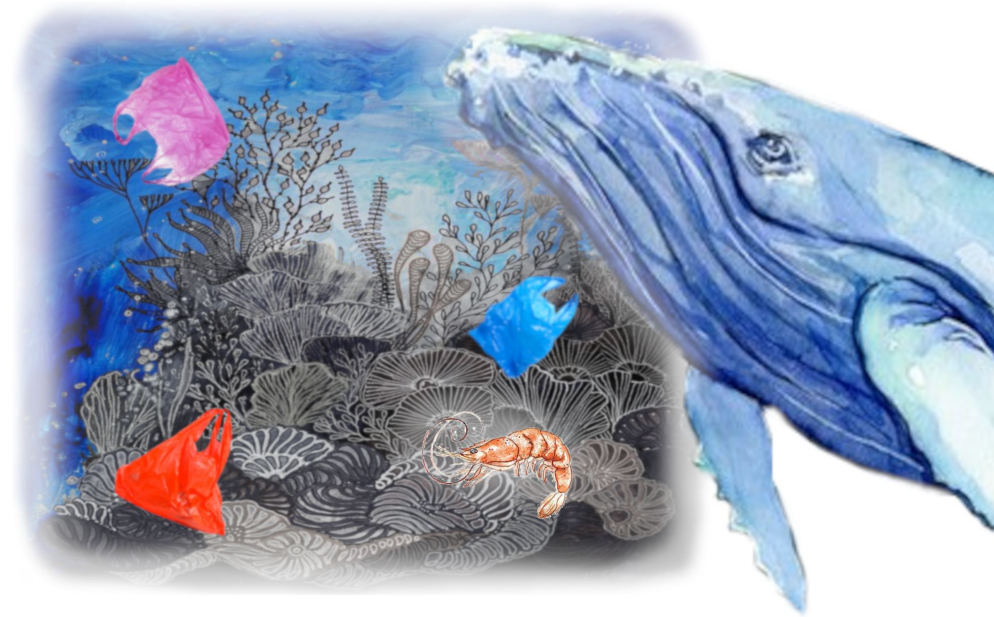
Concerned for their own health, the two began to swim away from the dangerous site...

They swam and swam, further and deeper, until they found the ocean floor. It was beautiful. Covered in white coral shaped as trees and leaves; they had stumbled upon a very important deep coral reef!



This was the first time seeing one of these important reefs for both Sebastian and Fred, however as they got closer to the deep coral reef they noticed something was off...

Upon close inspection Fred and Sebastian were shocked: plastic trash adorned the reef like a pathetic Christmas tree! "Fred, the coral! Coral is super important for our ecosystem and is home to many different organisms. We need to save this coral before it is too late!" exclaimed Sebastian.



Fred looked around and saw a leaking hole in the ocean floor, where a plastic bag came out from. "It looks like this may be a bigger issue than just us alone can handle Fred; we need to go ask Poseidon, God of the Sea, if he has any wisdom that might fix this issue." So the two set off to find Poseidon for help, and ask about their friend Tom.

As they swam along the deep ocean floor to Poseidon's palace, Fred and Sebastian noticed a strange taste in the water: it no longer tasted salty. It tasted like dirt. Then as they kept swimming a piercing noise swept through the ocean and it gave them great anxiety.



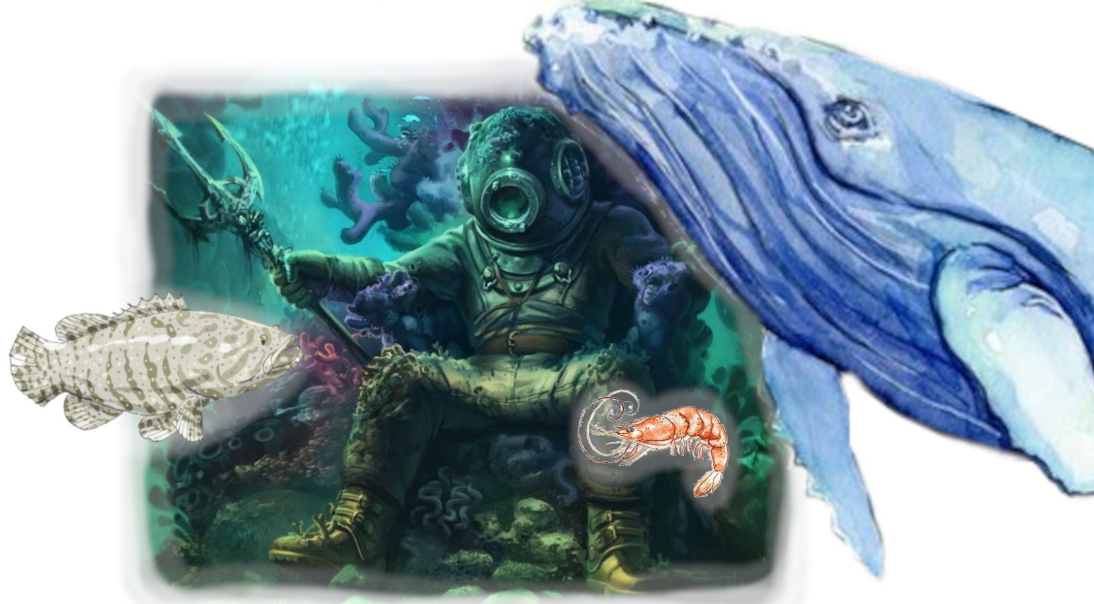
The two looked up to see what the source of the sound was only to see large pipes extending down into the ocean floor tearing it apart and other pipes behind pumping out pure dirt. Having made a wrong turn into a dangerous place the two kept swimming in the opposite direction.

Finally, Fred and Sebastian arrived at Poseidon's palace. The entryway was made of ancient coral and the halls were filled with pictures of every sea creature ever known: from sharks to the simple shrimp like Sebastian.



They continued through the palace and found a large pair of doors leading down a long hallway. As they swam down the hall they saw two figures at the end of the hall, one of them with a familiar outline...

"Look it is Tom!" Sebastian exclaimed as he went to go see his friend. This whole time Tom had been with Poseidon explaining the plastic, dangerous waste, and drilling that was ruining his home. He was never lost, he was just concerned about the ocean. Just like Sebastian and Fred.



Poseidon looked at the friends and then exclaimed "Well, seeing how it has affected so many of my dear ocean friends I hereby declare all ocean creatures to help clean the ocean to make sure that it is a safe place for us all to live." Then, all at once, the fish throughout the palace assembled and left through the grand hall to clean the ocean.

While it did take some time for the forces of Poseidon to clean the ocean, over time they were able to accomplish all their goals. Poseidon also was able to talk with the land dwellers to teach them about healthy ways to use the ocean as a resource.



As for our friends, Tom returned to his family at the reef, Fred returned to his pod to spend some time with his family, and Sebastian continued to explore the ocean to ensure no more waste was disturbing the peace of its inhabitants...

The End

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