

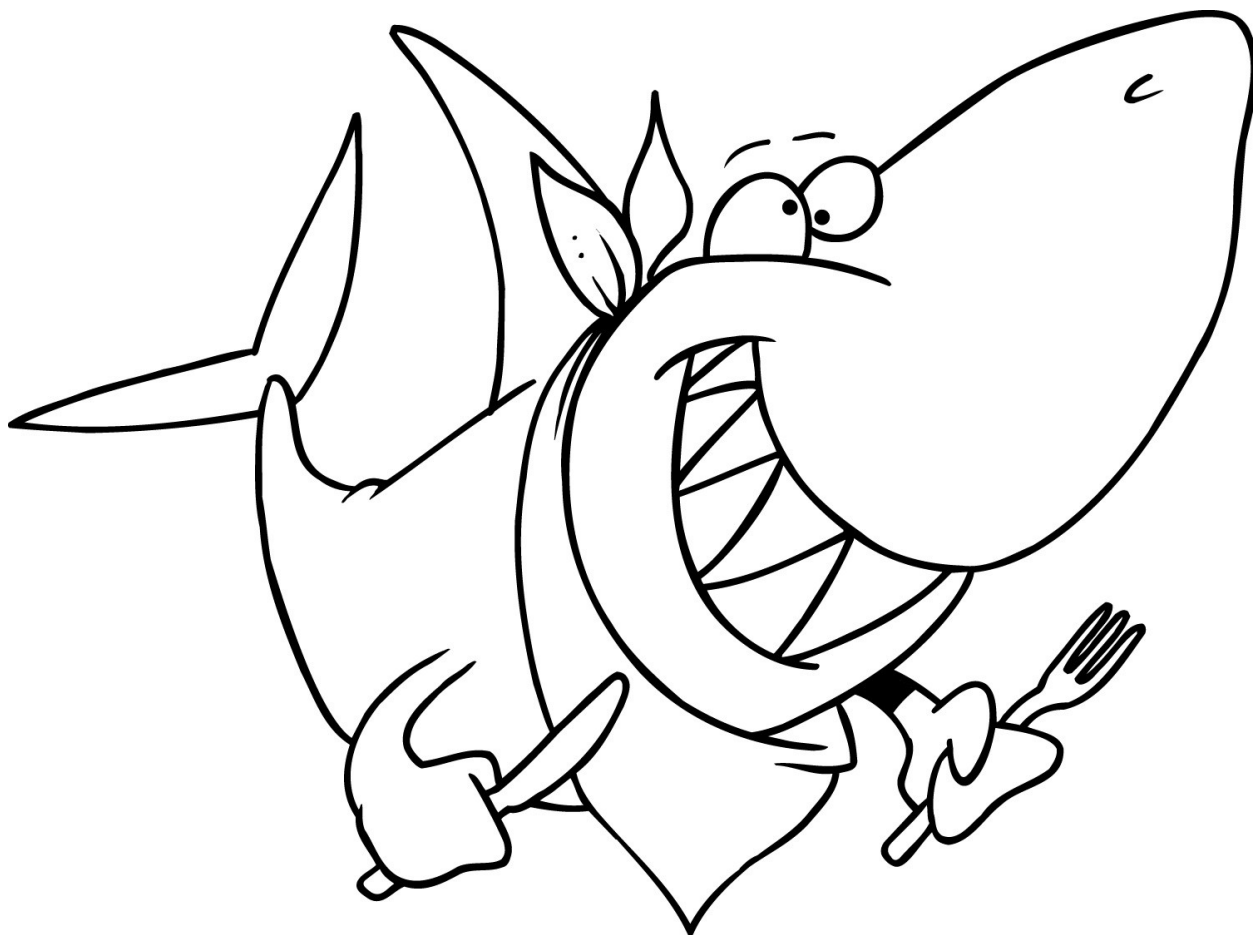


RED EYE-DEARS

BOOK 3



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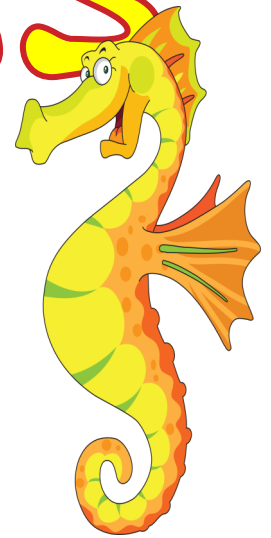
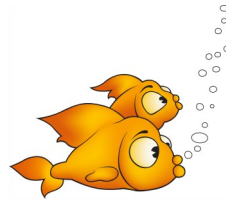


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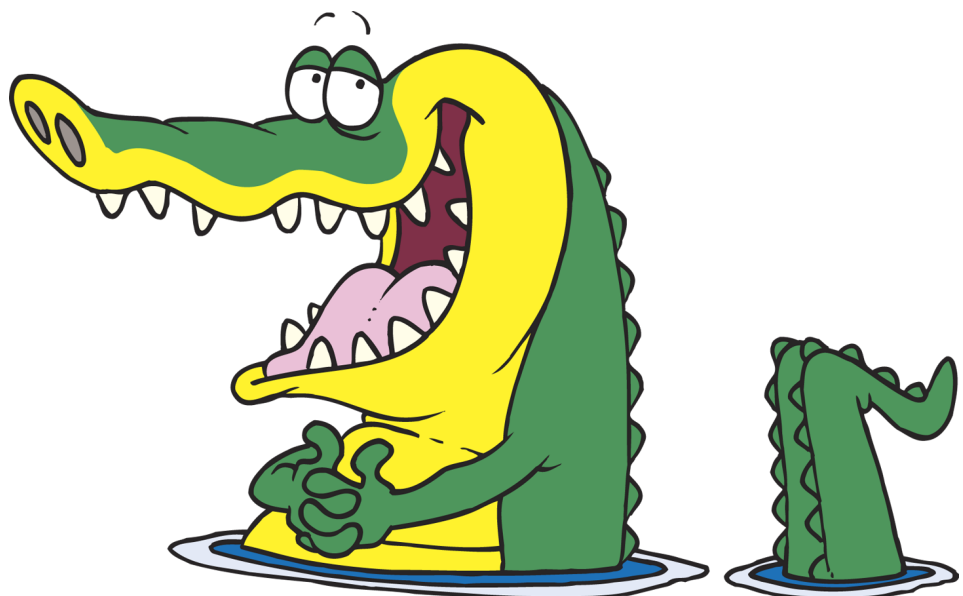
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The Dumb Doofus Dugong

Bump! Clank! Chug!

The taxi hurdles over rock after rock; jolting us around.

"We're nearly here!" says Bell. "I can't wait!"

I look out to the rough, sandy road and the tropical plants by it's side.

"That'll be \$200 please young ladies!" Says the taxi driver, Bill, as he swerves the little car to a grinding halt.

"Um Ok." We say, handing the hefty sum over.

We hurriedly clamber out of the yellow car. "Wow! Redeye Reef! How cool!" I say.

"I know!" Exclaims Sophie, as we peer out at the glistening ocean.

"Our place is just down here on the left, remember?" Says Bell.

We continue down the narrow worn path. "There it is!" Says Soph, pointing to a pastel beach hut. We set off for the beach.

Splash!! We dive in.

Cough! Cough! Poor Bell's snorkel has filled up with salty sea water.

"I can't breathe!" She splutters, as she coughs up the whole ocean.

"That's better!"

"Lets keep on going," Says Soph , as we leave our half-drowned friend on the beach.

Tiny fish peak out from between the coral: a clown fish here, a parrot fish there. Tropical fish surround me. I see a murky shadow in the distance. What is it? A shark ? A whale?

We decide to head in the opposite direction to keep out of its way. We continue to snorkel around. I see some

mystical

creatures, sort of like sea fairies or

something. Their brightly coloured bodies float and dance with the waves.

"Bang! Oof! Suddenly a heavy something bumps me. I feel the pointy sharpness of coral against my leg. Ouch!



Questions fly into my head. Who or what was that? Why does my leg hurt so much?

There, in front of me, swimming around in a dumb, oafy way is a dugong. What a boofhead!! It has scared the beautiful fairies away. I hear the sound of Sophie's laughter. She is hilariously laughing at the stupid dugong, absent-mindedly swimming away.

"What a dumb dugong!" She says.

"I'm sick of snorkelling." I say: "Lets go surfing instead."

The waves are really good. They thunder down onto the beach. Here comes a perfect wave. I paddle and prepare myself for it. All of a sudden, I'm upside down!

'I missed the most perfect wave ever.' Noooooo! What happened?

I part the sandy hair out of my face and angrily look around. There is the same greatly annoying dugong!- The dumb dugong with the pink scar! I SEE RED!!

I storm back to the beach and explain to the girls. We agree that we should go get ice creams to cool me down and refresh my mood.

I go for a fresh mint flavour. A sign catches my eye.

It reads: **Canoes for Hire.**

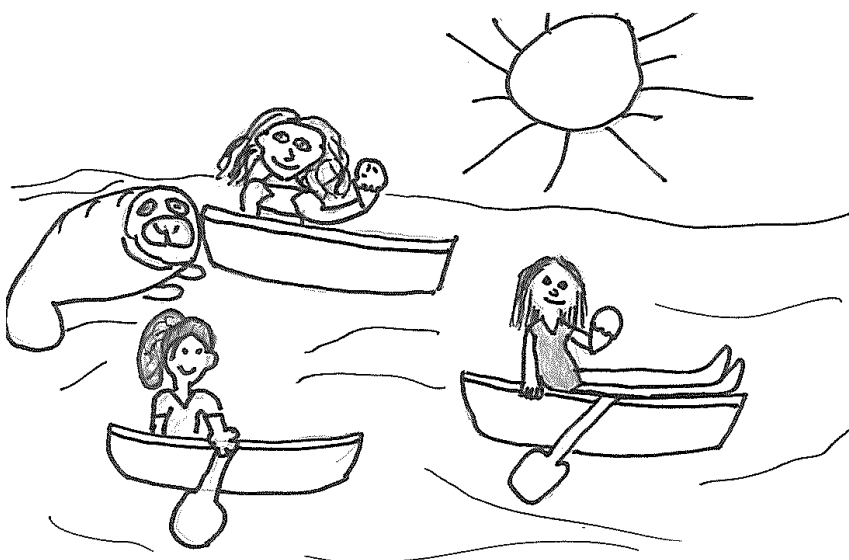
"Lets try out a canoe?" I say.

"This is the life!" Says Bell, while chillaxing on her canoe, licking her caramel ice cream.

'I know!' I say. 'So relaxing!'

Just then, something catches my eyes: I stare into the deep, dark water. My canoe begins to wobble.

'Whoa!' I cry.



Flop! An animal hits the side of my canoe, My mint ice cream tips out of my hands and plops into the sea; a swirling green mess. Then, the dumb dugong appears and eats it up. 'I am about sick of silly, stupid DUGONGS! I holler. 'They are big, old boofhead dofuses!' Sophie is in a fit of giggles, but Bell feels sorry for me.

'I know! We should go to my grandparents place they have a Jet Ski. They would let us borrow it!' She says.

Less than an hour later we are out on the ocean. It is a great feeling; wind in my face, hair flying everywhere.

It makes me feel free. Bell and I are on the Jet Ski, while Sophie is waiting on the gorgeous Redeye Island,... 'because the ski is only a two seater.'

"Time to swap with Sophie!" Says Bell.

"Seriously!" I say.

"Yep!" She answers.

I swap over with Sophie , and they zoom off on the jet ski.

On Redeye Island I decide to go exploring. I come across a small cave. I can see light coming from the other side of the cave: so I go in.

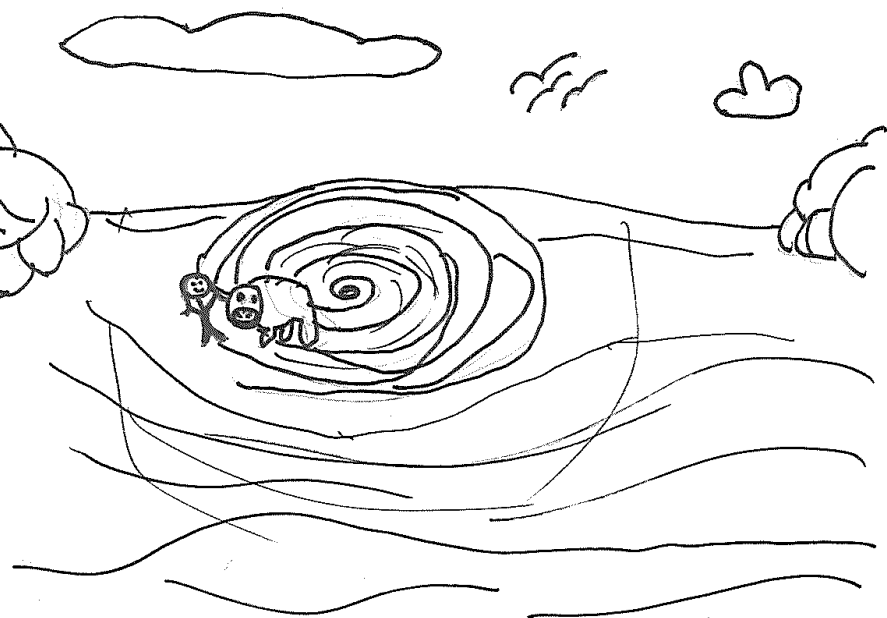
"Wow!" I say. The cave echoes back to me.

A drip of water hits me on the shoulder. I look up. The rock walls are damp and dripping with water.

Light hits me, as I walk out of the cave. There is the ocean with crystal-clear water and huge waves. It's like Surfers Paradise, except for one thing; its completely deserted. Why, I wonder, would no-one want to come here?

The water calls me. I can't help but dive in. Its lovely and warm. What a perfect place.

All of a sudden, disaster strikes. I see a whirlpool appearing: swirling closer to me.



What should I do? It's vigorous movement makes it appear as though it will suck me up any second. Rushing water surrounds me. I begin to sink slowly. "This is why no-one comes here!" I say.

I see a flash of movement; a large head appears. It's the dumb, doofus dugong! It begins to thrust me out from the horrible whirl pool.

"Thank Goodness!" I say to the dugong. "I thought I was a goner! ...Don't worry you aren't as dumb and stupid as I first thought you were. Thank you SO much!"

With that, I continue back to watch the girls jet ski and head back to safety: to enjoy my holiday.

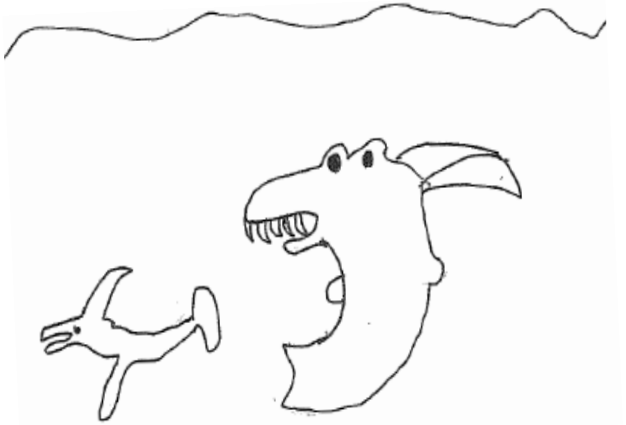
By Sarah Hanmer

GIANT JAWS

Snap! Went Harley the shark, as he was chasing the small dolphin, Spotty. Spotty called out, "Please stop chasing me!" And then, Spotty paddled for his life.

When Harley started to get puffed, Spotty paddled faster and faster until he got away.

Shortly after that, Harley swam back to his home. He paddled to the sea bed and went for a nap.



As Harley was sleeping gracefully, Spotty returned to the sea bed and into his home of fresh grass, which was right next to Harley's home. Harley snored so loudly that Spotty heard him, loud and clear.

"That feels much better," Harley said stretching his back slowly, as he woke up.

When he was awake, Harley slowly paddled out to Spotty's home. He whispered to himself, "You're all mine little dolphin."

Harley got closer to Spotty's home. He noticed a sudden noise. It was a giant submarine, boosting towards the Redeye Reef, like a rocket in water.

Spotty bolted outside. He noticed too, that it was a giant submarine heading towards the Redeye Reef, incredibly fast.

"What is it going to do to the Redeye Reef?" Spotty said to himself.

Harley arrived at Spotty's house and shouted, "I need your help desperately to stop this submarine."

"What do you want Harley? To eat me?"

"I just need your help!" Said Harley.

"Okay! I'll help," Said Spotty with a grin on his face.



Harley and Spotty boosted to the Redeye Reef and quickly raced to the submarine. They entered the emergency door and found a bubble car, that was full of water, and slipped inside. Off they went.

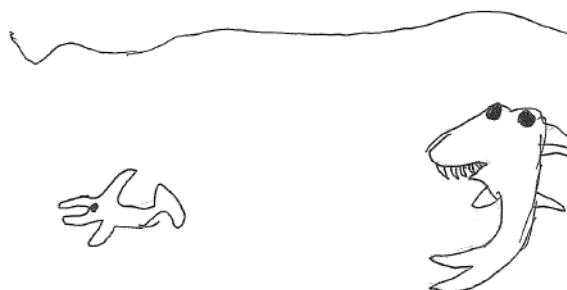
"You get the keys, and I'll deal with the two security guards on the door. Okay!" Said Harley.

"Okay!" Said Spotty.

Then they drove the car to the cabin for the keys. Harley unlocked another emergency door, and bit the guards on the leg. He shoved one of the security guards into the other security guard.

"All clear!" Shouted Harley, as Spotty entered the cabin, grabbing the keys from the hatch.

"Thankyou! But I'll take those" Cheered Harley, as he slowly made an exit for the door with Spotty.



Later, driving home, Harley and Spotty both smiled at each other, farewelling themselves.

SETH, LYLE and HARRY



One sunny day, Seth the turtle was going to get his friend Harry, the saltwater crocodile. As soon as he got to Harry's house, Ding Dong!-The door bell went. "Hi Harry! " said Seth.

"Oh! Hey! What's going on?"

"Not much. I'm coming to see if you wanna go see the Redeye Reef."

"I'll come, but three of us are better than two, so let's go round and get Lyle the penguin."

"Ok! But we better be quick!"

"Don't worry! We will be."

Moments later; Knock! Knock!-Harry gives a loud bang on the door. Lyle answers the door.

"Oh! Hey guys!" He says.

"Hey! We were wondering if you wanted to come to the Redeye Reef with us." Asked Harry.

"I would love to," Says Lyle.

"Great! We better get going to see how long the Redeye Reef is from here" Says Seth.



"Hello! We were just wondering how long the Redeye Reef is from here?" Says Harry.

"Oh! We're going to have to travel a long way," Says Seth.

"How long?" Asks Lyle.

"About 5000 kilometres," replies Seth.

"Wow! Lets get going then," Says Lyle. "This is gonna take a long time!"

Days and weeks later, the three friends are at the reef. "Let's go up this mountain. The reef should be about 500 metres on the other side," Says Seth.

"Wow! Look at this amazing view." Says Harry diving off a cliff, and into the ocean. "Wait! Is that a shark? - Swim for it!"



" Ahh!" Cries Seth. "Look! There's an even bigger sea monster, and it just ate the shark. Quick! Swim behind that big rock and hide."

The mates swam behind the big rock.

"How did we get away from that shark, and that sea monster?" Asks Lyle.

"Wait a second !" Says Harry, looking around. "We're here! We're at the Redeye Reef! We are really here."

Now that the monster was gone, Seth, Harry and Lyle went exploring the Redeye Reef.

By Seth Morris

THE QUEST

THE ONE?

Slowly creeping through the Red-Eye Reef; global warming slowly beckons the life of the reef, along with his cousin, coral bleaching, and together they slowly kill off the life of the reef. The fish, cowering in fear are hoping someone will go on a quest to stop the two villains.

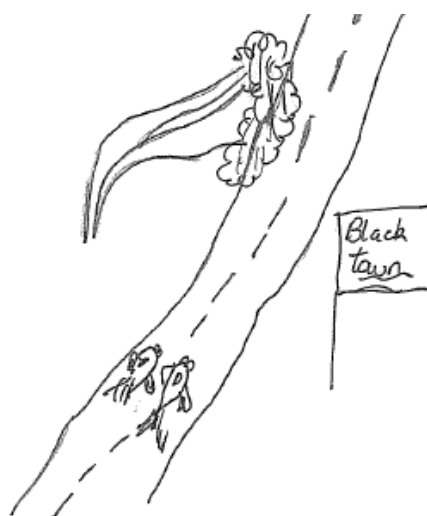
Luckily, there is a small fish called, Blue.

Blue is small, but courageous and brave, and so, one day, he and his father, (the only two who weren't cowering in their homes), said-this must come to an end and now!

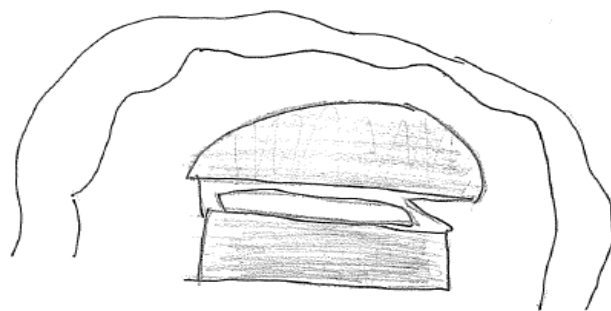
So, they set out to find a charm in the far away lands of Blacktown; which like its name, is everything dark and creepy, and is very hard to pass. No-one that has entered Blacktown, has come out alive in a million years.

Blue and his father went to Blacktown through dark and murky waters. They were unperturbed as they went on, and on and on.

Finally, they reached Blacktown, which was indeed black and murky, and they wandered to the cave which contained the charm, and could bring global warming and coral bleaching to their demise.



They fought sea monsters and conquered all. That brought them to a treasure chest which contained the charm. The way the charm worked was; because coral bleaching and global warming had no



ancestors, as soon as a fish picked the charm up, the two villains were killed.



So, when Blue picked it up, it buzzed and vibrated, and turned a purple colour, and went up in smoke.

Then, up went a distant cheer, as Blue and his father walked out of the cave. People scooped them up and yelled, HIP,HIP HOORAY!!! They bellowed, and the village made Blue and his family, rich.

Blue chose to share his wealth with the whole village, and everyone lived peacefully and financially comfortably for the rest of their lives. Blue and the whole village worked together, ate together and they had a certain amount of money each week to spend.

No thefts were reported and everyone was happy.

By Scarlett Hehir

THE REDEYE REEF'S FIRST MOMENTS

Millions of years ago, while Australia was young, the coast of Queensland was empty, blue water. All that people could see were foamy waves crashing on the squishy sand.

One day, a terrible earthquake rumbled. The sea bed vibrated as the waves swayed the sand. The homes of the fish in the ocean were destroyed.

Days after the earthquake, every fish left the beautiful coast. There were only two fish who stayed on the coast; a seahorse and a dolphin.



Years went by and the coast was lonely. Suddenly, coral poked up out of the ground. The colour was a beautiful pink and cream colour.

One Monday evening, a huge earthquake appeared again. The seahorse fled to the coral, hoping that it would save her.



Many years after that, the dolphin named all the coral, the Redeye Reef, but as time went on, the dolphin's life came to an end. His one dying promise was to

bring every fish back to their home.

The Seahorse set off to find the fishes that once lived in the reef.

Her journey came to an end, when every fish came back.

The seahorse died of old age and was buried next to the first coral ever made in the Redeye Reef.

And that's how the Redeye Reef was made!

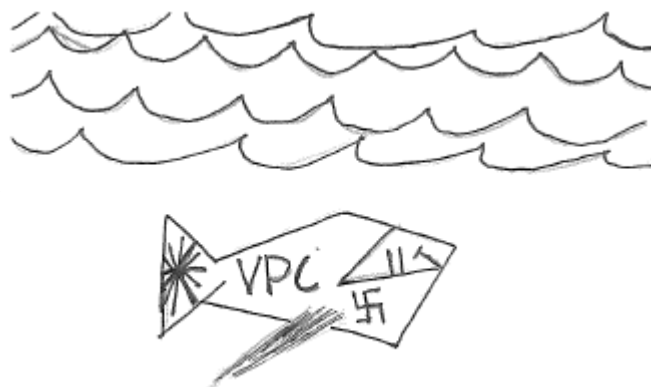
By Marisa Hovenden



A CAPTAIN'S DIARY

1864-January the Twelfth

We have just secured the German air attack command ship and the vertical pod . Everyone is wondering if they should celebrate their capture or be scared of their lack of knowledge about it. All we know is that we have their big gun, and we're going to use it.



January the Thirteenth



Today we test the vertical pod carrier to give ammunition to the renamed F-6 Falcon Stealth Aerial Attack Zeppelin. This could be the key to the

war. Only if we knew how to fly it.

January the Fifteenth

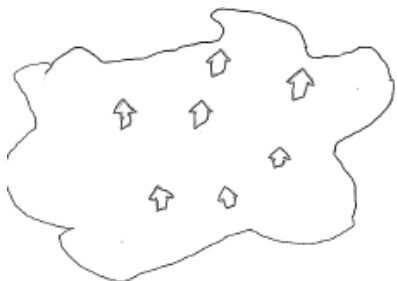
We now embark on the journey and have flown it to the Atmospheric French air station. Our mission is to deliver supplies for the French fleet. We are on Redeye Reef beach preparing to launch. The signal has been given. Slowly, I've turned the ignition on, and powered up the thrust. The engine has hummed into life.



By Jack Hay

GIANT MONSTERS

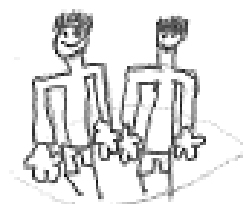
Once upon a time, there were four young kids from a small island going canoeing in the Redeye Reef. Jim was in the front of the first canoe, with Bill at the back of the same canoe.



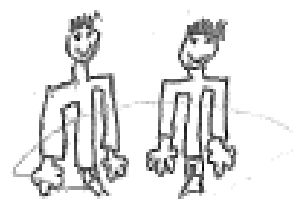
In the other canoe was Seth and Jack. Seth was paddling his heart out, and Jack was just relaxing his hand in the cold water. Jack never felt so relaxed in his life.

After that, a giant jellyfish stung him on the hand! Jack pulled his hand out of the water and lay down for a little bit, and then they arrived at Volcano Island.

Seth wrapped his hand in bandages and they climbed up to the top of the volcano, and slid down the slide that they had made. Jack felt a bit ill, so they started heading home.

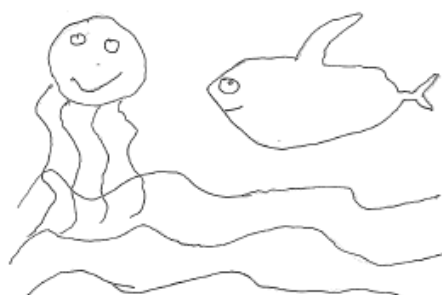


As they were heading home, the ground started to shake. It was an earthquake!



They paddled as fast as they could. But then, a gigantic shark and jellyfish appeared, and stopped them.

After that, the earthquake erupted and separated the shark and the jellyfish. So, then the four tired children were able to get passed and go home to their family.



They will never forget that day.

By Mathew Bridge

Stuffed

"One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish..... Old Fish, New Fish." Ms Clair calls out as she marks the roll. Every fish answers except for New Fish.

"New Fish!!" Yells Ms Clair.

"Hhheees nnot hhere" stutters Old Fish.

"He didn't come home last night," says One Fish, impressively.

"Last night a tourist boat from the Redeye Reef came and took him." Explained Black Fish.

So, the whole class set out on a mission to find him. Along the way, they found a lot of small scales, littering the seabed.

"They must be New Fish scales." Yells Blue Fish.

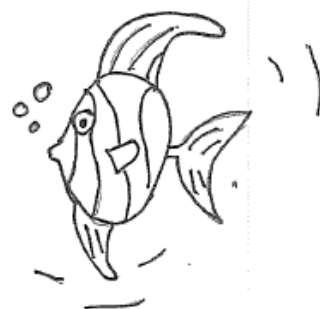
Meanwhile, on the other side of the ocean, Ms Noona, America's beat taxidermist is on a tourist boat on her way back to America with New Fish. He is swimming around in an esky full of water and other very tropical and exotic fish.

Suddenly, the fish all hear thumping sounds coming towards them.

"Ms Noona is coming!" Yells one of the fish.

"Everyone play dead!!" Yells another.

So, they all lay there, pretending to be dead. When Ms Noona sees them, she let's out a shriek of terror.





She picks up New Fish and throws him **so** hard against the water that he is knocked unconscious and sinks to the bottom of the seabed.

Suddenly, New Fish awakes to the sound of little voices and bright lights.

There, swimming in front of him are five beautiful sea fairies. They swim around him, with big smiles and begin to laugh.

Soon, New Fish breaks into a hysterical laugh. As he laughs, bubbles steam out of his nose. Then, a big net dives in from the surface. New Fish is scooped up and plonked back into the esky with the other fish.

A giant light fills the boat, blinding Ms Noona and her crew. Suddenly, the esky opens. The fish all bow and then New Fish notices a crown, and then he falls into a sudden bow.

"I will set you free!" Says the Queen of the Sea. "But only on one condition! You must find your own way back home." She says politely.

Then as New Fish begins to travel home, he suddenly falls asleep. Later, as he wakes up, he is surprised to see his home town. Everyone is excited to see him, and all the fish live happily together. **AND**, New Fish swears never to leave Redeye Reef again.

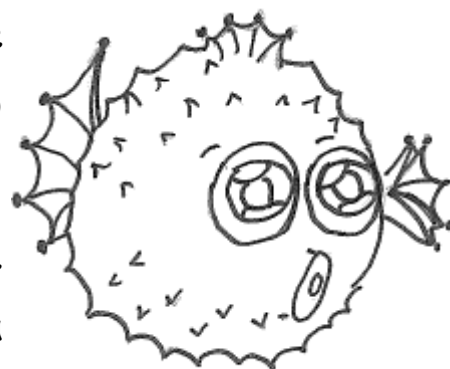


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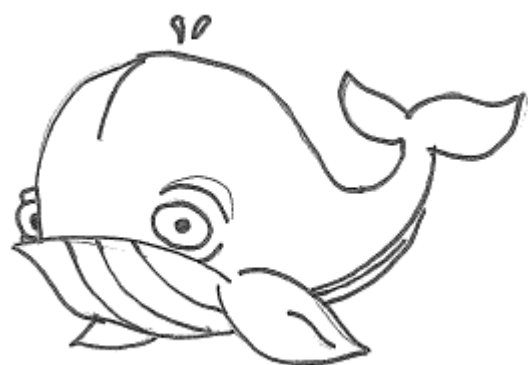
The Cave

It was a Friday night. Well, the whale thought it was around about 7.00pm. The whale was called Gail, and its best friend was a fish called Sarah. They had been the best of friends for their whole life. They met in the city of Red Eye Reef. They lived there for so long.

At 7:02pm, they both went exploring. The whale and the fish, Gail and Sarah, found a cave and they both ventured into the old, scary cave, that looked like a pile of very old rocks, covered in fungus.



As they ventured in, a massive, underwater cave-boulder fell down, covering the entrance and exit, so that the whale and the fish were both stuck in the scary cave. Gail the whale and Sarah the fish were both so frightened at what had just happened. Never in a million years would they have thought that they would be stuck in an old, scary cave, full of mould and slimy rock, that smelt like fin rot and salt.



Because of the massive disruption to the cave that the underwater boulder did, a long, sharp rock impaled the bottom of the cave, separating one side of the cave. Luckily the whale Gail and Sarah the fish were both together.

After about 2 hours (so it was about 9.02pm) Sarah and Gail had no energy left.

They felt like sleeping through all of the stress and hunger, so they nodded off.

As they both slept, a small, subtle sound pounced through the cave, awakening Gail and Sarah. They both looked up in fright, and over the other side of the cave was an old stingray. It looked at both Sarah and Gail, as much to say, "Oi come here!"



Gail somehow found the courage to say, "excuse me, but me and my friend Sarah were exploring when a boulder fell and blocked off the entrance. Can you help us get out?"

"Oh me, help you. No, sorry. I can't. You see, you came into my cave, woke me up, broke the exit, and blocked us in here. I don't think I can help you."

"Well, if you want to be like that, then fine." Said Sarah.

Both friends, then tried to get out, and as they struggled, an old friend came flying out from the tops of the rocks. It was Steve Irwin, the great animal tamer. He had a gun, and blew a hole in the cave wall.

Finally, Sarah and Gail could go home to the Redeye Reef.

By Alicia Smith

LEGEND
Enterprises

