

Teamwork and Determination

Timmy Tuna



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Imagine you are a mighty Tuna fish called Timmy.

Your body is packed with muscle, your skin shines like polished silver. You are streaking through the Ocean like a bird through the air.

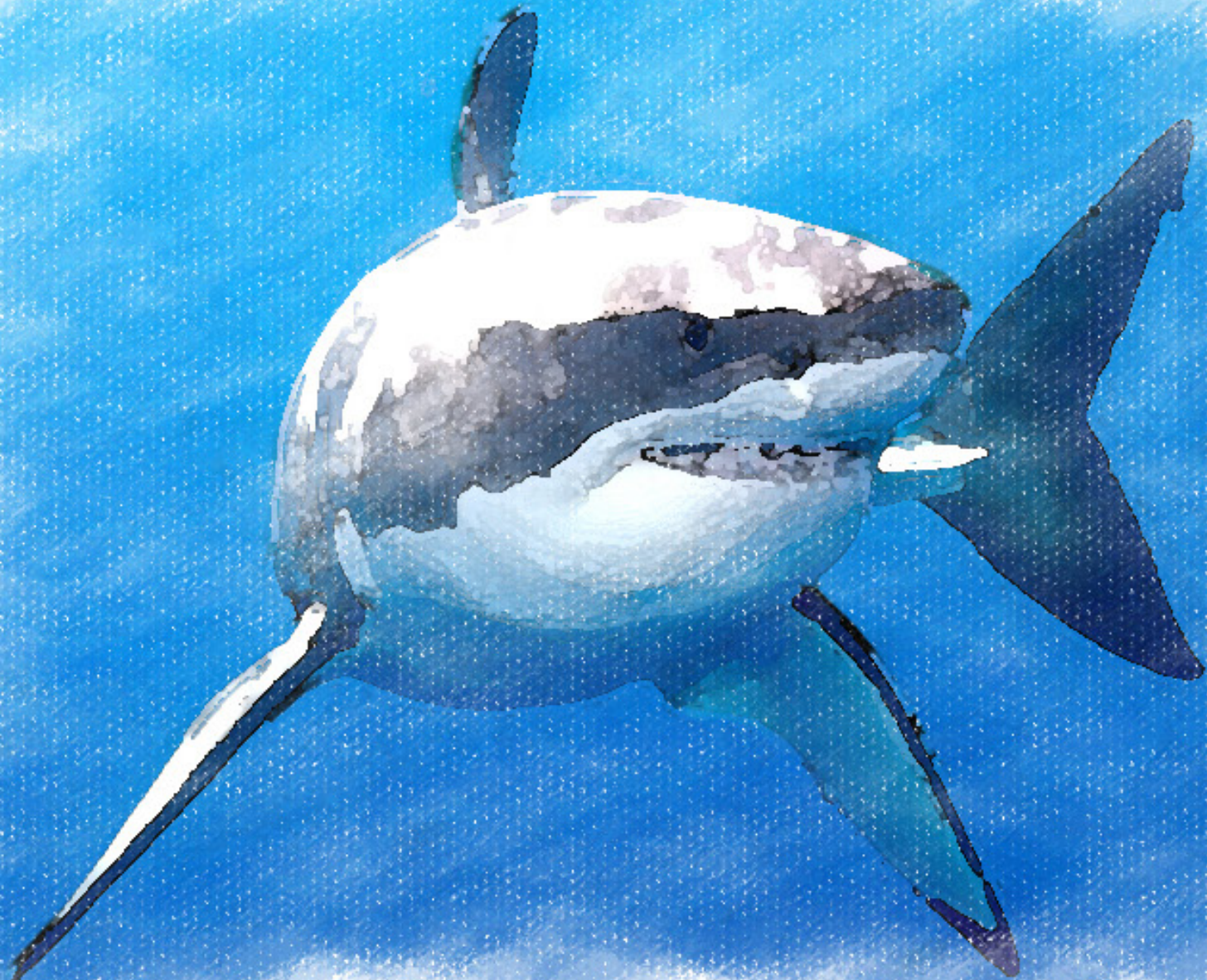


Dashing towards the surface you leap high above the waves, now you **are** a bird as you turn gracefully in the air and plunge back into the water with a huge splash.

You are the fastest fish in the sea and you win every race in your School.

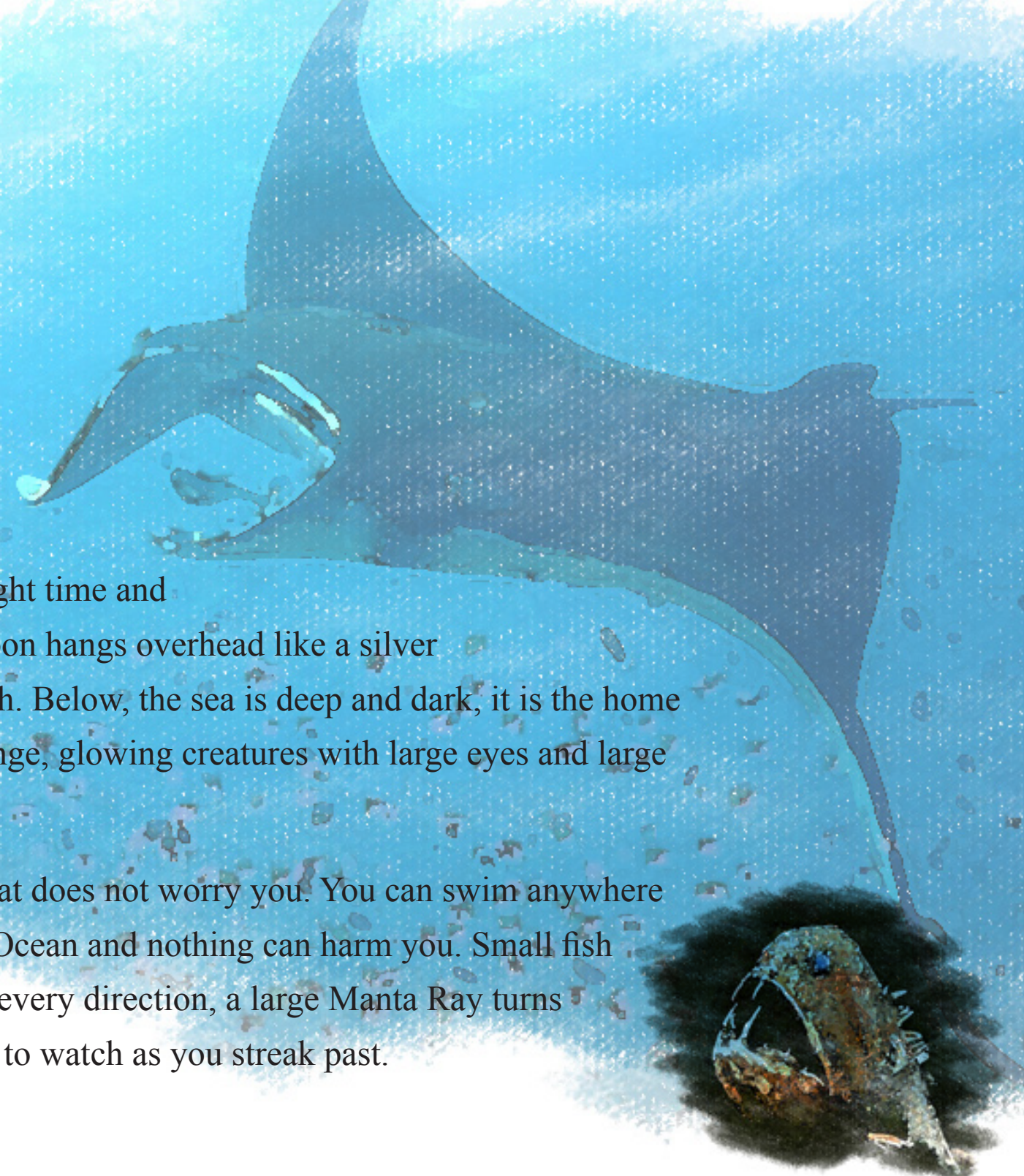


No shark can catch you and no smaller fish can escape you. You swim wherever you want and no-one can tell you what to do or where to go.

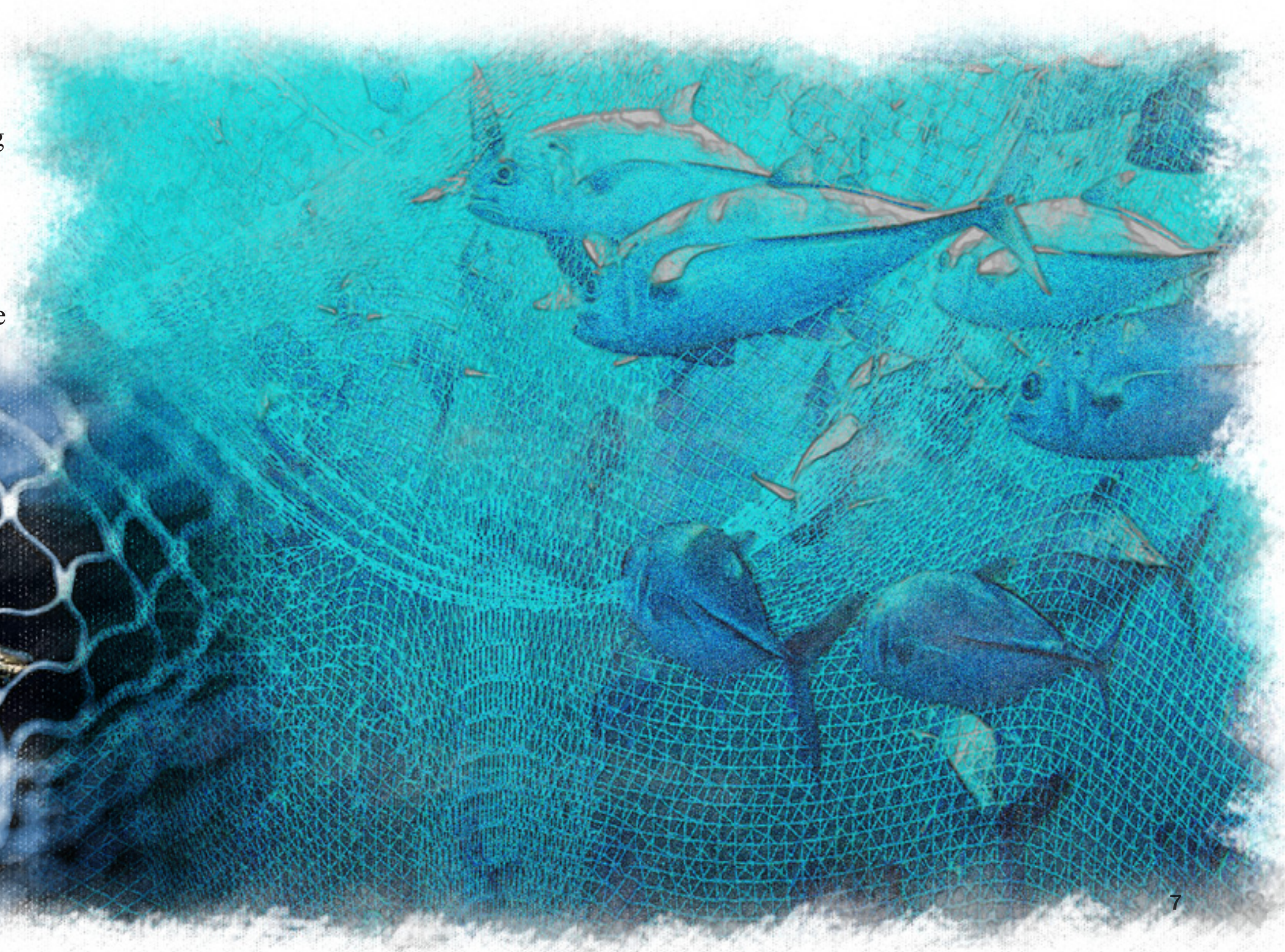


It is night time and the Moon hangs overhead like a silver jellyfish. Below, the sea is deep and dark, it is the home of strange, glowing creatures with large eyes and large teeth.

But, that does not worry you. You can swim anywhere in the Ocean and nothing can harm you. Small fish flee in every direction, a large Manta Ray turns slowly to watch as you streak past.



Alone in the Sea. King of the Ocean. Powering through the water, faster, and faster, and faster, and CRASH! An abandoned net is hanging down like a massive curtain. You spin around and rush away from the net, BANG! You strike the other side.

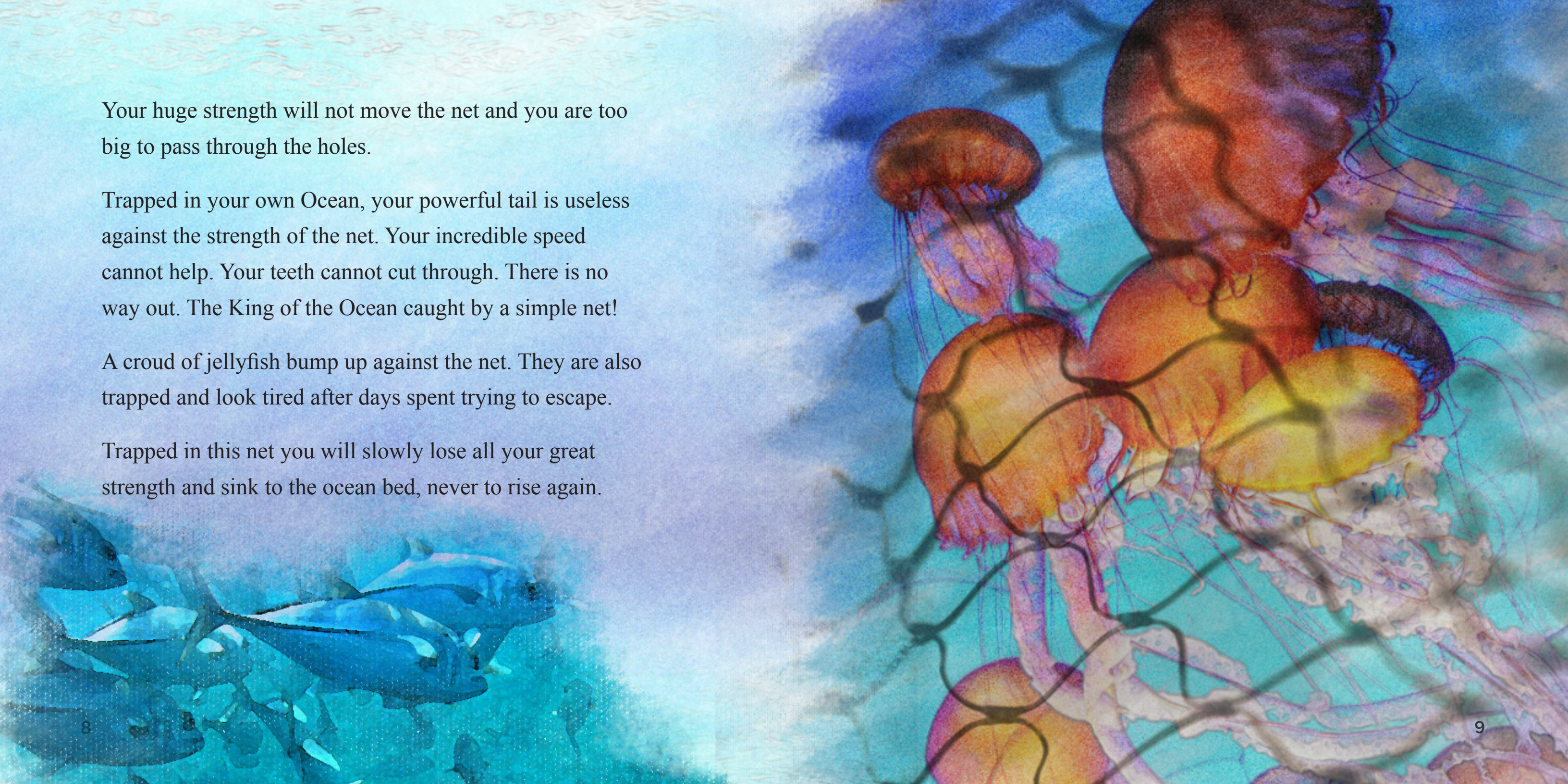


Your huge strength will not move the net and you are too big to pass through the holes.

Trapped in your own Ocean, your powerful tail is useless against the strength of the net. Your incredible speed cannot help. Your teeth cannot cut through. There is no way out. The King of the Ocean caught by a simple net!

A croud of jellyfish bump up against the net. They are also trapped and look tired after days spent trying to escape.

Trapped in this net you will slowly lose all your great strength and sink to the ocean bed, never to rise again.



You cannot let that happen, so you start to look around to find a way out. On the sandy seabed below is a small reef. Huddled in a crack in the reef is a large crab. He looks like he has been trapped for many days and has given up all hope. His huge claws hang limply and his long feelers droop towards the ocean floor.



You are not the only one trapped here. Perhaps if you all worked together you could break out of this trap.

You call out to the others and tell them your plan. The crab crawls out of hole and listens eagerly while the jellyfish huddle together sparkling with new energy.



Once they all understand the plan, they get to work.

The jellyfish jostle together at the edge of the net and with gleeful squeeks and squeels, they start to lift the net away from the seabed. Then Crab scuttles forward and with short snips of his



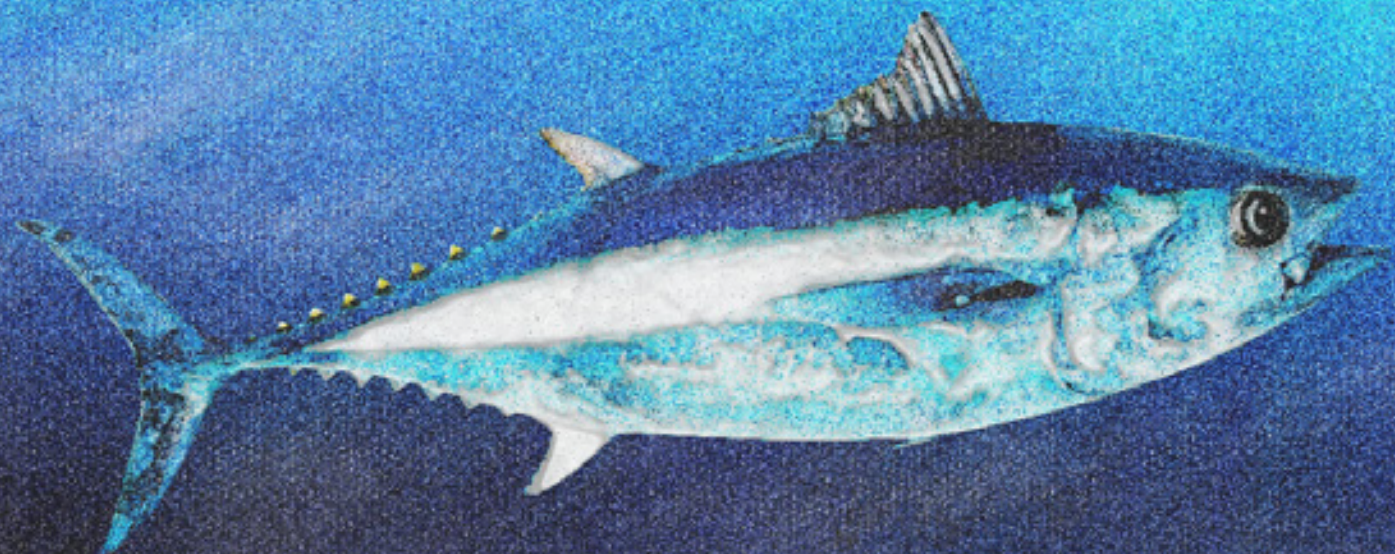
sharp claws, starts to cut a hole in the tight net.

The hole gets bigger and bigger until it is large enough for you to power through and out into the open ocean.



FREE! You are free again! But without the help of your friends, you'd have been trapped for ever.

Turning back towards the net, you pull the hole open again to let Crab scuttle through and the Jelly's pour through the hole and drift away into the deep blue sea.



You are still a mighty fish.

You are still King of the Ocean.

But now you know how strong you can be when you work together with others in a team.

THE END

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The goal of this story is to introduce young children to some of the principles which contribute to a successful and fulfilling life. These principles are tried and tested and taught to adults by life skills Guru's around the world.

At HumanBean we feel that if young children can start to understand these principles and behaviors at an early age, then they are more likely to adopt them as they grow up. With strong foundations, they will be better able to succeed in an increasingly challenging world.

Key Principle: Teamwork:

This story shows the benefit of Teamwork.

When we work together we can usually get the job done quicker and more effectively. It can be fun but in this story, teamwork saves your life!

Children quickly understand that things get easier when more people get involved. This helps them to actively use teamwork as a tool whenever they are faced with difficult tasks. This inevitably enables them to be more productive and to complete more tasks than they could complete on their own. In conjunction with Goal setting and Communication Skills, Teamwork can help your child build a greater sense of self confidence and a belief in their own abilities.

If you like this story, you'll love **The Star Dragon**. A fully illustrated book which includes all the key behaviors for success in life.

This book, like all the HumanBean stories, has been written with a specific purpose in mind - to introduce your child to the attitudes and behaviours which bring success in life. These 'success principles' have been available to adults in their work and business lives for many years. They are proven techniques for improving your life. But, until now, children have been more or less excluded from this valuable learning.

This story has been written to bring these attitudes and behaviours to children, aged 5-10, through an exciting and entertaining stories, where the reader is the hero.

Your child will learn about teamwork, goal setting, prioritisation and other important skills while enjoying these entertaining stories.

Storytelling is a great way to directly influence young readers and we hope your child enjoys 'Magic Mouse'.

Thank you, David Machin



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