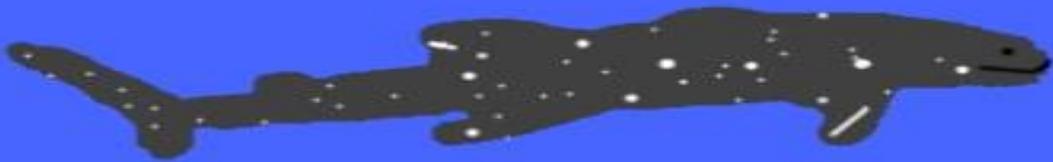


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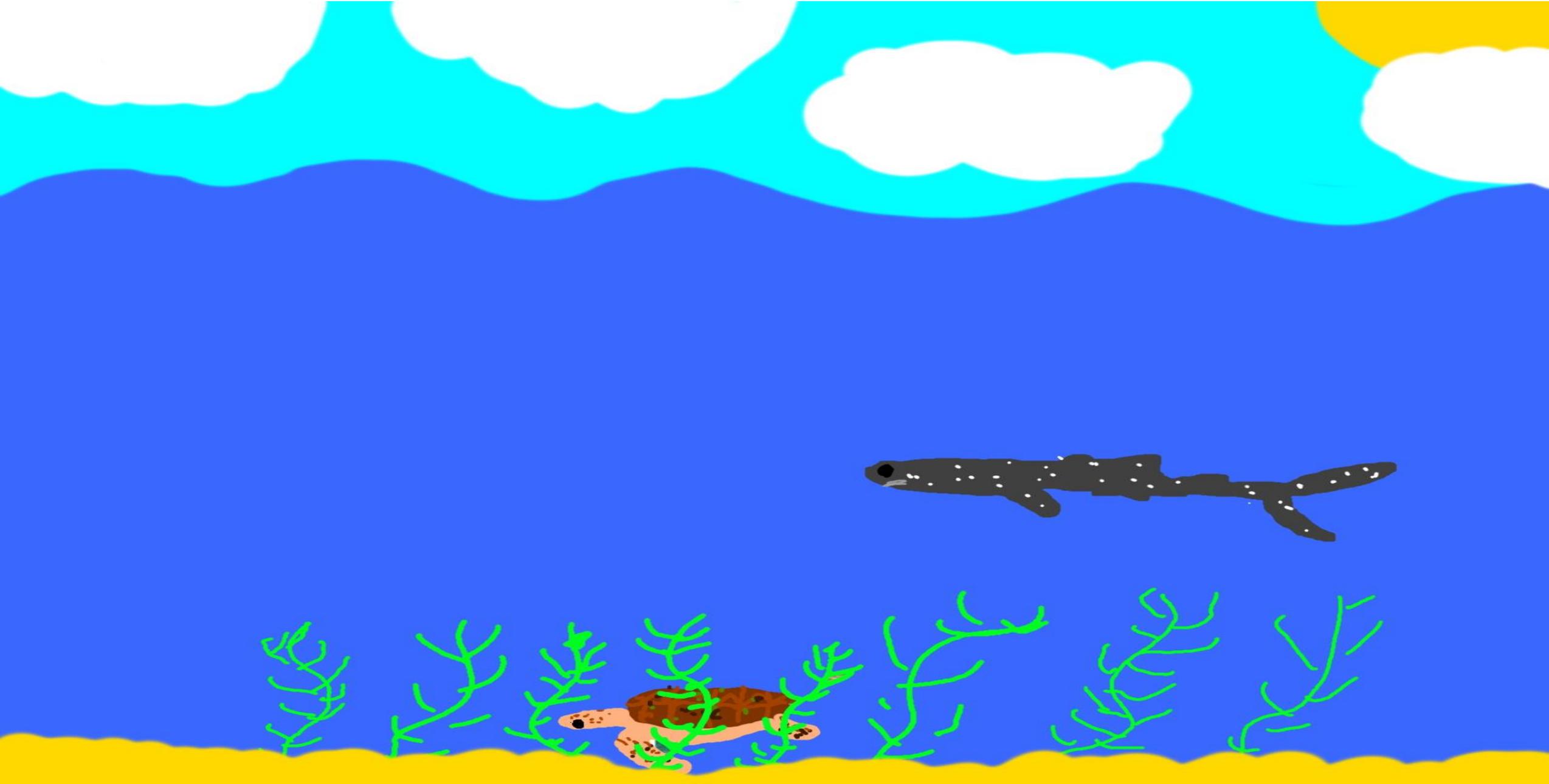
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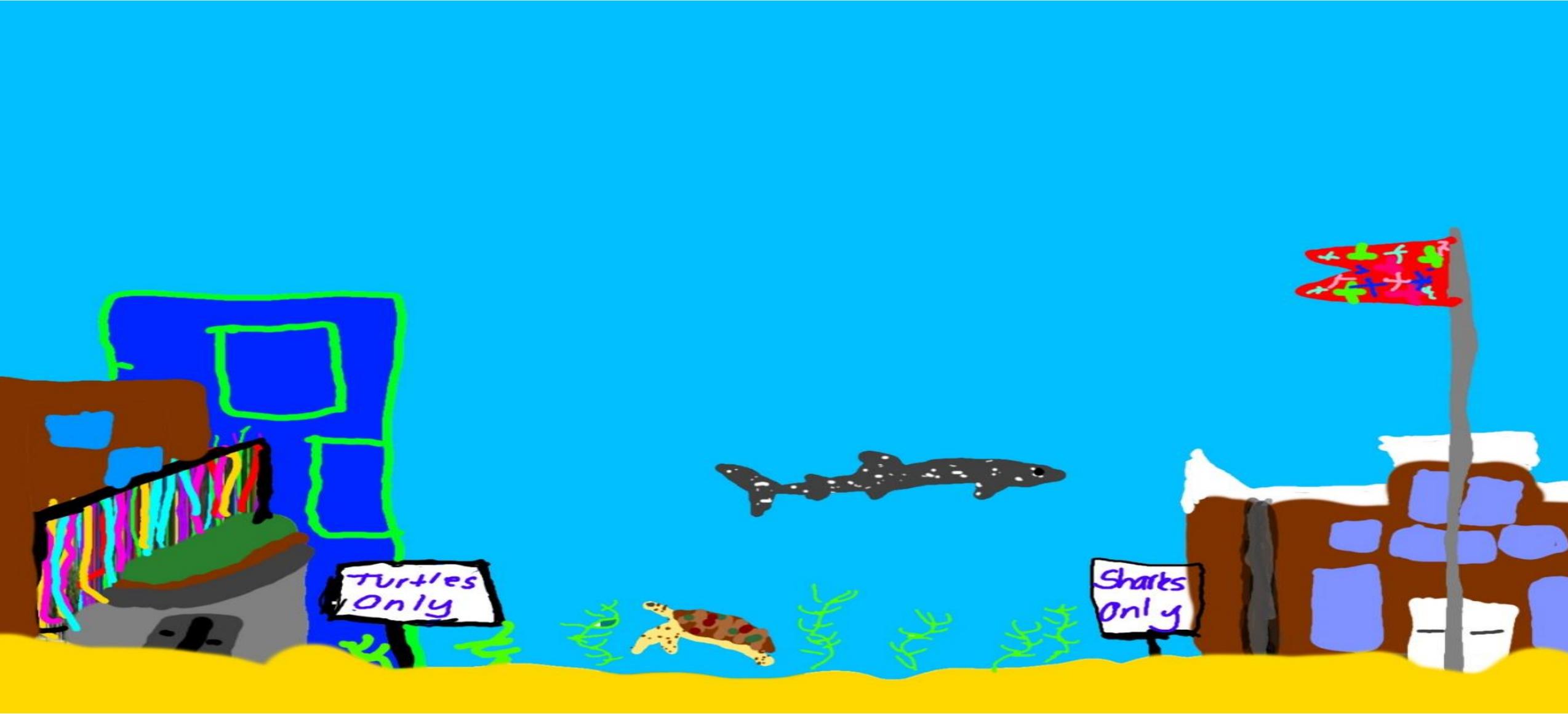
One day, deep down in the Great Barrier Reef, Gnasher the shark went to explore.



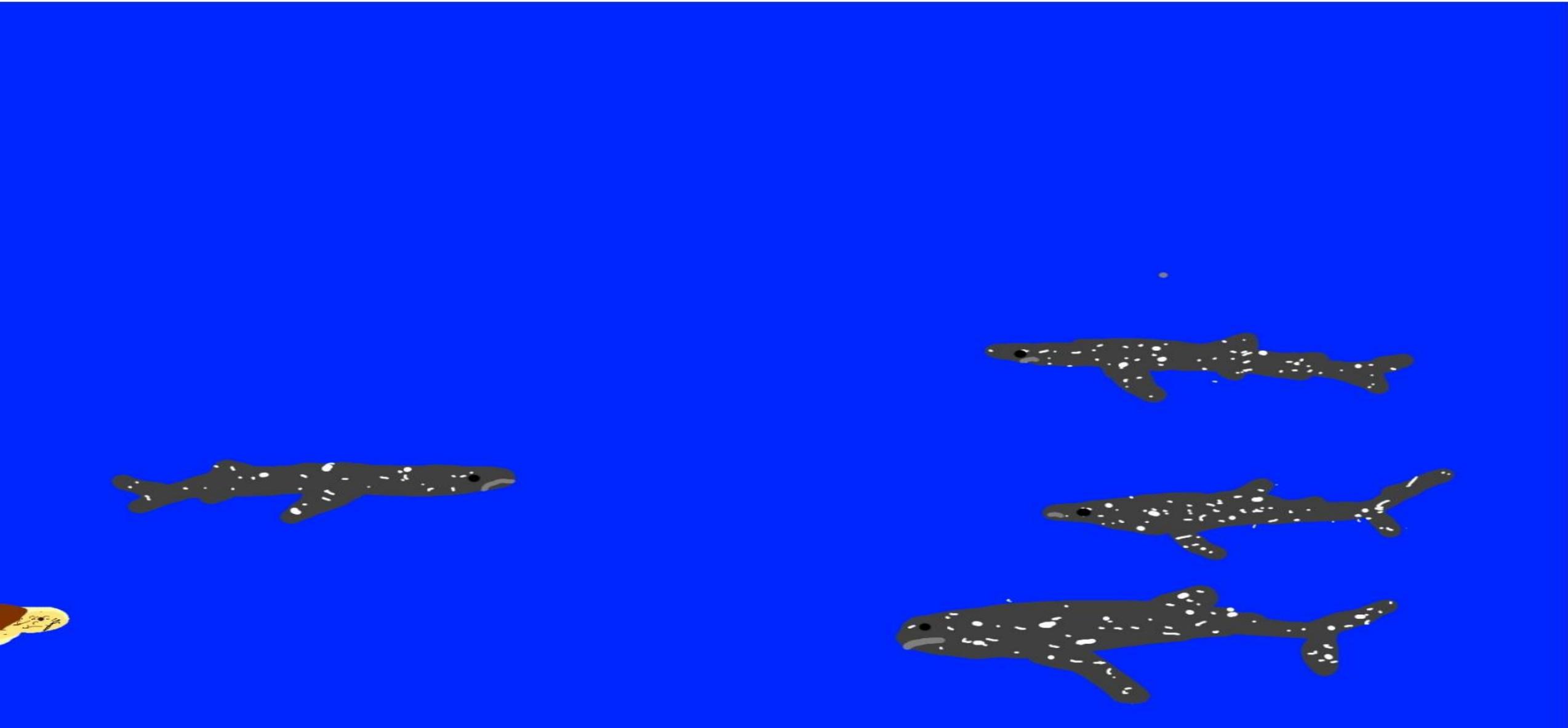
He saw a baby turtle (Sheldon) stuck in seaweed.



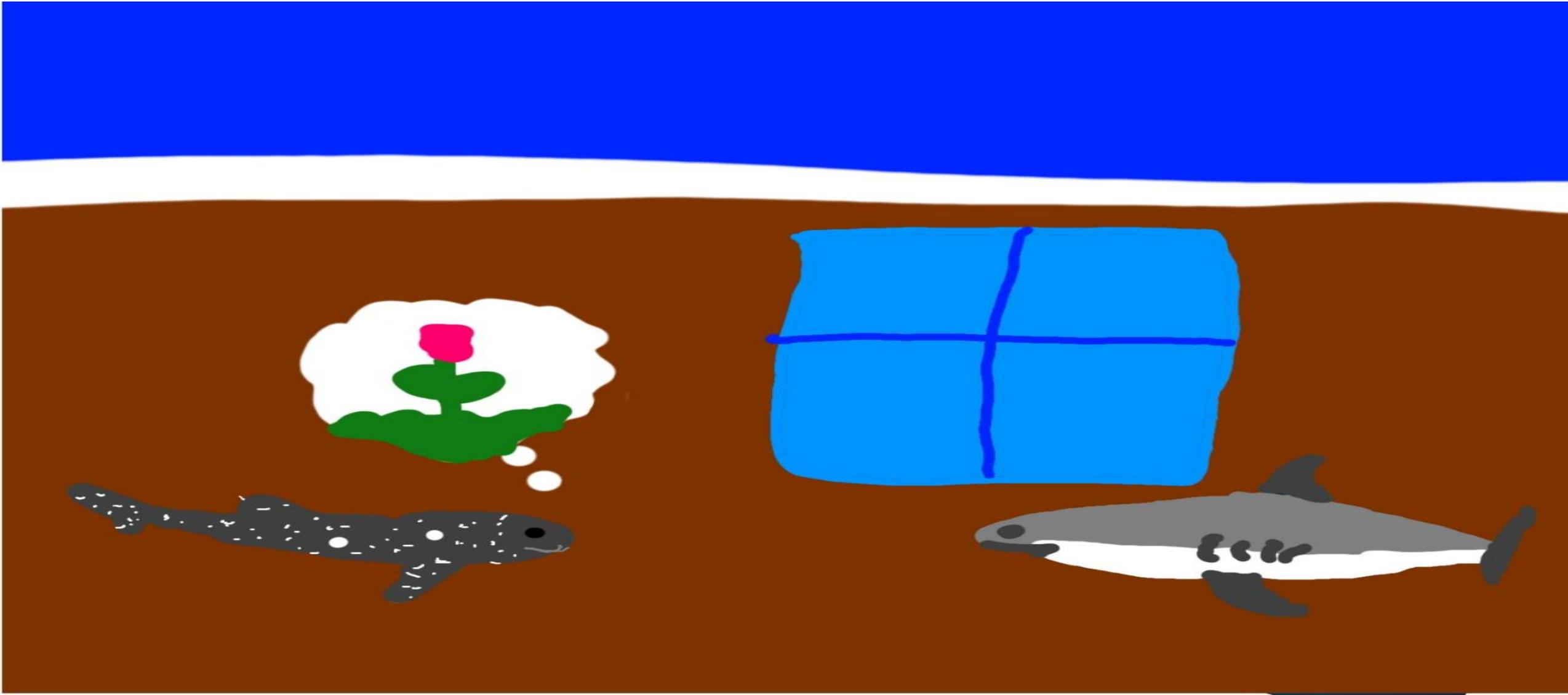
Gnasher helped Sheldon and they become best friends. Before they know it they are getting ready to go to their first day at school.



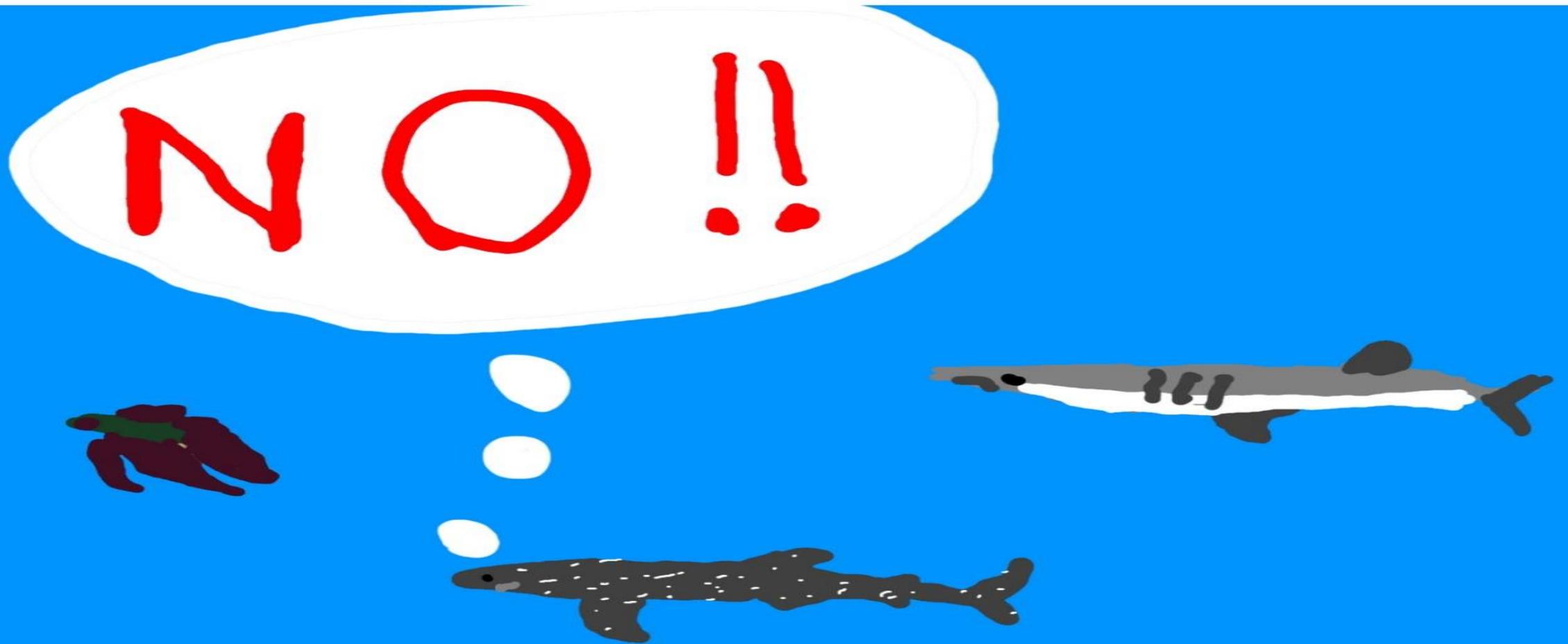
“Gnasher what are you doing next to a weak little turtle?” Said the other sharks at Gnasher’s school. “You are the biggest freak at our school!”



“Gnasher, stop daydreaming in class, today we will be going on a day trip!” said Gnasher’s very nasty teacher. All the sharks glided into the bus.



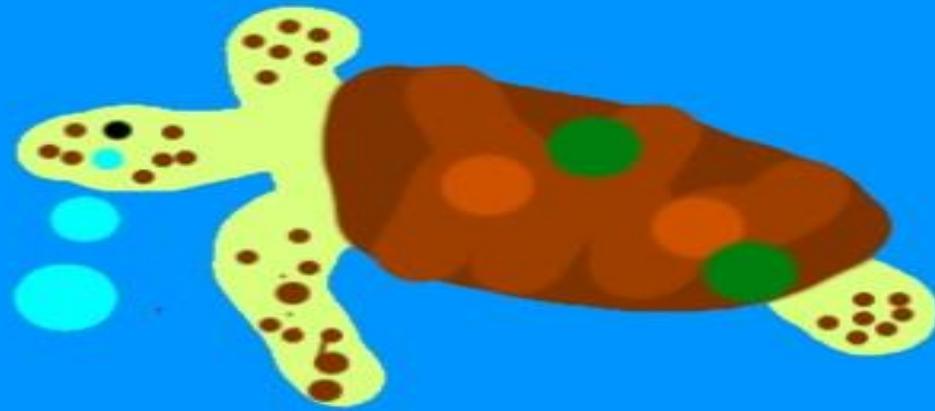
When they arrived at their destination the teacher said to Gnasher, “Go eat that weak little fish!”
“No, I don’t want to!” yelled Gnasher.” I am not meant to be a top apex predator!”
“But Gnasher you need to keep the food chain going!”, cried the sharks.



Wow!!!! Said all the turtles at Sheldon's school. You are a freak for being friends with a shark. If you keep being friends with him, he will eat you. Stop being friends with him! You need to pick the shark or us," said the turtles.



“But I don’t know...” said Sheldon. “Okay” he cried.



After school Gnasher thrashed in front of Sheldon asking him to play.
“Just eat me already, Gnasher! I know sharks are important to keep the food chain going – the turtles warned me.”



“NO!!!”, yelled Gnasher “I don’t want to eat you! You are my best friend.”



Gnasher explained “But I don’t want to eat you, Sheldon, because I am a whale shark. I only eat small things like plankton, which includes krill not turtles or fish!! So, can we still be friends!” Sheldon was so happy (and relieved)!



Appendix

- Whale sharks favourite meal is plankton. They scoop these tiny plants and animals up, along with any small fish that happen to be around, with their gigantic mouths while swimming close to the water's surface. The whale shark, like the world's second largest fish, the basking shark, is a filter feeder
- a whale shark, hawksbill turtle and the great barrier reef.
- **Size:** Adults are 2.5 to 3 feet in carapace length (71 – 89 cm). **Weight:** Adults can weigh between 101 and 154 lbs (46 – 70 kg). **Diet:** The hawksbill's narrow head and jaws shaped like a beak allow it to get food from crevices in coral reefs. They eat sponges, anemones, squid and shrimp. **Habitat:** Typically found around coastal reefs, rocky areas, estuaries and lagoons.
- life cycle : the life cycle of the baby shark to adult or the baby turtle to adult turtle .
- food chain : the whale shark only eats krill and plankton not turtles.
- Habitat : the habitat is the great barrier reef.
- Food web : where lots of turtles eat the same thing or sharks.
- Predator / prey : the sharks eats the fish so they are the predator and then the fish would be the prey.

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