

Baby Bay and The Big, LOUD Ocean



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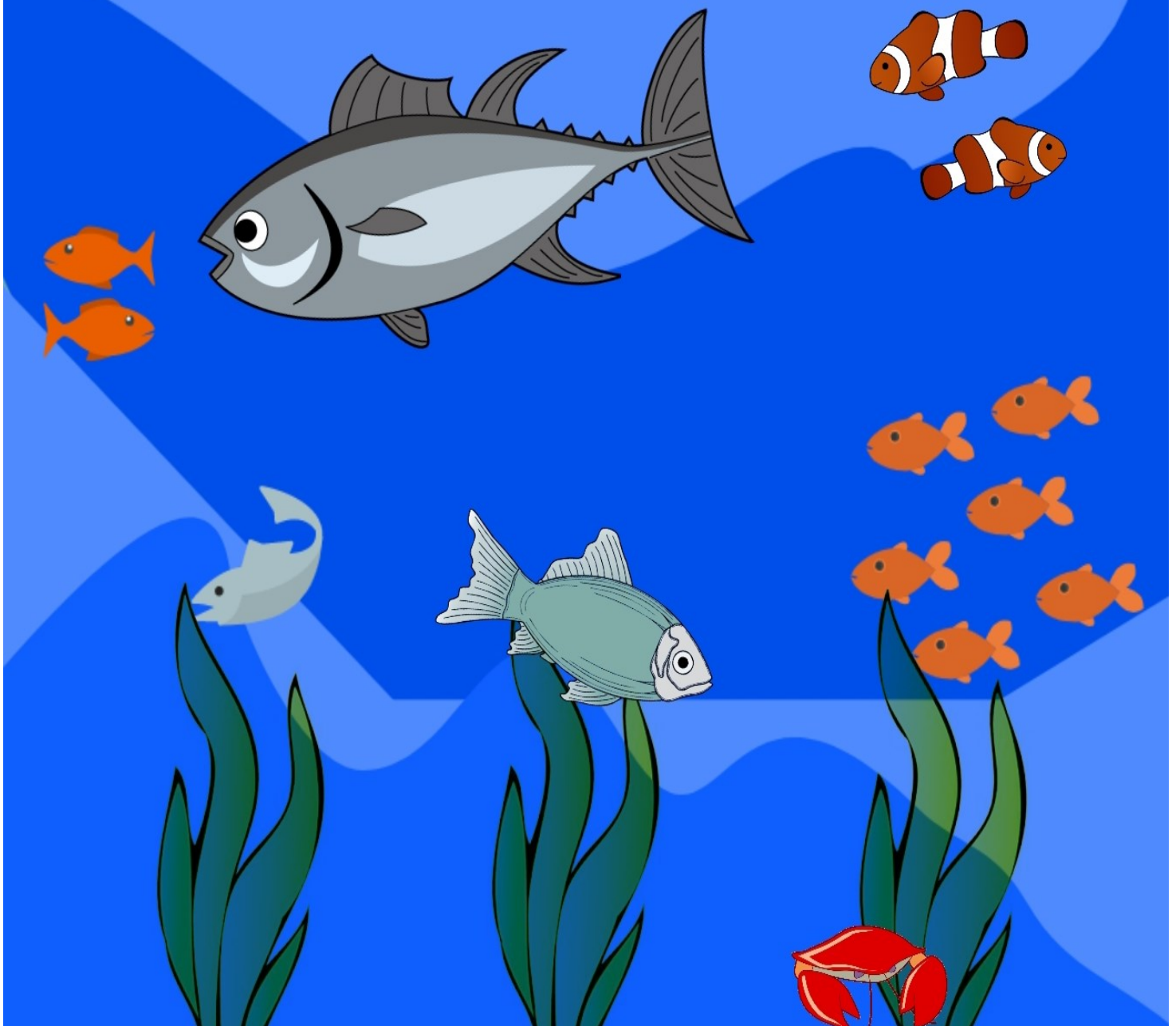


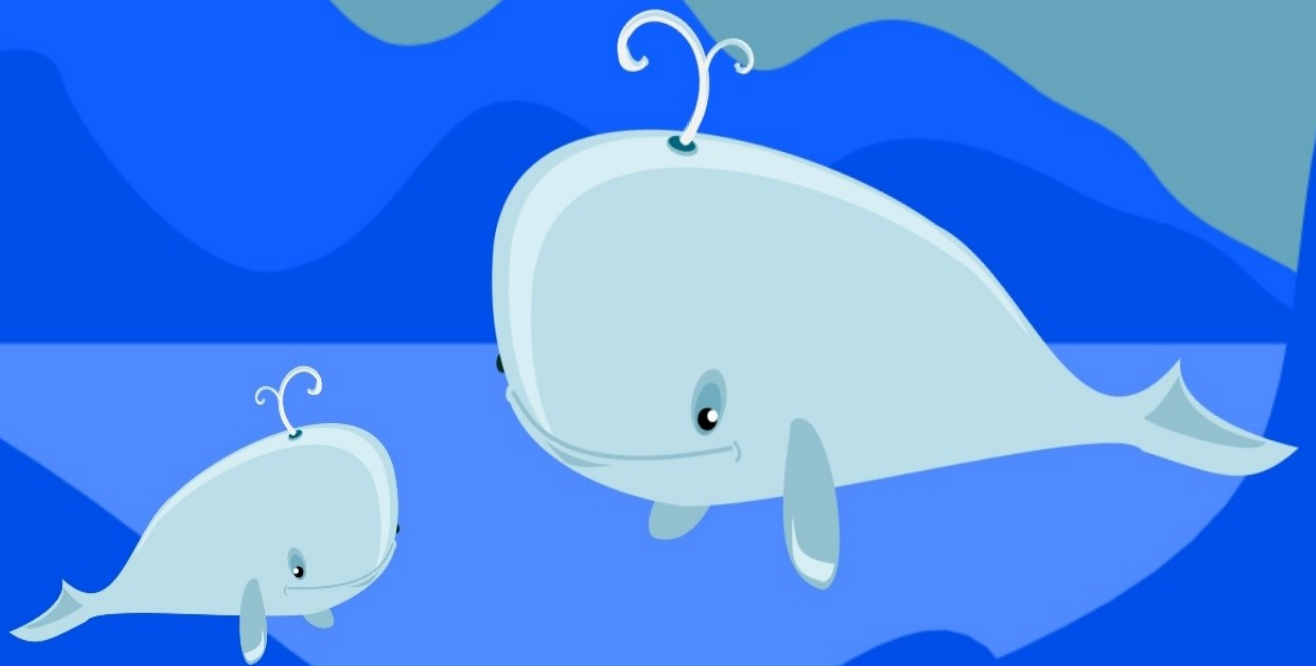
*All great stories begin with 'Once
Upon a Time....*

*But I'm here to tell you a story of
something that's happening right now.*

Out there in the not so deep blue sea lives many beautiful creatures.

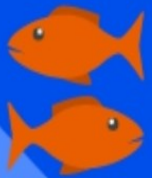
Some are spiny, some are big, some are small and some are the brightest colors that you have ever seen!





Among these beautiful creatures lives our friend Baby Bay the Whale and his Mama Leen.

You see, they swim around trying to find food and talk to each other using their **BIG** voices.

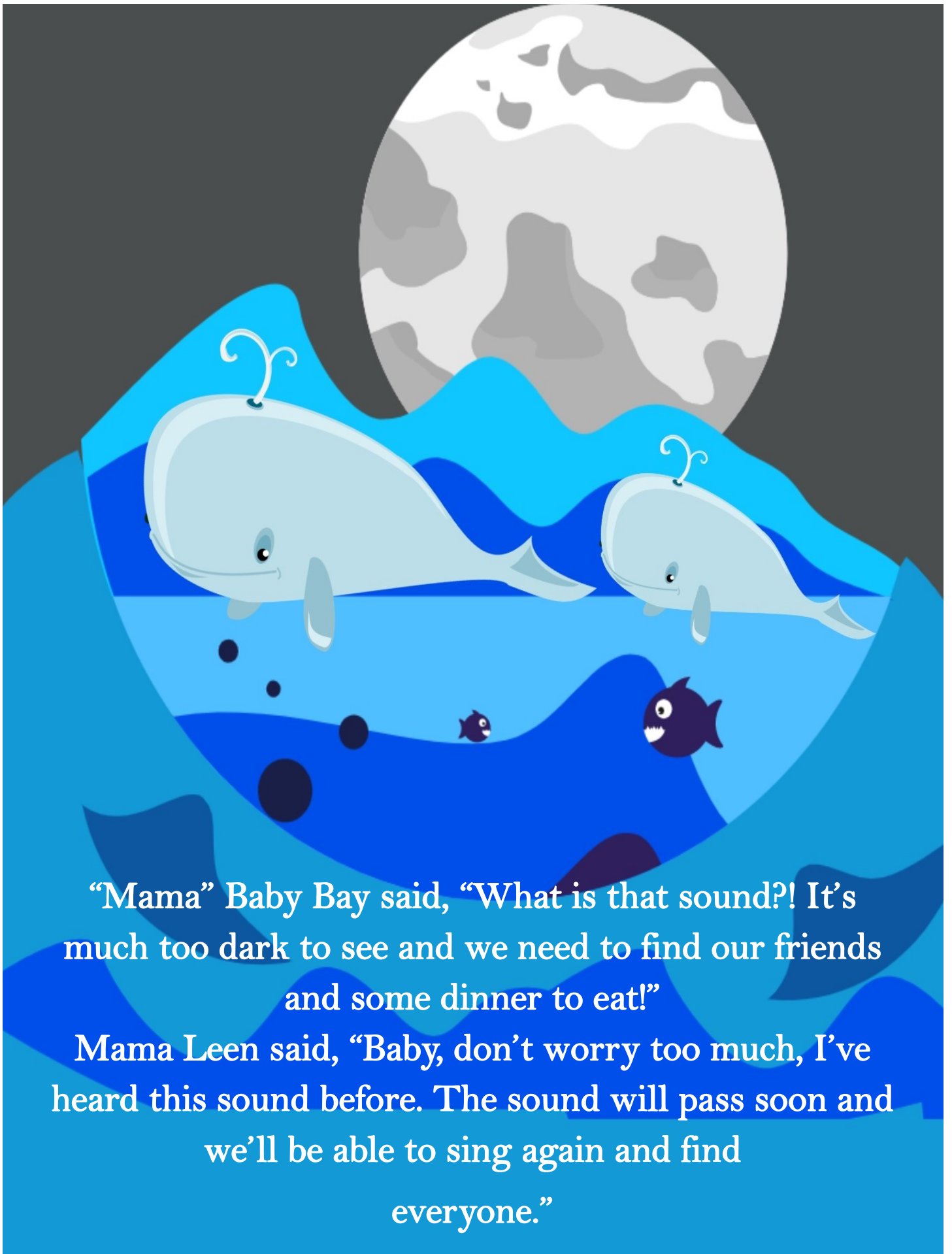


When they sing, their voices travel far through the ocean until they reach something and when it's very dark, they can even use it to see!





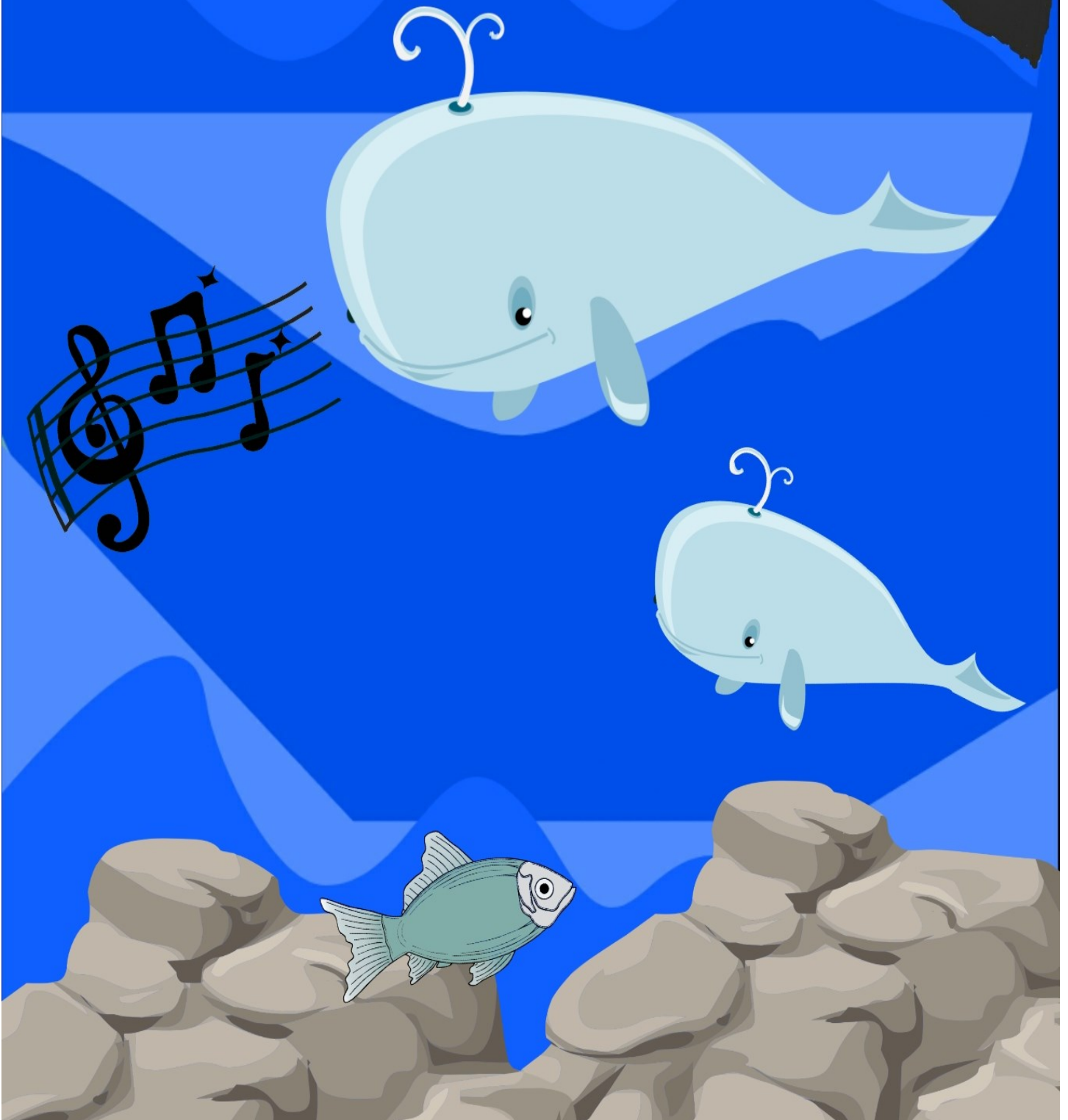
One day, Baby Bay and Mama Leen made their way through the water when they heard something very loud...It was sort of a big hum that just kept going!



“Mama” Baby Bay said, “What is that sound?! It’s much too dark to see and we need to find our friends and some dinner to eat!”

Mama Leen said, “Baby, don’t worry too much, I’ve heard this sound before. The sound will pass soon and we’ll be able to sing again and find everyone.”

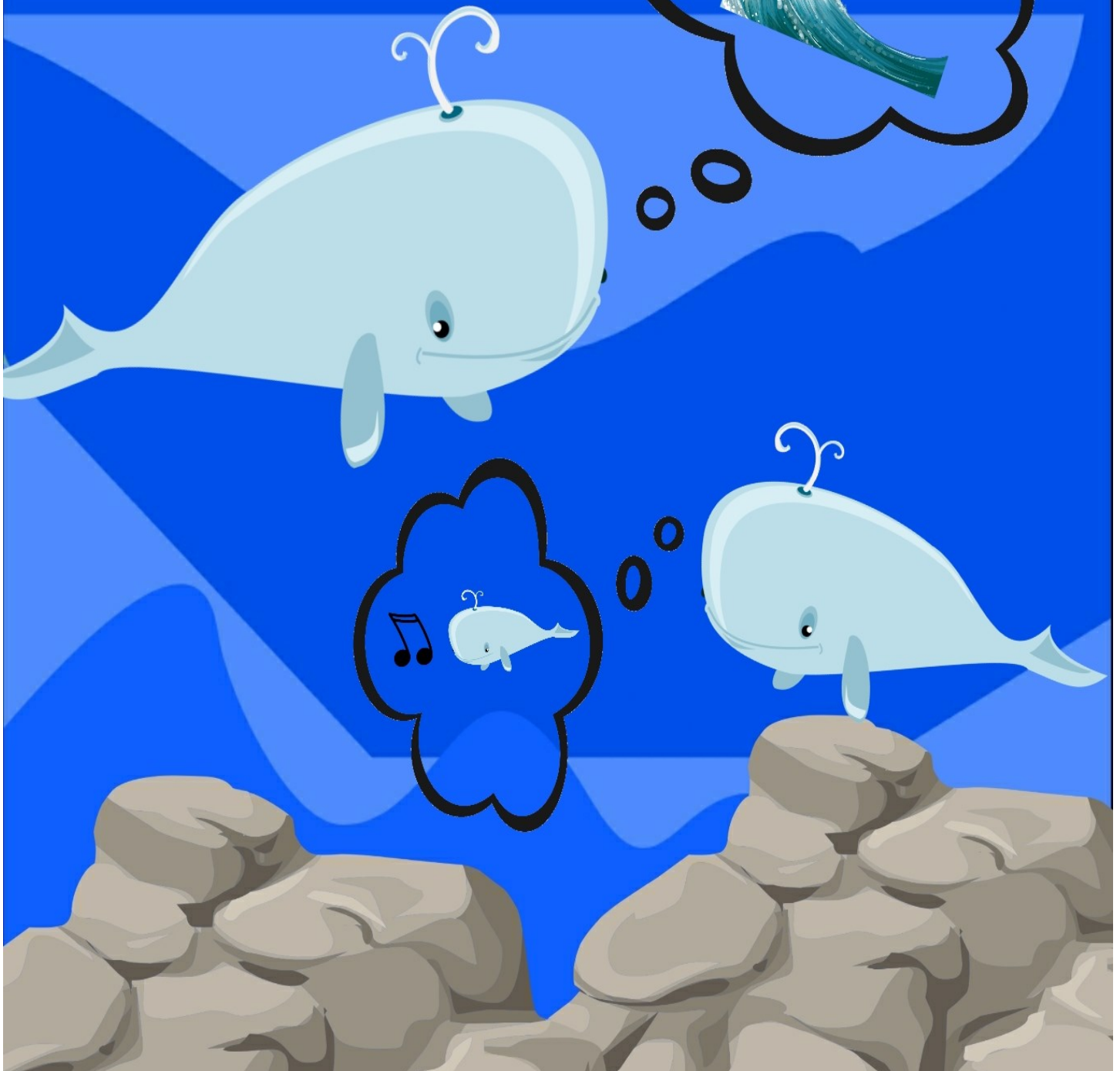
As they continued on, the sound stopped.
So Mama let out a great big loud song! And
nothing came back, so they decided to wait a few more
minutes.



This time they just listened to try and figure out where they were.

If they could hear waves crashing they would know they were near the shore.

If they could hear familiar voices they would know where to find the other whales!





Again, they were interrupted by a sound but this time it was a loud BONG! BONG! Over and over again.

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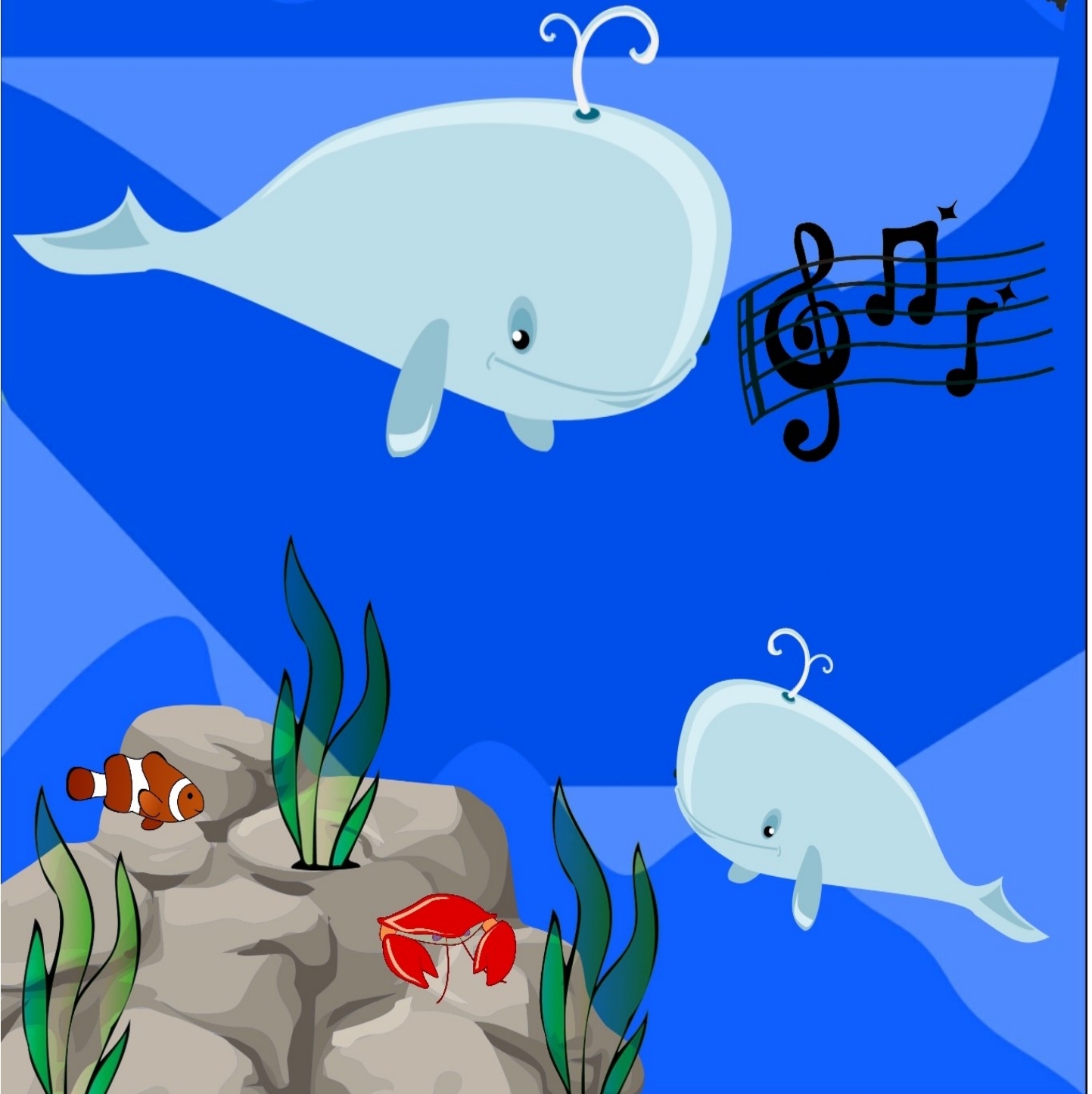


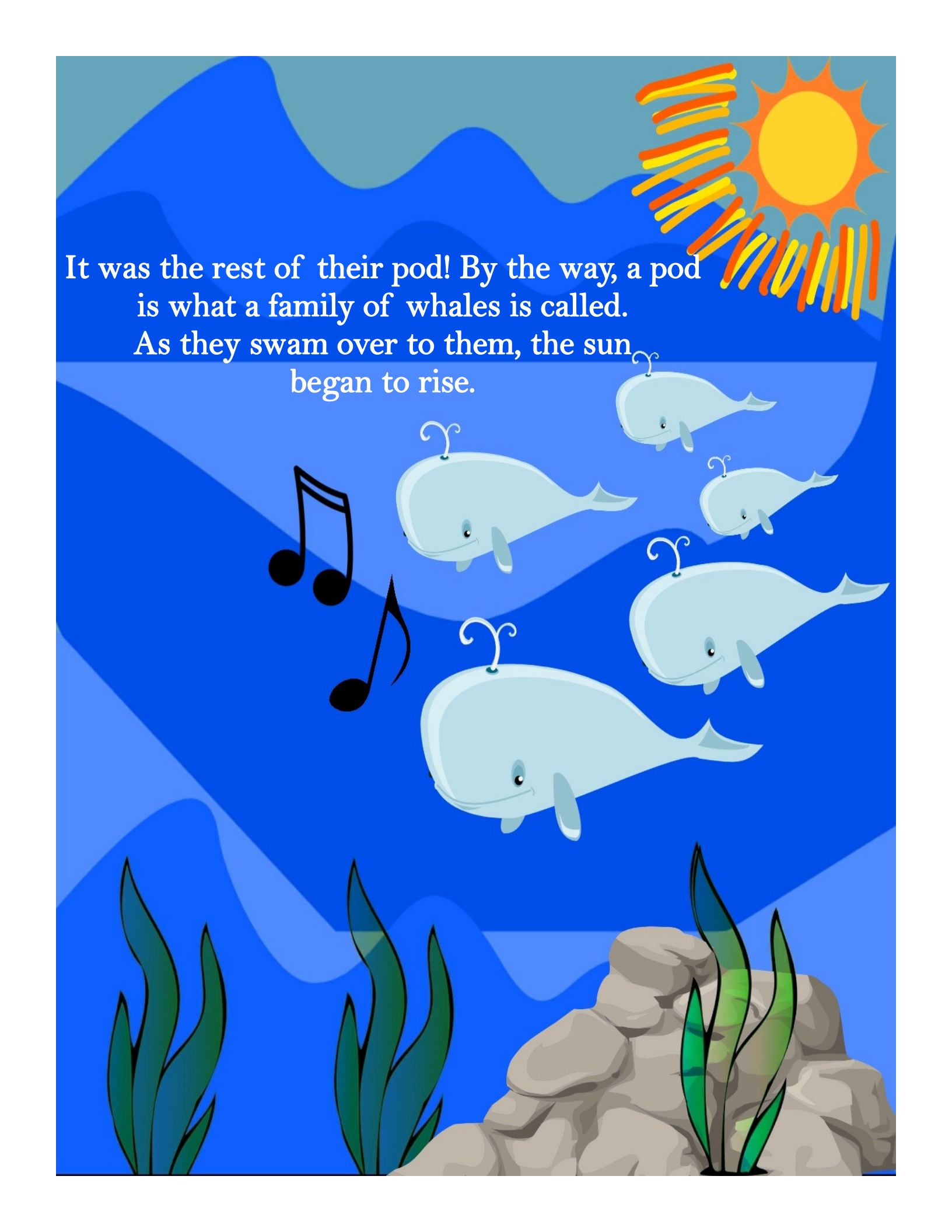
Baby Bay said, “Mama what is that sound?!”

Mama Leen said once again, “Baby, don’t worry too much, I’ve heard that sound before too many times, it will pass and then we can try again to find the rest of the family.”

Suddenly, the sound stopped and they were able to hear once again.

When the sound stopped, Mama Leen let out one more big loud song! This time she heard a sound back...

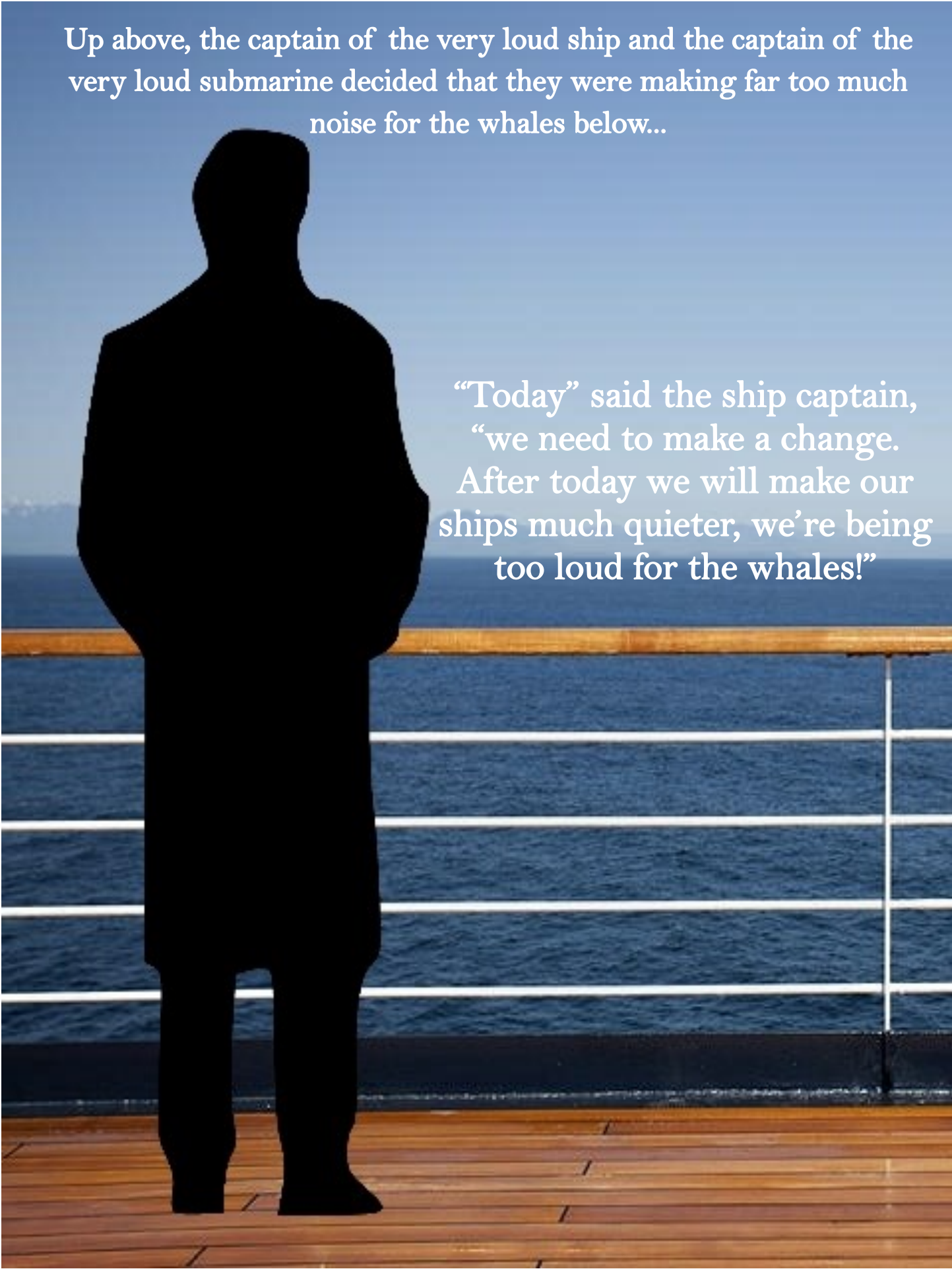




It was the rest of their pod! By the way, a pod
is what a family of whales is called.
As they swam over to them, the sun
began to rise.



Up above, the captain of the very loud ship and the captain of the very loud submarine decided that they were making far too much noise for the whales below...



“Today” said the ship captain,
“we need to make a change.
After today we will make our
ships much quieter, we’re being
too loud for the whales!”

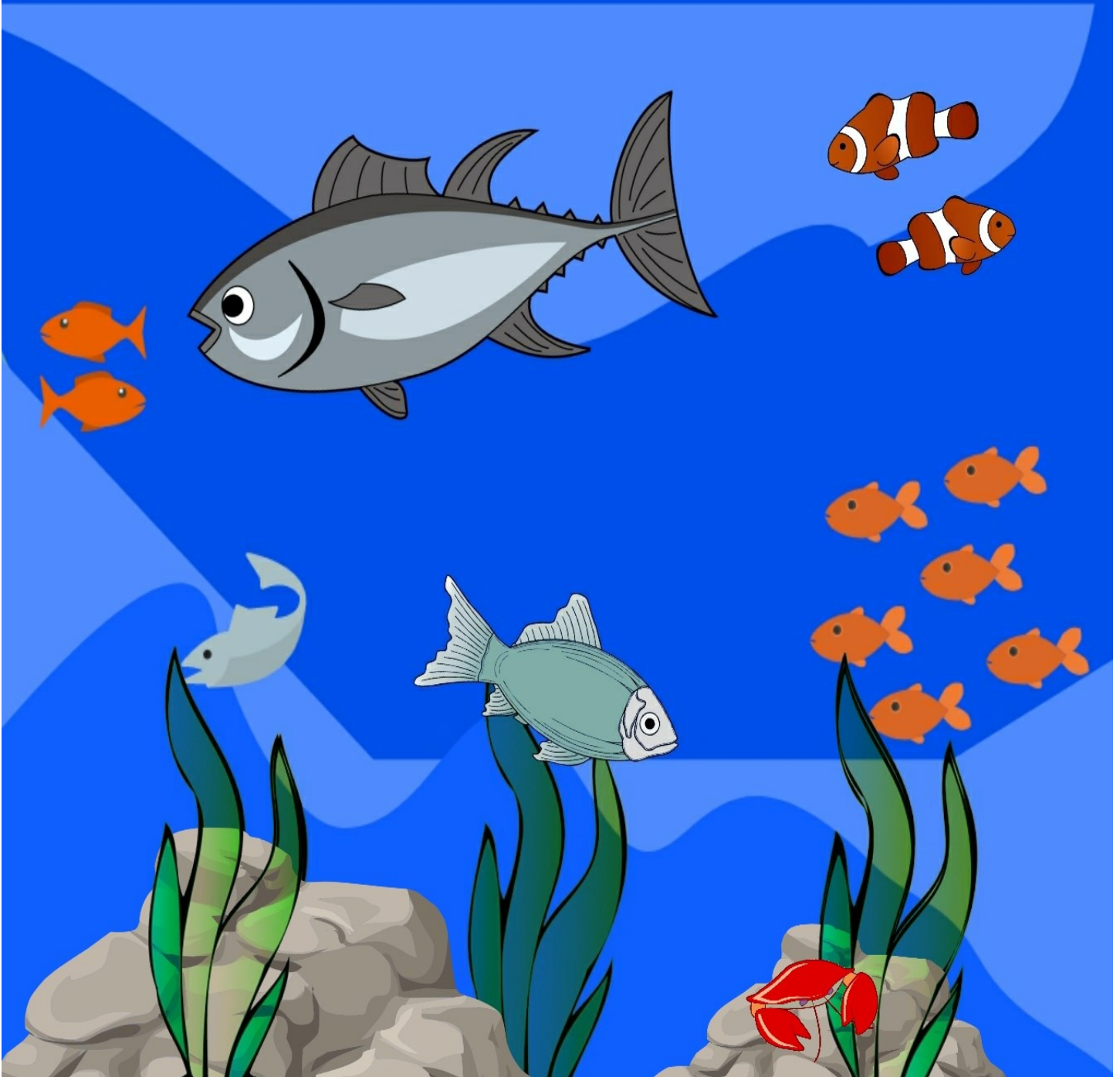
“Yes” said the submarine captain,
“and we will not use our noisy
radar systems where the whales
live anymore! They need to be
able to find each other and find
food, even in the dark.”





After that day, Baby Bay and his
Mama Leen always knew where they
were and were always able to swim
happily with their pod and still are
today!

Out in this part of the ocean, all of the beautiful creatures, big and small, can live in peace and quiet from now on.



The background consists of several overlapping, wavy, layered shapes in various shades of blue and teal. The top layer is a light teal, followed by a darker blue, then a medium blue, and finally a bright blue at the bottom. The shapes are irregular and wavy, creating a sense of depth and movement.

The End

This is just one story of many about the effects that noise pollution has on our oceans. Although it may be invisible to us, it's a very serious issue for those that call the ocean their home. Particularly, Baleen Whales are affected greatly, and have been for a long time, as the noise interrupts their communication and feeding methods as well as many more serious outcomes. There are currently many studies being done on this issue and on many different potential solutions such as the one The Captains come up with here! For more information on this issue from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, go to <https://cetsound.noaa.gov/index>. Thanks for reading!