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Sasha and Pipi the shark the pilot fish

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The world agreed to protect the oceans and set a goal for cleaner and healthier oceans by 2030. Learn about the goal on the back of the book!

Young Ocean Change Agents around the world



- ·Pita Taufatofua, Olympian and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in the Pacific
- ·Isabel and Melati from Bye Bye Plastic Bags Bali
- Karan Jerath, Young Leader for the SDGs who invented oil spill cleaning technology
- •Sean Russell, Founder of the Stow it Don't Throw It/Youth Ocean Conservation Summit
- ·Boyan Slat, inventor of The Ocean Cleanup
- Alberta M. Titis Rum Kuntari, author and illustrator of The Ocean Adventure of Sasha and Pipi

Dear Reader,

I love the ocean. I love swimming on and under its sparkling waves. I love seeing its beautiful marine life and watching the sea—colours changing at sunset, especially in my home country of Fiji. I give thanks for everything the ocean provides us: food, medicine, transportation and jobs for millions of people. It's amazing to know that every second breath of oxygen we take is given to us by the ocean. Yes, the ocean is essential to life on Planet Earth.

I'm sorry to say it, but human activities are bringing big trouble to the ocean. Pollution, overfishing and climate change are causing great harm to the ocean's health. More than 8 million tonnes of plastic waste are entering the ocean every year – that's equal to dumping a garbage truck of plastic in it every minute! This awful practice is very hurtful to marine animals, seabirds, the fishing industry, tourism and the environment in which we exist. I'm sure nobody wants to play at a filthy beach, see a seal strangled by abandoned fishing gear, or eat fish with plastic in its belly.

Together, we can fix these problems. We can clean up our ocean and protect it for a better future. As the Special Envoy for the Ocean, I travel the world to talking to leaders and their people about the troubled state of the ocean, discussing solutions and asking them to take good actions.



And I'm counting on your assistance as well. Here are three easy ways you can help improve the health of the ocean:

- · take your own shopping bag to the shop;
- · say no to plastic drinking straws and plastic cups;
- help clean up the shorelines, the streets near your home and the
 environment in which you live. If you think about how all that plastic ends up
 in the ocean and how we have to stop it at source, you'll realise that some
 of it is close to you.

Have no doubt that your choices make a difference, that your good actions help build up the wave that will preserve the health of the ocean. I hope you will join me, Sasha and Pipi, as true friends of the ocean.

Happy reading,

Peter Thomson UN Secretary—General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Dear Friends,

My name is Alberta, I come from a beautiful country with a lot of islands, seas, fish, and other marine animals: Indonesia! Now I am living on the west coast of Sweden, where I also live close to the ocean. I love swimming in the sea and looking at the amazing animals underwater! Sometimes when I swim, I feel the tickly kelp between my toes. It feels funny!

Recently, I have been feeling very sad to hear the news that a big whale passed away in the sea of Indonesia because the whale had eaten a lot of plastic, found in it's tummy.

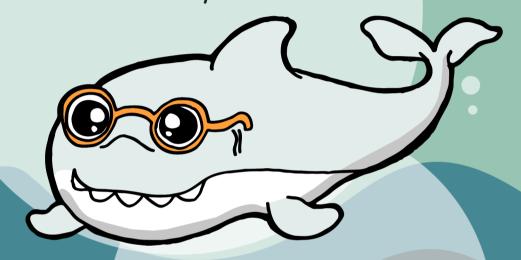
This is why we all need to help the ocean. One easy step is to reduce our use of plastics! I believe that every small step counts. Now, I want to share my story about Sasha and Pipi's adventure to save life below water. This story was submitted as part of the UNICEF and Comics Uniting Nations global Climate Comic Contest that received nearly 3,000 superheroes from young people that could save the world from climate change. Come on, let's go to an adventure with Sasha and Pipi!

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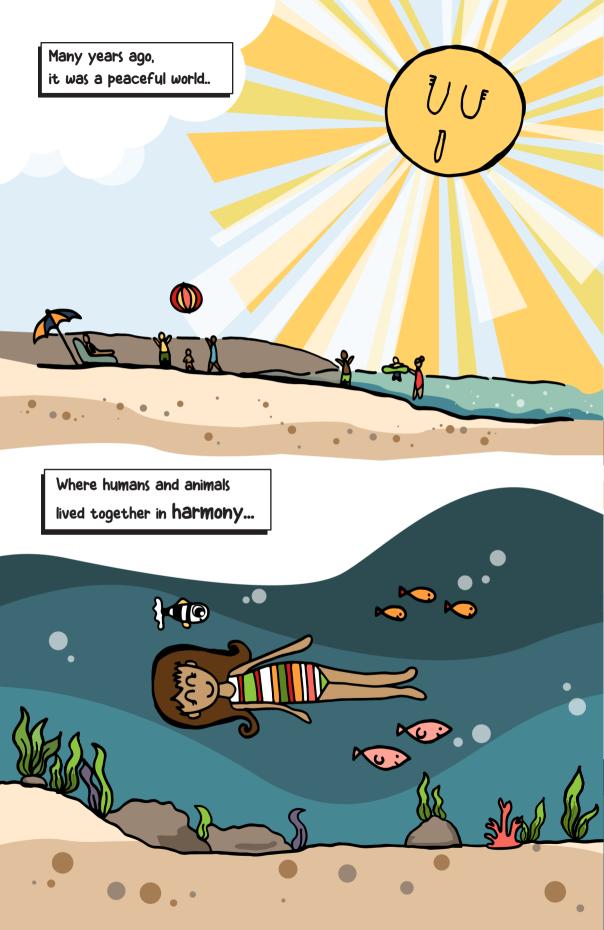
Sasha is the friendliest shark with a kind heart. Her magical glasses give her the ability to read and communicate with humans and animals. She is also very smart!





Pipi is the bravest, most creative little pilot fish. His magical red beret gives him creative ideas and wonderous imagination!

Together,
these best friends will
fight for a better,
more sustainable world!





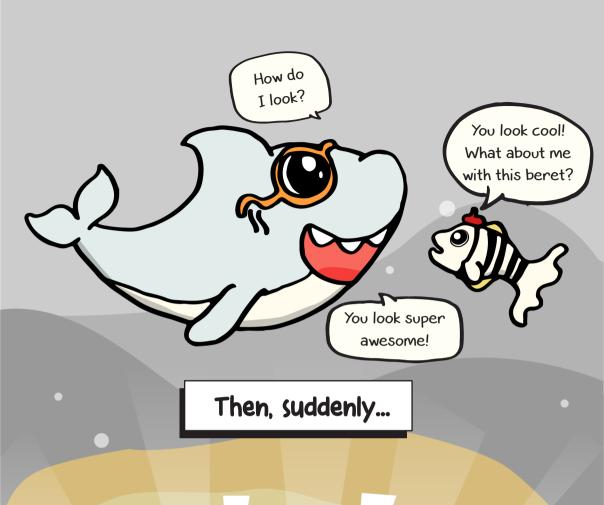
Sasha and Pipi are two of the survivors.

They are very sad to see so much trash in the sea.



One day while swimming in the sea, they saw something shiny...





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reuse many stuff!

Hey! I can read the letters in these boxes. One says "books", the other says "art supplies". So cool!





I also have some ideas about how to reuse and recycle waste.

Much of this trash is made from plastics, metals, and chemicals that are harmful to the ecosystem. Instead of dumping them in the sea, they could recycle them and make lots of nice things like pots for plants, pencil cases, and even bracelets!



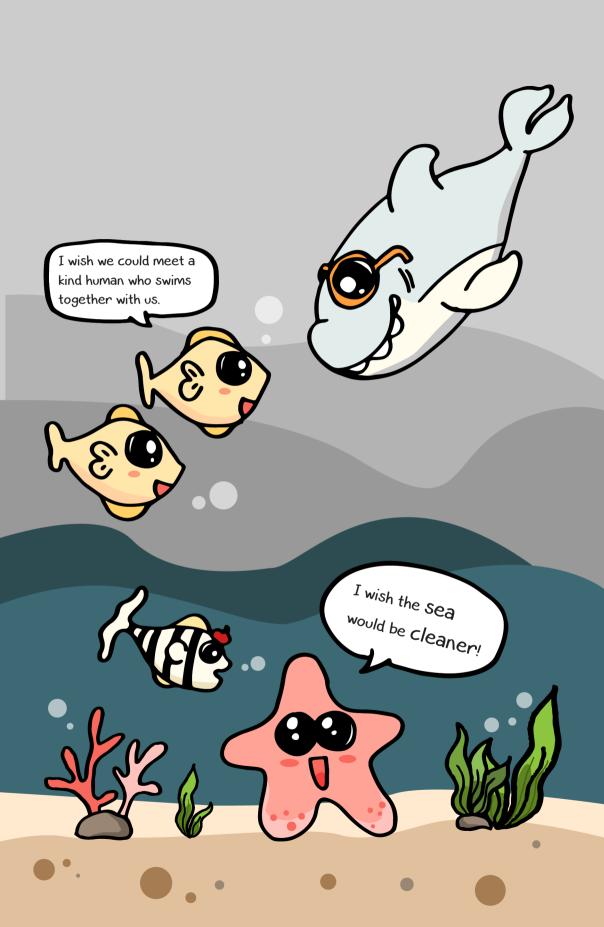


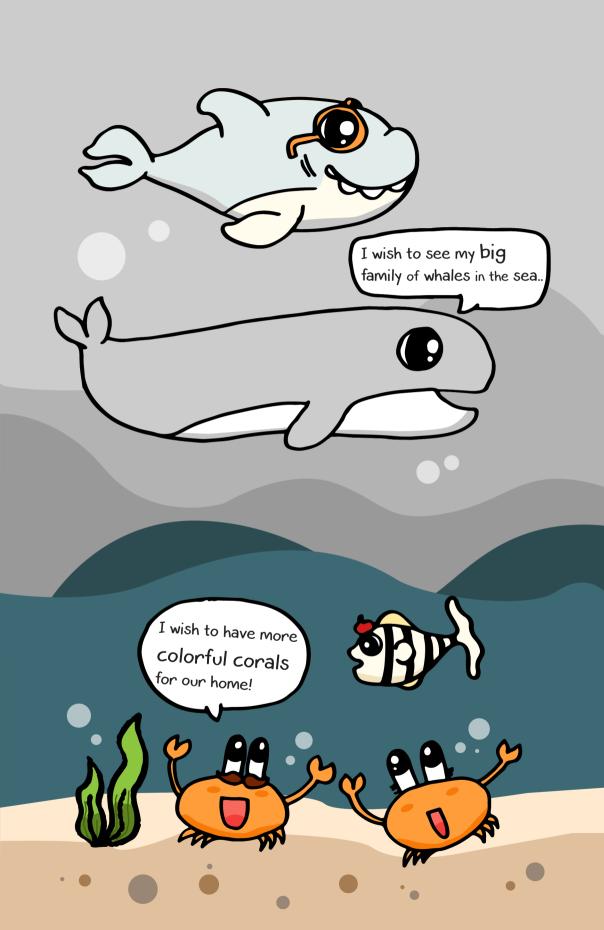
Now that you can talk to humans, maybe we should spread the idea of keeping the ocean clean and start recycling the trash, Sasha. What do you think?



I think that's brilliant! But first, I think we should ask our friends in the sea what their wishes are. I can tell the humans about it so they can help us.

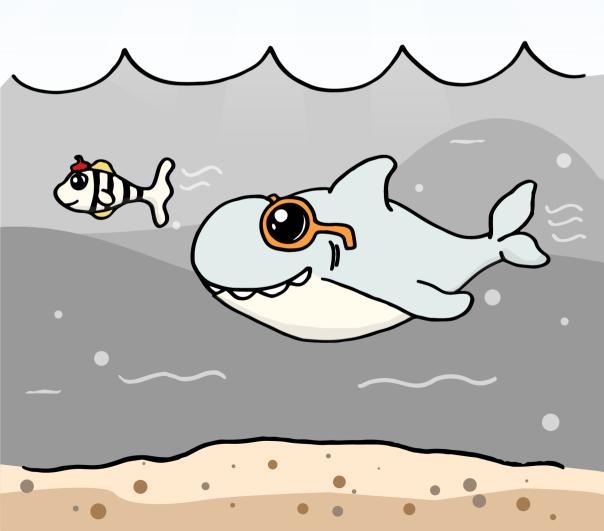








And their mission begins... Let's spread the word!

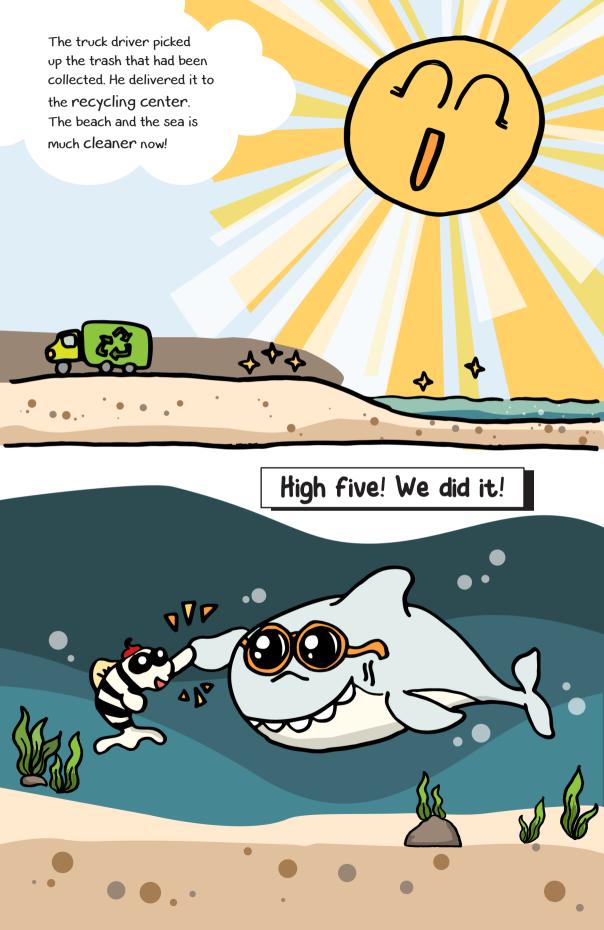


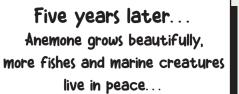








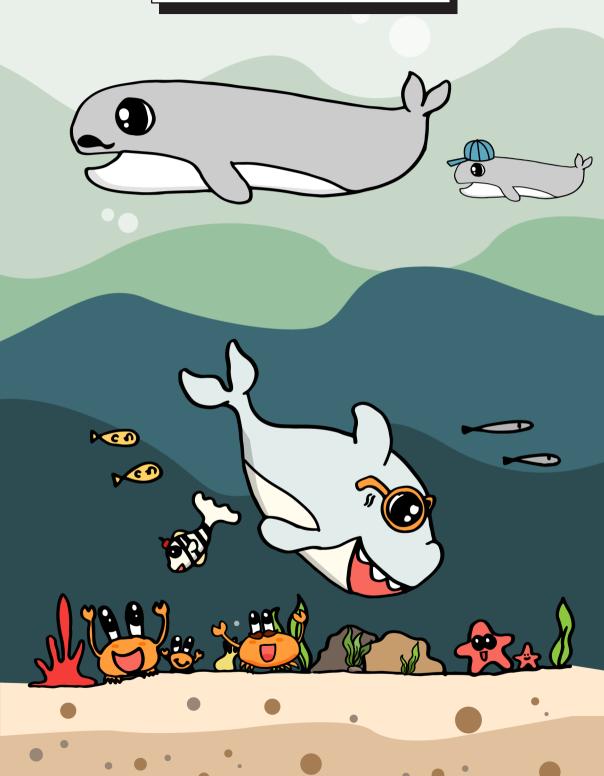


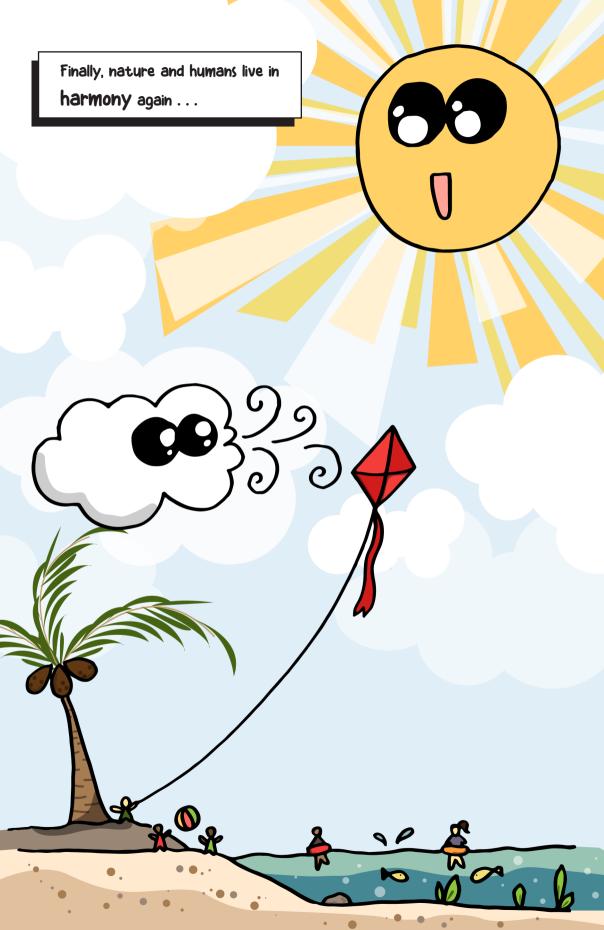




Ten years later...

The whole ecosystem is working nicely, and everyone is happy!







Reduce the usage of disposable plastic utensils.

Bring your own reusable utensils.

For example: metal spoon, fork, knife, and even metal straw!

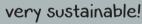
When you go shopping with your family or friends, bring your own reusable shopping bag to reduce the usage of plastic bags.

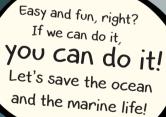


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Bring a reusable water bottle everywhere you go.

Also, you can bring your own lunchbox when you go to school, parks, and your favorite places! It is very fun to prepare meals with your family and share it with friends. It is also







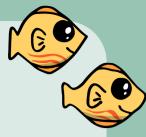












Sustainable Development Goals GOAL 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

Protect and use the oceans with care.

- 1. Reduce and prevent ocean pollution such as trash and plastics in the seas and pollution in the atmosphere that gets absorbed by the ocean from coal, oil and gas.
- 2. Protect life under the sea including plants, fish and animals.
- 3. End overfishing and illegal fishing
- 4. Support fishing communities and islands that are impacted by and rely on the oceans the most for a clean environment, an income and nutrition.
- 5. Encourage science to learn more about the ocean and invent ways to help it be healthy.
- 6. Make international laws protecting the oceans.







