

Real Heroes

A convenience store, named “Sea World,” which was not so prosperous, stood at the end of the Moonflower road. It was a plain store that occupied about 105 square meters. Although it was somewhat cramped, it offered all kinds of goods. Moreover, the paintings drew by the shop owner hang on the wall, adding some heartwarming atmosphere to the poor shop. A carefree whistle came into one’s ears when entering the store. A middle-age man, Grain, who was a little bald and had a beer-belly, was feeding his lovely fishes while talking aloud to them.

“Morning, sweethearts, another brand-new day.” he said, smiling.

The biggest fish, Dannie, swam over to swallow half of the feed.

“The bigger you are, the more you eat.” Dannie said with his mouth filled with food.

“Hey man, you’ve eaten too much. Beware of your increasing weight.” the slim goldfish, Gina, said as she glanced at Dannie. Dannie hit Gina’s glistening scale slightly with his tailfin and continued to eat his meal. Gina was not reconciled and hit him back.

“Alright, you two are always arguing. Enjoy your breakfast peacefully.” Webber, the oldest, stopped their quarrel.

On the front side of the shop, a cunning-looking young man in his early twenties sneaked into the store. It was obvious that he was going to do something bad.

“Look, the sneaky guy intends to take the beer without paying money.” Tim said aloud and stared at the guy.

“What should we do to stop him?” Gina asked.

Other fishes were all in a flurry, swimming back and forth without any ideas. Their owner, Grain, was indulged in watching his favorite talk show and didn’t even notice the thief. Everyone was terribly worried and wanted to figure out some ways to stop the stranger from stealing.

“Dannie, use your big tailfin to tap the glass wall so that Grain can be aware of the thief. The rest of us jump up and down to make noises to catch Grain’s attention.” Webber said wisely and calmly.

Everyone took action. Eventually, the disturbance awoke Grain to the theft; Grain walked to the spot, where the guy intended to start his wrongdoings, checking if anything’s wrong. The thief, realizing he failed, ran away hastily. Excitedly, the fishes cheered for their big success.

However, on the very same night, the same thief came back again. It was raining and blowing hard. Besides, Thunder God couldn't wait to break the windows to show his stunning might. Unwilling to lag behind, the stiff wind seemed to devour the house.

The unexpected guest skillfully unlocked the door and quietly destroyed the monitor. The doorknob was slowly rotated and then it was softly pushed forward.

The creak of the door caught Tim's attention.

"Ah...there is a ghost over there!" Tim's shout of fear broke the silence of the tranquil night.

"Can anyone help?" Gina was instantly swift to hide her trembling body behind the waterweeds and sobbed.

All fishes gasped with astonishment and looked in the same direction toward the guy. In the darkness, what came into the fishes' sight first was a pair of sneakers, which were stained with grime as if they just fell into a muddy pit. Following the dirty shoes, they saw a plump body, carrying a pack on its shoulder. The guy was all in black to avoid being recognized. As soon as both of his feet stood on the floor of the house, a burst of gloomy wind shut the door. At this moment, a flash of lightening cast into the store from the window and illuminated the guy's face.

"It's the thief from this morning." Dannie recognized the guy immediately even though he was in black. His sharp eyesight proved that the thief's disguise was in vain.

"Gee, he's come back to steal again but now Grain is at home." Tim said anxiously with his eyebrow frowned.

"Now, what are we going to do?" a clown fish asked.

Meanwhile, the burglar took his time putting all the stuff he needed into his backpack, chewing the nuts he just opened as if he stood a reason to do so. Then he felt tired and lay on the ground to take a rest. Gradually, he fell asleep by the electric wire. The sight of wire reminded Gina of an accident that had just happened to Grain.

"Once Grain incautiously touched the electric wire with his wet hand, he received an electric shock." Gina said.

"Yeah, a strong electric shock can even kill a man, especially when he is soaking wet." Webber said.

"Great, let's give the bad guy an exciting electric shock." Tim and Dannie said, clapping their tailfins at the same time.

They kept splashing water on the thief's body. After a while, it worked; the thief couldn't bear the intense electricity and moaned painfully. A few minutes later, he fainted because of the strong electric shock.

The wisdom and alertness of the fishes saved the shop again. They were really heroes.

Pouring rain and howling wind ceased. The sun rose in the east and shone into the store. A gentle breeze swayed over, spreading the fragrance of violet. It was another brand new day.