

GREAT WHITE SHARK



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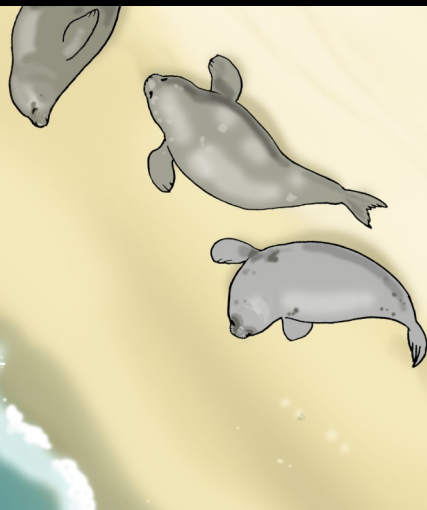
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**SHARK
CITIZEN**
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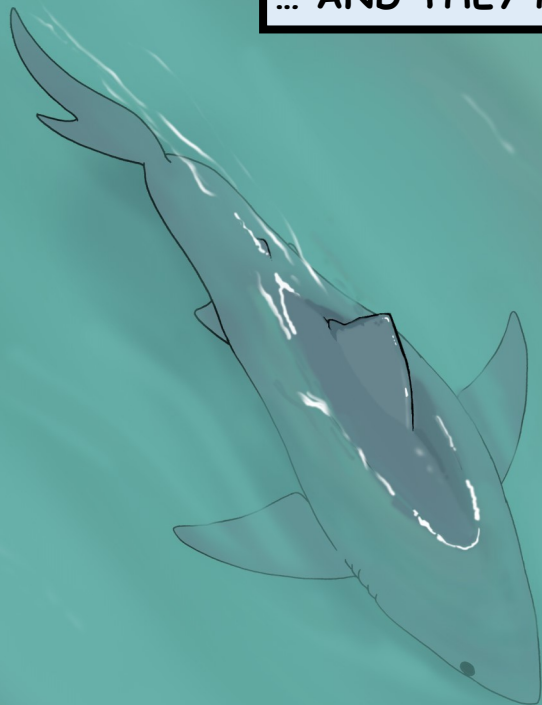


**LIVING
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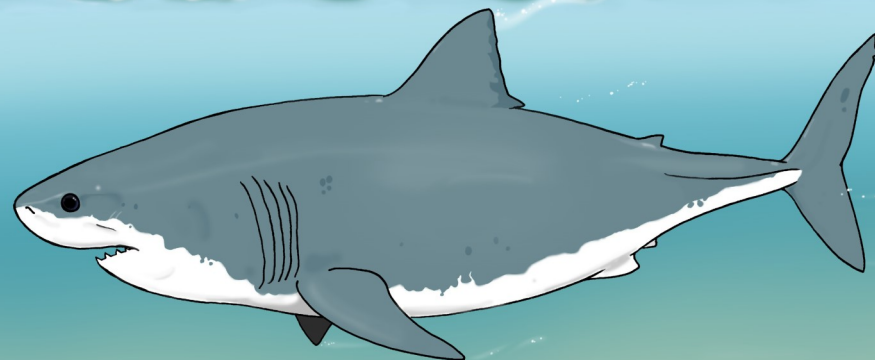


GREY SEALS MOVE BETWEEN THE OCEAN AND BEACHES. ALERT TO THE DANGER OF LARGE PREDATORS, THEY ARE **ALWAYS CAUTIOUS...**

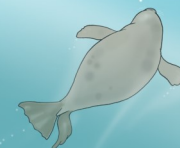
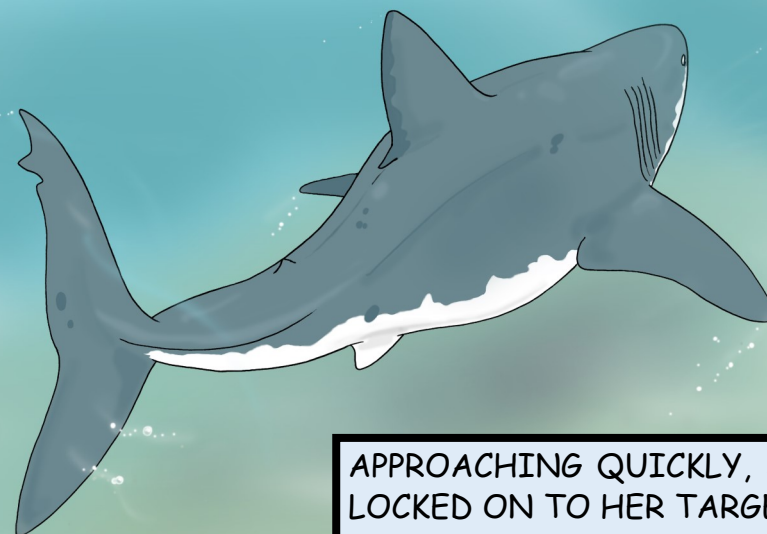
... AND THEY HAVE GOOD REASON!



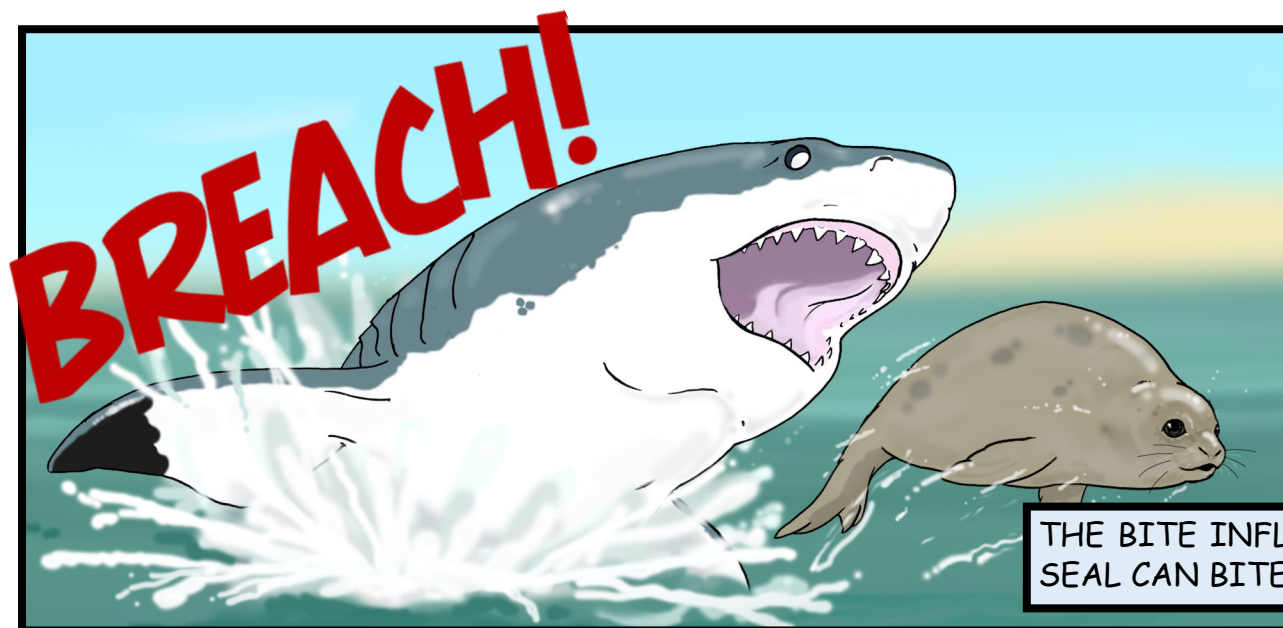
THIS MATURE FEMALE **GREAT WHITE SHARK** IS 4.5 METRES LONG. SHE IS AN EXPERIENCED HUNTER.



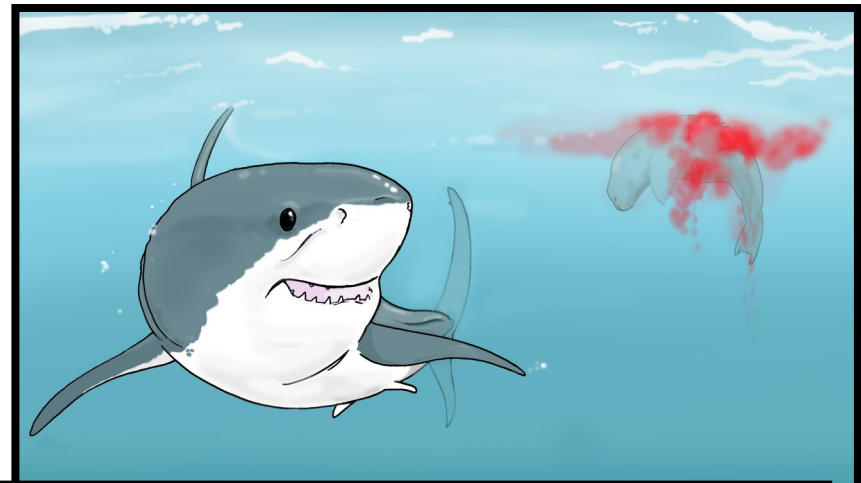
SHE DROPS CLOSE TO THE SEA BED. A SEAL PASSES ABOVE...



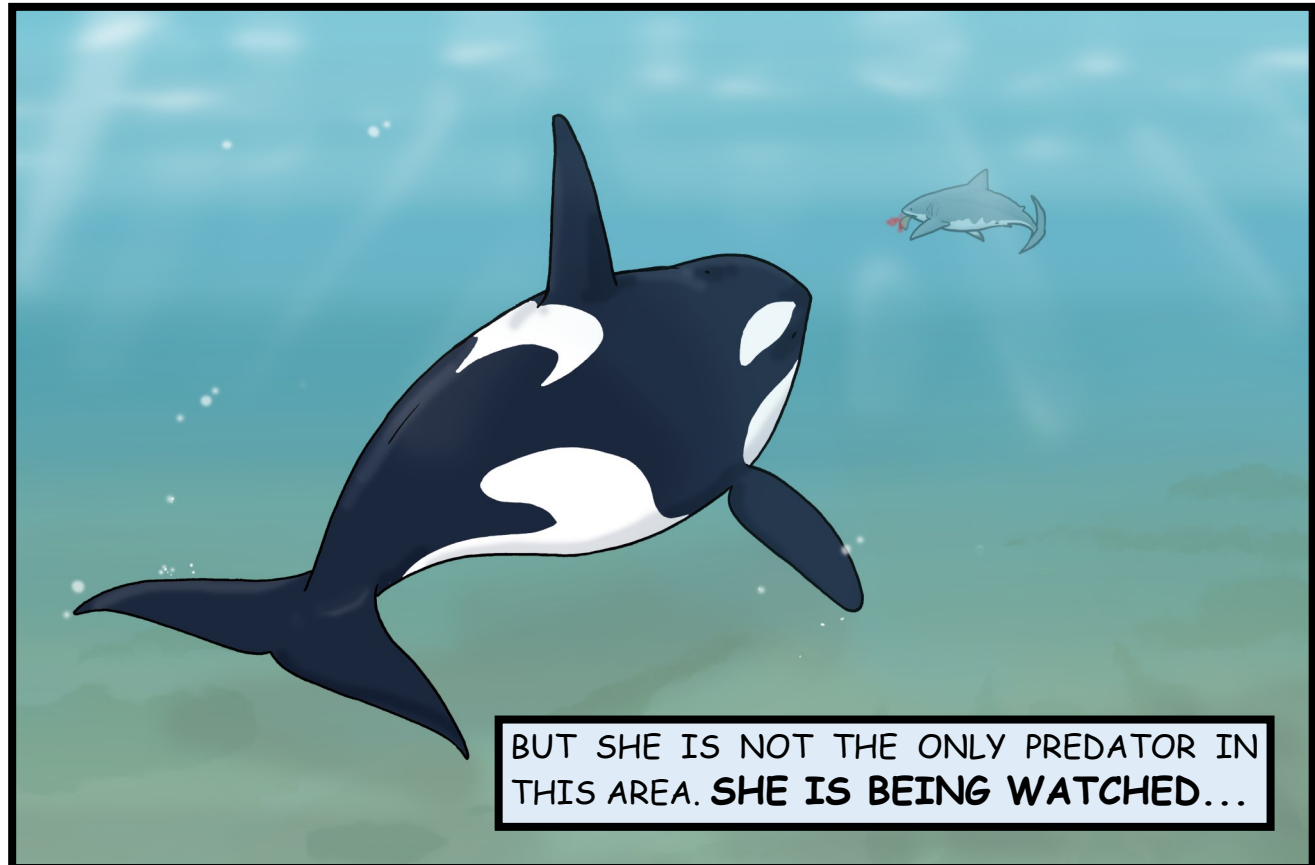
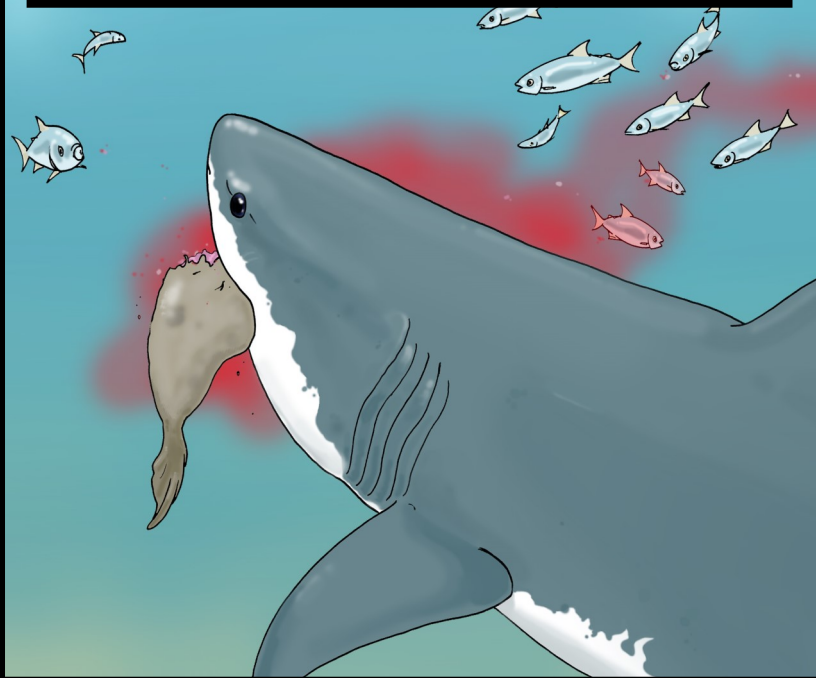
APPROACHING QUICKLY, SHE RISES, LOCKED ON TO HER TARGET...



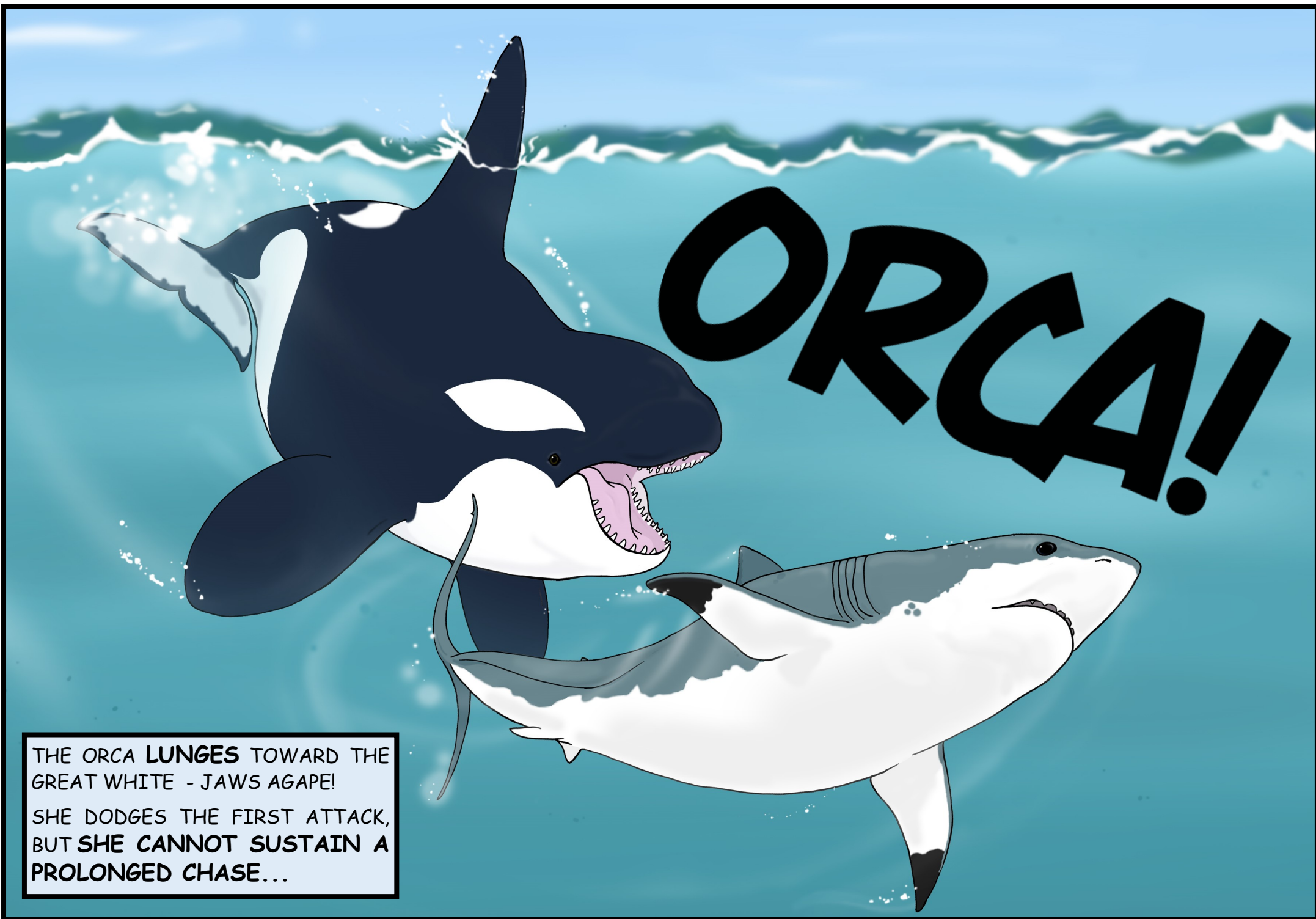
THE BITE INFLECTS A MASSIVE WOUND, BUT EVEN AN INJURED SEAL CAN BITE OR CLAW THE SHARK. SHE WAITS AND CIRCLES...



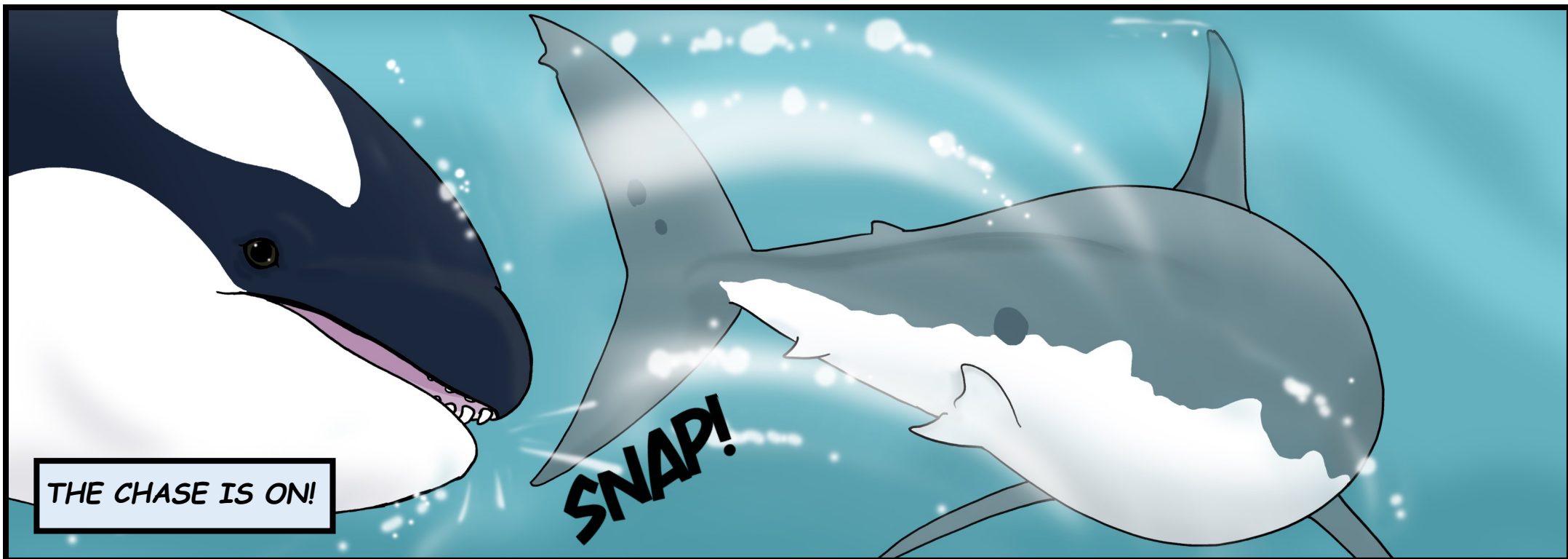
SHE GRIPS THE SEAL AND WITH A SHAKE OF HER MASSIVE NECK MUSCLES, CHUNKS OF FLESH ARE TORN OFF AND SWALLOWED.



BUT SHE IS NOT THE ONLY PREDATOR IN THIS AREA. **SHE IS BEING WATCHED...**

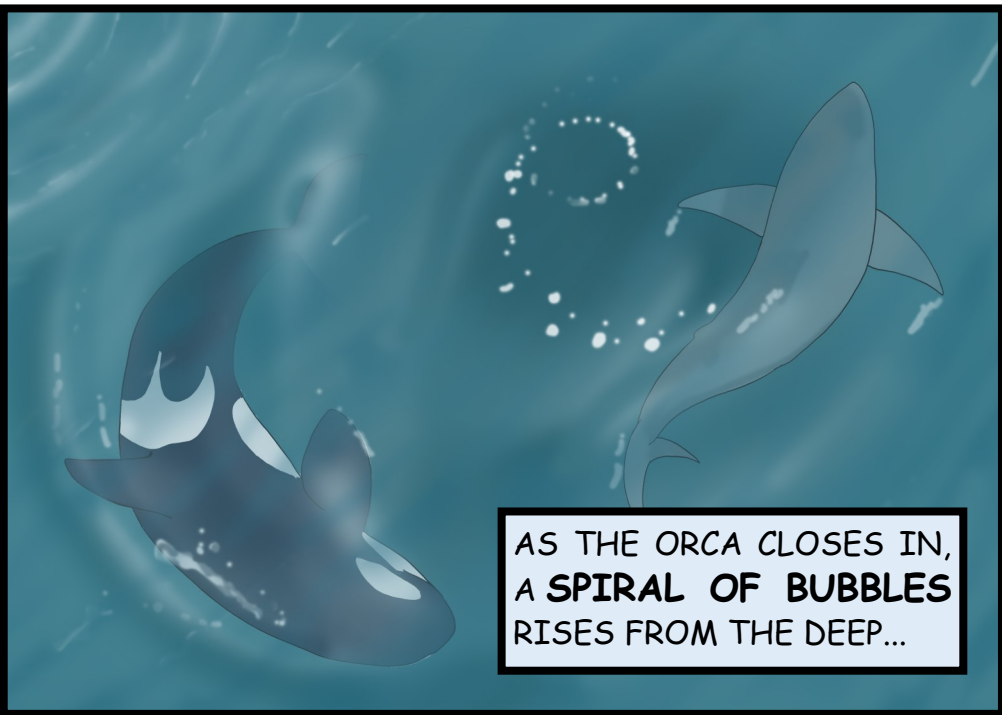


THE ORCA **LUNGES** TOWARD THE
GREAT WHITE - JAWS AGAPE!
SHE DODGES THE FIRST ATTACK,
BUT **SHE CANNOT SUSTAIN A**
PROLONGED CHASE...



THE CHASE IS ON!

SNAP!



AS THE ORCA CLOSES IN,
A **SPIRAL OF BUBBLES**
RISES FROM THE DEEP...



IT BECOMES HARDER TO
SPOT THE WHITE SHARK
AS THE BUBBLES THICKEN...

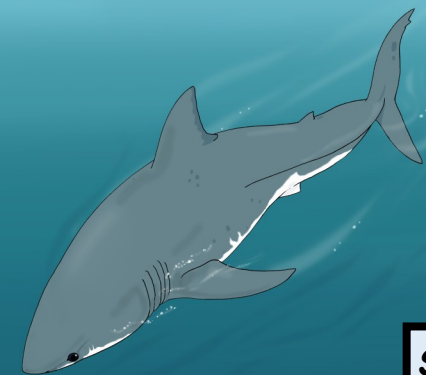
BLUE-BLUB
BUBBLE

AN ENORMOUS **HUMPBACK WHALE** THRUSTS UPWARD TO COLLECT A MOUTHFUL OF FISH, CORRALED USING A **NET OF BUBBLES**. IN THE CHAOS, OUR WHITE SHARK TAKES HER CHANCE TO SEEK REFUGE...



GULP!

SPLASH!



SHE DIVES!

...IN TO THE DEPTHS.

LIGHT FADES AND THE WATER CHILLS. THE CREATURES HERE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FOUND ABOVE, BUT THEY ARE STILL POTENTIAL **PREY!**

A BURST OF SPEED -
A CLOUD OF INK!

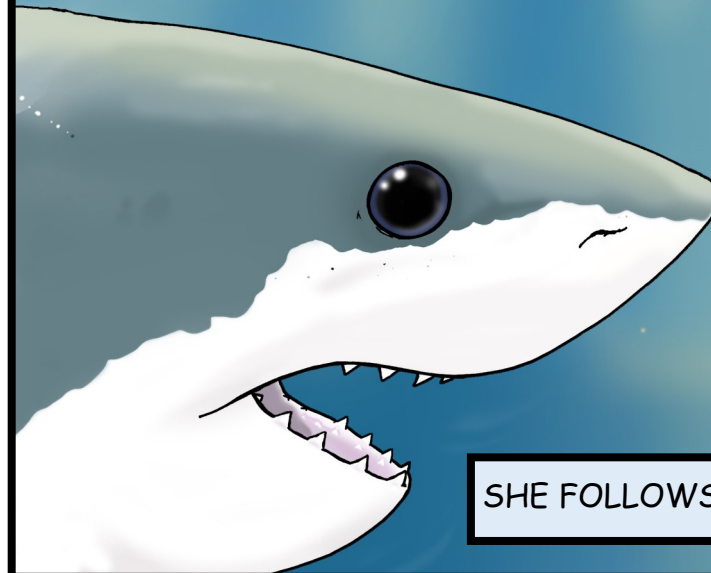
CHOMPI!

SQUID SNACK!

THERMAL WHIRLPOOLS OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO WARM HER BODY. SHE HAS SPENT A FEW DAYS FEEDING IN THE DEPTHS, IT IS TIME TO AGAIN RETURN TO THE SURFACE WATERS.

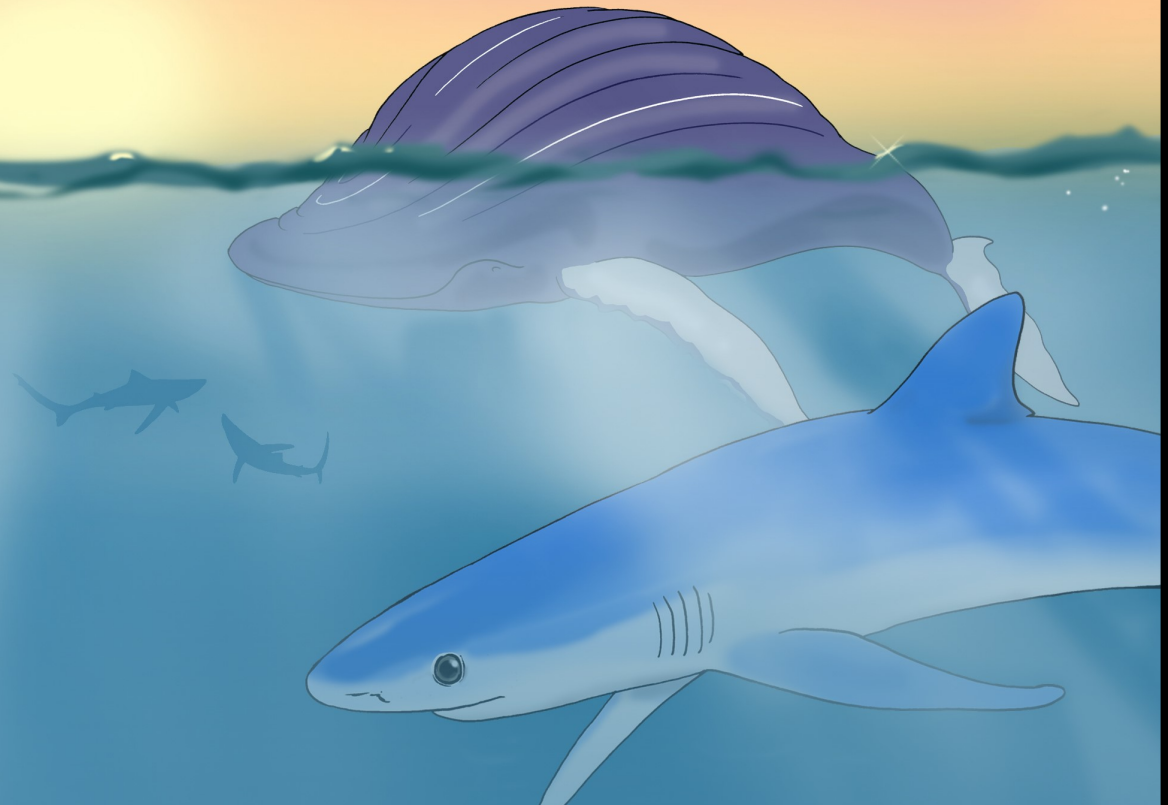
OUR SHARK NEEDS TO START TO JOURNEY SOUTH TO WARMER WATERS—SHE IS **PREGNANT** AND WILL NEED FEED OFTEN AS HER PUPS DEVELOP.

AS SHE RISES, HER SENSITIVE
NOSTRILS DETECT SOMETHING...

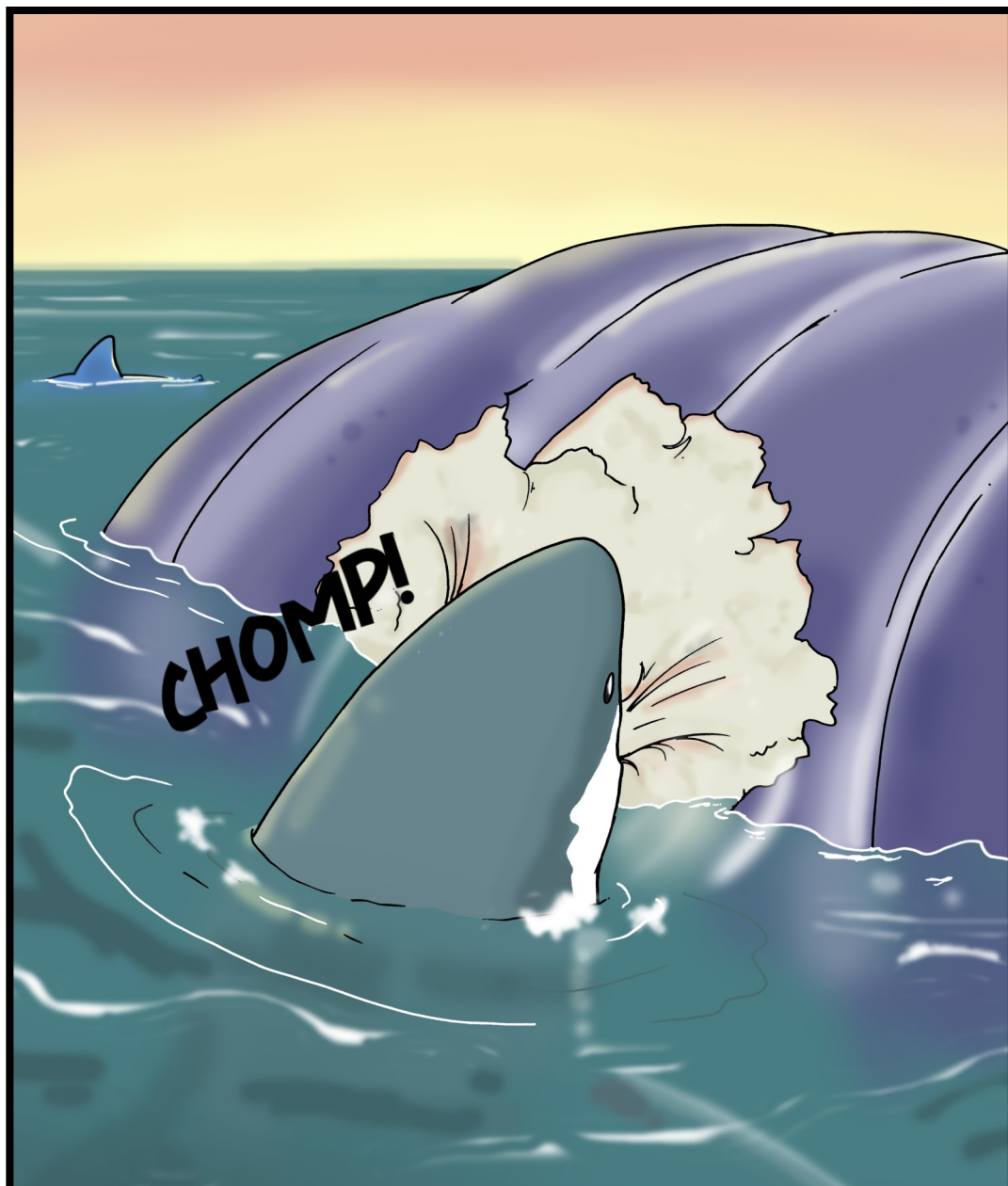
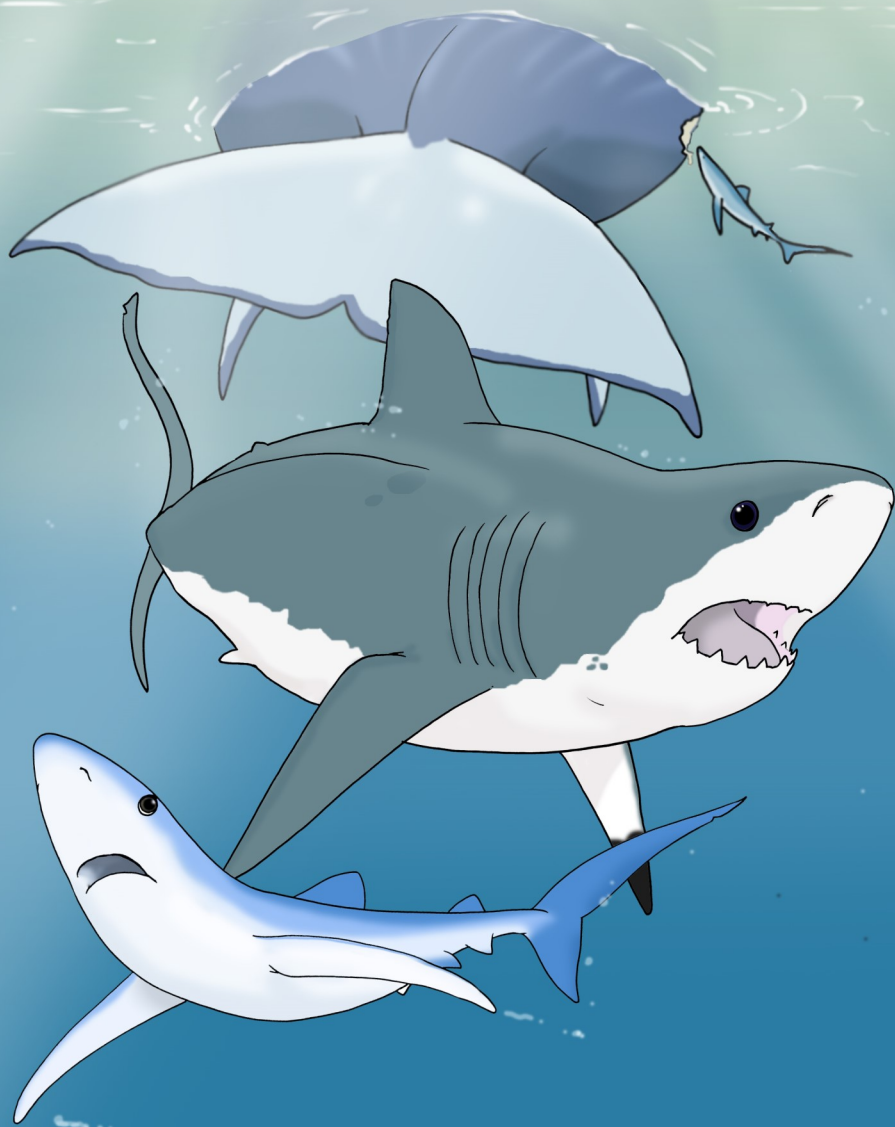


SHE FOLLOWS THE SCENT TRAIL...

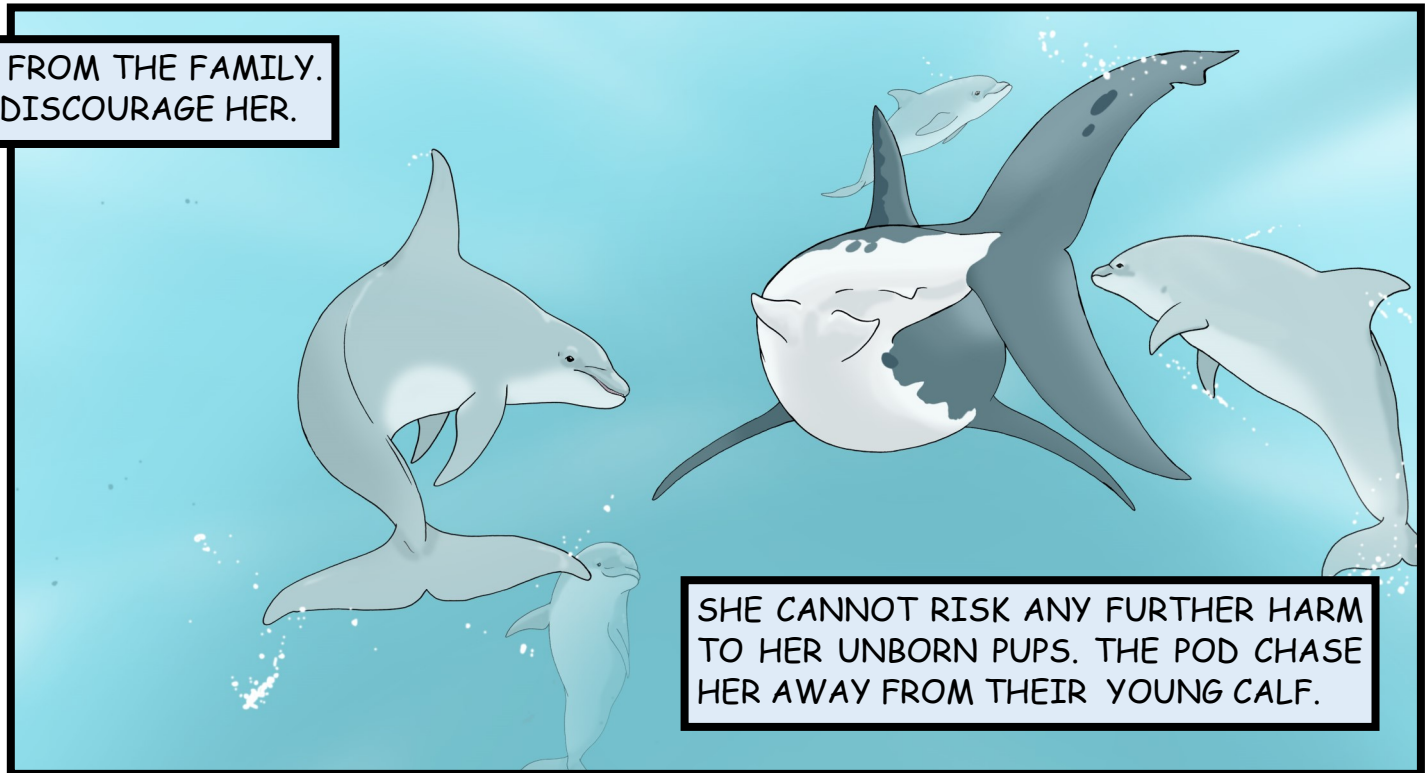
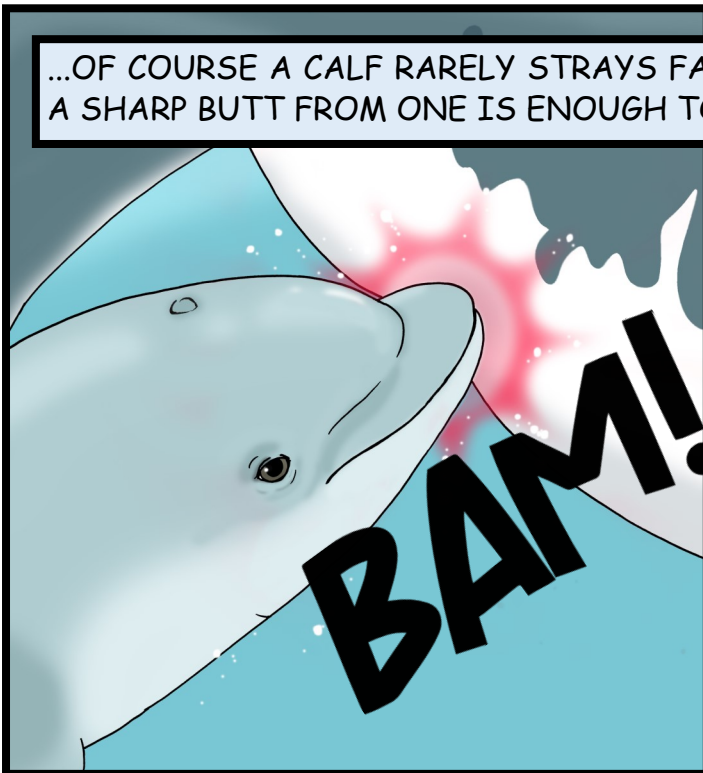
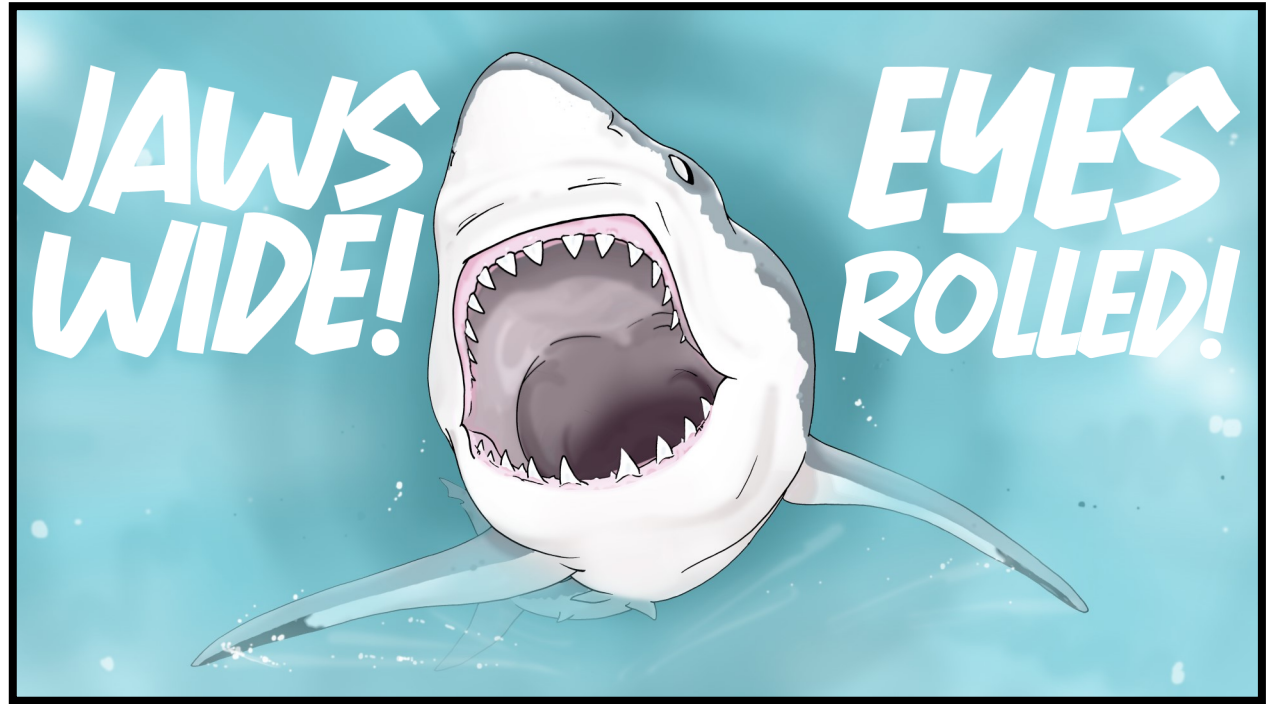
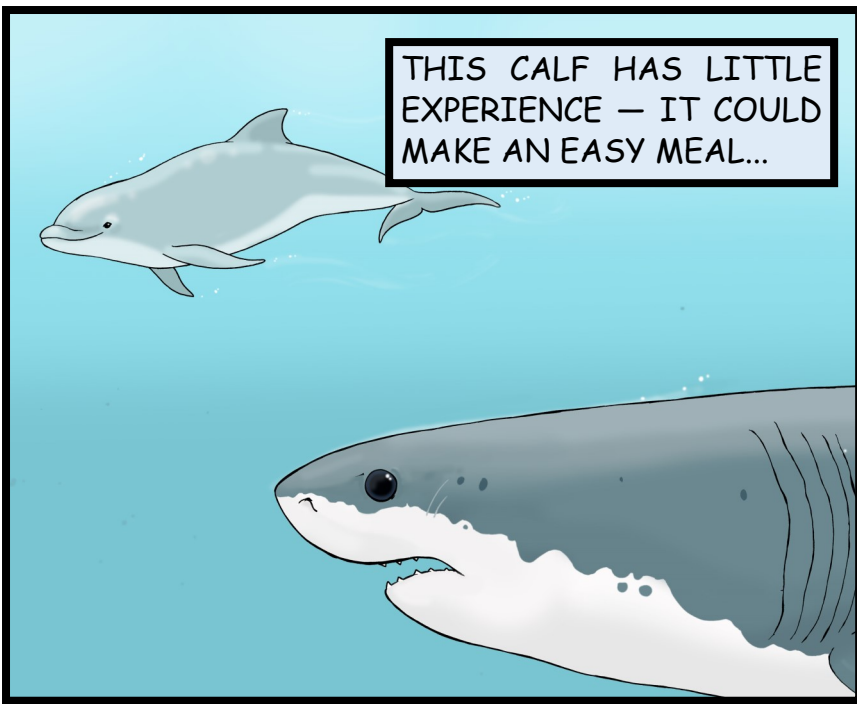
HAVING MISSED OUT HUNTING OUR WHITE
SHARK, THE ORCA TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO
THE OLD HUMPBACK WHALE.
THE FLOATING, **BLOATED CARCASS** HAS
DRIFTED OUT TO SEA. **BLUE SHARKS** HAVE BEEN
ATTRACTED TO THIS FEAST.

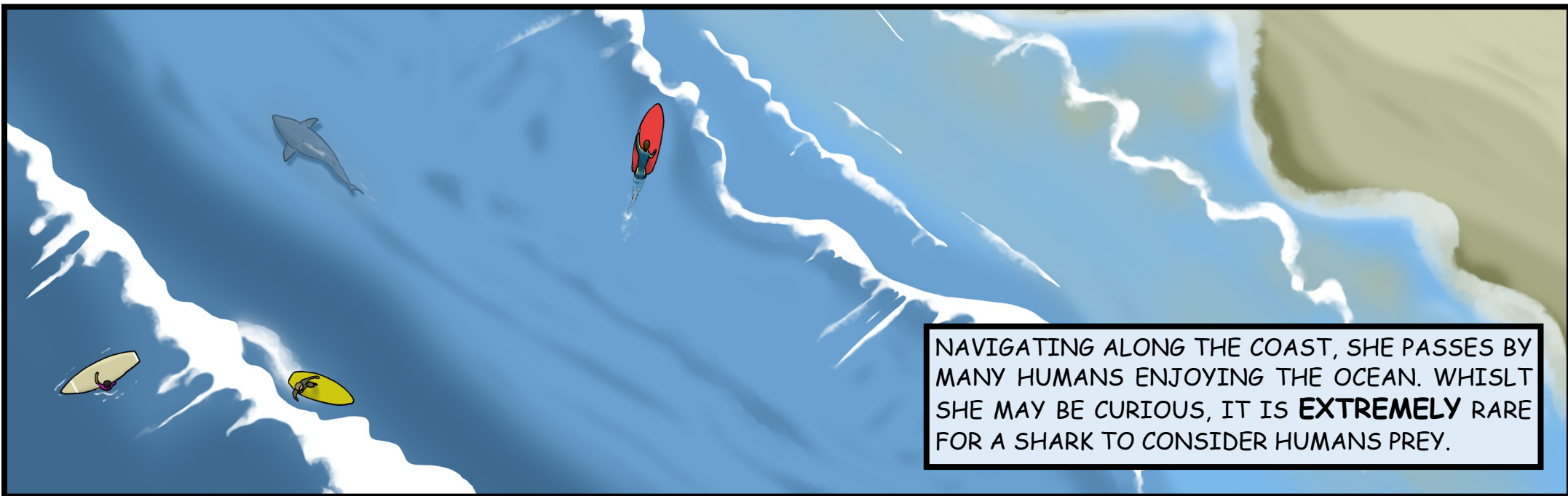


THE BLUE SHARKS NOTICE HER **THREAT POSTURE**.
HER SIZE AND POWER MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE
NO CHALLENGE TO HER JOINING THE FEAST.

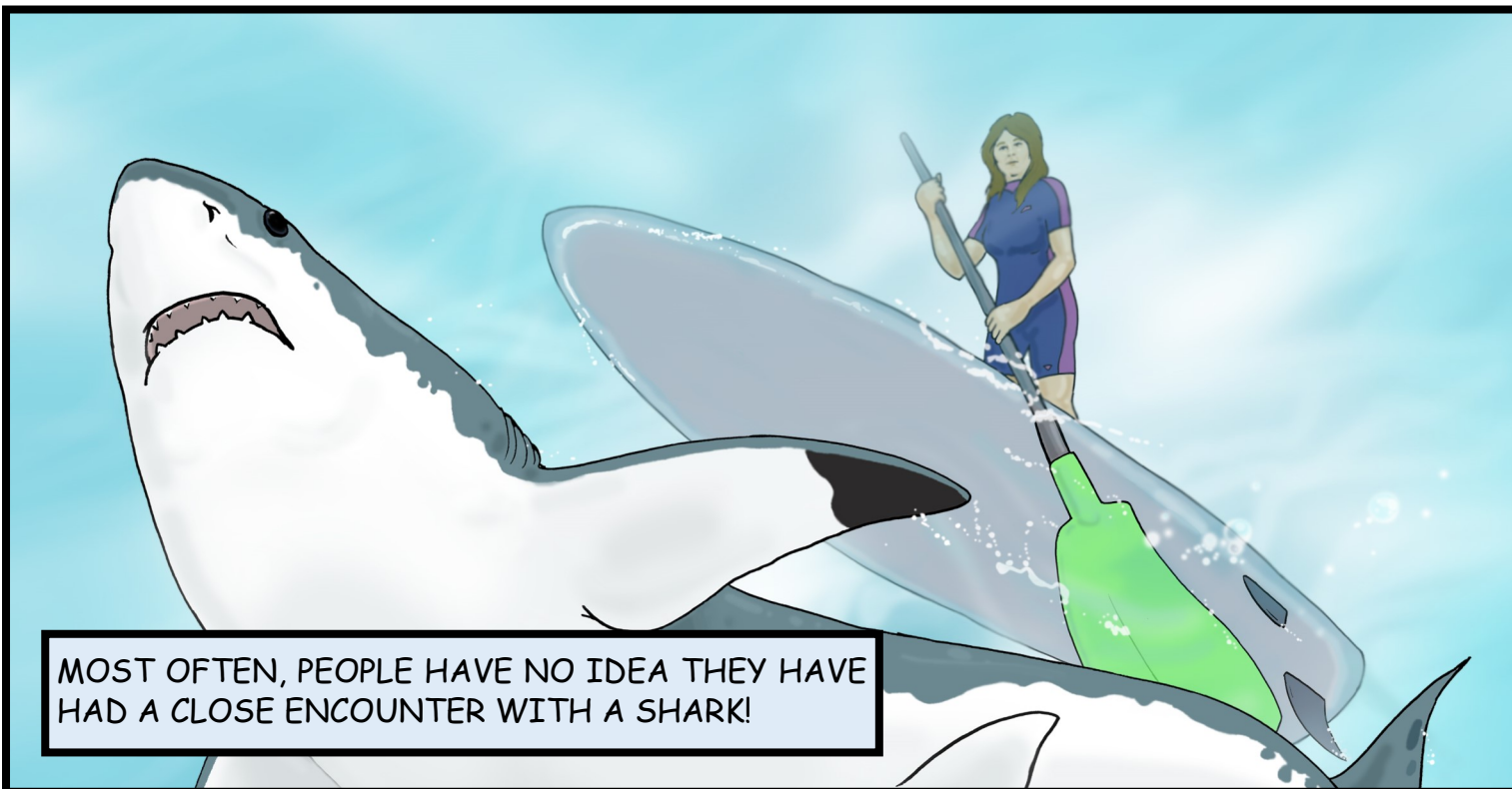


THE SERRATED TEETH SAW THROUGH THE ENERGY
RICH BLUBBER WHICH SHE RIPS AWAY. AFTER EATING
HER FILL, HER JOURNEY SOUTH CONTINUES...

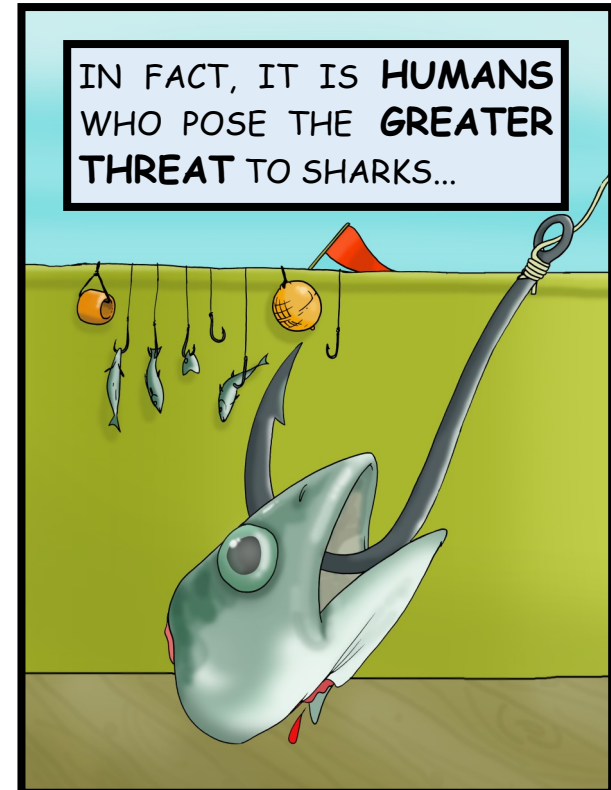




NAVIGATING ALONG THE COAST, SHE PASSES BY MANY HUMANS ENJOYING THE OCEAN. WHISLT SHE MAY BE CURIOUS, IT IS **EXTREMELY** RARE FOR A SHARK TO CONSIDER HUMANS PREY.



MOST OFTEN, PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA THEY HAVE HAD A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A SHARK!



IN FACT, IT IS **HUMANS** WHO POSE THE **GREATER THREAT** TO SHARKS...

THE FAMILIAR **STENCH OF DEATH**
DRAWS HER TO INVESTIGATE...



LONG LINES WITH BAITED HOOKS
ATTRACT AND CATCH MANY TYPES
OF SHARK AND OTHER MARINE LIFE.

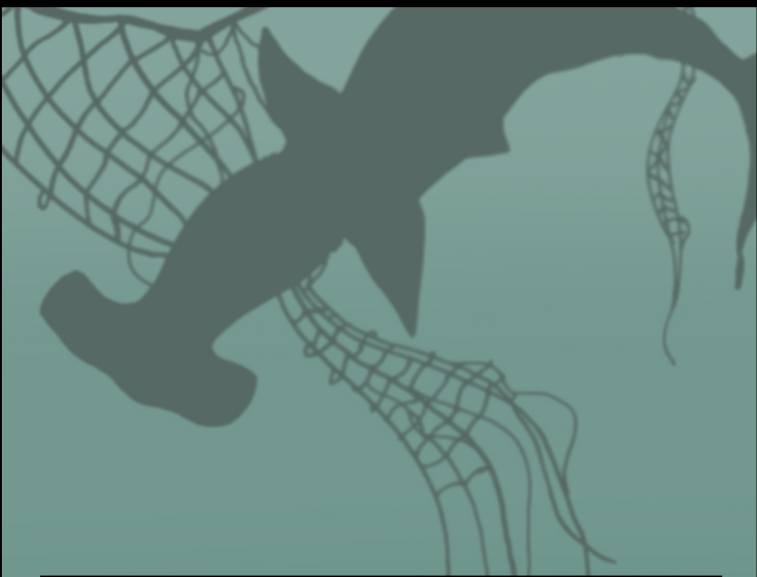


COUNTLESS SHARKS ARE KILLED EVERY
DAY. THEIR FINS ARE **HACKED OFF** TO
SUPPLY THE HIGHLY LUCRATIVE MARKET
FOR SHARKS FIN SOUP. THIS BARBARIC
PRACTICE IS CALLED

FINNING!



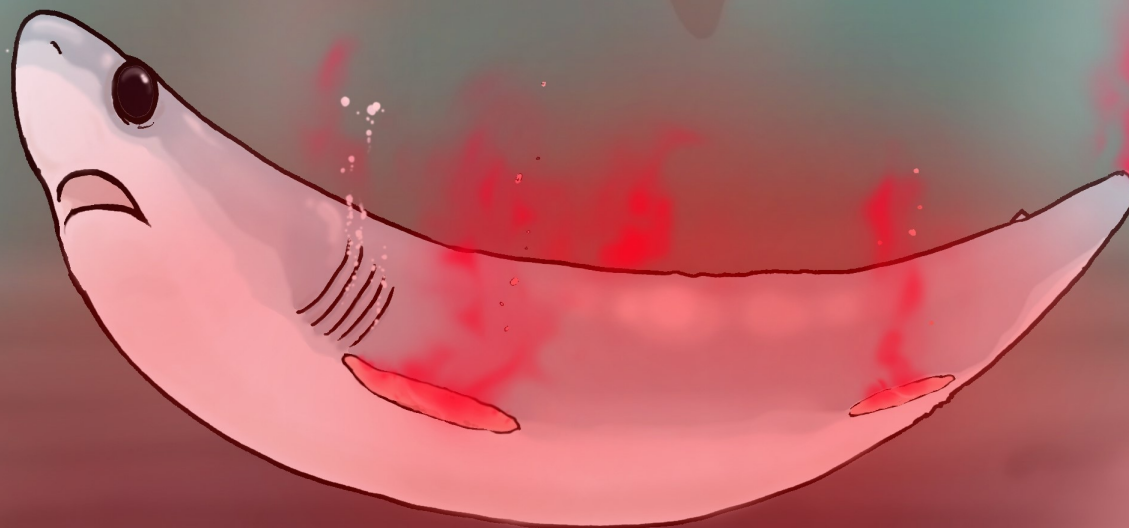
ENTANGLEMENT IN FISHING NETS
OR **ACCIDENTAL BYCATCH** CAUSES
SHARKS POPULATIONS TO DECLINE.



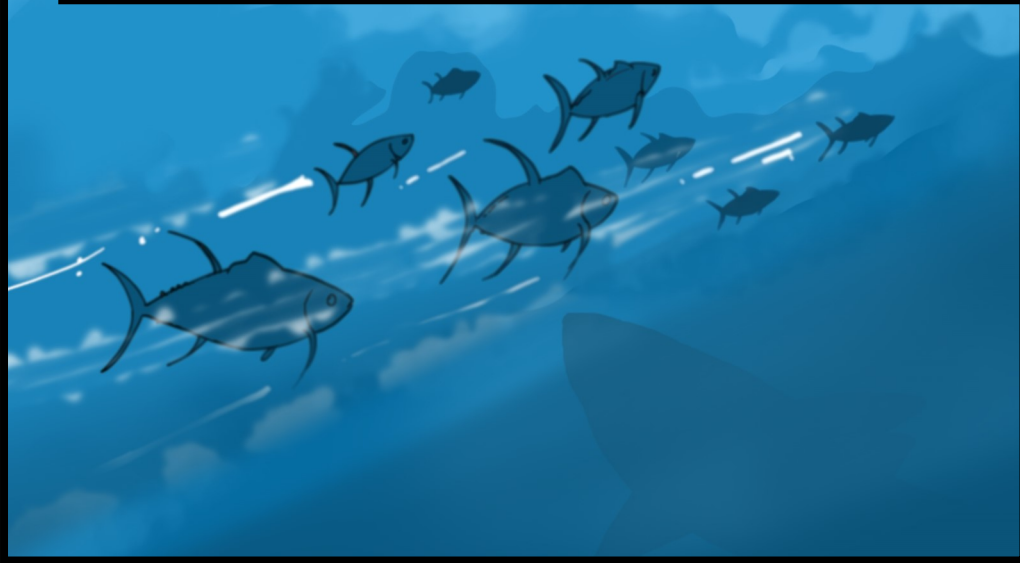
UNABLE TO SWIM, WITH SEVERE INJURIES AND
MASIVE BLOOD LOSS, THE FINNED SHARKS SINK
TO A SLOW, AGONISING DEATH.
THE FINS LACK ANY NUTRITIONAL VALUE YET
FETCH HUGE PRICES.

**WASTE
SUFFERING
DEATH**

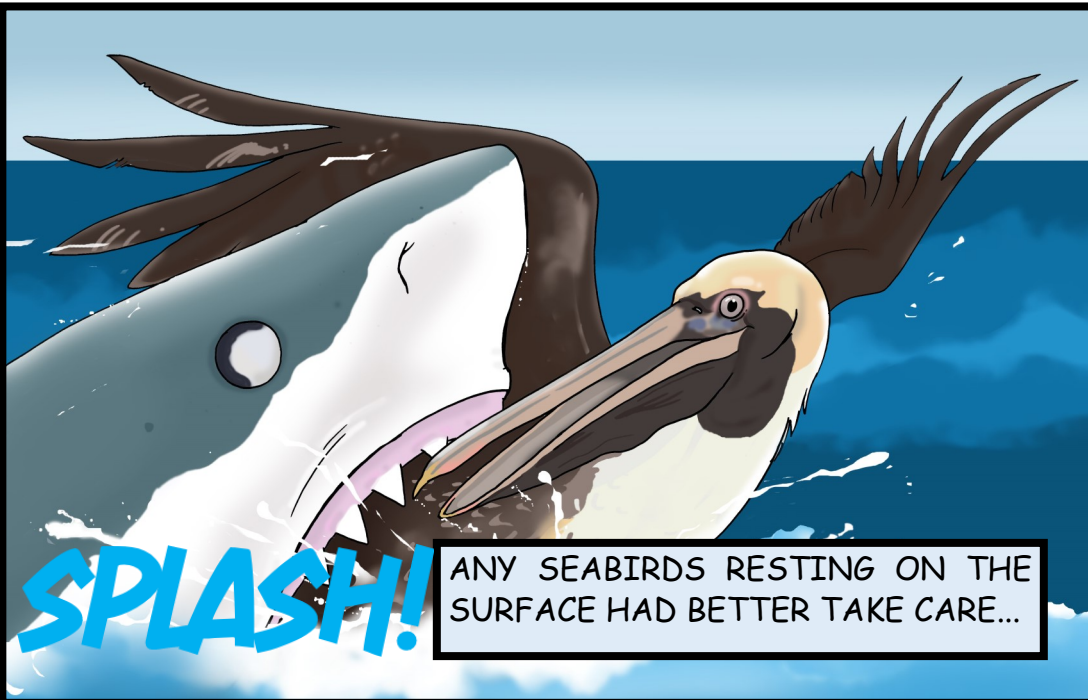
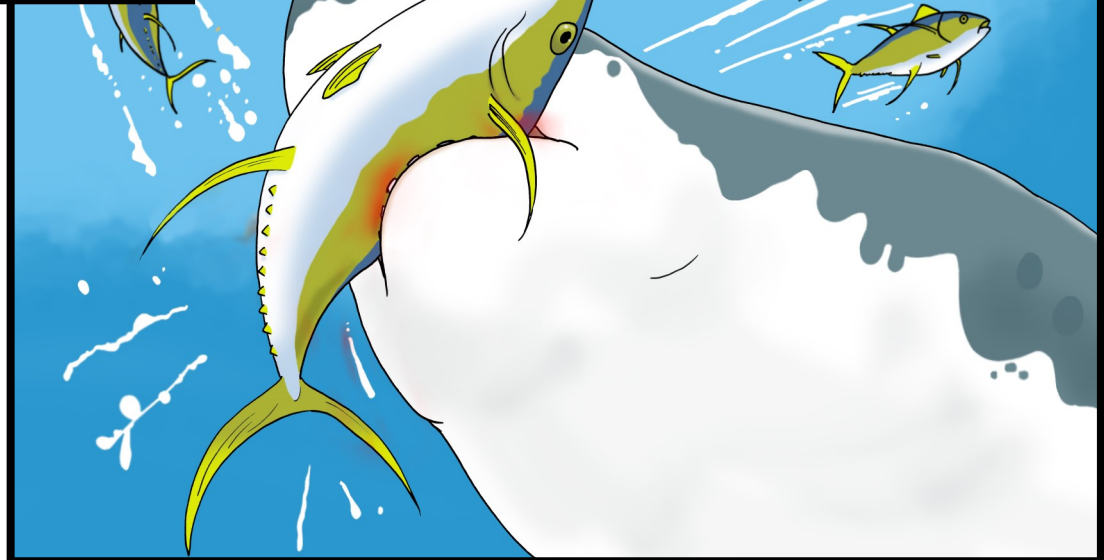
THE TRADE IN SHARK FINS HAS
SEEN THE POPULATIONS OF
MANY SPECIES PLUMMET.



THE ENERGY REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THIS JOURNEY MEANS THAT SHE IS ALWAYS SEEKING **ANY OPPORTUNITY TO FEED...**

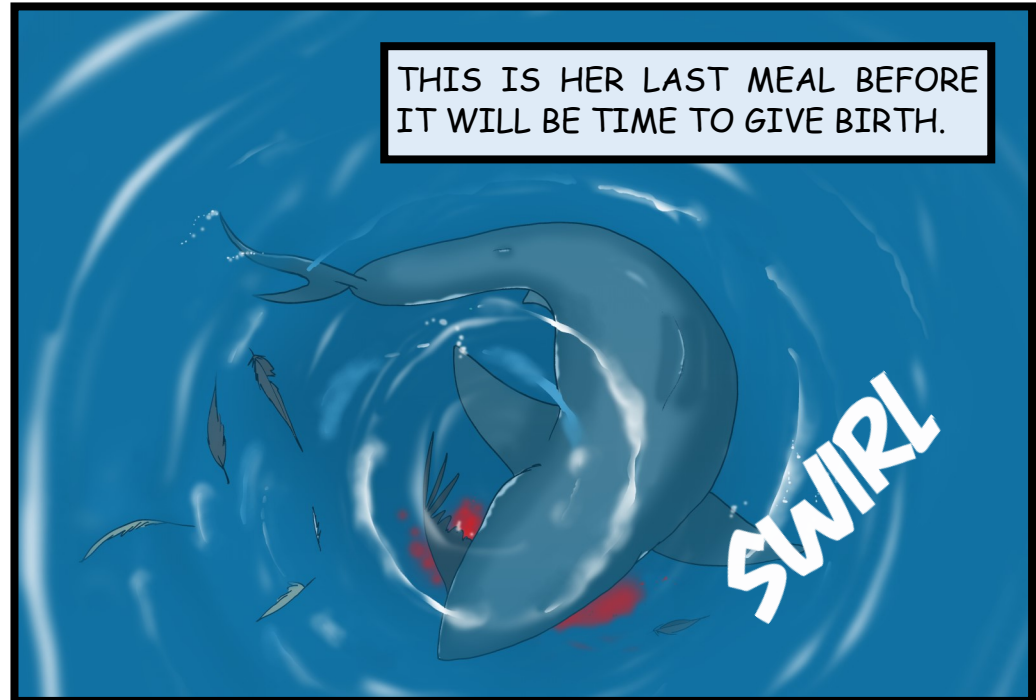


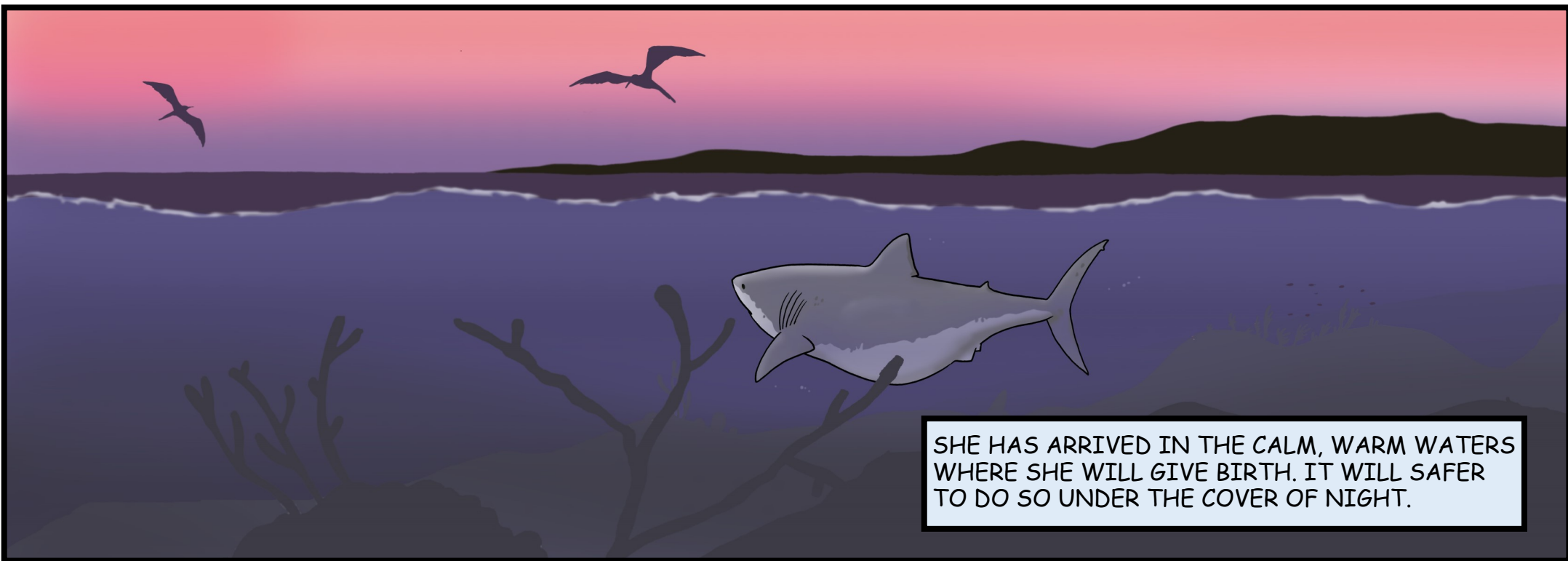
BAM!



ANY SEABIRDS RESTING ON THE SURFACE HAD BETTER TAKE CARE...

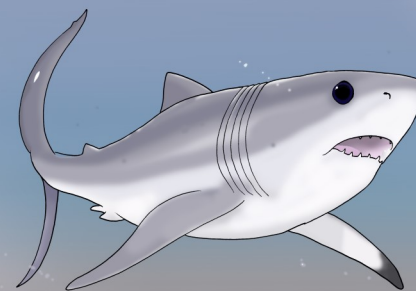
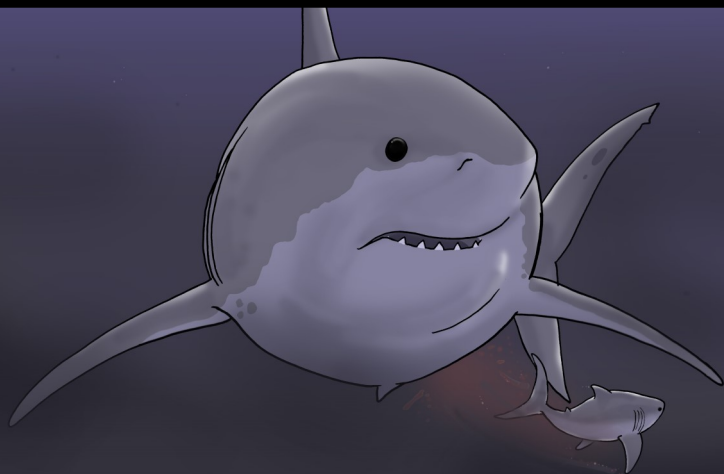
THIS IS HER LAST MEAL BEFORE IT WILL BE TIME TO GIVE BIRTH.





SHE HAS ARRIVED IN THE CALM, WARM WATERS WHERE SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH. IT WILL SAFER TO DO SO UNDER THE COVER OF NIGHT.

OUR SHARK HAS BEEN PREGNANT FOR **OVER ONE YEAR** WITH A LITTER OF **SEVEN PUPS**...



THESE INDEPENDENT, **1 METRE LONG PUPS** MAY STAY IN THE NURSERY WATERS AS THEY DEVELOP HUNTING SKILLS.

THE GOAL OF HER EPIC JOURNEY COMPLETE,
SHE BEGINS ANOTHER...





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