Octi Gets LOST!

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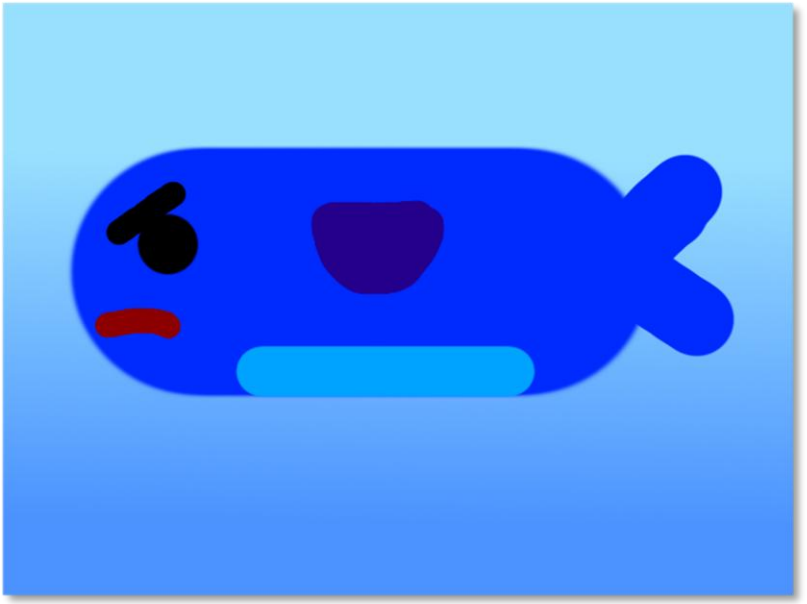
CHAPTER 01 (The Beginning)

Once upon a time,
Under the sea, there lived an octopus named “Octi”.
Octi is a doctor, he is very kind, cute, smart, curious and brave.
He has many siblings. He has saved many lives. He is the most talented doctor in his city. He lives in a city named “Coral City”,
where many octopuses and jellyfish live. Octopuses and jellyfish are very good friends. Octi only has one friend; his name is Jiggly.

One day, Whales came to Octi’s city. Octopuses HATE whales.
But whales have come to their city! Octopuses and whales have been in war for about a few hundred years. The whales claim that they are living in their territory, but octopuses say that they have the right to live here. Sometimes the whales come to Coral City and destroy half of their city. Octopuses like to stay there because then they’ll have warm climate and lots of food. Many fish come there in the winter, like birds migrating. And when fish come, octopuses like to eat them. When whales war with octopuses, octopuses don’t let them get away with it. Octopuses fight back and destroy most of the whales cities.

Today, the whales have come! The octopuses tried their best to get rid of the whales. Unfortunately, they couldn't stop them.
The whales destroyed almost half of the city.
During the chaos someone kidnapped Octi!

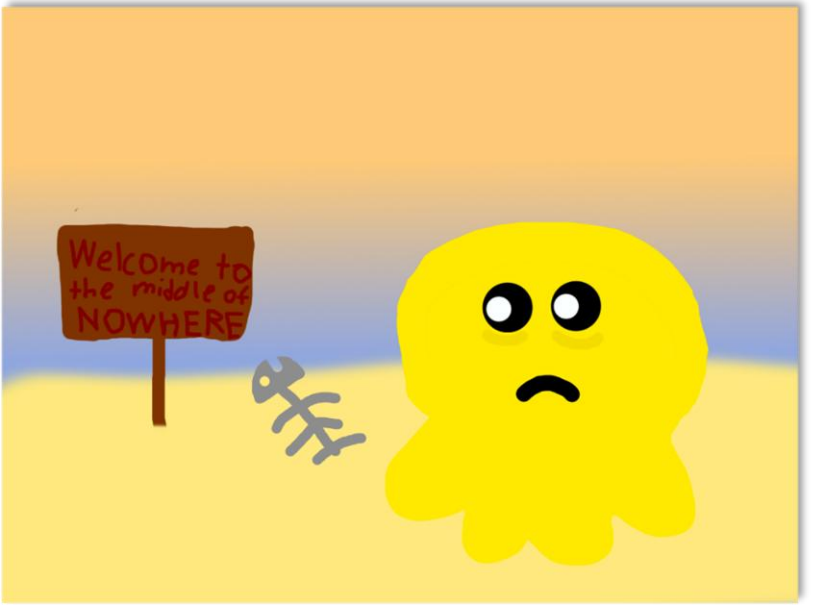


Then it blindfolded Octi so he couldn't see and they covered his mouth so he could not speak.
Octi felt the kidnapper running with him, then after an hour they removed the blindfold and the kidnapper said, "I am very sorry for kidnapping you, I was only trying to keep everyone safe, we are in a different city. My name is Jeff."
Octi saw that there were more octopuses with him. Jeff said to wait here for just one more hour and then go back to the city, just to be safe.

While they were waiting, they ate seaweed snacks and fish. They got to know each other and they played games.

After about an hour they all decided to go back to their city, they said bye to Jeff and then left. While they were going Octi forgot that he left his bag at Jeff's place, so he went to go get it. Then Octi got his bag and then he left to find his city, he went in the direction he went in before, but he couldn't see the city nearby. He couldn't see anyone.
He realized he was lost so he tried to go back to Jeff's house to ask for directions, but he couldn't remember which way Jeff's house was. Now he was really lost!

CHAPTER 02 (Octi's LOST!)



Octi walked for hours hoping to find a city so he could ask for directions. Finally, he saw someone, a Rabbit! He had never seen a rabbit that was under the sea. She had a submarine too.

It looked like she was studying about the sea. Octi went to talk with her, but when the rabbit saw him, she was a little terrified. Octi said
"Hello, what are you doing? Any chance you know where Coral City is?". The rabbit said "I don't know where Coral City is. But I could take you there if you tell me directions."

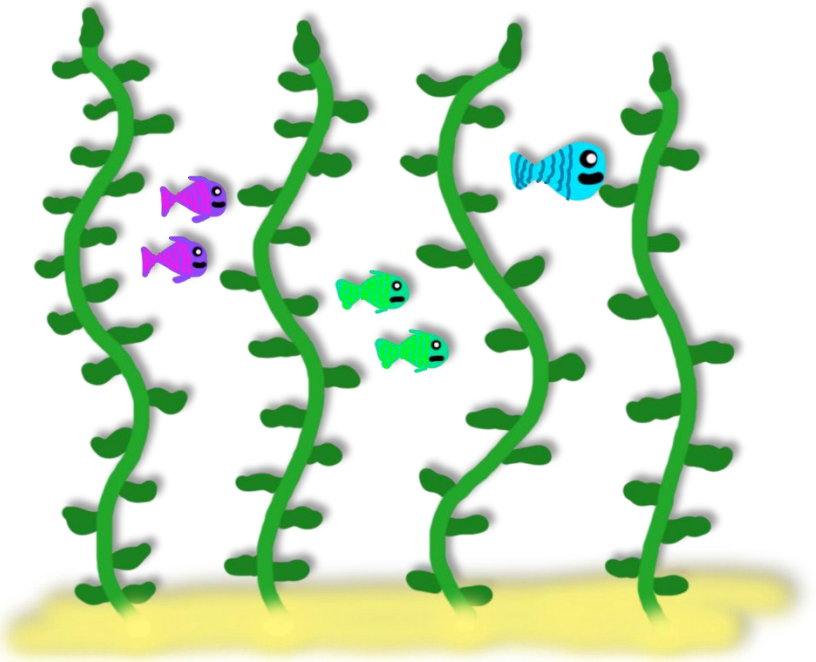
But Octi said he didn't know where it was, he said he was lost. The rabbit said that she could help him get back to his home.

Octi told her that it was almost nighttime and they could go searching in the morning. The rabbit agreed but Octi had nowhere to sleep so the rabbit told him he could go to her village. But the rabbit said there was one problem. Octi is an octopus so he cannot breathe air, but she said she had a solution, she could give him a helmet and then fill it with water. Octi said that was a good idea. The rabbit told him to get inside the submarine so he could go with her to Carrot Village, but Octi was too big, he couldn't fit inside the door.

Normally, octopuses can squeeze inside, octopuses can squeeze through very small holes, but since Octi is wearing a helmet, he cannot go inside. The rabbit had a solution to that.

She told Octi to hold his breath, then the rabbit removed his helmet. She told Octi to quickly squeeze inside. Once Octi got inside she quickly put on his helmet. The submarine was small, Octi was a tight fit. Octi asked what her name was and why she decided to help him? She said that her name was Julie and that she was a marine biologist. She said she likes to help animals. She didn't want to leave Octi alone. She said that she studied this part of the sea, and she had found no sea creatures, and she said that he was the first octopus she talked to. Octi said that it's nice for her to help him find his home. Octi observed many things.

The water had lush forests of kelp. Tall stalks of seaweed swayed as huge waves went rolling over. Barnacles were on the rocks. Schools of fish were swimming around the tall stalks of seaweed.



After about half an hour they reached shore.
Julie removed Octi's helmet and Octi quickly got out and then put on his helmet back on. Octi was frightened to get out of the water, but he was brave, so he got out of the water.
He was able to walk around the beach. He was very delighted; he was excited to go to "Carrot Village". Julie said, now they could go to Carrot Village. Octi got his bag which had a medical kit, seaweed snack, fish snack and 2 gold nuggets. A gold nugget could buy a lot of fish in his city. Octopuses use fish, gold nuggets, rare minerals and items as their currency in Coral City. Octi didn't know what cities looked like on land.

Julie and Octi walked for ten minutes and then Julie said that they had arrived. Carrot Village was beautiful; there were many Rabbits. Octi asked, “Are there any other cities around here?” and Julie said “Yes! There are a lot more villages”. Octi was curious and wanted to visit the other villages. Julie said, “I have a friend of
mine that lives in Dog Village, I could take you there in the morning”.

Octi agreed and then Julie showed him her house, but Julie said “You cannot fit and if we took your helmet off you could die! I could help you find a hotel to stay”. Octi agreed and then Octi stayed in a hotel that night. Octi saw the bed in the room, and it was too small, he then told the hotel, and they gave him the biggest bed they had. Octi went to bed, but the helmet made it difficult to sleep, the helmet was round and it felt annoying. Even though he got the biggest bed, it was still small for him.

Octi woke up at around six in the morning, he was only able to get 4 hours of sleep, he imagined that if he was at home, he would sleep until he couldn’t stand the smell of his own breath. He is worried about what everyone would think, in his city everyone knew who Octi was, he was the most talented doctor. He is thinking that everyone in his city thinks he is dead!

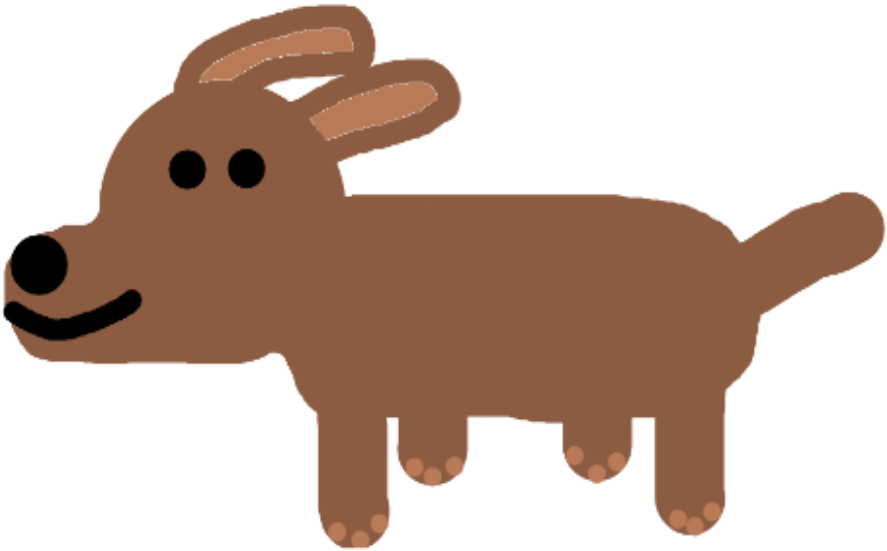
And that’s exactly what’s happening in Coral City, everyone in Coral City is worried about Octi, they don’t know what happened to him,
But they are sure that Octi will come back, they know he is brave.
The news also reached Jeff, he is worried about Octi.

Julie knocked on Octi's hotel door at around eight in the morning.
Octi opened the door and Julie said, "You look like you were up all night, did you get any sleep?", Octi said, "I only got a few hours of sleep, this helmet is very annoying and it's making it hard to sleep".
Julie told Octi to eat something, she asked what Octi normally likes to eat for breakfast. Octi said that he usually eats fish. Julie said that they don't have fish in Carrot Village. Octi said, "Not a problem, I have some fish snacks in my bag". So Octi ate the fish snacks he had in his bag. Julie asked Octi if he wanted to see her friend at Dog Village? Octi said "Ok" in a sleepy voice. Julie and Octi talked for an hour. They are good friends.



CHAPTER 03 (The companion)

Octi and Julie decided to go to “Dog Village” to meet Julie’s friend.
After walking for a while they saw a sign, “Welcome, to Dog Village”.
Julie said “We’re here!”, Octi didn’t say anything. When Julie turned around Octi was asleep, then he woke up. “I’m so tired but it’s hard to sleep.” He said. Julie said “She understood his pain”. Octi said “Let’s go to meet your friend”. They walked to a house, then Julie knocked on the door and a dog came out.



Dog: Hey Julie, Who is this octopus? It looks like he’s very tired!
Julie: Hello Timmy, This is Octi, he wanted to meet you.

Dog: Nice to meet you Octi, My name is Timmy!
Octi: Nice to meet you Timmy, do you know anything about "Coral City"?
Timmy: I've never heard of it.
Octi: Julie, will I ever be able to get back to my city?
Julie: I don't know, I wish we knew someone who could help us.
Timmy: What if we bought a map? Maybe maps have some information.
Octi: They do! But do we know anyone who sells maps around here?
Julie: I have a map, It has many information, they might help you.
Octi: Great! I can finally go home! Timmy, do you want to come with us?
Timmy: Ok!

Octi, Julie and Timmy walked for an hour and they saw the beach. It was the afternoon, they all decided it was time for lunch. Timmy had brought some supplies, a picnic blanket, carrots, fish, chicken and a water bottle. They found a nice spot under a tree, they had a nice view of the beach. Julie ate carrots for lunch but Timmy ate chicken and Octi ate fish.

While they were eating, a coconut fell onto Octi, but Octi had a helmet and it broke!



Water drops started to go through the crack, Octi was worried. Julie told Octi to run to the beach where there is water. Octi started running but it was hard to see through the crack and he hit another tree and now the helmet broke in half! Octi was about to faint but he ran, when he touched the hot sand in the beach it felt like he was burning. The afternoon sun was very hot and it felt like his head was also burning.
He somehow made it inside the water and he could finally breathe. The water near the beach was still hot so Octi went a little deeper. Julie and Timmy walked to see what happened to Octi, then Julie said “I’m going to grab another helmet from my house but it might take a while”, Octi was ok with that, Julie told Timmy to stay here so Octi won’t be lonely. Octi was very tired because he didn’t sleep last night. When Timmy saw Octi, he was asleep.

After about an hour of waiting Timmy was bored, Octi was still asleep.
Timmy saw Julie’s submarine, he always wanted to ride a submarine but he waited for Julie. After fifteen more minutes Timmy really needed to do something, so he thought to himself “If I ride the submarine only for a while and put it where it was, nobody would notice”.

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A Note from the Author

Dear Reader,

Thank you for reading "Octi Gets LOST!" This story is very special to me. It's about friendship, bravery, and finding your way home.

Octi's journey taught me that home isn't just a place, it's the people who love you. And sometimes, the longest journeys teach us the most important lessons.

I hope you enjoyed reading this story as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Keep reading, keep dreaming, and never give up.

I will create many more books in the future.

With love,
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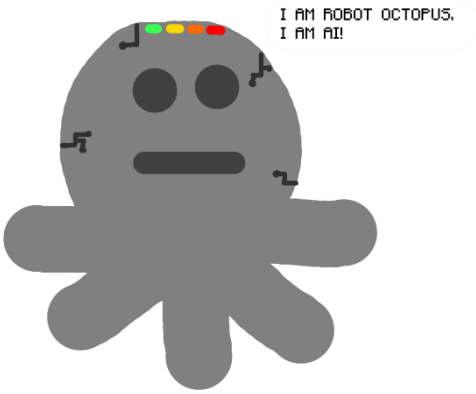

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