

Coral and Marlin Pg 1

Coral

Marlin, Shhh! You're gonna wake the kids.

(In the anemone, many eggs are resting in their new home.)

We still have to name them. I like Nemo.

Marlin

Nemo? Well, we can name one Nemo, but I'd like the rest to be Marlin Jr.

Coral

Just think! In a couple days, we're going to be parents!

Marlin

Yeah. What if they don't like me?

Coral

Marlin, there are over 400 eggs. Odds are, one of them is bound to like you.

Marlin

Really?

Coral

Really. I like you. You won't be doing this alone. Besides, you've already got the "dad jokes" down to an art form.

Marlin

You love my jokes! What did the ocean say to the shore?

Coral

(playing along)

What did the ocean say?

Marlin

Nothing! It just waved!

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(SEA CHORUS groans.)

Coral

(laughing)

Oh, Marlin

Marlin

Our kids will be funny, too! And great dancers!

(MARLIN bust a move and spins CORAL around)

Coral

Funny dancers. Just like their dad.

(MARLIN and CORAL laugh)

**Nemo, Marlin, Sheldon/Pearl/Tad's Parents,
Pearl, Tad, Sheldon Pg. 1**

Nemo

Hey, Dad! Do you know how old sea turtles are?

MARLIN

Sea turtles? I don't know.

NEMO

Sandy Plankton said they could live to be a hundred!

*(MARLIN and NEMO arrive at the schoolyard. TAD, SHELDON,
and PEARL are playing. Their PARENTS are nearby, watching.)*

MARLIN

If I ever meet one, I'll ask.

(NEMO spies the other KIDS playing.)

NEMO

Can I go play? Please, Dad?

MARLIN

Hang on a minute. Let me ask the other parent where you're supposed to be.

(to Tad, Sheldon, and Pearl's PARENTS)

Excuse me, is this where we meet the teacher?

SHELDON'S PARENT

Yep! Sure is.

PEARL'S PARENT

Look who's out of the anemone! Hi, Marlin.

TAD'S PARENT

Hey, you're a clownfish, right? You got any jokes?

**Nemo, Marlin, Sheldon/Pearl/Tad's Parents,
Pearl, Tad, Sheldon Pg. 2**

MARLIN

I don't do jokes.

(PEARL, TAD, and SHELDON gather around NEMO.)

PEARL

(to NEMO)

What's wrong with your fin?

SHELDON

It's smaller than your other one!

TAD

Weird!

TAD'S PARENT

(scolding TAD)

Be nice!

MARLIN

(rushing over)

Nemo was born with it, kids. We call it a lucky fin!

NEMO

Dad!

PEARL

See this tentacle? It's actually shorter than all my other ones!

SHELDON

I'm H₂O intolerant.

(sneezes)

TAD

I'm obnoxious!

Professor Ray, Tad, Nemo, Pearl, Sheldon Pg 1

PROFESSOR RAY

Here we are at the Drop-Off, where our reef ends and vast, open ocean stretches for miles.

TAD

Whoa, it's nothing but blue as far as the eye can see!

PROFESSOR RAY

Stay close, but remember we keep our supraesophageal ganglion to ourselves.

(TAD, SHELDON, and PEARL lag behind and break off from the group as PROFESSOR RAY and the other STUDENTS exit. NEMO pauses, unsure whether to follow the class or new friends. After a moment, NEMO decides to join TAD, SHELDON, and PEARL, who are standing on the edge of the Drop-Off peering out into open ocean.)

NEMO

Hey! Wait up!

(Near the edge, TAD fake-pushes and abruptly pulls back a startled PEARL. PEARL gasps.)

TAD

Saved your life!

PEARL

(upset)

Aww, you made me ink!

(TAD and SHELDON laugh. #8- THE BOAT)

Professor Ray, Tad, Nemo, Pearl, Sheldon Pg 2

NEMO

Whoa... What's that?

(NEMO points to a boat. The OTHERS see it now as well.)

TAD

Oh! Sandy Plankton said it's called a "boat."

SHELDON

Actually, it's pronounced "butt."

PEARL

(in awe)

That's a pretty big butt.

Dory, Marlin, Bruce, Chum, Anchor, Shark Pg 1

DORY

May I help you?

MARLIN

Ughh! You're wasting my time. I have to find my kid!

DORY

Meeko?

MARLIN

Nemo! Never mind.

(MARLIN starts to swim away. DORY now follows him.)

DORY

Hey, you're a clownfish, aren't you? I like your stripes! I bet you're pretty funny, too!

MARLIN

(stops swimming and faces DORY, abruptly)

No! Look, are you going to help me or not? I have to find me—

(#11- SHARK TERRITORY. MARTIN turns from DORY and gasps dramatically. He runs directly into BRUCE, ANCHOR, and CHUM.)

BRUCE

Hello!

DORY

Well, hi there, sharks!

BRUCE

Name's Bruce.

Dory, Marlin, Bruce, Chum, Anchor, Shark Pg 2

DORY

I'm Dory! And this is...

MARLIN

You don't need to know. I'm nobody, really. I was just leaving—

(MARLIN attempts to swim away, but BRUCE blocks his path)

CHUM

Looks like you've stumbled upon a little party we're havin'.

DORY

Oh, I love parties! Can we stay? Please? Can we? Can we?

MARLIN

I'm not really the partying type...

ANCHOR

(flashes teeth)

'Fraid we won't take no for an answer.

(A frenzy of SHARKS enter, chattering, each with a terrified FISH "FRIEND" cowering behind them. The SCUBA MASK DANCER floats the diver's mask onstage and sets it on the sea floor before exiting.)

CHUM

Ah, the gang's all here! Welcome to the party, mates!

BRUCE

Wellm well, would you look at this lot of bloodthirsty barnacles? Did everyone follow the assignment and bring a "guest" with them today?

Dory, Marlin, Bruce, Chum, Anchor, Shark Pg 3

ANCHOR

Sure did, here's mine.

(ANCHOR take DORY)

BRUCE

And how 'bout you, Chum?

CHUM

Um... well... I, uh, must have...

(belch)

...misplaced mine?

SHARK

I've got an extra!

(The SHARK shoves an extra FISH "FRIEND" towards CHUM.)

CHUM

Thanks, mate!

(MARLIN spots the diver's mask lying on the seafloor.)

MARLIN

(aside, stage whisper)

Hang on... Dory, that's the diver's mask! The diver who took my kid!

DORY

Harpo?

MARLIN

Nemo!

Bubbles, Nemo, Bloat, Gurgle, Peach, Nigel Pg 1

BUBBLES

Bubbles! Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles!! My bubbles.

(Nemo is terrified and backs away from BUBBLES.)

NEMO

Ahhhh!!

(BLOAT enters. NEMO nearly bumps into BLOAT.)

BLOAT

Oops! Hello there!

NEMO

Ahhhh!!

(NEMO runs and hides behind a plant in the tank and comes face to face with GURGLE, who is already hiding there.)

GURGLE

Stranger! Stranger in the tank!

(PEACH is pressed up against the side of the tank.)

PEACH

(to GURGLE)

Stop that, you're scaring the poor thing! It's okay, honey.

(NEMO cowers in fear. The TANK GANG gathers around, realizing that they've frightened NEMO.)

NEMO

Where am I?

Bubbles, Nemo, Bloat, Gurgle, Peach, Nigel Pg 2

BLOAT

Welcome to the Sydney Harbour Aquarium! I'm Bloat. That's Peach, Gurgle, and Bubbles.

BUBBLES

Bubbles! *(Hello!)*

BLOAT

This tank is our little corner of the aquarium.

GURGLE

It's not much, but it's home.

(NIGEL appears at the window, peering into the tank from above.)

NIGEL

G'day, mates!

TANK GANG

Hi, Nigel!

NIGEL

Just popping by for a quick hello!

PEACH

We have a newcomer!

NIGEL

Thought that might be! I saw Professor Sherman's boat dock in the harbour this morning.

NEMO

I'm Nemo. I'm from the Great Barrier Reef... in the ocean.

GURGLE

The ocean?! Ahh! Germs!!

Bubbles, Nemo, Bloat, Gurgle, Peach, Nigel Pg 3

(GURGLE cowers behind a plant.)

NEMO

I swam away at the Drop-Off, just for a second, and this diver in a mask came out of nowhere. I have to get back to the Reed! I have to find my dad. He's probably so mad at me.

NIGEL

Oh dear. I'm afraid the Great Barrier Reef is thousands of kilometers from here. But I'll keep a look out for you dad, Nemo.

(NIGEL flies away and exits offstage.)

TANK GANG

Bye, Nigel!

NEMO

How am I going to get out of here?

Peach, Bubbles, Gill, Gurgle, Bloat, Nemo Pg 1

PEACH

(yawning and stretching)

Good morning, everyone! The sun is shining, the tank is filthy, the pump is off–

(gasps)

The pump is off?! Gill! Wake up!

(#22- IT'S GO TIME!)

BUBBLES

Bubbles?! *(What's happening?!)*

PEACH

The pump! The staff turned it off! It's go time!

GILL

Okay, gang, they're getting ready to clean the tank, just like we planned.

GURGLE

Thank goodness! It's filthy in here!

BLOAT

I'll say! Way to poop, team!

GILL

We need to act fast before they scoop us out. Peach, you keep an eye out for any nets.

PEACH

Roger that!

GILL

The rest of you, help me remove the grate from the intake pipe.

Peach, Bubbles, Gill, Gurgle, Bloat, Nemo Pg 2

(BLOAT, GILL, BUBBLES, and GURGLE head to the grate and try to remove it. They pull on all sides, but the grate won't come off)

BLOAT

It won't budge!

NEMO

Gill! What do we do?

GILL

We're getting you out of here, Nemo. Let me think.

PEACH

It's all right, little one. We'll figure this out.

BLOAT

This is just a small setback. Don't worry.

NEMO

(nervous and frightened)

It's just... even if I do get back to the ocean, I'm still so far from home. I don't know how to get there, and even if I did, what of... What if my dad doesn't want me to come back?

GURGLE

I bet your mom and dad are worried sick about you, Nemo

BUBBLES

Bubbles. *(I agree.)*

NEMO

I don't have a mom. She died before I hatched.

PEACH

Well, your dad then! I bet he's on his way here right now.

Crush, Marlin, Dory Pg 1

CRUSH

Dude???

MARLIN

(woozy) Ooooooh.

CRUSH

He lives!

MARLIN

What happened?

CRUSH

You took on the jellies, mini-man. Ya saved a little blue!

MARLIN

Little blue?! Dory! Is she okay?

(DORY enters cheerfully with the SEA TURTLE KIDS)

DORY

P. Sherman, forty-two Wallaby Way, Sydney!

SEA TURTLE KIDS

P. Sherman, forty-two Wallaby Way, Sydney!

DORY

Right! Hi, Crush!

(SEA TURTLE KIDS giggle. DORY and KIDS join the other SEA TURTLES.)

MARLIN

(swimming frantically in circles) Dory, wait! We have to get to the East Australian Current!

Crush, Marlin, Dory Pg 2

CRUSH

You're riding it, Jellyman!

(SQUIRT has joined)

CRUSH

Jellyman, offspring...

MARLIN

Hi.

CRUSH

Offspring, Jellyman...

SQUIRT

Jellies! Cool!

(SQUIRT does a spin in celebration.)

DORY

Hey, squirt! Show 'em you 360!

SQUIRT

Check this out! Whoooooooooaaaaaaa!

(SQUIRT flips out of the current, twirling offstage.)

MARLIN

(gasps) Your kid's out of the current! Someone help!

MARLIN

Hi there, can you tell me how to get to 42 Wallaby Way? It's here in Sydney... Hello?

(The CRAB exits. TWO FISH enter and swim past hurriedly. They too ignore MARLIN.)

Excuse me, do you happen to know where 42 Wallaby Way is? Please?

(The FISH exits. MARLIN and DORY are alone again.)

Am I invisible? Why will no one help me?? I have to tell Nemo how old sea turtles are!

*(MARLIN buries his head in his fins. #34- **A FUNNY THING TO PROMISE.**)*

DORY

There, there. It's all right. It'll be okay.

MARLIN

No! I promised I'd never let anything happen to Nemo.

DORY

Well, that's a funny thing to promise.

MARLIN

What?

DORY

You can't never let anything happen. Then nothing would ever happen. Not much fun for little Harpo.

MARLIN

(wallowing in self-pity)

Marlin, Dory Pg 2

Coral would have known what to do. It wasn't supposed to be like this! I wasn't supposed to be doing this alone.

(MARLIN plops down, defeated)

DORY

But you're not alone. I'm here too. We're a team, you and me.

MARLIN

I know. I'm sorry.

DORY

Look, no one's ever stuck with me for so long before. And I remember things better with you. Because, when I look at you, I feel... home.