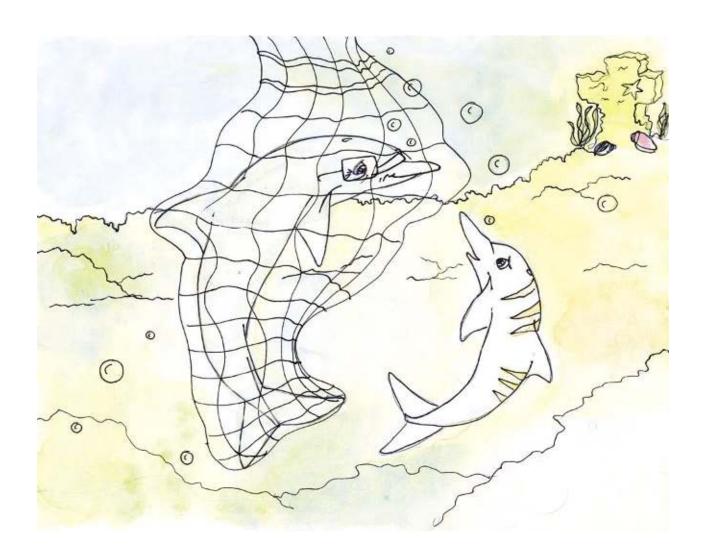
Resurrected Dolphin



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To Paul Schaller

I love you, my brother. Thank you for everything.

I am going to tell you the greatest dolphin story ever told.



My name is Shin.

I was born in the beautiful blue, sunny water.

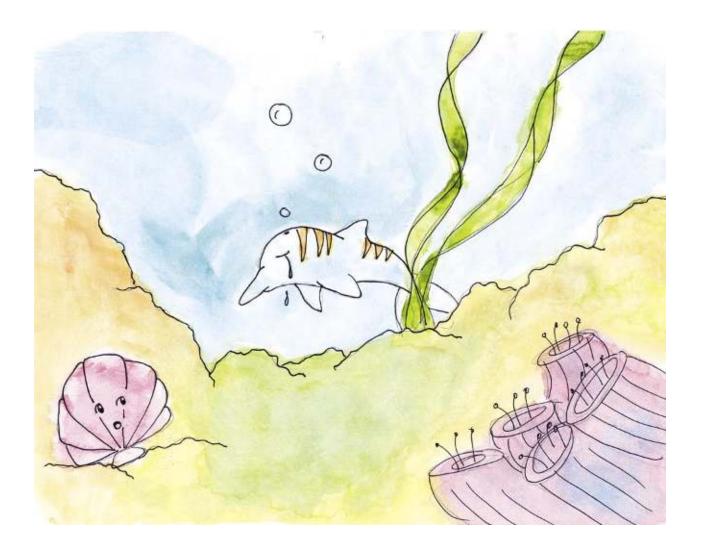


As a dolphin child, I loved to play in the pretty water. I had a few friends, but never as many as I wanted.



I was a regular dolphin.

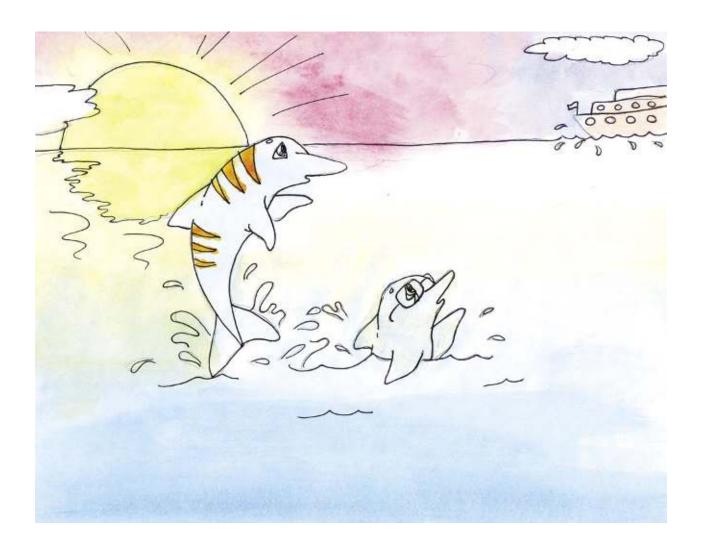
I was not the fastest or the smartest. I wished that I was special. I even wished for super-dolphin powers.



Often my family and I would see boats on the bright water.

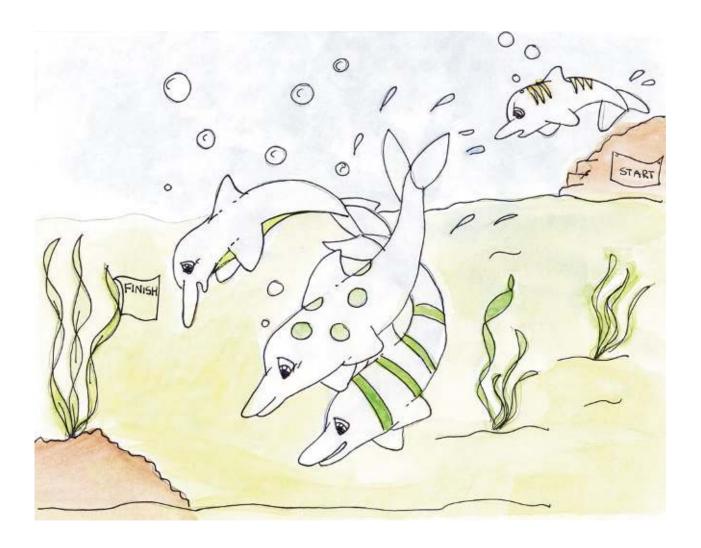
My Father and Mother told me **never to go near a boat.**"Some boats are nice and some are bad," my Grandfather told me.

"You have to be very wise to know if it is a safe boat or a bad one."



One day I was playing with Mac, Jiff and Lan. We were racing from rock to rock.

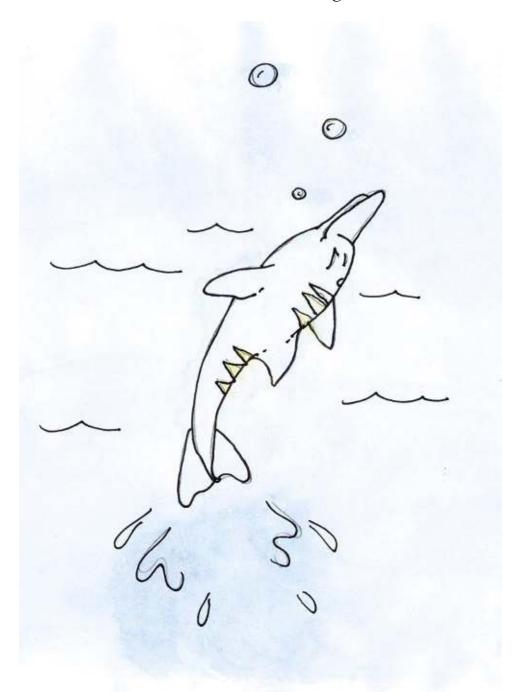
I was mad — I kept losing the races.



Then a large boat with many lights came close.

I swam fast toward the boat to show my courage and bravery.

I felt the other kids would think I was strong.

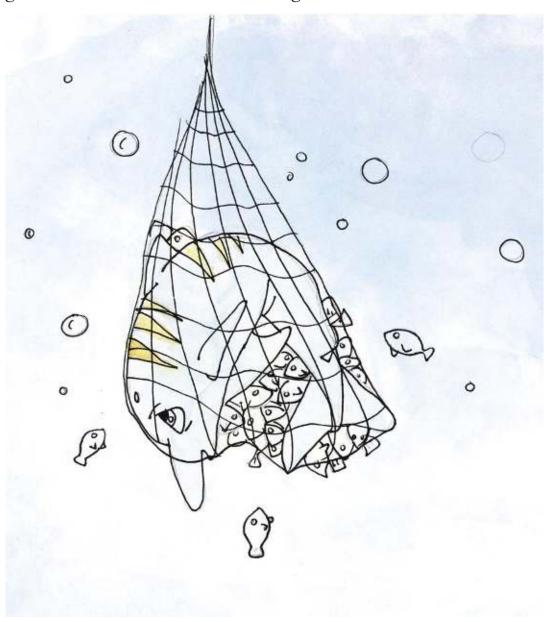


As I came close to the boat, I was scared.

It was so big.

I remembered what my Father and Grandfather said about "bad boats." But I did not want my friends to see I was afraid.

Then a big net was thrown into the water and was all around me. It caught hundreds of small fish. It caught me too.



I was trapped inside the net.



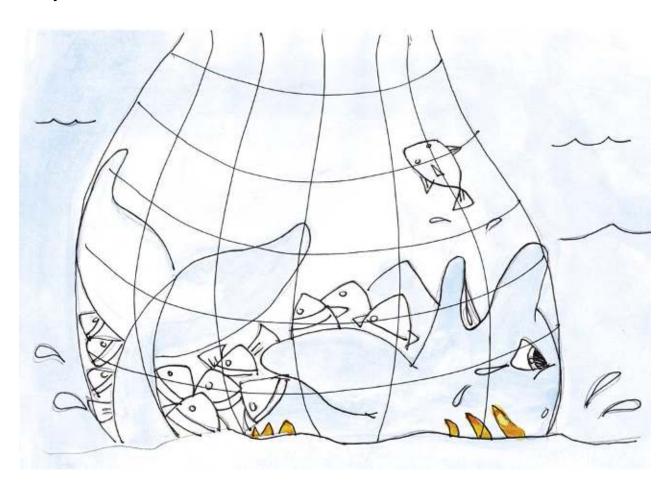
I called to my friends to help me, but they were afraid. They swam away in fear. I was alone in the net.

Then I began to be pulled into the big boat.

I could see some men on the deck of the boat. But they did not see me.

They did not care that the net was hurting me.

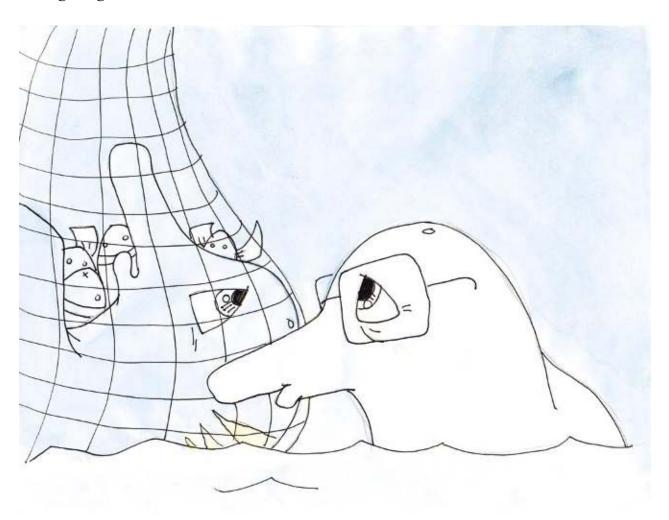
They were mean men on a bad boat.



Finally, I felt no one would help me and I cried.

Suddenly my Grandfather swam up to me and kissed my cheek. "I love you, Shin," he said.

He turned around and swam quickly away from me, and I thought he was going to leave me.



But then he turned and swam toward me.

He swam faster and faster — right for me.

[&]quot;Do not be afraid," he called, "I love you!"

Then my Grandfather's face hit my body so hard that he knocked me right out of the net!

Then I swam away from the net. I was free!

I swam as fast as can be, and swam for home.



Soon my family and other dolphins swam out to meet me. "Where is your Grandfather?" they asked. I did not know. I thought he was behind me.



So we all swam toward the bad boat.

We saw my Grandfather stuck in the net.

He was in the same place I had been stuck.

When he pushed me out, he got caught in the net.

In a couple of minutes my Grandfather was gone. He was pulled up into the large boat. We circled the boat hour after hour, but he was gone.

I had lost my Grandfather by disobeying and swimming near a strange boat. I knew that what I did was wrong. I was told not to swim near any boats. My Grandfather died because he saved me.

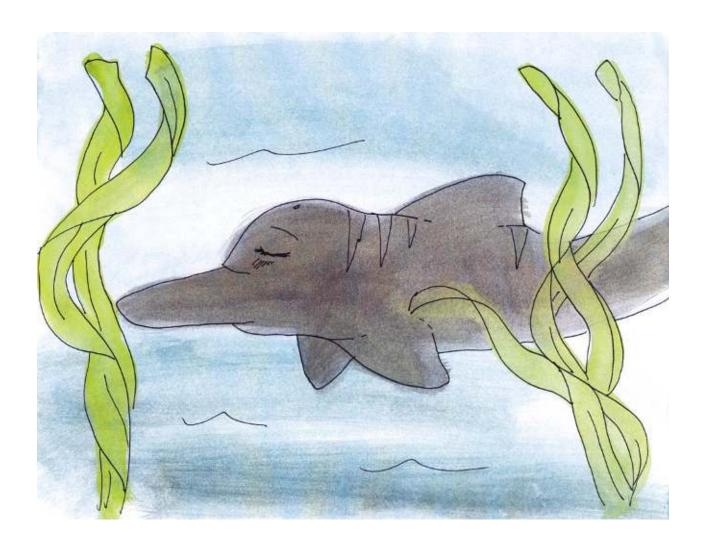


Day after day, I wished I could see my Grandfather. But he was gone. He was gone forever.

Then one night, I could not sleep.

So I went for a swim alone in the night water.

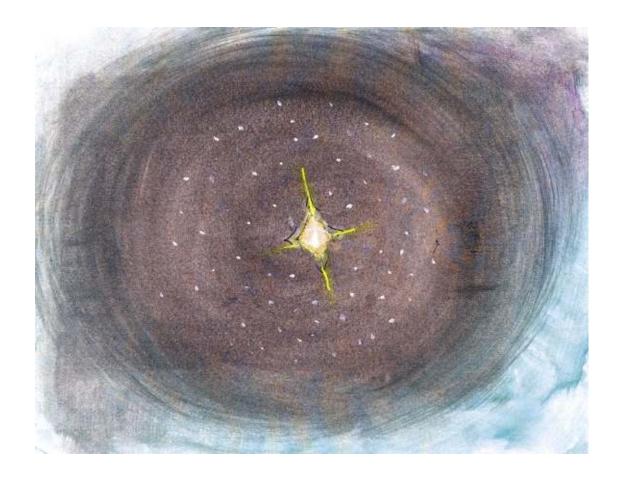
It was quiet and no one was awake.



As I swam, I asked God, "Why?
Why did I have to lose my Grandfather?
Why did I make such a bad decision?"

As I was talking to God, I saw something in the deepest water. I looked down and saw a spot of light. It was like a star in the deep water. It looked very far away. I kept looking at the light. It was moving. It was coming up from the dark waters.

I was afraid of the light. I was afraid of the deep dark water.



Just as I was going to swim away from the deep light, I heard a song. It was a wonderful song. I stopped swimming and listened. The song was being sung by thousands of dolphins. I could see thousands of dots of light down in the dark water.

Then the other singers stopped, and there was only one singer with the brightest light.

It was an old dolphin, shining like the sun.

He was swimming up toward me.

"Who is he?" I thought.

Then as he came closer,
I became afraid.

"Please do not hurt me,"
I said.

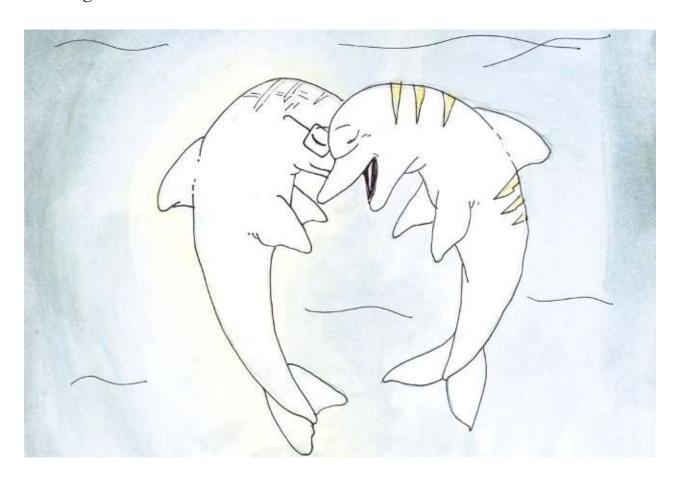
And the bright glowing dolphin said, "I have always loved you, Shin. Why are you afraid?"

Then I realized it was my Grandfather!



I swam up to him and touched him with a touch of love.

His bright head showed scars in his skin from the net.



"What happened," I asked. "How come are you alive?"

"My child, I have been to the deepest waters, where only the ocean's Creator lives. I have seen the greatest of all living secrets. I know the Maker of the ocean loves you Shin, and knows your name.

He has sent me back to you. The Creator has told me to tell you He has forgiven you and loves you. Do not be afraid. You are never alone."

Then my Grandfather and I swam for days and days.



He told me the Creator's secrets and the mystery of the deep water.

My Grandfather taught me that he who loves never dies, but only becomes more alive.

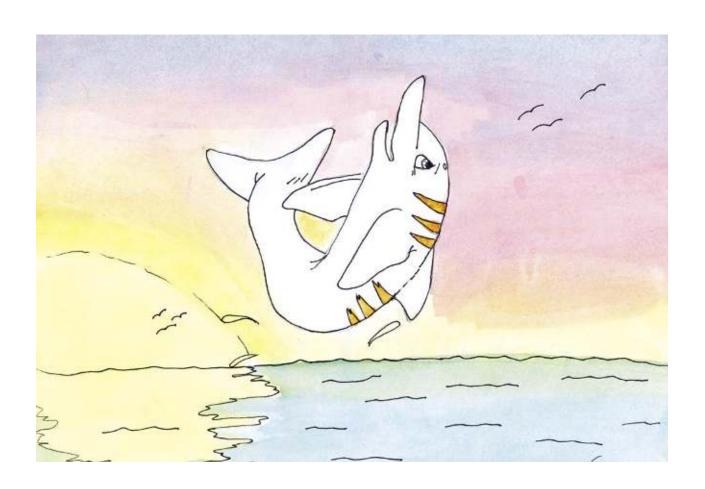
I also learned that the world's Creator listens to me and hears me. I am very special to Him.

So now I am telling my special story to young ones like you.

I have lived many happy years.

I am thankful to the ocean's Creator for forgiving me, saving my Grandfather, and making me feel special.

Praise to the God of Love — forever.



The End

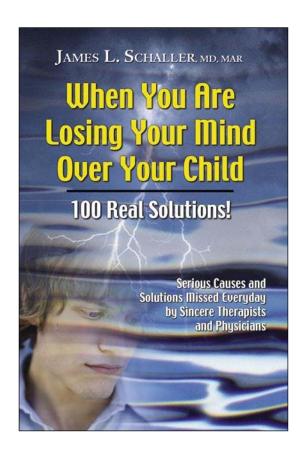
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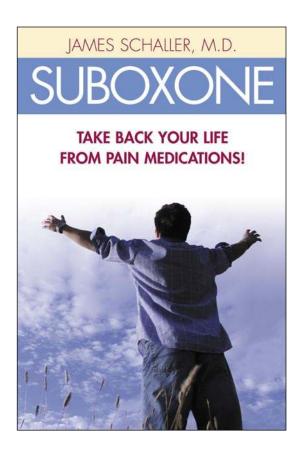
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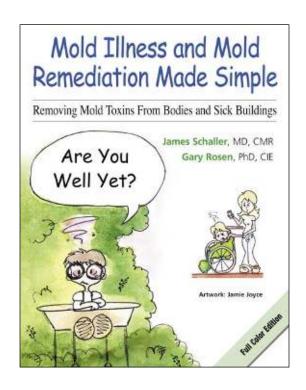
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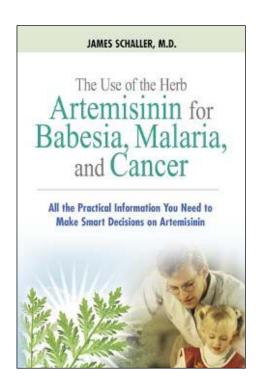




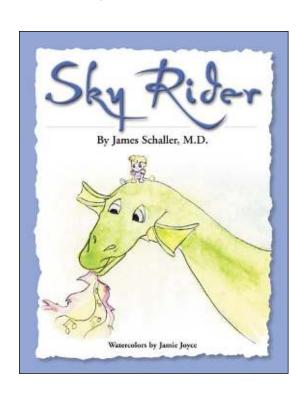
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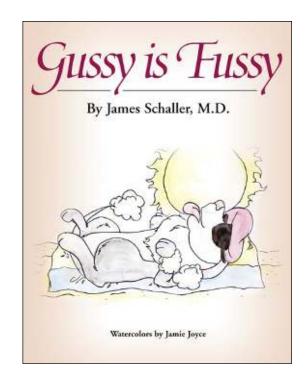
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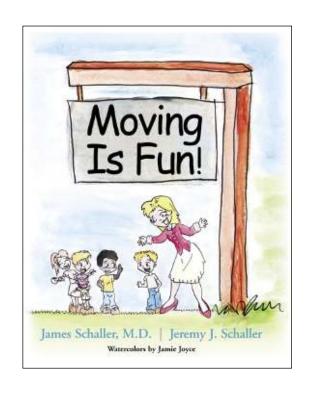


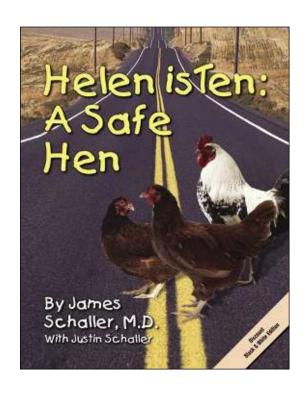


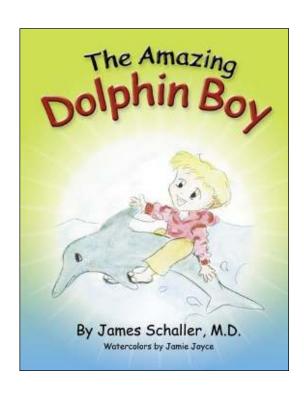
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