

# ~ 'Just A few Fins' ~

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Water passed the smooth skin of the streamline creature. Fish schooled around the colourful reefs, and large tunas swam calmly through a small school of mackerels. A family of Clownfish slowly sank into the dancing anemone and appeared again yet nearby, a small blacktip reef shark patrolled the shallows. A large blue shark as elegant as a swan glided through the water as if a ray yet, something the shape of an egg quickly passed, breaking the peace. Small fish hid in reefs, tunas escaped to some kelp, but the shark did nothing. The grey eggish boat created a trail of bubbles that smelt like flesh, yet it stopped. The taste of blood broke the scent of salt. Everything was motionless, yet it soon left, and all the fish departed from their hiding spots and continued on in their life.

The peace returned.

The large blue shark swam gracefully past the sand plains in the Atlantic, and a small group of oceanic whitetip sharks drifted but avoided the Blue Shark. They looked at the shark with a face of horror, almost warning it not to enter the hectare.

*'When the sky started to darken, it completely changed, blue to black. The Sun hides and the Moon shows itself, almost like a game of hide-and-peek.'*

The ocean was empty but every now and then, the shark smelt blood, as the scent lures it closer to it. Soon, grey reef sharks appeared dead, without fins, hammerheads with no hammers. One small bamboo shark laid lifeless on the sand.

More blue sharks appeared in the distance, most large females, glaring at the motionless sand plains, yet, the boat appeared again.

The strange boat threw a live shark with no fins struggling to swim, and afterwards chucked a small ball of tuna. The finned shark was barely able to swim and tried to escape, yet the bait distracted the largest female and slowly lured the shark to it. Without notice of the shark, it grabbed the bait. The bait arose with the shark on it, and soon something grabbed the shark. The other blue sharks come closer, blood starts dribbling down the edge of the boat, then the large blue shark falls, with no fins. The finned fish hit the ground, not moving a thing.

About a week later, the two blue sharks lay dead on the plains, lifeless.

The egg-like-boat always returned at night. Every day, more sharks appeared dead, yet two weeks after the slaughter, when it was heading back to shore, a boat with flashing lights chased it. Soon, the grey boat stopped, and the weird creatures climbed onto the grey egg, saying 'This is a sanctuary, not a fishing hotspot!'. The Cruel finners slowly hopped onto the boat, cuffed and guilty. The flashing boat tied a string to the egg, dragging it away. The Slaughter in the sanctuary was never seen again.

The problem is, this isn't happening right now, because people aren't banning this cruel slaughter, called finning.

### **Blurb:**

**Sharks are commonly finned for just their Dorsal Fin, Pectoral fins, and even their Caudal Fin. Governments need to stop finning sharks since these people go out and catch them live, quickly cut their fins off, and throw them back in the ocean alive.**

**This story explains how cruel these people are to such animals. They get slaughtered every second and apparently, 150 million times a year...**

*'Healthy Oceans have Healthy Sharks.'*

**500 words (only the story)**

# PLAN

Characters *The Shark, The Finners, the captain, other sharks, shark that dies...*

Where????? *In a Shark sanctuary, made for keeping sharks safe (Illegal fishing)*

	Start of paragraph	end of paragraph
SS	<i>The sharks calm life</i>	<i>Smells blood of a Blue Shark</i>
BF	<i>Shark continues on</i>	<i>Soon it starts seeing dead sharks without fins, smells fresh blood</i>
PE	<i>Sees a live shark still alive trying to swim without fins</i>	<i>Another shark sees bait, slowly heads to it, taking a bite. <u>Swallows</u></i>
RO	<i>Sees another piece of bait, grabs and starts to swallow.</i>	<i>Bait rises and soon out of the water, shark with it</i>
BO	<i>Shark grabbed, blood starts dripping down edge of boat</i>	<i>Shark falls finless into the ocean. Main shark sees the slaughter tries to escape</i>
EE	<i>Soon afterwards another boat comes with flashing lights</i>	<i>The strange boat calls out what they have done, being arrested</i>
CW	<i>Strange boat drive away with other</i>	<i>Finning still isn't banned though is it?</i>