

Trapped in a Net

Grade 1-2

It all started when I was at the beach with my uncle and my dad. It was hot there. I could hear the waves crashing into the shore. There were a lot of people swimming and playing in the sand.

My uncle was looking for hermit crabs. It was hard to find them because the water was all gloomy. I could hardly see the bottom of the ocean. Then I heard.....**SPLASH!** “Guys, come and look at this!” I ran as fast as I could.

“WOW! A manta ray! A real life manta ray!”

“That’s the good news!” said my uncle. “The bad news is....his tail is stuck in the net!”

“Oh no! The manta ray looks so sad in there!”

“Yup, that’s why we’re going to get it out.”

It was hard to get its tail out because it was really stuck in the middle of a hole in the net. We gently pulled on its tail. That didn’t work. I thought and thought. Then...I got an idea. It was great because nothing else would work. “Let’s ask the life guard.”

“Good idea,” my dad said.

We ran so fast in the hot sand, and I almost fell down! “We have an emergency!”

“What is it?”

“A manta ray is stuck in our net!” I said panting.

“Let me see then,” said the life guard. We showed the life guard and he gasped! “I’ll help.” He reached into his pocket and pulled out his blue pocket knife. He carefully cut the manta ray free. It swam away happily in the ocean.

SPLASH! “What was that?” When I looked down at the net, I saw a baby shark. Its flipper was stuck in the net. I thought to myself, “No, no, no - NOT AGAIN!”