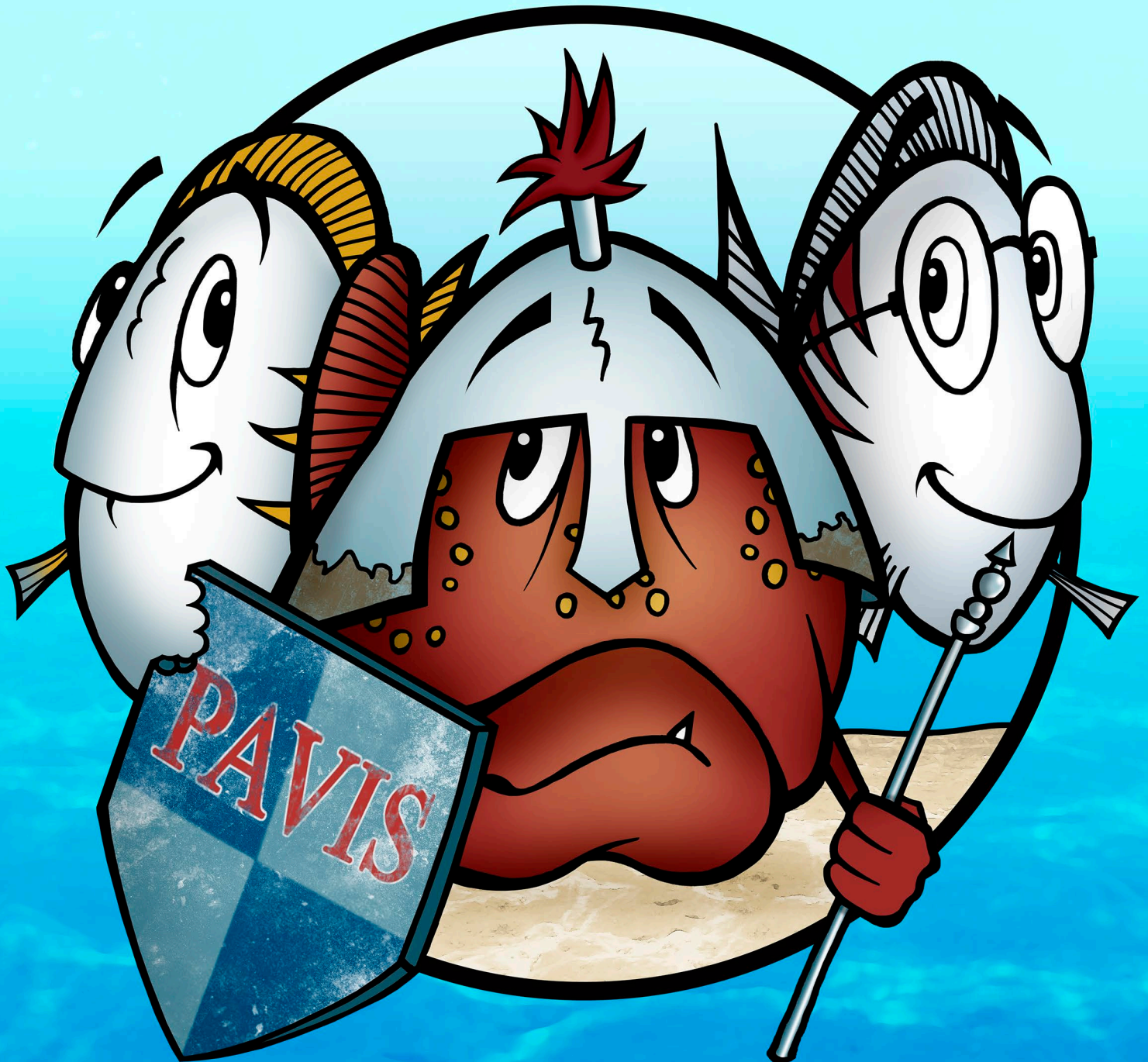


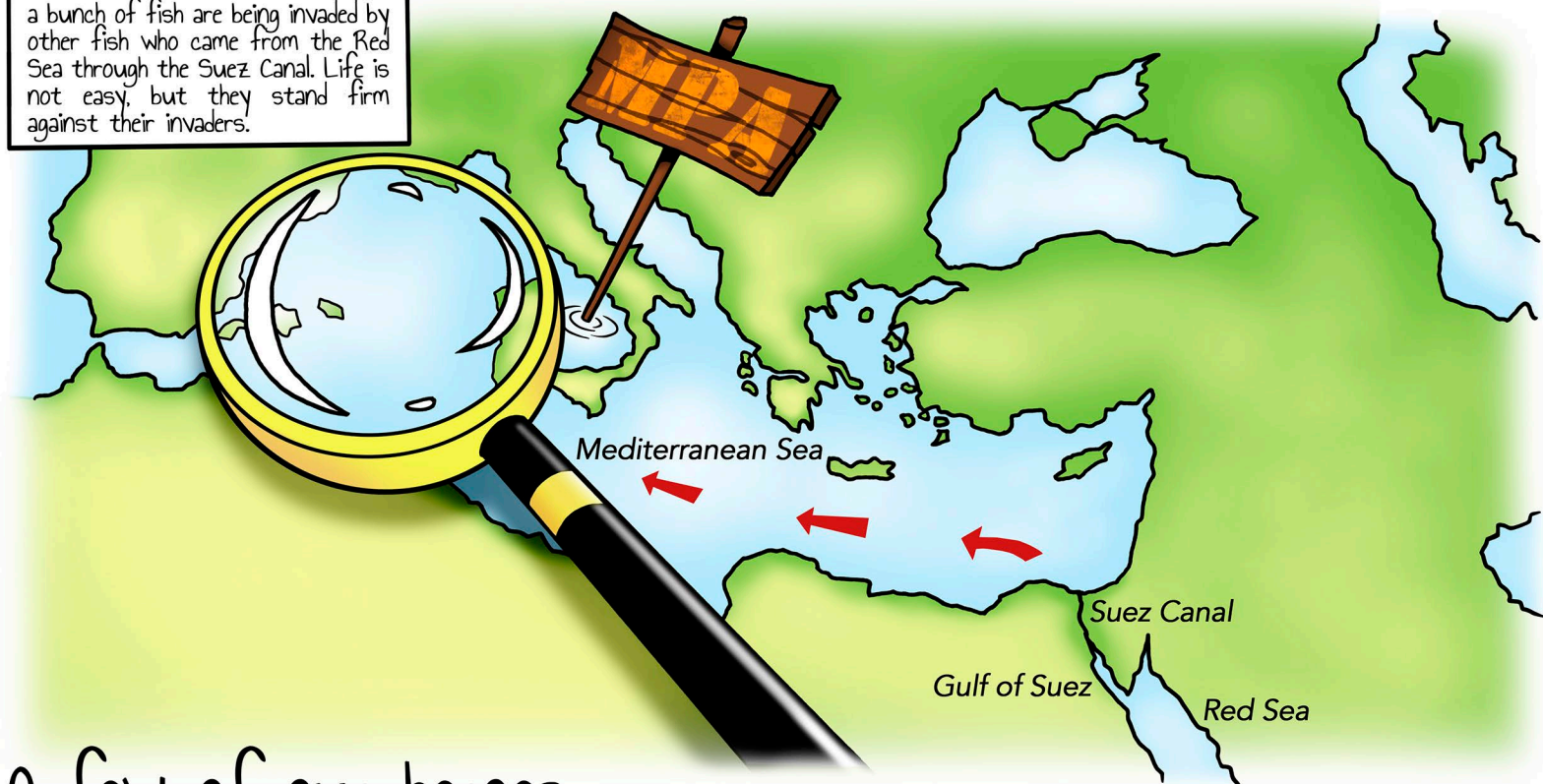
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A MARINE PROTECTED AREA STORY

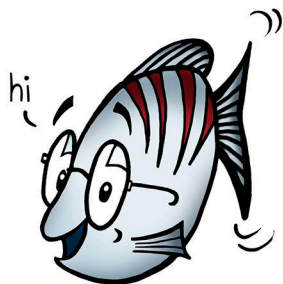


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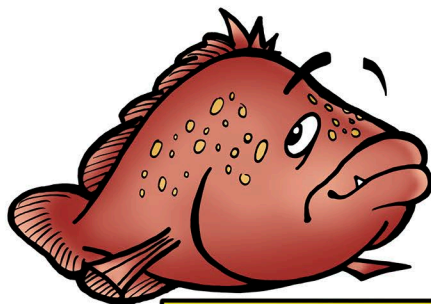
Somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea a bunch of fish are being invaded by other fish who came from the Red Sea through the Suez Canal. Life is not easy, but they stand firm against their invaders.



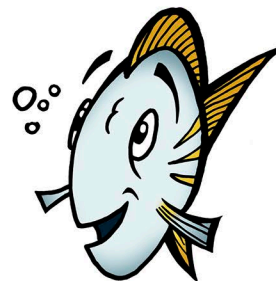
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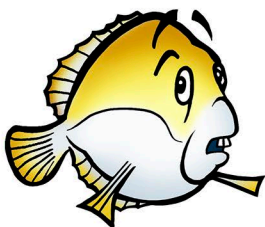
Sargy is a white Sea Bream. She is a clever fish and knows a lot about Marine Protected Area's, MPAs for short.



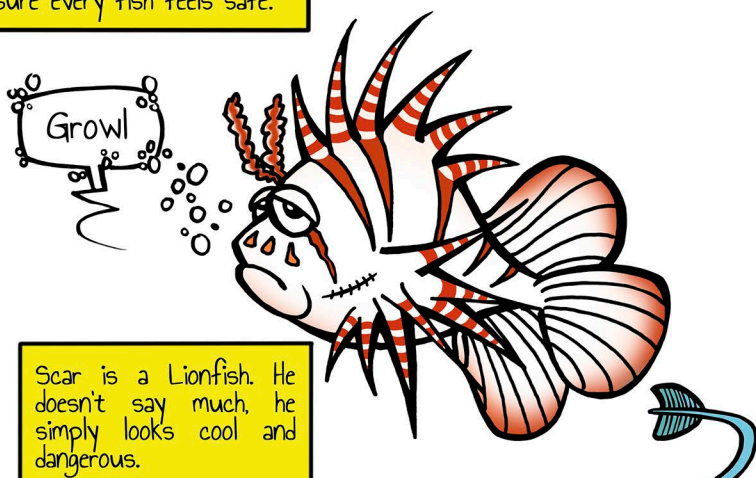
Dusky is a Dusky Grouper. He is a very brave fish and has a strong feeling for leadership. Dusky feels a lot of responsibility for his friends who are also residents of the MPA. He makes sure every fish feels safe.



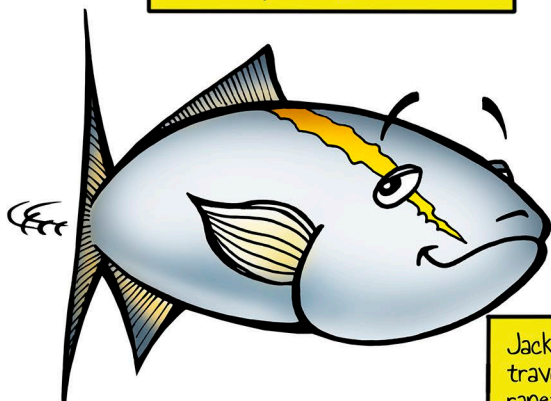
Salema is a Salema Porgy. She is a vegetarian, not very courageous and gets easily scared when something unexpected happens.



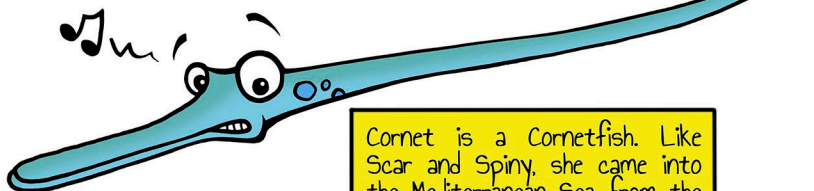
Bugs is a Dusky Spinefoot aka a Rabbitfish. Thinking before acting is not really his thing. He's crazy for algae.



Scar is a Lionfish. He doesn't say much, he simply looks cool and dangerous.

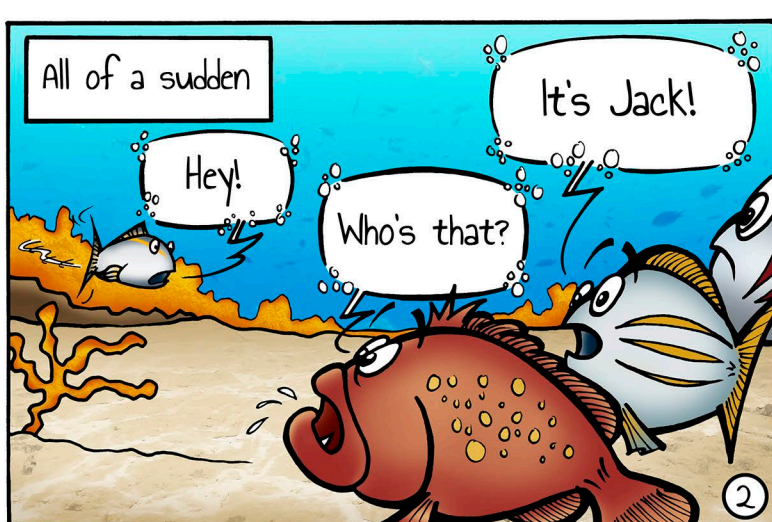
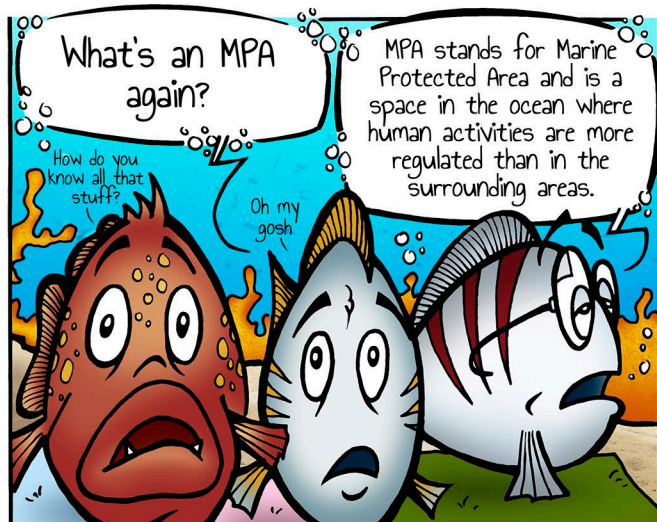
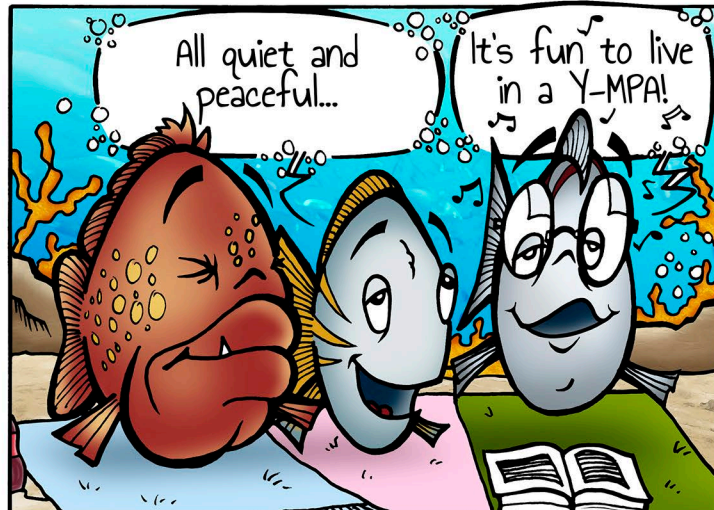
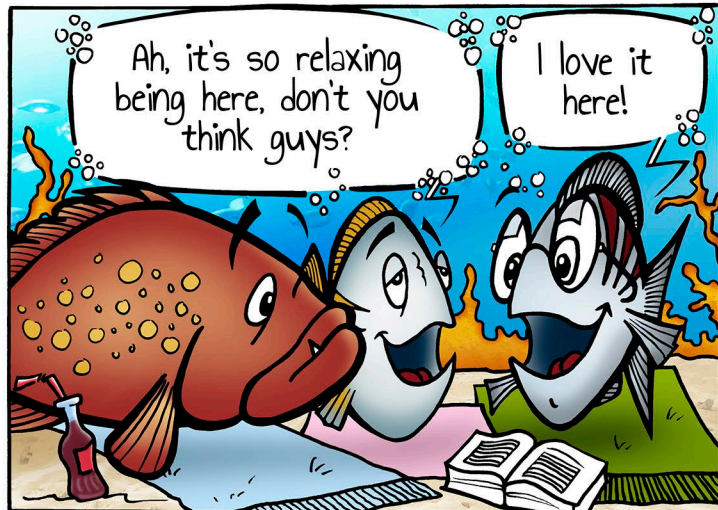
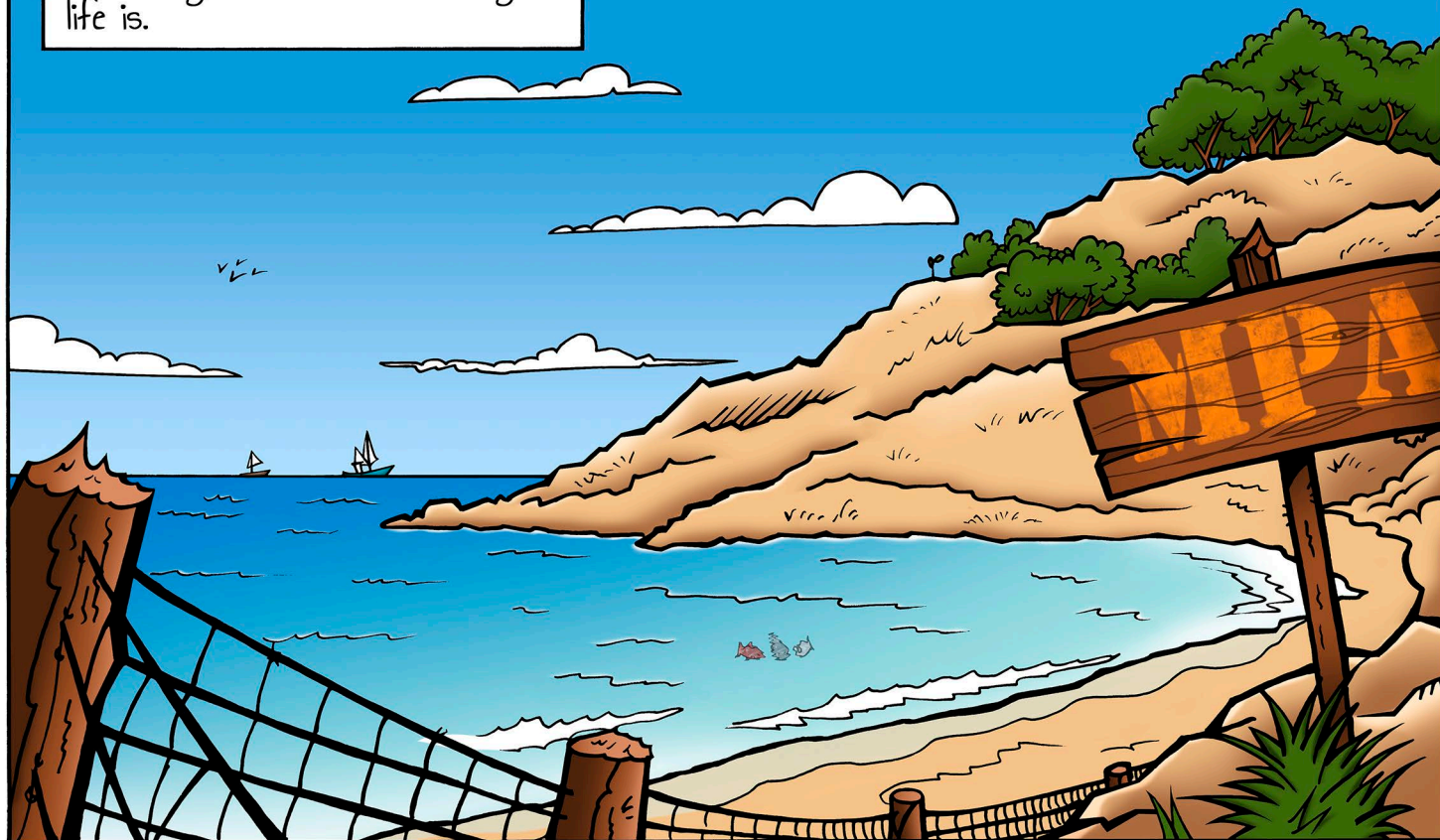


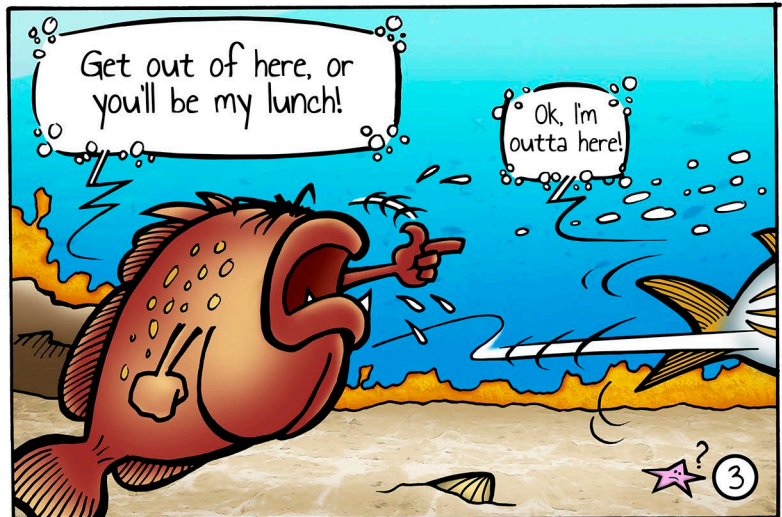
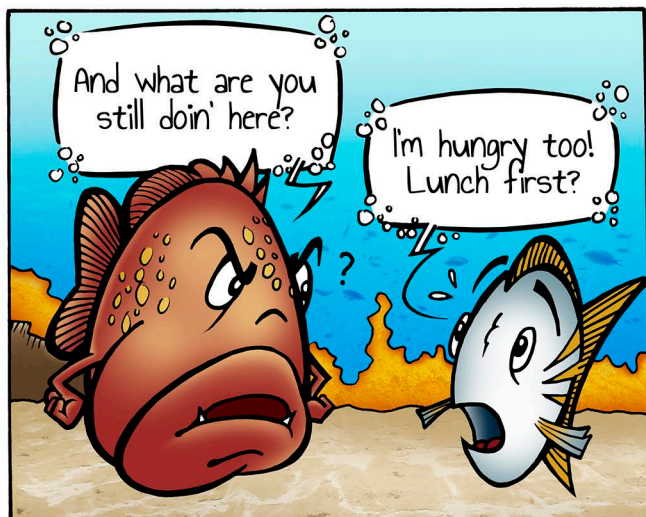
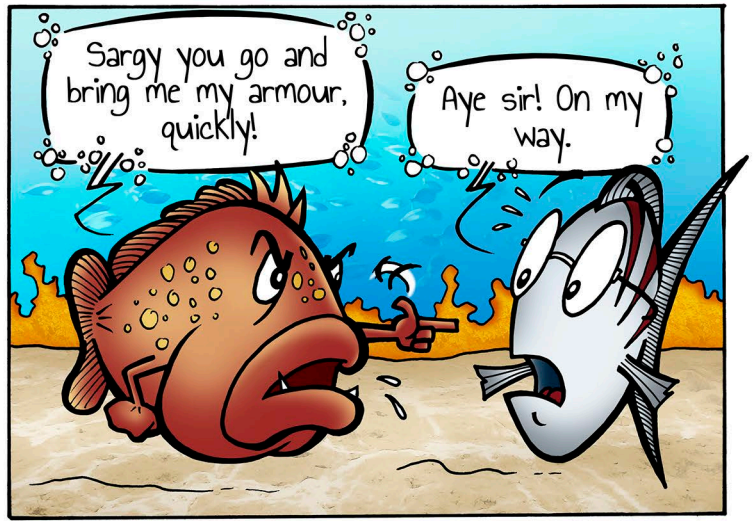
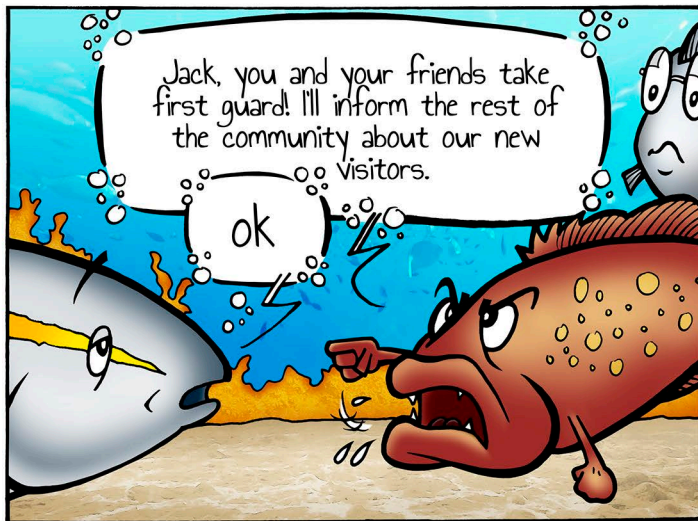
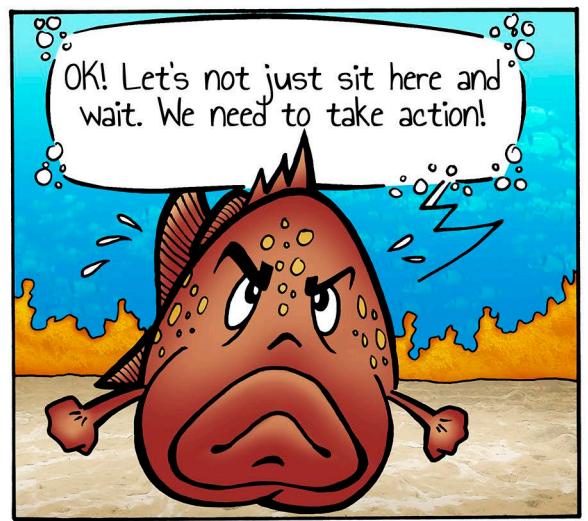
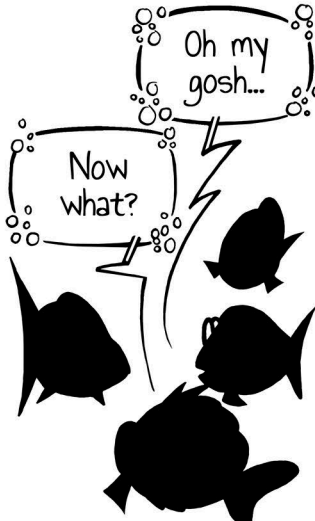
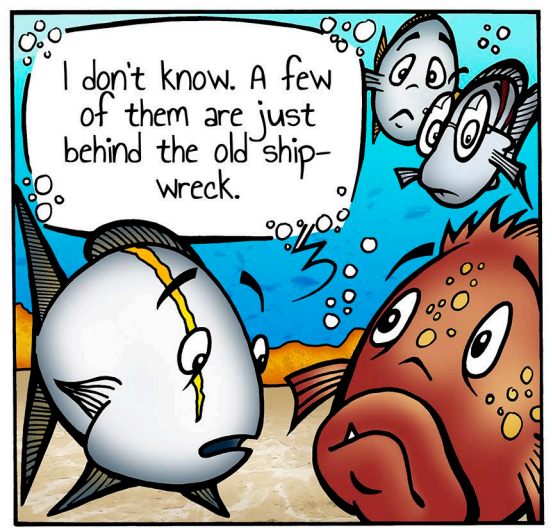
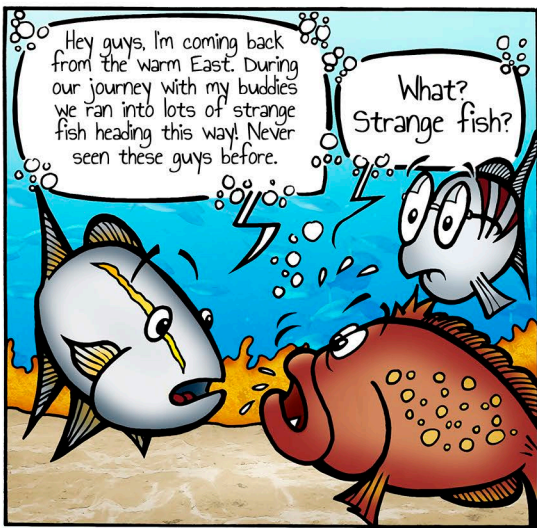
Jack is a Greater Amberjack. He is a real traveller and likes cruising across the Mediterranean Sea. He's the cool "dude" in our story.

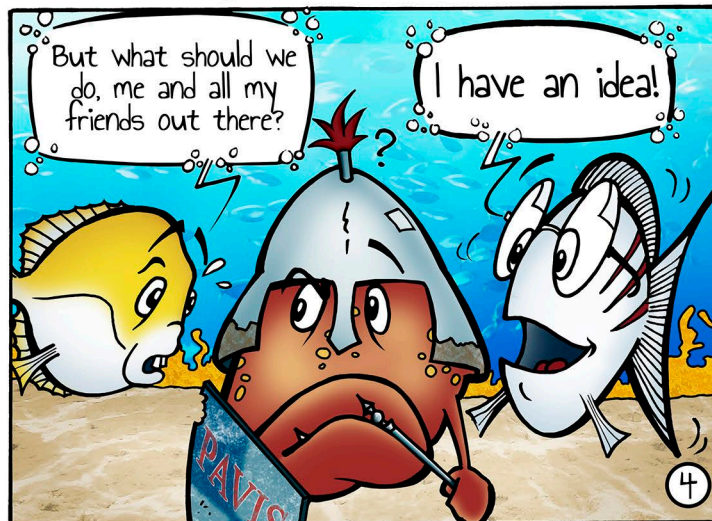
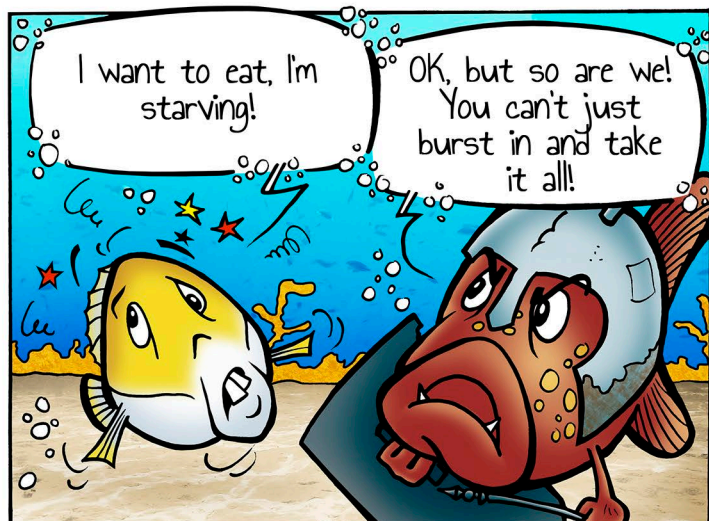
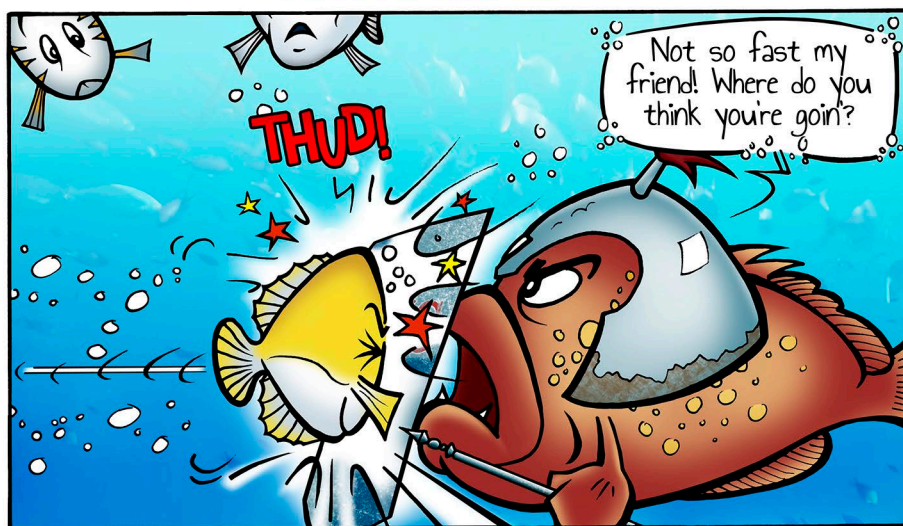
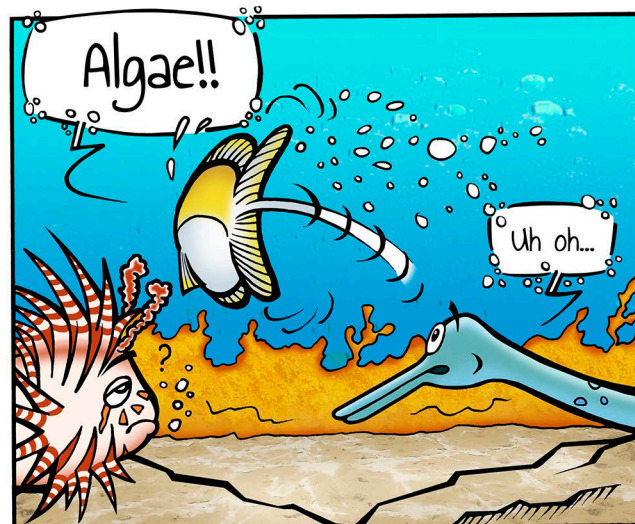
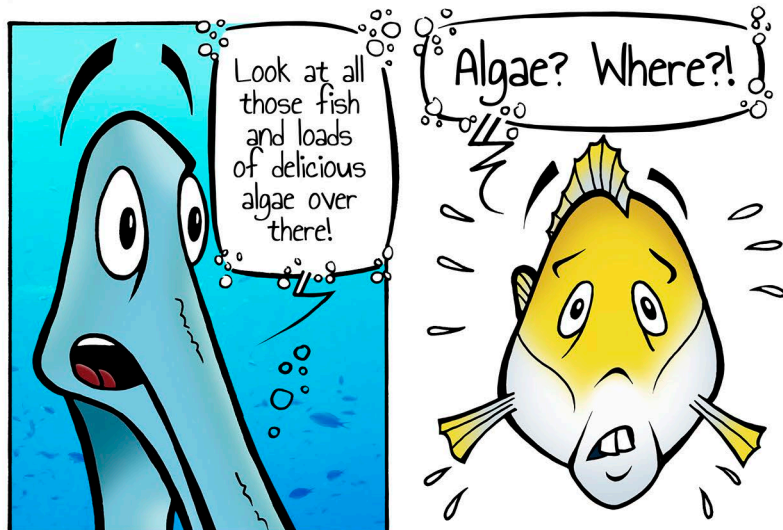
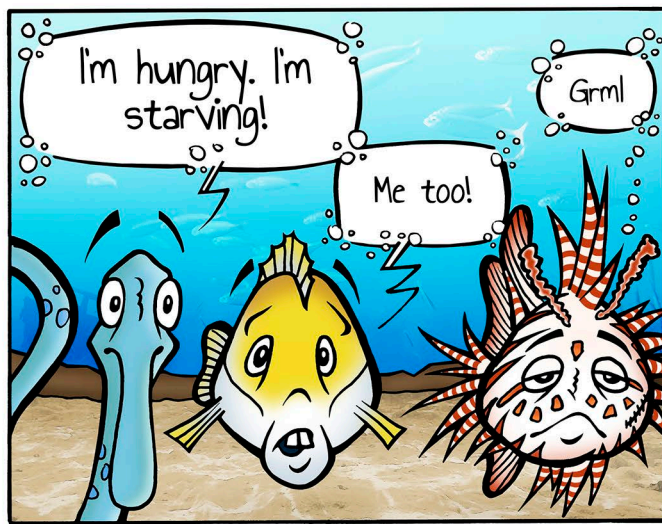
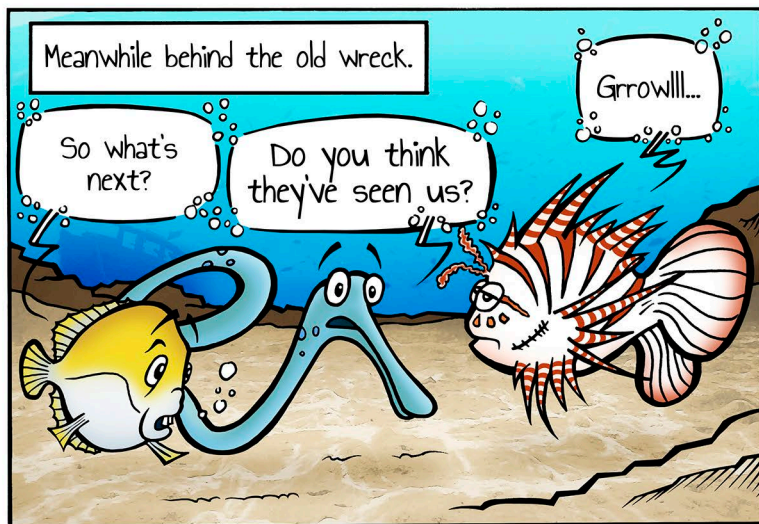


Cornet is a Cornetfish. Like Scar and Spiny, she came into the Mediterranean Sea from the Red Sea through the man-made Suez Canal.

It's a sunny day in the MPA. Our three friends Sargy, Salema, and Dusky are relaxing near the coast-line having a chat about how good life is.







Let's have a meeting with everyone. Go and bring your friends and we'll call the other MPA residents.

Bugs went back to his friends and returned to listen to what Sargy has to say.

Thanks all for coming. It's clear that we are in serious trouble. You guys came from the tropics because humans decided to join two seas that were separated by land. The problem now is that MPA residents are threatened by some of you, so are our precious algae that you fancy so much! We need to find a solution and humans need to be part of it. Jack, go bring the MPA ranger. I am sure he will be happy to help us.

Sure will!

Jack speeds to the surface of the sea to meet the ranger.

Hi there ranger! We fish need to have a word with you, it's an emergency! Our MPA is in big trouble and we need your help!

Really? I'll put my diving gear on and come right away!

Hi! How can I help you?

Thanks for coming ranger, I will briefly explain the situation.

Since you humans created this MPA and stopped chasing us like crazy in it, we were able to live in this beautiful place. Especially, the complete absence of fishing in the fully protected zone of the MPA made us stronger to face many threats.

Things have changed and we face new threats. The sea temperature is increasing dangerously, and you humans bring new species that are unknown to us. Here, we are all connected in our food web but these new guys are not part of it. I am sure that Dusky wouldn't mind adding a couple of rabbitfish to his dinner, but they are far too many. As these guys really like our algae, leaving them uncontrolled will make our algal forests disappear!

Jack told us that all forests in the East have disappeared and there are only bare rocks left. So we, the MPA residents, are asking you, humans, for help. You need to act before it's too late!

Thank you for informing me on this very important issue! I agree, we should act NOW to address this problem!

Let me talk to the MPA manager and find solutions. And don't worry, we'll also put these guys on our menu.

Great! Thanks! After all, it was humans who caused the problem, so they better fix it!

THE END?

