The Little Triangle-fish Versus the Mighty Shark

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On the seabed, together with all the well-known fish, is where the Little Triangle-fish also lives. It is a fish different from the others, really unique, for as much as you search, you won't find another one like him.

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The Little Triangle-fish is brave and wise. Everybody loves him! He is the one who saved the students of Miss Cuttlefish's school from the fisherman's nets. He is the one who helped the last seahorse to spawn and thus, the seas filled with little seahorses again. He is the one who gives a piece of advice to everyone who has got a problem.

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This is why he deserves everybody's love, doesn't he? Everybody's?

Hmm, except from the mighty ones' who live on the seabed. These are envious of him!

"What is the thing this little fish has got and we haven't got it?" they wonder – and along with them the most powerful of all, the Mighty Shark.

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The Mighty Shark, long like a bus, wide like a tanker, great like a tank, quick like a rocket, is the victor of every battle.

This is why they entitled him "The Mighty"!

He cows and frightens all the creatures on the seabed and these admit him to be their chief.

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Whenever he opens his giant mouth and his sharp teeth come out, he spreads panic even to people, although they say themselves are the mightiest ones!

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The Mighty Shark, out of his envy, draws up a plan to exterminate the Little Triangle-fish. However, he wants to know what this special thing about that fish is and once he answers his question he will... eat him in one gulp!

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Thus, he sends him an invitation to dinner. I wonder if the Little Triangle-fish will understand that it is himself who will be the food at this dinner.

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The Little Triangle-fish's friends are happy at first that the ruler of the seabed, the mightiest of all, asks to meet their friend.

However, the better they think of it, the more uneasy they grow.

"Really, what could the Mighty Shark want from him?" they wonder

They gather all together at the Little Triangle-fish's cliff and they discuss, discuss... but they are unable to make head or tail of it, as the Mighty Shark has never shown love or liking towards anyone! And it is that no one loves him too– not even likes him! And those who are forced to be close to him, they do it out of fear, they're not real friends of his!

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The Little Triangle-fish should accept that invitation; he has no other choice. His friends say he should go there in formal and serious dress. This is why they start preparing a tie. It is that tie he will wear and get into the rock-salons of the mightiest ones. Still, that tie should be so well-made in order to impress even him, the Mighty Shark.

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Every single friend gives something so as the most beautiful tie of all the seabeds to be made. Colourful seaweeds, impressive sponges, perfectly round and dazzling pearls are the ornaments of the tie that becomes longer and longer... and it doesn't seem to come to an end, the same as the Little Triangle-fish's friends.

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When they finally give it to him it is really the most beautiful tie that has ever been made! It's so long and large that is more than enough to wrap him whole.

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"My dear friends, I love you so much! I don't know how to thank you for the tie you prepared for me. But, don't delude yourselves; I don't go to a friendly meeting. It is a real battle where I go. A battle towards the Mighty Shark. I have a plan though and I need your help..."

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Throughout the whole night they've been working without saying a single word to anybody. In the morning the Little Triangle-fish gets ready. He puts on his impressive tie and makes his way towards the Mighty Shark's headquarters. Other sharks, big and little, white and grey are also invited there. Everybody is waiting for him. It is from afar they sense he is coming. They hear him, they smell him, they feel the waves he sends out and their mouths are watering. Once he gets closer they look at him burning with curiosity.

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"Come closer, my little fish. Aren't you proud of your wisdom? Well, wouldn't you have been afraid of the sharks? We're so good though!" the Mighty Shark says to him and the rest agree while sniggering.

He can hear his heart thumping against his ribs. However, he keeps up his courage and answers: