



When the Flood Comes

When water floods his house, Banyu is scared. Is that sea water? Are those sea creatures? How can he stay safe?



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Banyu's older sister Nilam always reads a book to him before bed.



One night, Banyu feels something touch his feet. It's water! Where is it coming from?



“Flood!” Nilam shouts while hurrying to save her books. “Banyu, come and help me!” The water keeps coming. There's more and more. Banyu starts to worry.



Banyu doesn't know what to do. He wants to be in a safe and dry place. Hop! "I will just stay here," he says. Wait, what is that thing? Its moving!



Jellyfish! Hic! Hic! Banyu starts to hiccup. The more afraid he feels, the more he hiccups. Oh no, the jellyfish are following him. "Help! I don't want to be stung by jellyfish!" Banyu screams.



Hic! Hic!“No Banyu, that is not a jellyfish,” says Nilam. “It’s just a plastic bag.” Banyu is still afraid. Tak! Tak!What is that sound? Something else is coming!



Crabs! They snap their claws at Banyu. This place is not safe anymore. Banyu has to find somewhere else. "Nilam, help! The crabs want to pinch me. I'm scared."



Hic! Hic! "No, Banyu. That's not a crab," Nilam says, trying to calm Banyu down. "It's only a pair of tongs."



Tentacles reach towards him. Banyu is sure, this time, that he is in danger. "Nilam, there is an octopus that wants to grab me," Banyu shouts.



Hic! Hic!“No, Banyu. That is not an octopus,” Nilam says with a smile. “It’s just a mop.”Rustle! Rustle!“There! There!” Banyu sees a shark’s fin. It is very big.



“If the fin is that big, the shark will also be big. And the teeth... Whoaaa! Help! I don’t want to be bitten by the shark!”



Hic! Hic! "No, Banyu. It's not a shark. It's an ironing board. Don't worry. I am here with you." But Banyu can't calm down. What if other sea creatures come?



Banyu decides to stay on the table. "I hope they can't come up here," he says. But the water gets higher.



“Where should I go?” Hic! Hic! Hic! “Nilam,” hic, “help me!”



Hic! Hic!Hic! Hic!



Toot! Banyu knows that sound.



“Come up, Banyu. This ship will take us to a safer place,” shouts Nilam. Tooot! Banyu feels so relieved.



Splash! Splash! The ship rocks from side to side. Banyu's ship is not alone. There are more ships all around. They are filled with other people who are trying to stay dry.



We have to work together. We will all be safe soon and the water will dry up.

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