



## **Ocean Deep**

When Mr. Clownfish moves to Coral Reef Town everyone is too busy to meet him. What can he do to bring his new neighbors together for a gathering?



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After his long journey through the ocean, Mr. Clownfish finally arrived at Coral Reef Town. Coral Reef Town was such a peaceful beautiful place. It was just too peaceful thought Mr. Clownfish.



It was his third day in his new sea anemones home, but no one came to visit him until...



He heard someone screaming. It seemed the sea anemones stung the Postman. This was certainly painful. Mr. Clownfish treated the Postman then he hung a warning sign on the anemones. Maybe that's why no one visits him, so he decided that he'll go to visit his neighbours. Neighbourhood gatherings were so much fun, he thought.



First, he knocked on Mr. Dolphin's door. Mr. Dolphin said: "Excuse me dear Mr. Clown fish. We just had a new baby and he's taking all of our time." It seemed like it was not just the right time to visit Mr. Dolphin. The baby dolphin's crying filled the place.



So, he left to pay a visit to Mr. Octopus, who seemed to be very reoccupied. He busily told Mr. Clownfish: "I decided to paint my house and as you can see, I'm blowing ink all over the walls".





Mr. Clownfish went to visit Miss Salmon next. He arrived to find that her bags were at the door. Miss Salmon said: "I'm going on a trip with my family. I'll travel against the current through the river until I reach my home country."



On his way back home, after he found that everyone was busy, Mr. Clownfish tumbled over something. It was Mrs. Flounder fish, who buried herself in under the seabed sand. He tried to talk to her, but she never liked talking to neighbours. Mr. Clownfish failed to get to know his neighbours, but he quickly thought of a plan that would guarantee the gathering of the neighbourhood very soon.



Next morning, Mr. Clownfish woke up and enthusiastically prepared lots of food for everyone in the neighbourhood. His neighbours will surely hurry up to his visit tonight. For who can ever resist the wonderful smell of fried algae and a delicious plate of marine plankton! He finished preparing dinner and waited and waited and waited.



No one showed up except for Mr. Lobster. Mr. Clownfish ate a spoonful or two and left the dining table with a sad face. Mr. Lobster sat next to Mr. Clownfish and said: "Cheer up dear friend, everyone in the neighbourhood is always busy. It's not your fault"



The lights in Mr. Clownfish's home stayed on all night long. He just couldn't sleep. Click, clack, click. "I must find a way to gather everyone in the neighbourhood even if they were busy," Mr. Clownfish decided.



On the next day arrived the famous "Whaling Acapella" whales, the well-known octopus puppeteer "8 strings" with his puppets tied to his tentacles and a band of turtle acrobats. That was the Happy Times Ocean Circus that Mr. Clownfish invited. He planned to have a wonderful evening with the rest of the neighbors.



The sounds of the drums were very loud. One by one the neighbours went out to see what was going on. Eventually, they all joined in the fun. they laughed, ate, chatted and enjoyed their time watching the circus show. They even asked the circus to stay in Coral Reef Town. And since then, they enjoyed many celebrations together.



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