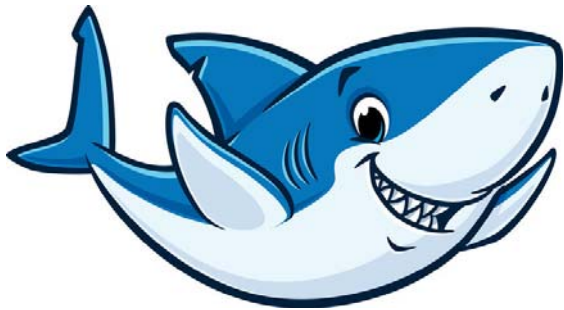


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The Adventure of Mr. Shark and the Clever Bird



Mr. Shark loved to swim in the deep, dark sea. He was a friendly shark with a big, toothy grin. One sunny morning, Mr. Shark met a little bird named Fern. Fern was clever and loved to explore.

"Hello, Mr. Shark!" chirped Fern. "Would you like to join me on an adventure?"

Mr. Shark was curious. He had never been on an adventure before. "Sure!" he replied with a swish of his tail.

Fern and Mr. Shark swam through coral reefs and found a sparkling pearl hidden in a clam. They floated near a shipwreck and saw a treasure chest filled with gold coins. Mr. Shark was thrilled. He had never seen such wonderful things before.

As they swam back, they heard a strange noise. It was a whale named Bert, who had a sore fin.

"Can you help me?" Bert asked with a sad smile.

Fern flew to Bert's fin and saw a sharp thorn stuck in it. "Hold still," she said gently. Fern carefully pulled out the thorn, and Bert felt much better.

"Thank you, Fern and Mr. Shark!" Bert exclaimed happily. "You are the best friends in the ocean!"

Fern and Mr. Shark smiled. They had a fantastic adventure and helped a friend. They knew they would have many more adventures together.