

Splash Safely with Finn



Outer Banks, North Carolina

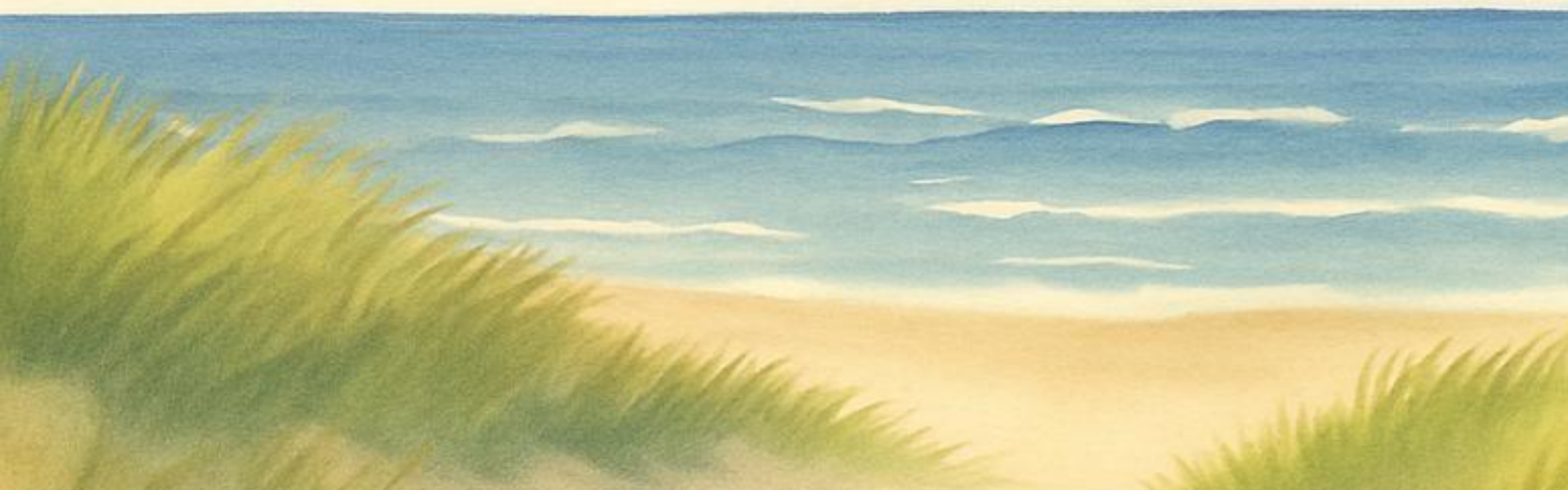
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Finn the Dolphin loved splashing in the sparkling blue ocean. He zipped through the waves, leapt high into the air, and dove down deep where the water was cool and calm.



One sunny morning, Finn spotted a big, noisy boat coming his way. It zoomed closer... and closer... until Finn felt nervous. *Too close!* he thought, flicking his tail and swimming away as fast as he could.

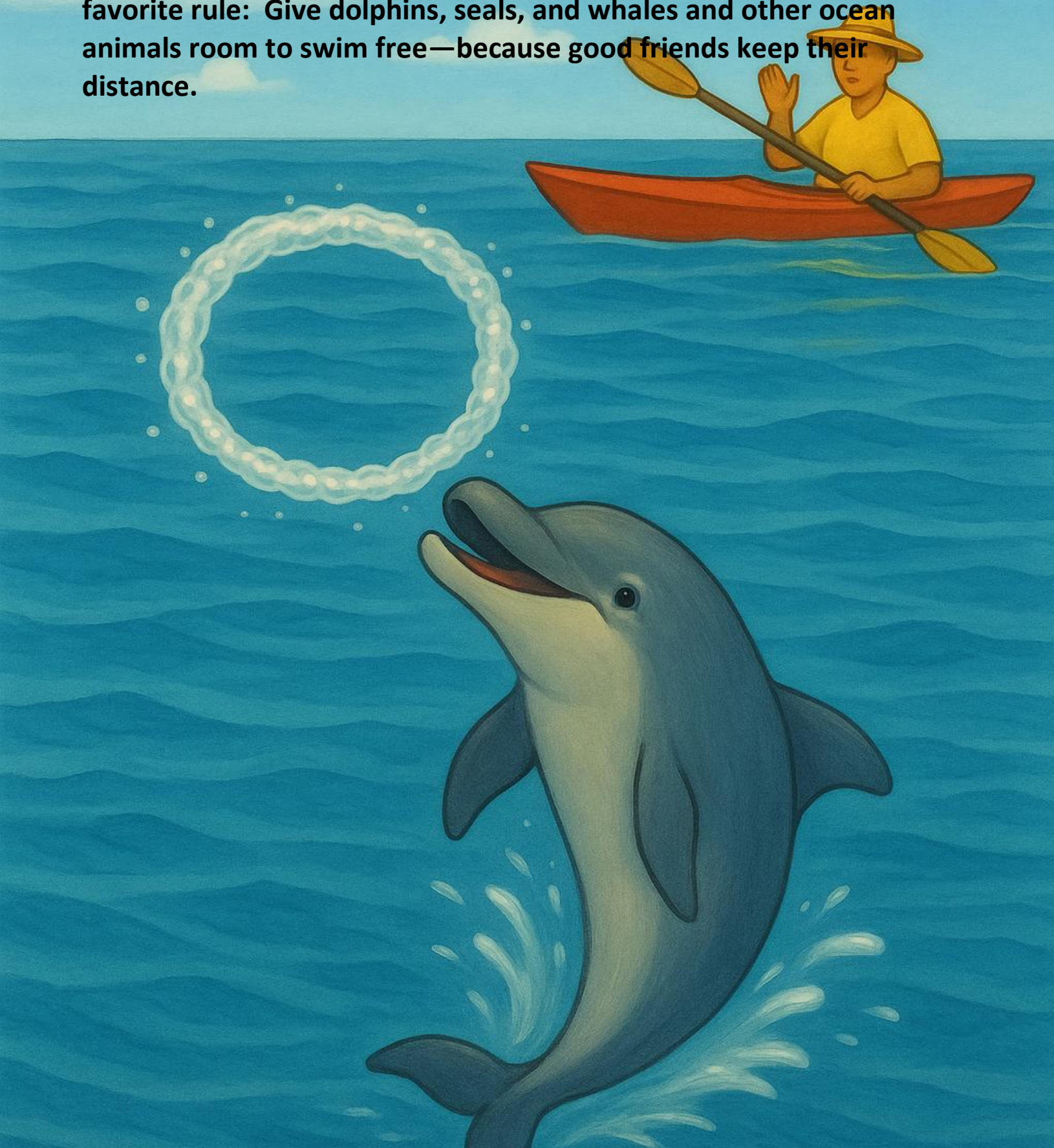


Later that day, Finn noticed a small kayak gliding across the water. The paddlers stayed far back, giving him plenty of space to play. Finn felt safe and happy.



To show his thanks, Finn spun in the water and blew a perfect circle of bubbles. The kayaker smiled and waved, keeping his paddle still so he wouldn't disturb him.

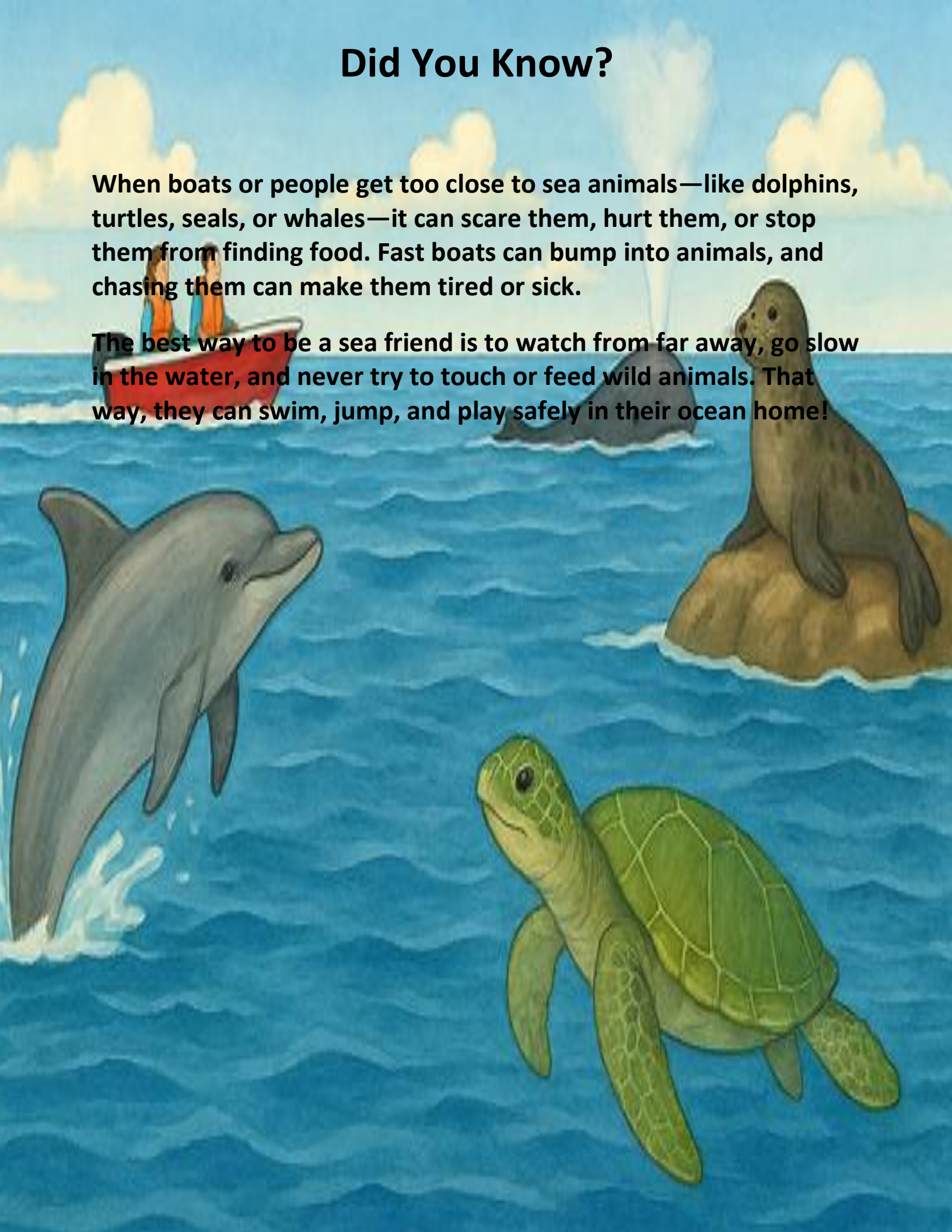
From then on, Finn hoped every human would remember his favorite rule: Give dolphins, seals, and whales and other ocean animals room to swim free—because good friends keep their distance.



Did You Know?

When boats or people get too close to sea animals—like dolphins, turtles, seals, or whales—it can scare them, hurt them, or stop them from finding food. Fast boats can bump into animals, and chasing them can make them tired or sick.

The best way to be a sea friend is to watch from far away, go slow in the water, and never try to touch or feed wild animals. That way, they can swim, jump, and play safely in their ocean home!



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