



Simeon the fish

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Once upon a time, there was an Angel Fish called Simeon. Simeon lived in a wonderfully beautiful sea, with clear, warm and turquoise waters, not far from the coasts of Mexico, in the Pacific Ocean. Among his many daily activities, little Simeon especially liked to swim around the bright and colourful coral reefs, where he liked to hide. He was particularly fond of gorgonians, which are small red tree-like coral with thousands of branches, and he also liked the orange coral that looks like giant spaghetti tubes.

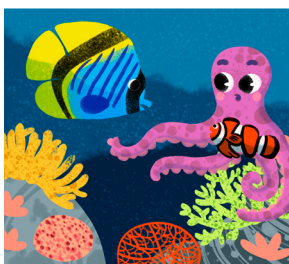
*[What colour is Simeon?] [Find the red coral called Gorgonian]*



One day, during one of his outings, he finds himself face to face, fin to hair, with the beautiful Alba, Mermaid Princess of the Underwater Domain of Aquarius. But something is wrong. Alba appears afraid, panic-stricken. He spots the problem! Alba is caught in an abandoned fishing net underwater. She can't seem to free herself.



Simeon takes his courage in both fins and tries with all his might - and using all the muscles in his mouth - to tear the fishing net. Alba tries to help him but unfortunately nothing moves, nothing breaks.



So, Simeon has an idea! I need to find something stronger than I am to get Alba out of this nasty net. He goes in search of his friends from the sea and comes across the big octopus, Carlos.

*[What colour is Carlos the octopus? What other type of fish is swimming with Carlos, the octopus?]*



Carlos the octopus, accompanied by Simeon, the Angel fish and Rio, the Clown fish, finally reach Alba, who is still trapped. Using his powerful tentacles, he tries to tear the net, he pulls, and he pulls, and he pulls. Unfortunately, nothing moves, Alba is still caught in the mesh, even with Simeon and Rio helping too!

*[Do you see Rio?]*



So, the three friends decide to go and get some extra help. They come face to face with Arthus the red crab. They feel certain that thanks to Arthus's sharp claws, they will sort out the problem with ease. Along the way, they also meet Milo, a scalar fish with magnificent black and yellow colours and a superb dorsal fin. Milo decides to accompany them too, even though he is not very strong. They are all convinced that the more of them that can help, the more chance they have of tearing the net and of setting Alba free.



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Once they reach Alba, they each take a piece of the net in their mouth, their pincers or their tentacles and they pull, and they pull, and they pull... Alas, there is barely any movement at all, and Alba still cannot free herself. But it doesn't matter, they're not giving up!!!



Simeon and Milo, the two young fish, go off to find more help. This time, it's Océane the Sea Turtle who joins them. Océane is still only a young turtle, but she is full of enthusiasm and is keen to help free her friend, the mermaid Alba.



Oh wow! How many of them are there now with Alba? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 .... Count with me. Simeon, the angel fish, Milo the yellow and black scalar fish, Arthus the red crab, Océane, the young and energetic turtle, Rio the clown fish and the large octopus, Carlos. Each takes a piece of the net in their mouth, pincers, tentacles, legs,... and they pull, and pull and pull. But, oh dear me, nothing is moving. This net is clearly very tough! This net cannot be made of nylon! It should have already torn by force!



Simeon, the angel fish and Milo, the scalar fish go in search of something stronger than all of them put together. After swimming a few miles in the depths of the sea, passing other fish and crustaceans, they spot Mia, the Blue Whale and her baby calf Gaspar. Aha! There's no doubt the force is with them! All they have to do now is head back. After telling Mia about their misadventures, they all leave together to go and free Alba.



And it works! Mia is so strong! She grabs the net with her mouth and between her large jaws. With a quick movement of the neck, she tears it, finally freeing Alba. All the friends are so happy! Carlos the octopus starts a tentacle dance, the three fish do pirouettes, Arthus the crab claps his claws and Océane beats her flippers! Alba is finally smiling again!



Alba is so happy to be released that she wants to thank little Simeon in particular: *"You had the courage to try, to seek help, to motivate all our friends to come and help free me, you didn't give up, you always kept hope and, by combining all your strength, you set me free! I'm so happy! Thank you my Simeon. You set me free!"*