The background is a vibrant blue gradient representing the ocean. It is decorated with numerous white bubbles of varying sizes. Several small, yellow fish with blue stripes are swimming in the upper right and middle right areas. On the left side, there is a large green sea turtle swimming towards the right. At the bottom of the image, there is a colorful coral reef with green and yellow coral. In the bottom left corner, there is a pink and orange shrimp. In the bottom right corner, there is a pink crab with a smiling face. The title "HOW THE SEA BECAME SALTY" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the image.

# HOW THE SEA BECAME SALTY

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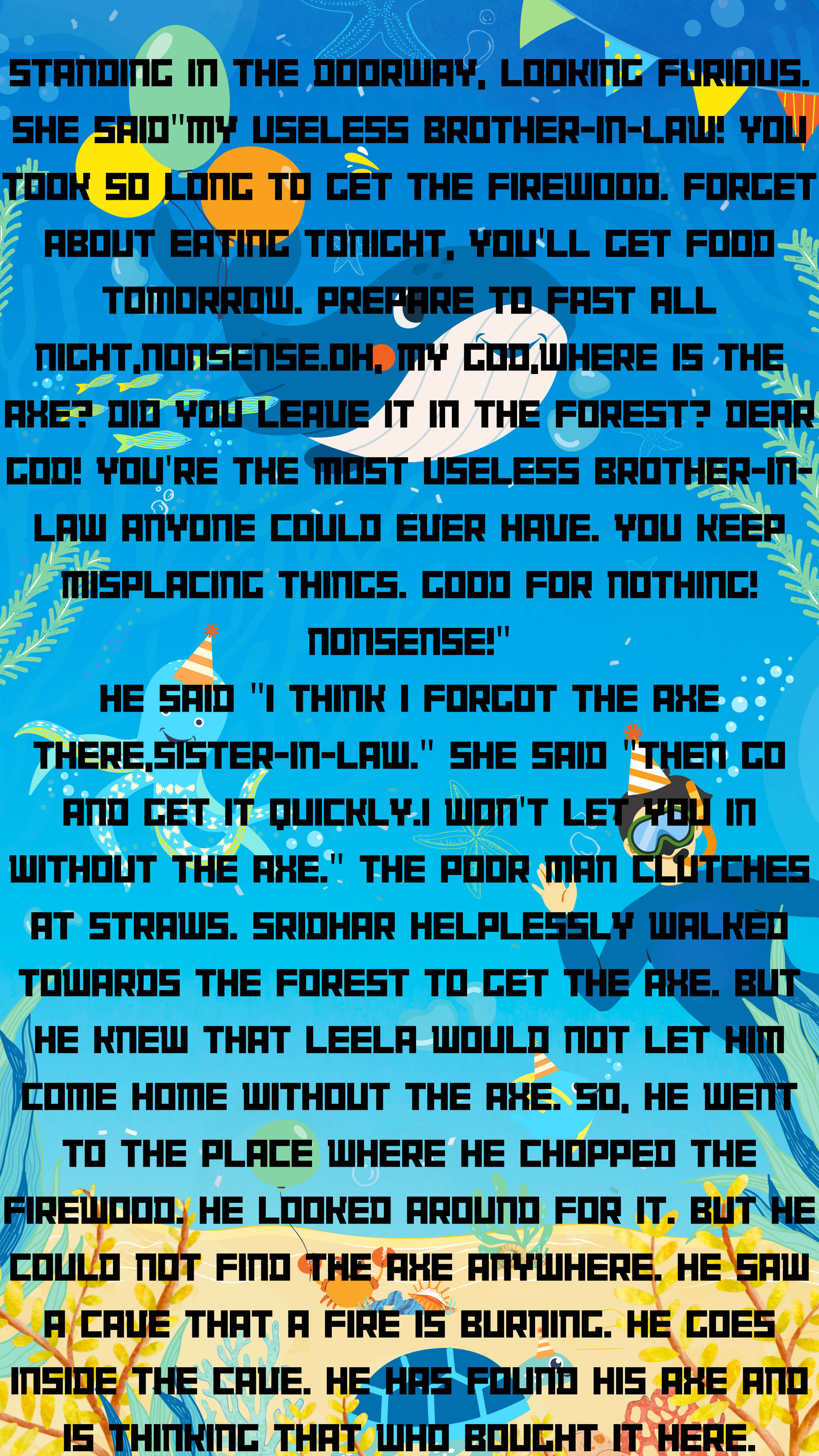


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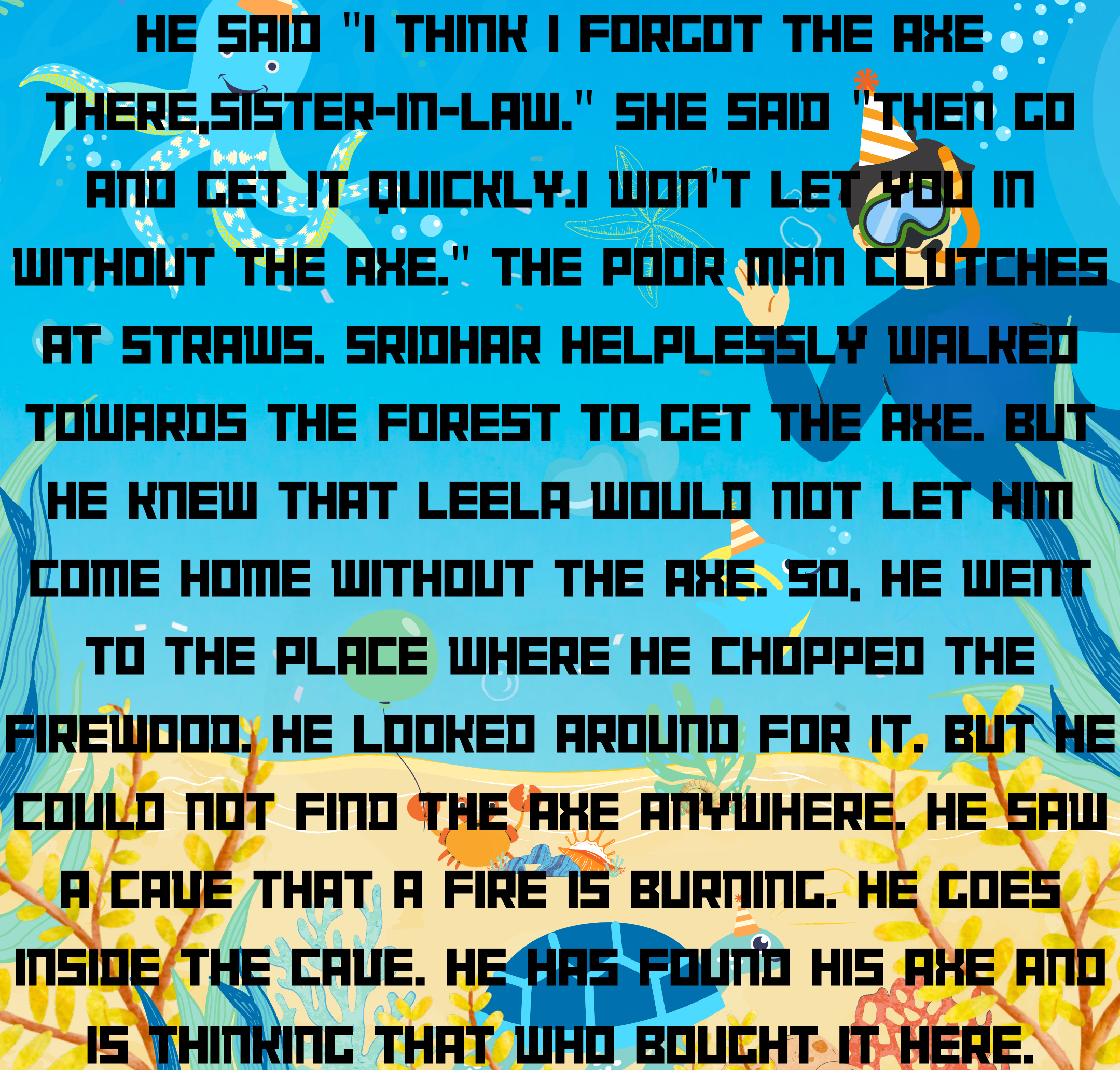
**IN A VILLAGE, THERE LIVED TWO BROTHERS, KESHAV AND SRIDHAR. BOTH WERE GOOD MEN. BUT KESHAV'S WIFE, LEELA, WAS VERY GREEDY AND EVIL. SHE USED TO BOSS KESHAV AROUND AND TROUBLE SRIDHAR A LOT. SHE'D MAKE HIM DO ALL THE WORK. HOW COULD SRIDHAR REFUSE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW? SO, HE'D FOLLOW EVERYTHING SHE SAID.**

**AND SINCE KESHAV WAS AFRAID OF LEELA, HE COULD NOT SAY ANYTHING TO HER. ONE DAY, WHILE ORDERING SRIDHAR AROUND, SHE SAID "HEY, MY LAZY BROTHER-IN-LAW, DON'T YOU WANT TO EAT TONIGHT? IF YOU WANT TO, THEN WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BRING THE FIREWOOD FOR COOKING? NONSENSE!" SRIDHAR SAID "I'LL GET THEM, SISTER-IN-LAW". LEELA SAID "THEN GET THEM, DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME SITTING HERE. NONSENSE!" IT TOOK SRIDHAR A LONG TIME TO CHOP THE FIREWOOD. WHEN HE REACHED HOME WITH THE FIREWOOD, IT WAS ABOUT TO GET DARK. LEELA WAS**



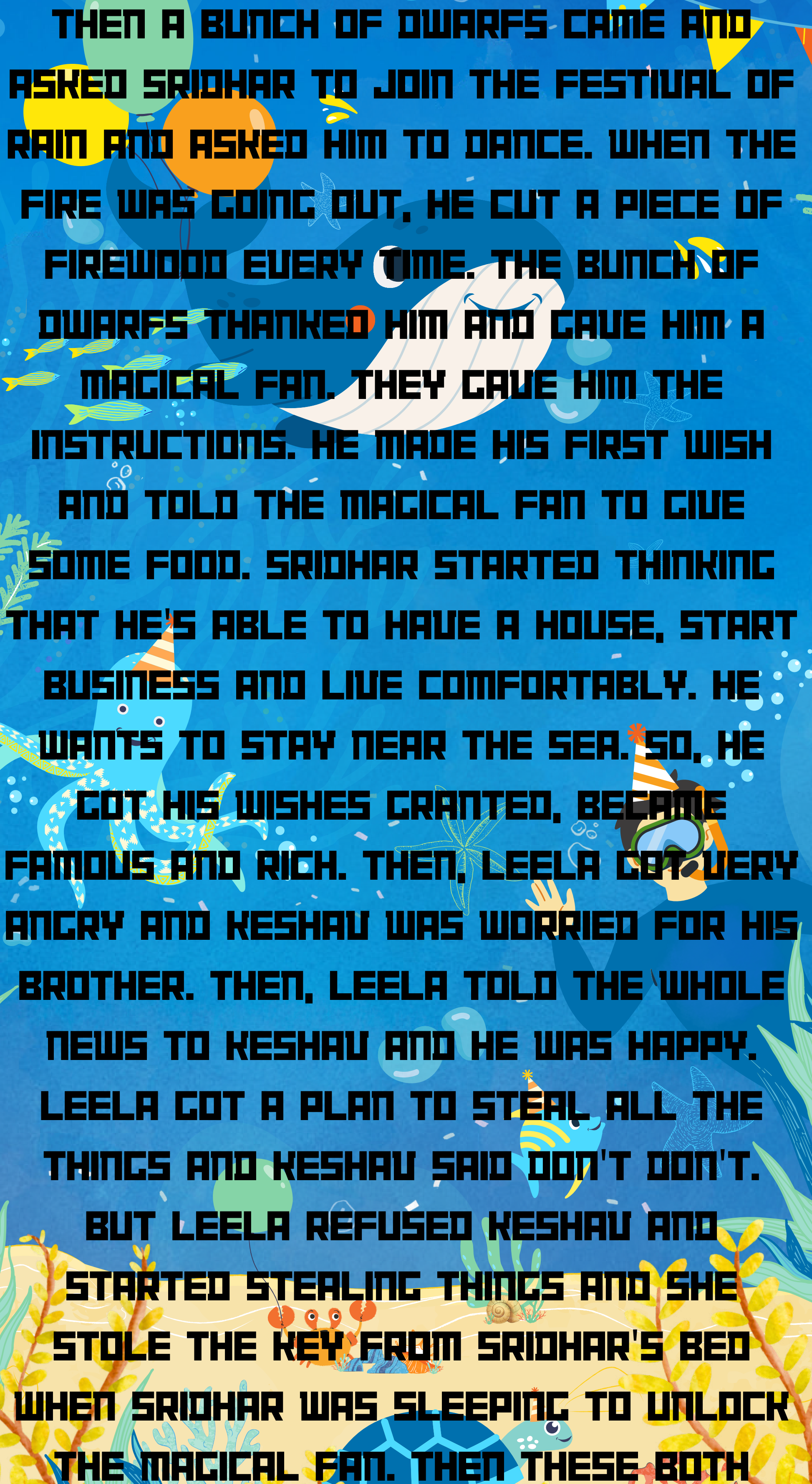


STANDING IN THE DOORWAY, LOOKING FURIOUS. SHE SAID "MY USELESS BROTHER-IN-LAW! YOU TOOK SO LONG TO GET THE FIREWOOD. FORGET ABOUT EATING TONIGHT, YOU'LL GET FOOD TOMORROW. PREPARE TO FAST ALL NIGHT, NONSENSE. OH, MY GOD, WHERE IS THE AXE? DID YOU LEAVE IT IN THE FOREST? DEAR GOD! YOU'RE THE MOST USELESS BROTHER-IN-LAW ANYONE COULD EVER HAVE. YOU KEEP MISPLACING THINGS. GOOD FOR NOTHING! NONSENSE!"



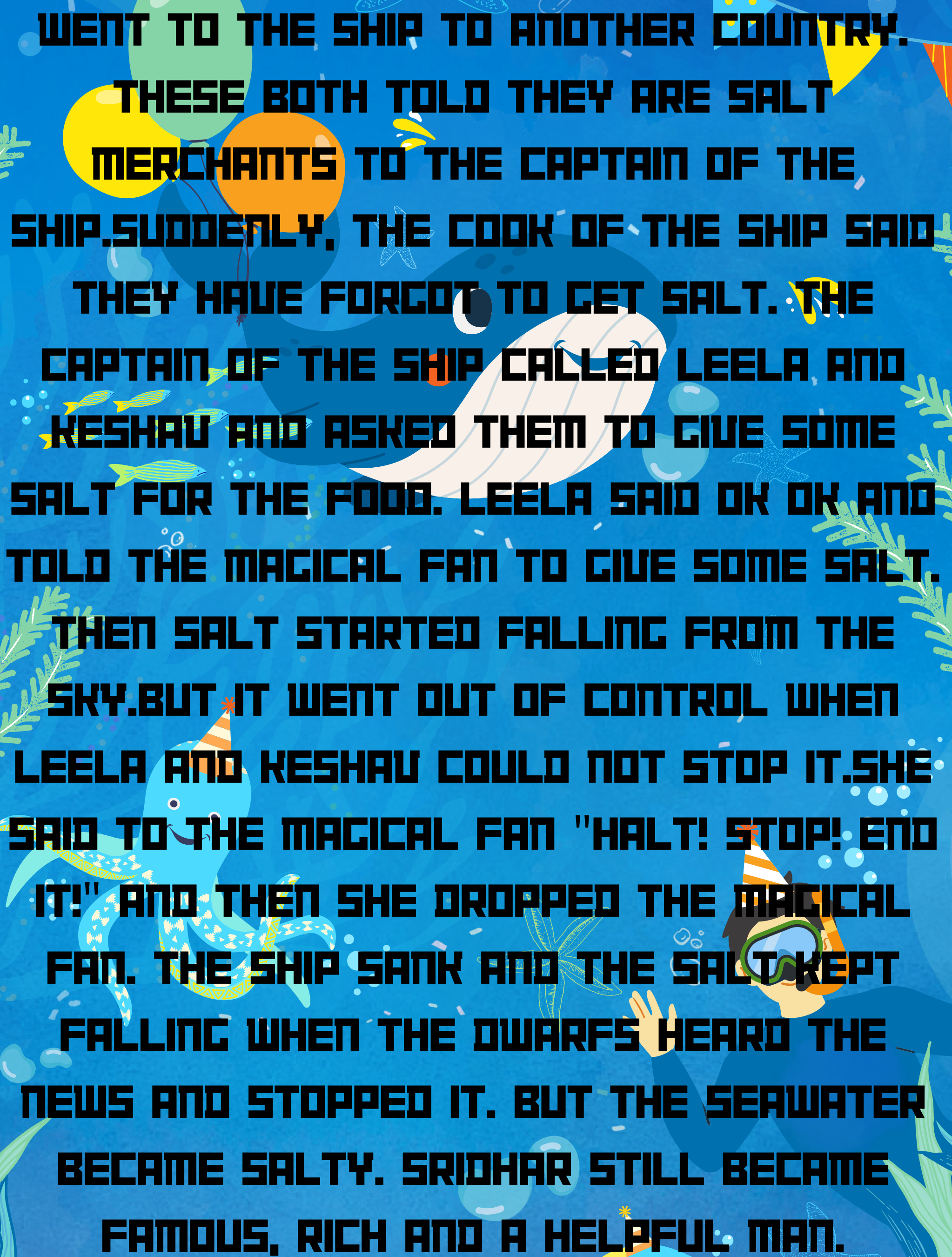
HE SAID "I THINK I FORGOT THE AXE THERE, SISTER-IN-LAW." SHE SAID "THEN GO AND GET IT QUICKLY. I WON'T LET YOU IN WITHOUT THE AXE." THE POOR MAN CLUTCHES AT STRAWS. SRIDHAR HELPLESSLY WALKED TOWARDS THE FOREST TO GET THE AXE. BUT HE KNEW THAT LEELA WOULD NOT LET HIM COME HOME WITHOUT THE AXE. SO, HE WENT TO THE PLACE WHERE HE CHOPPED THE FIREWOOD. HE LOOKED AROUND FOR IT. BUT HE COULD NOT FIND THE AXE ANYWHERE. HE SAW A CAVE THAT A FIRE IS BURNING. HE GOES INSIDE THE CAVE. HE HAS FOUND HIS AXE AND IS THINKING THAT WHO BOUGHT IT HERE.





**THEN A BUNCH OF DWARFS CAME AND ASKED SRIDHAR TO JOIN THE FESTIVAL OF RAIN AND ASKED HIM TO DANCE. WHEN THE FIRE WAS GOING OUT, HE CUT A PIECE OF FIREWOOD EVERY TIME. THE BUNCH OF DWARFS THANKED HIM AND GAVE HIM A MAGICAL FAN. THEY GAVE HIM THE INSTRUCTIONS. HE MADE HIS FIRST WISH AND TOLD THE MAGICAL FAN TO GIVE SOME FOOD. SRIDHAR STARTED THINKING THAT HE'S ABLE TO HAVE A HOUSE, START BUSINESS AND LIVE COMFORTABLY. HE WANTS TO STAY NEAR THE SEA. SO, HE GOT HIS WISHES GRANTED, BECAME FAMOUS AND RICH. THEN, LEELA GOT VERY ANGRY AND KESHAU WAS WORRIED FOR HIS BROTHER. THEN, LEELA TOLD THE WHOLE NEWS TO KESHAU AND HE WAS HAPPY. LEELA GOT A PLAN TO STEAL ALL THE THINGS AND KESHAU SAID DON'T DON'T. BUT LEELA REFUSED KESHAU AND STARTED STEALING THINGS AND SHE STOLE THE KEY FROM SRIDHAR'S BED WHEN SRIDHAR WAS SLEEPING TO UNLOCK THE MAGICAL FAN. THEN THESE BOTH**





**WENT TO THE SHIP TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.  
THESE BOTH TOLD THEY ARE SALT  
MERCHANTS TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE  
SHIP. SUDDENLY, THE COOK OF THE SHIP SAID  
THEY HAVE FORGOT TO GET SALT. THE  
CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP CALLED LEELA AND  
KESHAU AND ASKED THEM TO GIVE SOME  
SALT FOR THE FOOD. LEELA SAID OK OK AND  
TOLD THE MAGICAL FAN TO GIVE SOME SALT.  
THEN SALT STARTED FALLING FROM THE  
SKY. BUT IT WENT OUT OF CONTROL WHEN  
LEELA AND KESHAU COULD NOT STOP IT. SHE  
SAID TO THE MAGICAL FAN "HALT! STOP! END  
IT!" AND THEN SHE DROPPED THE MAGICAL  
FAN. THE SHIP SANK AND THE SALT KEPT  
FALLING WHEN THE DWARFS HEARD THE  
NEWS AND STOPPED IT. BUT THE SEAWATER  
BECAME SALTY. SRIDHAR STILL BECAME  
FAMOUS, RICH AND A HELPFUL MAN.**

**THE END**

**MORAL OF THE STORY - GREED, JEALOUSY AND  
THEFT ARE VERY BAD THINGS AND ALSO TOO  
MUCH ANYTHING IS NOT GOOD. EVERYTHING  
BENEFITS US EVEN IF THEY ARE IN SMALL  
AMOUNTS.**



# **HOW THE SEA BECAME SALTY**

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW THE SEA BECAME  
SALTY? WELL, I WILL TELL A STORY ABOUT  
HOW THE SEA BECAME SALTY**

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