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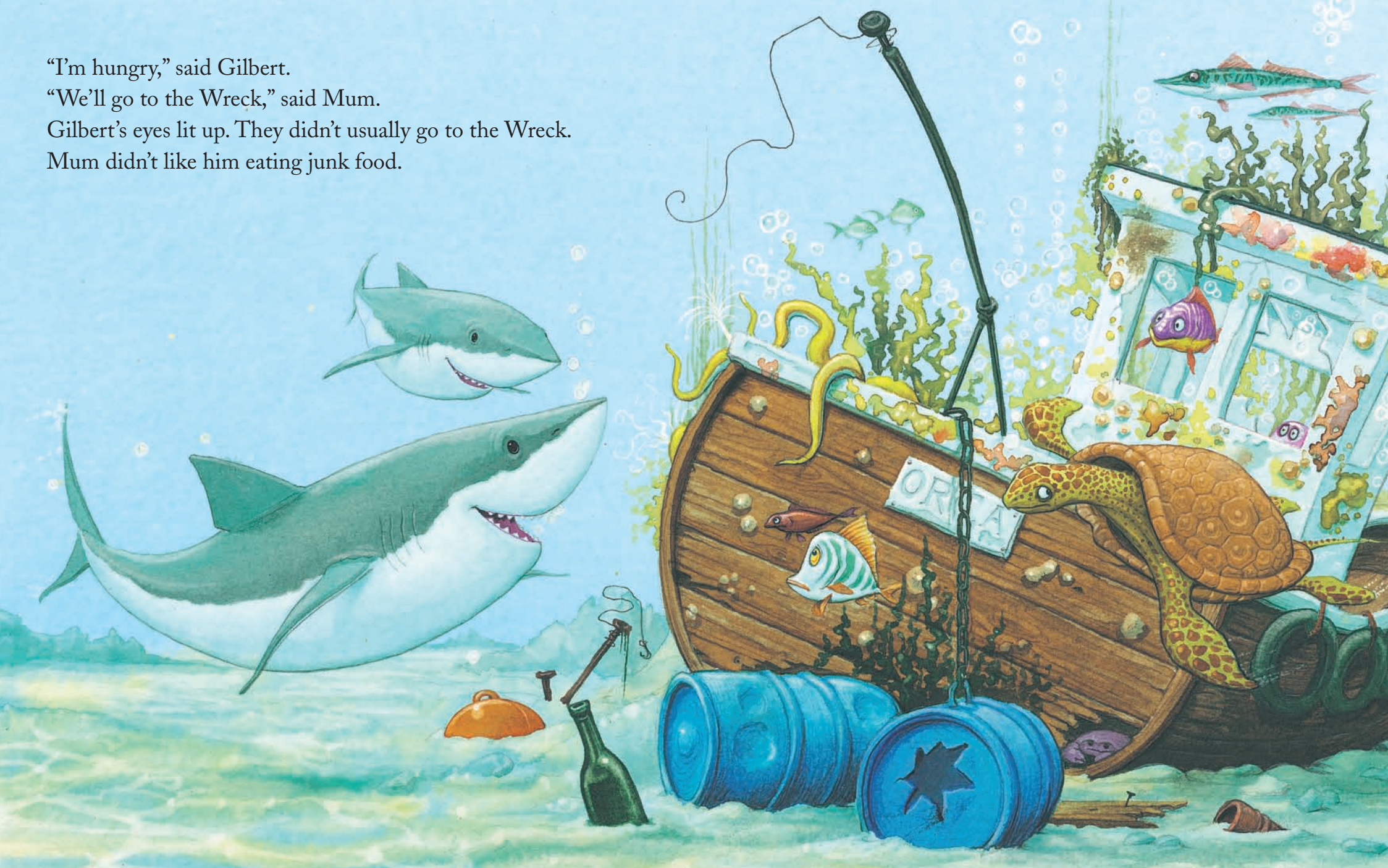
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"I'm hungry," said Gilbert.
"We'll go to the Wreck," said Mum.
Gilbert's eyes lit up. They didn't usually go to the Wreck.
Mum didn't like him eating junk food.



Scrunch…munch…crunch!
As Gilbert was tucking into some bits of old boat, he spotted a small remora lurking in the shadows. He stopped crunching and swam towards her. Rita was crying as if her heart would break.



"What's the matter?" Gilbert asked.
"My shark, Daffiny, is gone!" Rita sobbed.
"So's Raymond, my remora," said Gilbert sadly. "But he's stuck in my heart forever."
"Daffiny's in my heart, too," smiled Rita.

Gilbert took Rita's fin and together they swam out of the shadows.