

THE STRANGE CREATURE

Once upon a time, there was a fisher family who lived in Llafranc. The family consisted of an old couple and a young boy called Tom. Every morning, the father went to the harbour of Llafranc with his son and they spend all day fishing. In the evenings, they went to the market to sell the fish that they had caught during the day. However, the family didn't have much money because there was not much to fish. While the boy and his father were working, Sara stayed home doing housework. Tom wasn't unpleased with his life, until his mother fell ill. He was very sad, the boy loved fishing, but he didn't feel like going fishing with his dad anymore. Bit by bit, he took the habit of going every night to the beach and cry under the light of the lighthouse of Sant Sebastià praying for Sara's health. One day, he put his feet on the cold water and he started crying as he used to do. Suddenly, he noticed something cold on his right foot. He quickly pulled his foot away with his mouth in "o" form. The waves started moving so fast, and suddenly a strange creature came out of the water. The strange living being had pale blue skin, purple lips, webbed hands and the eyes were completely black. Tom was scared, he had never seen anything similar. He was trying to run away, but the creature grabbed his feet strongly.

"Who are you and what do you want?! " Tom asked.

"That doesn't matter now... " Replied the creature quietly.

"Look, I see you praying for your mom almost every day and I've decided to help you if you do me a favour." The stranger added.

"Well, if you want money, I'm not the right person to ask for." The boy said.

"No, it's nothing like that I only want you to take more care of the ocean, and I'm talking about all the fishermen and habitants of Llafranc."

"In that case... I can help you if you promise me that you will help me too."

It was not an easy job, but in the end Tom could complete his part of the favour. He went every day to the beach to pick up the waste, he convinced some people to help him, Sara healed miraculously and his father started earning more money.