Scenario and Dialogue for:  
Peal Venture (Eco-Guardian of the Gulf: Protecting the UAE's Marine Legacy)   
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“A regretful old fisherman that harmed the seas a lot by his old greedy habits, and now he is feeling guilty, However, he was too old to make any changes by himself.

One day, while he was at the coast, he saw a young man warning other fishermen about the harm they were causing to the sea. The old fisherman approached him, and a conversation ensued.

[Characters]

- The Main Character: Ammar (Meaning of name: A person who builds/constructs and repairs)

- The Old Fisherman: Rasheed (Meaning of name: A person who chose the correct path)

*“The old fisherman stood on the shore of Fujairah, staring at a wide expanse of sea, its surface sparkling under the morning sun.*

*His conscience ached as he remembered the countless times, he had plundered its depths and contributed to the destruction of its picturesque nature, due to greed and thirst for profit.*

*In his youth, he was a fisherman full of energy and ambition, keen to reap the bounties of the sea by all possible means. He cast his nets everywhere, pulling in everything in his path, careless of the destruction he caused. But he was not the only one who did this.   
Many fishermen were blinded by the pursuit of quick wealth.*

*They all failed to expect the consequences of their actions.*

*Which ensued pollution of what was once a beautiful part of their beloved country and their main source of livelihood.*

*Over the years, fish population has declined, coral reefs have died, and they have become barren lands.*

*He has seen most marine life migrate from the area and the waters change color, under the pressure of relentless overfishing.*

*While he was standing there deeply absorbed in thought, he noticed a young man approaching the fishermen and reprimanding them firmly for what their actions had led to. The young man was asking them to help correct some of this damage, but no one paid any attention to him.*

*The old fisherman recognized the passion and firmness in the young man's eyes.*

*After much thought and hesitation, he approached the young man, his heart beating with a mixture of guilt and hope.”*

**Old Fisherman:** Young man!

*“The young man looked up, his eyes meeting the old fishermen with a hint of curiosity.”*

**Young man:** Yes sir, how can I help you?

**Old Fisherman:** I have something to tell you, but first what is your name?

**Young man:** My name is Ammar.

**Old Fisherman:** And I am Rasheed.

**Ammar:** Nice to meet you sir, what did you want to tell me?

**Rasheed:** I saw you talking to those fishermen, and I’m interested in what you were saying. I have spent my life fishing in the sea, and I have seen the damage that we have done. I have been a part of the problem, and I am filled with regret.

**Ammar:** I'm listening.

**Rasheed:** I want to help, but I am too old to make a difference on my own. I need your help, your energy and your passion.

*“Ammar smiled, a glimmer of hope flickering in his eyes, then said:”*

**Ammar:** But how can you assist me?

**Rasheed:** Since I was part of the problem, I want to be part of the solution.  
I know the corrupt, devious methods some of these fishermen use.

I have accumulated extensive knowledge over the years.

I am familiar with the areas that have been affected the most and the reasons behind this damage.

Additionally, I can provide you with guidance on how to rectify the situation.

**Ammar:** That's great, but before we can solve them, we must first identify the issues!

**Rasheed:** Exactly, there are three main factors that cause significant harm to our marine environment:"

-First: The depletion of fertilized lobsters and crabs due to overfishing has a negative impact on their population and disrupt the food chain, ultimately harming the overall marine ecosystem.

-Second: the ghost nets that harm the seagrass beds, disrupting their growth and reducing their ability to provide shelter and food for a variety of marine organisms.

-Third: Disposing of plastic waste in the seas causes some creatures, such as sea turtles, to suffocate when they eat them, in addition to the many problems caused by this waste.

**Ammar:** I had no idea there were so many problems. Some of these problems extend beyond a few selfish fishermen, such as plastic pollution. Meeting you today has made me truly thankful.

**Rasheed:** I can guide you to where you can find a small boat, give you precise directions, and I can provide you with the required tools and teach you how to use them.

*“Ammar interrupts the old fisherman in confusion.”*

**Ammar:** I thought you were going to accompany me!

**Rasheed:** I really wish I could, but my family depends on me, and if I join you in those barren areas, I won't be able to catch any fish.

**Ammar:** Come on, think of something!

We can make a difference together.

We can prove to everyone that it is not too late to save our sea.

Isn't there anything valuable we can find and sell out there?

**Rasheed:** Actually, there is one thing we might find that's worth selling.

**Ammar:** What is it?

**Rasheed:** Pearls, of course! If you can gather some pearls while diving down there, I would be more than happy to join you. They are worth more than fish after all.

*“Ammar glanced at Rashid, a hint of sarcasm in his eyes, before speaking up:”*

**Ammar:** I see that your greed hasn't faded.

*“Rashid answered nervously:”*

**Rasheed:** Oh, come on, don't be like this! I told you I have a family to take care of.

**Ammar:** Well, even if it stems from greed, at least you won't be harming the sea anymore. So, I agree, if that's the price to save the sea.

**Rasheed:** Alright, let's meet here tomorrow morning. I'll take you to a safer area to teach you the basics.

**Ammar:** What do you mean by safer? What's happening out there?

**Rasheed:** Don't worry about something that rarely happens, like shark attacks.

*“Ammar's face turned pale when Rashid mentioned the rare occurrence of shark attacks.”*

**Ammar:** SHARKS!!!

**Rasheed:** Like I said, there are very few signs of aquatic life in those areas. No need to worry.

**Ammar:** I'm suddenly not comfortable diving there.

**Rasheed:** Come on, we already made a deal. And we're doing this for a greater cause.

**Ammar:** I swear you only care about the pearls.  
**Rasheed:** This is not true, and I am not willing to take all the pearls for myself, we will distribute them equally between us to take care of our families.

Anyway, I'll see you here tomorrow morning. Get enough sleep tonight, we have a long day ahead.

*“As Ammar walked away, he muttered to himself:”*

**Ammar:** I don't even know if I can sleep tonight.