

# Scarlet the Orca

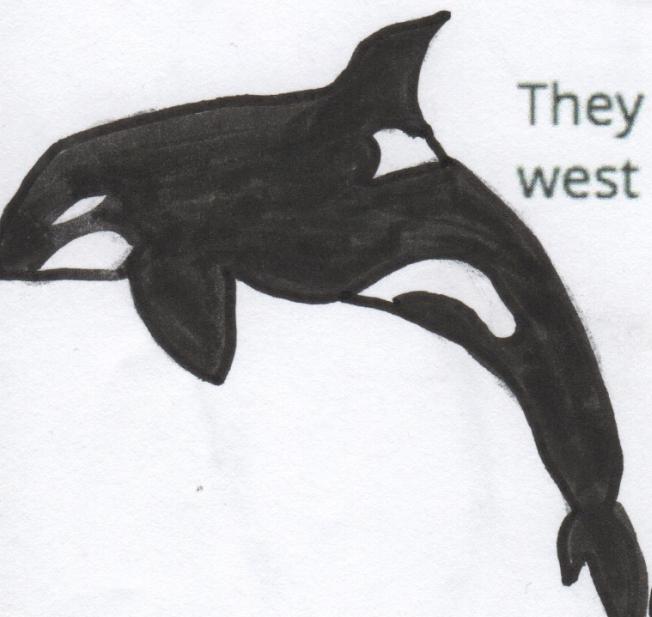


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# Meet J-Pod!

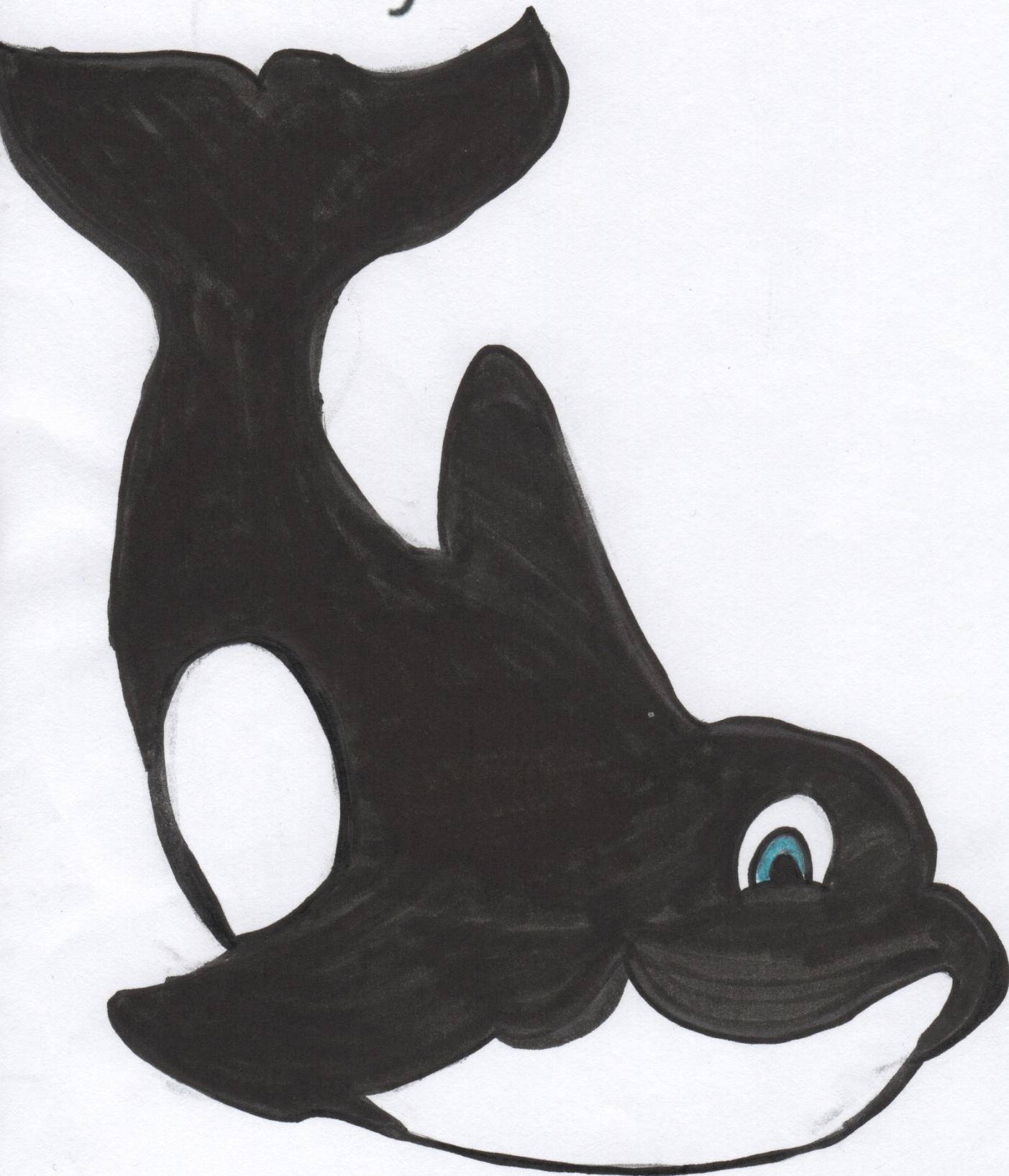


They are a family of orcas that live on the west coast of Canada



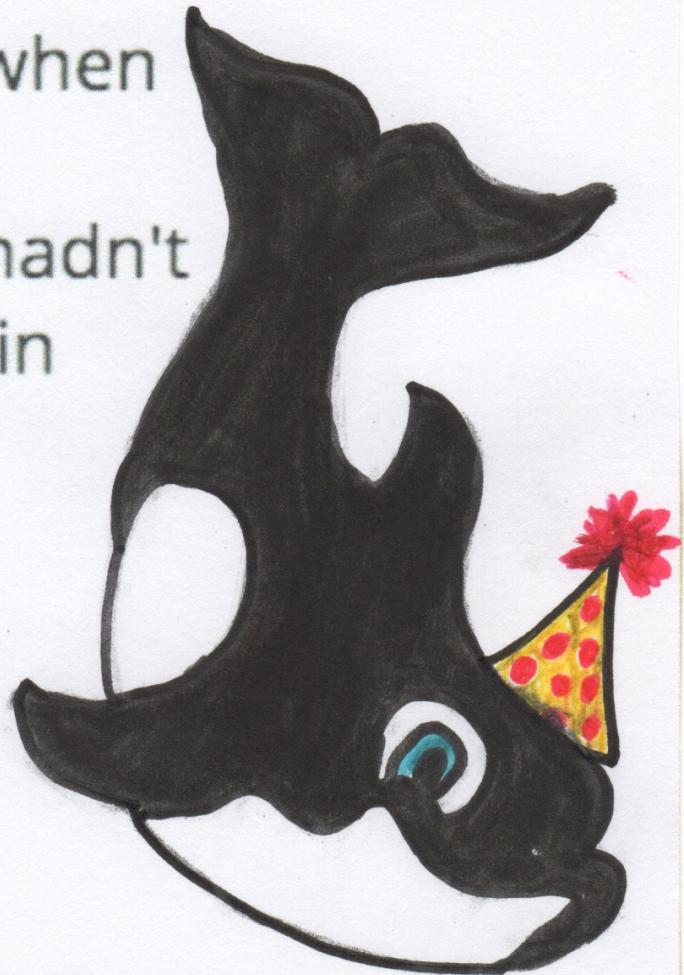
There are 22 orcas in this orca family- but there is one special one...

# The baby!

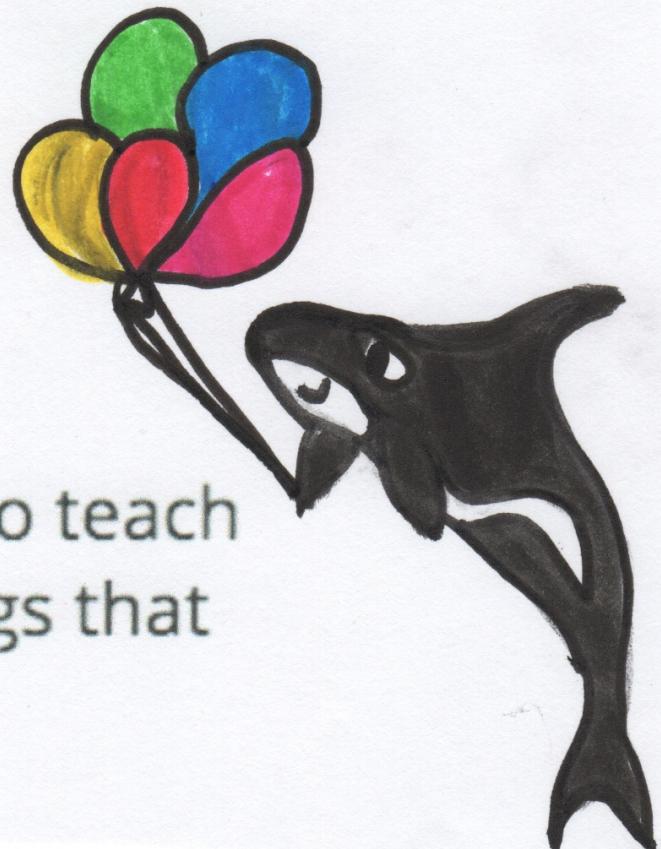


Her name is Scarlet and  
she is just four years old!

Her family was so excited when baby Scarlet came along because, before her, they hadn't had any new baby orcas join their pod for 11 years!



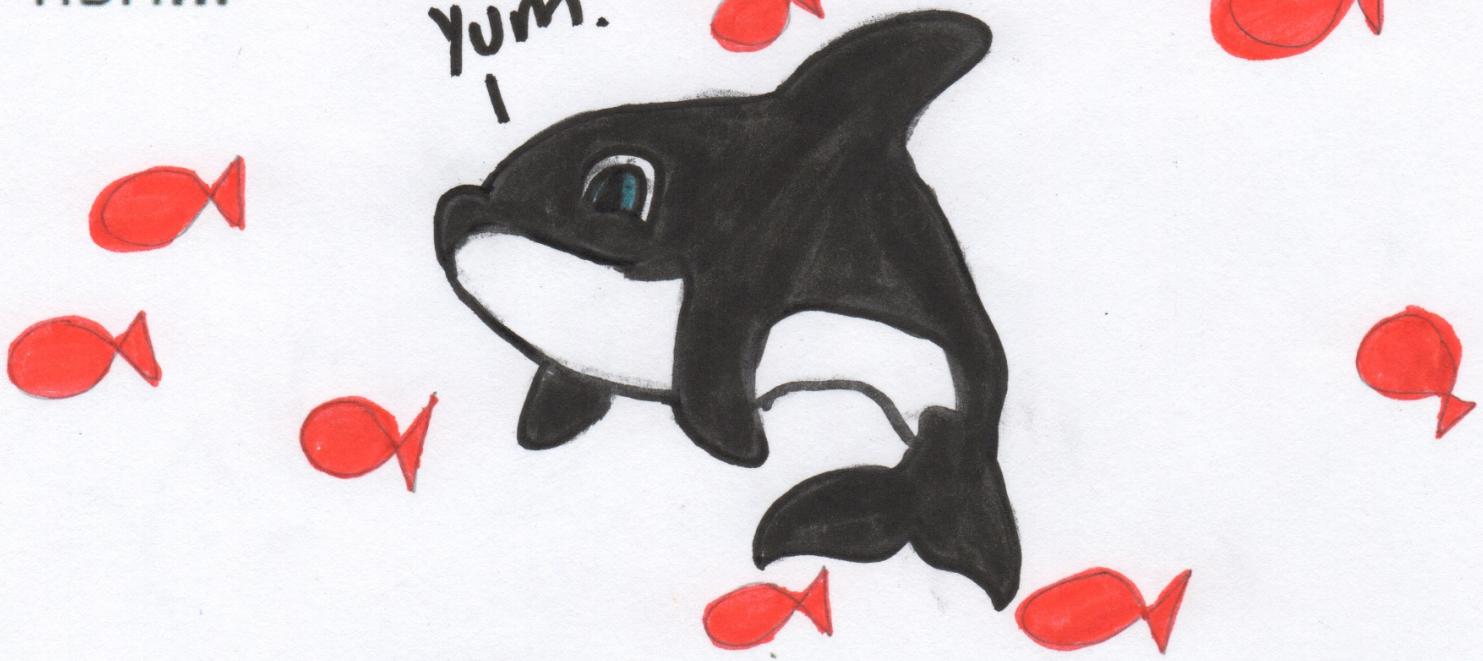
The orcas family wanted to keep their pod big and strong so when Scarlet came along they were so excited!



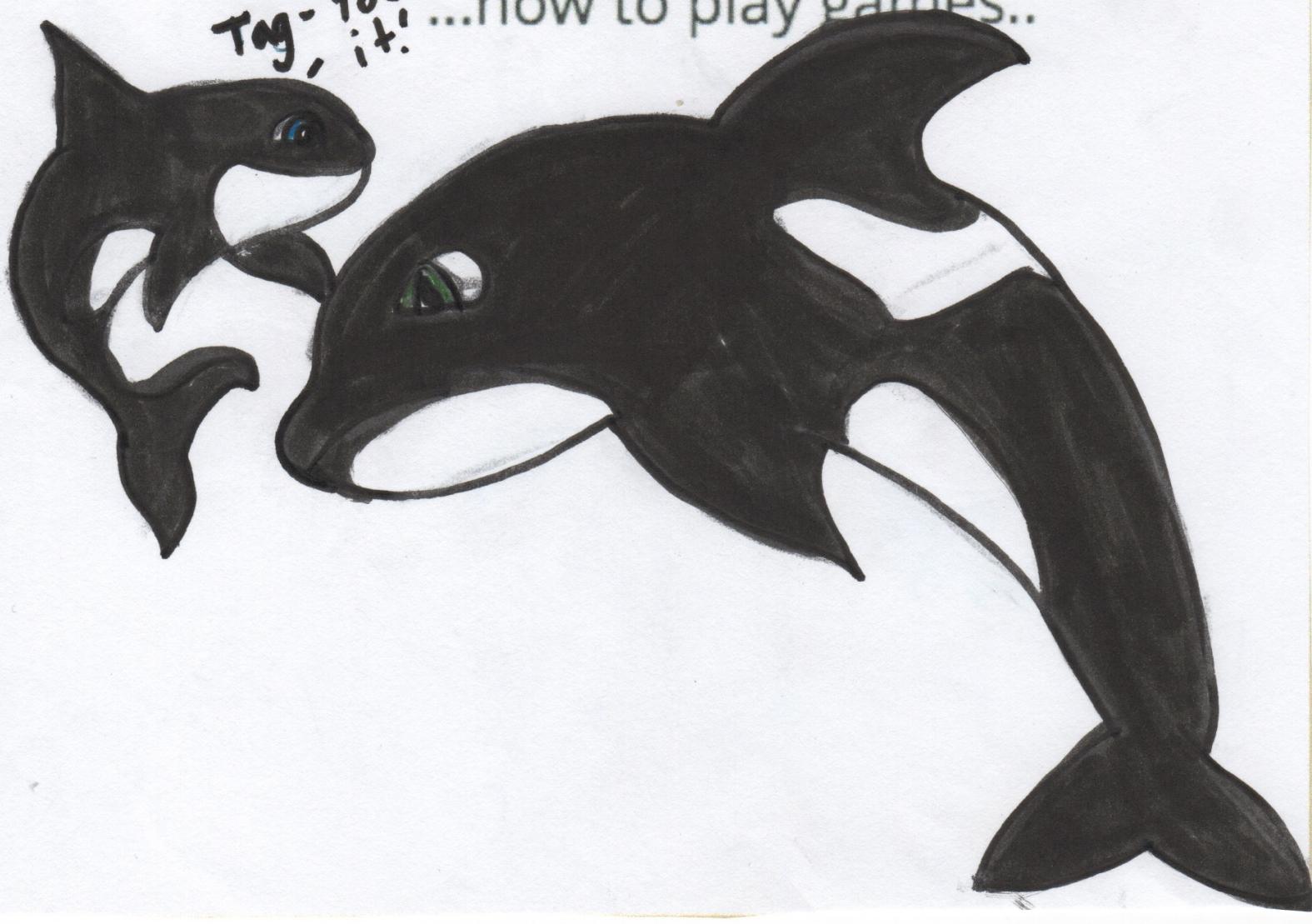
Right away they started to teach her how to do all the things that orcas do

They taught her how to  
fish...

yum!

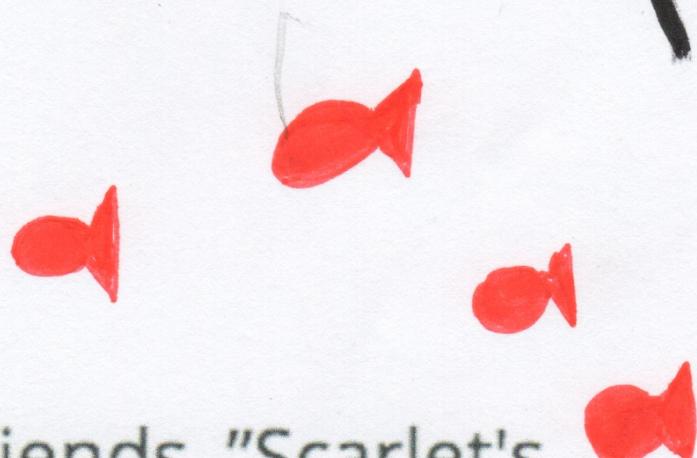


*Tag, you're*  
*it!* ...how to play games..



..and how to jump in the air and wave at their  
human friends who lived on the shore!



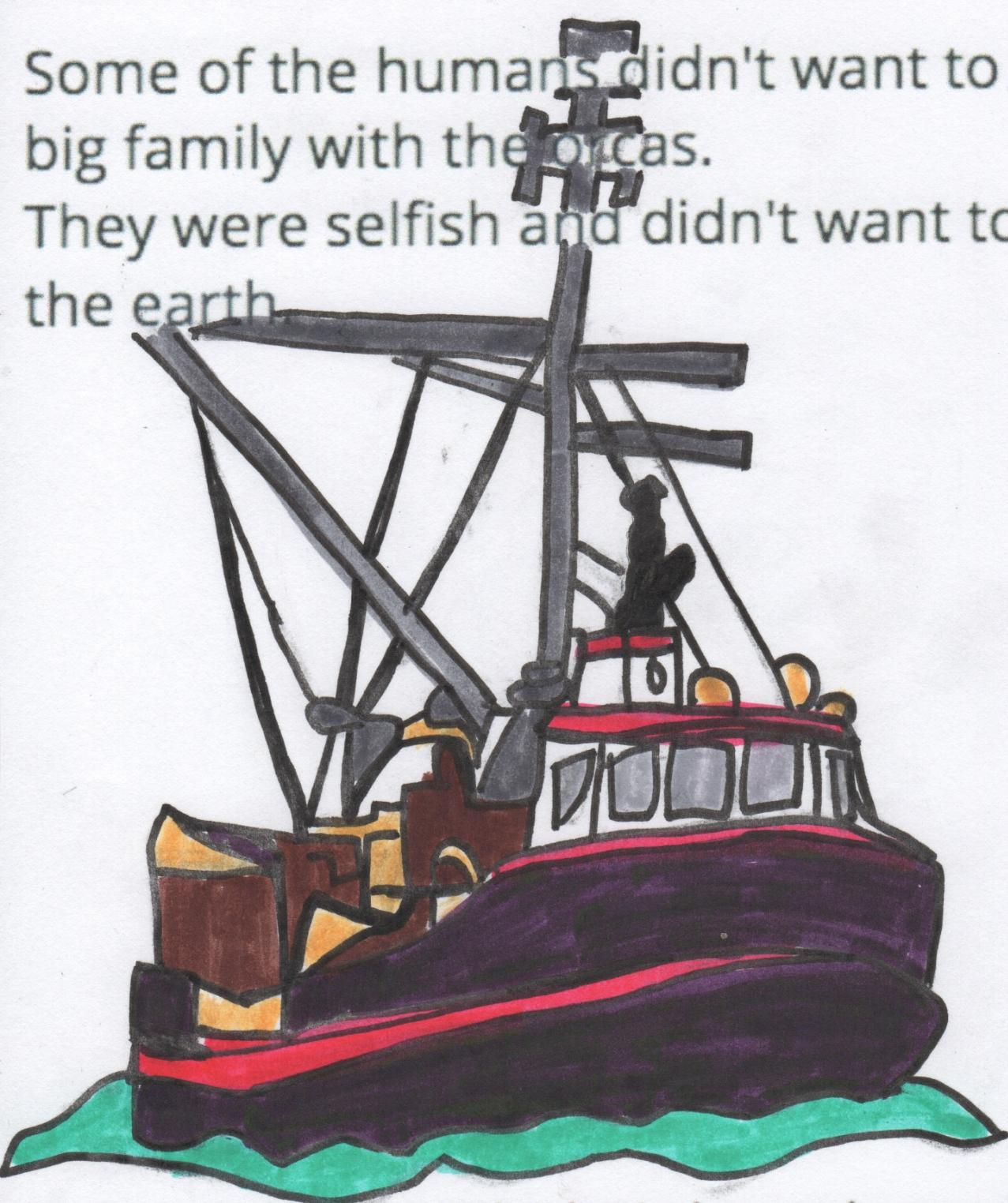


"The humans are our friends," Scarlet's dad told her "we all work together and share this planet. We help each other- just like one big family"

But there  
was one  
problem...

Some of the humans didn't want to be one big family with the orcas.

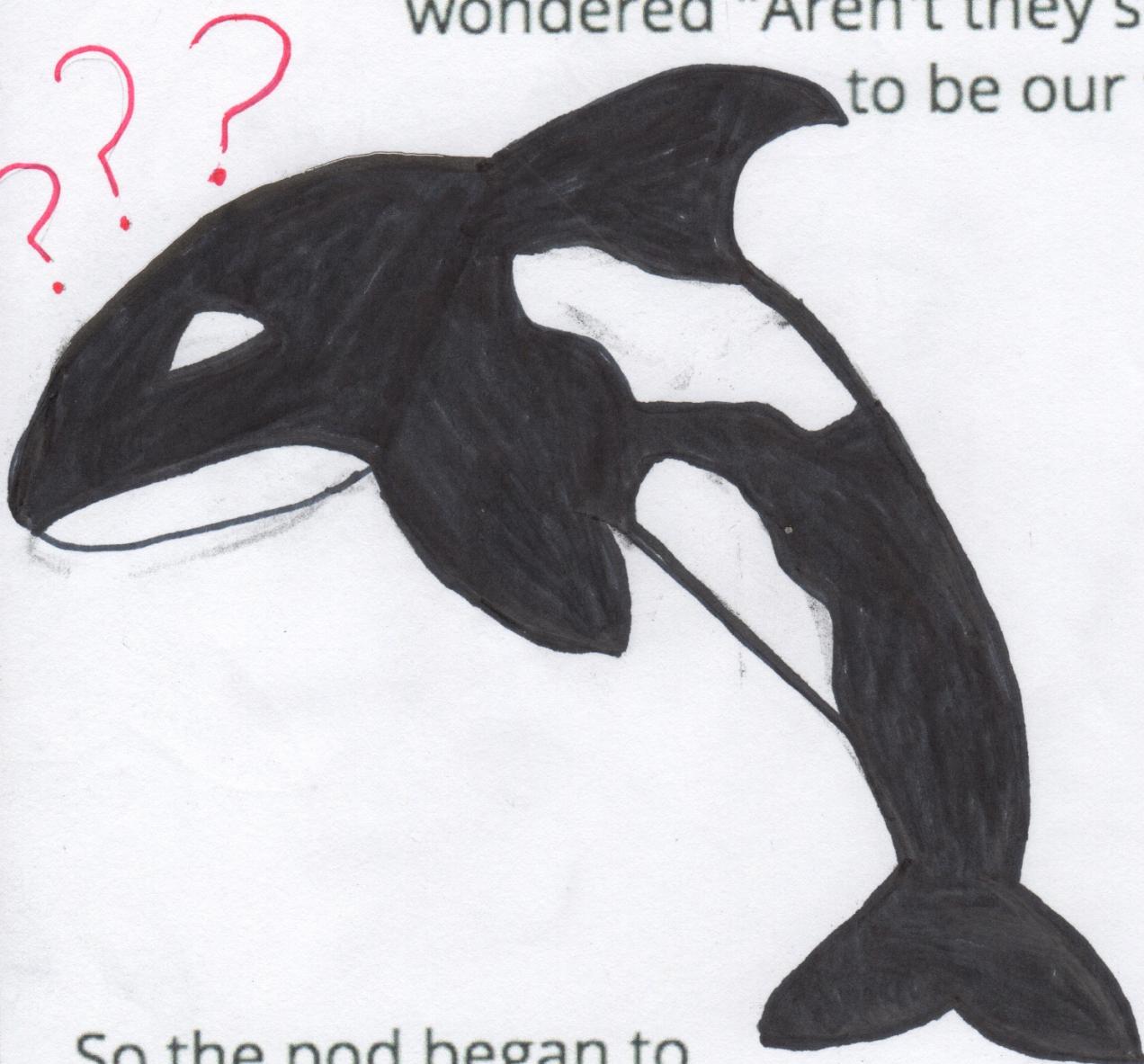
They were selfish and didn't want to share the earth



They came in with their huge boats and started stealing all the fish that the orcas needed for food.

This made the orcas very very hungry and very confused.

"Why are the humans taking away all of our food?" they wondered "Aren't they supposed to be our friends?"



So the pod began to swim from place to place, looking for fish to eat,

But wherever they went, the humans with their big boats had gotten there first....



.. and there was also no fish left in the ocean for our friends to eat.

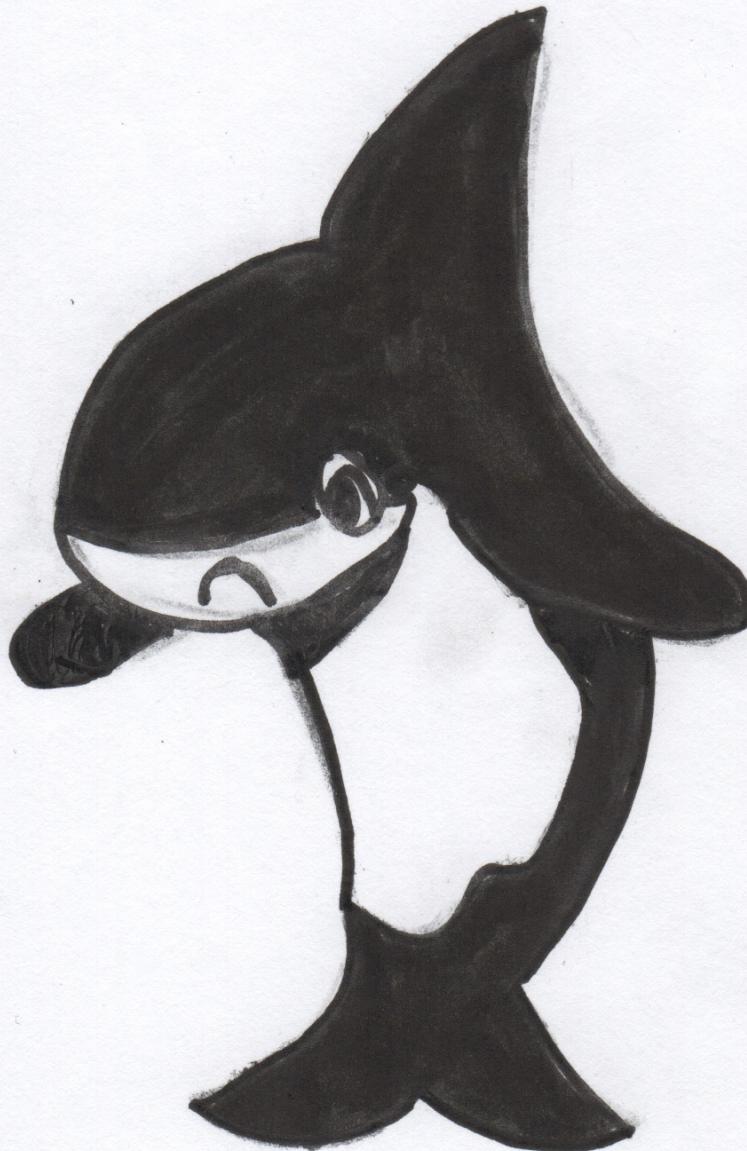
..the boats left icky chemicals in the water that started to make the orcas sick...





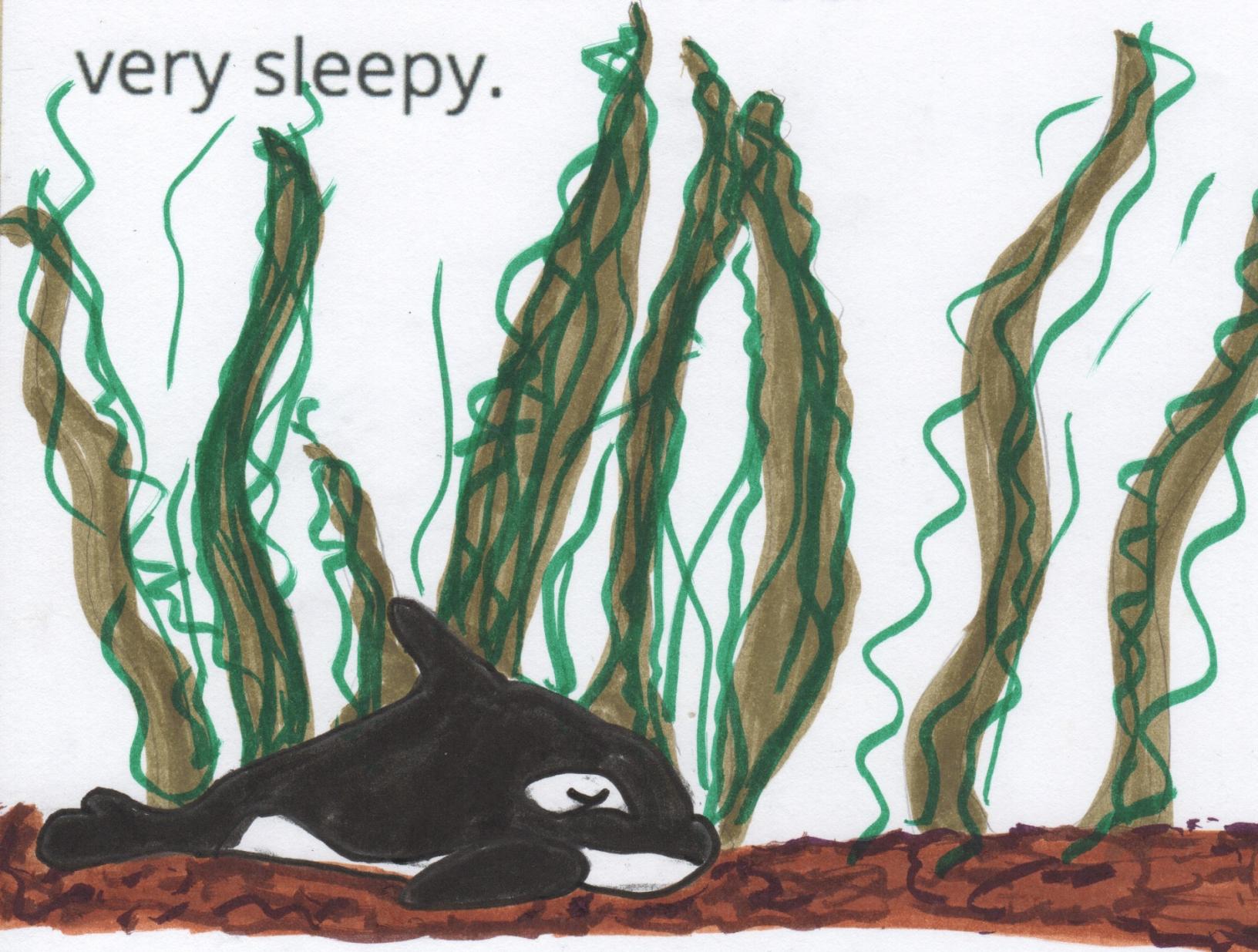
Because of this, Baby Scarlet got hungrier and hungrier.

She also got very very sick.



She was so hungry and so sick that she couldn't swim with her family, or play games, or jump in the air and wave at her friends anymore.

Being this hungry and sick made Scarlet feel very sleepy.



One night she went to sleep and never woke up again.

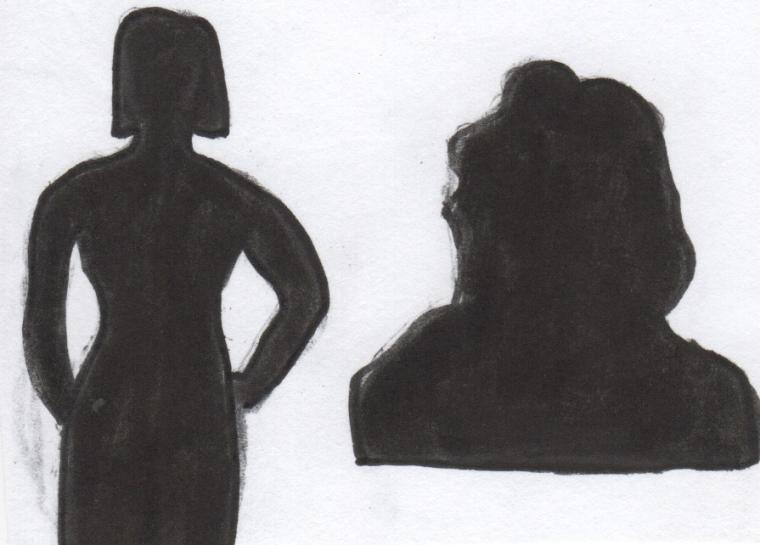
Scarlets family  
was so upset.  
They don't  
know what to  
do.



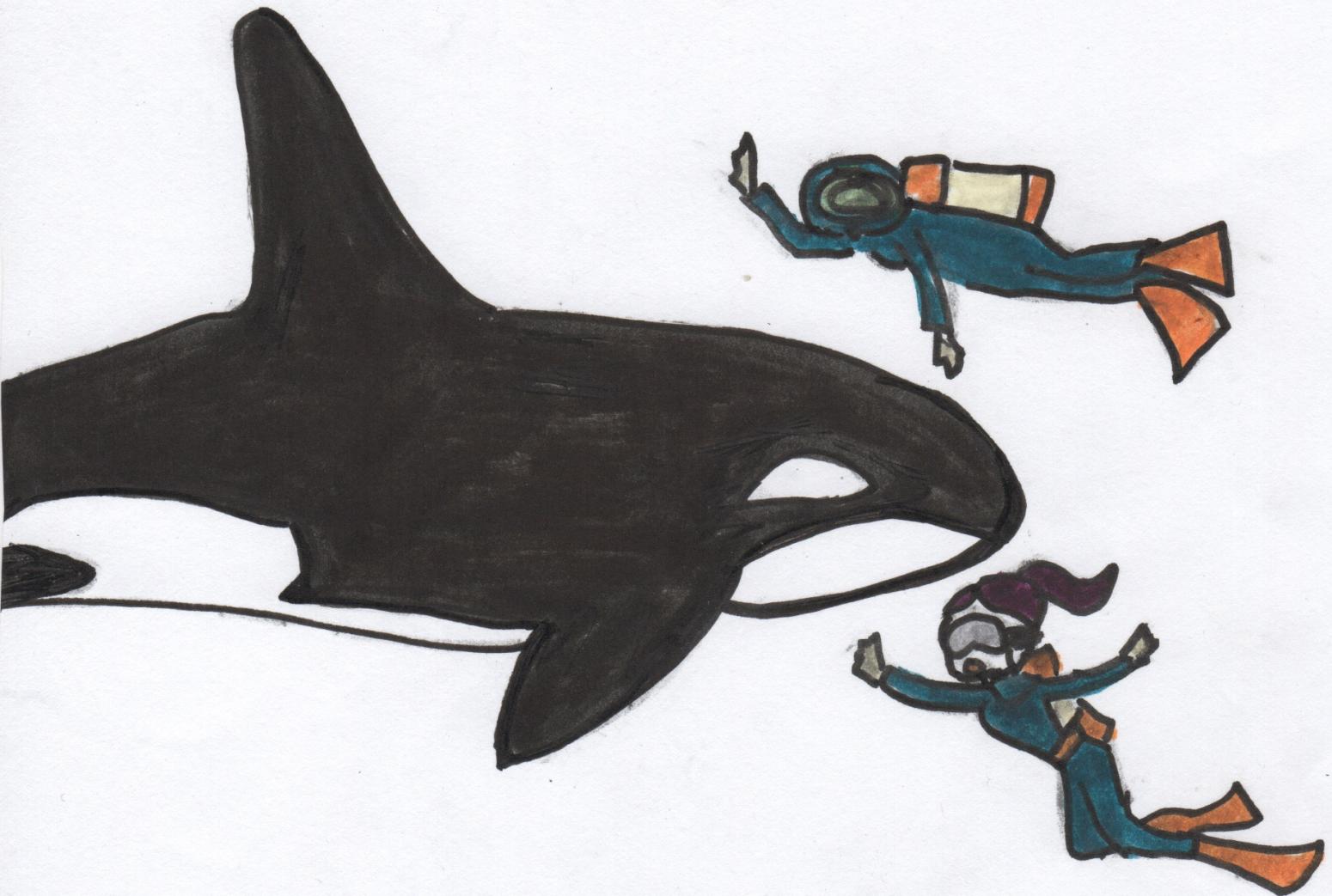
They  
barely  
had any  
fish to eat  
and now  
their  
favorite  
friend  
was gone.

They were very sad and  
very lonely.

The humans on the shore noticed that they orcas weren't around as much. They never saw the pod dancing and jumping in the waves like they used to. The humans got worried, so one of them decided to go down and ask the orcas what happened.



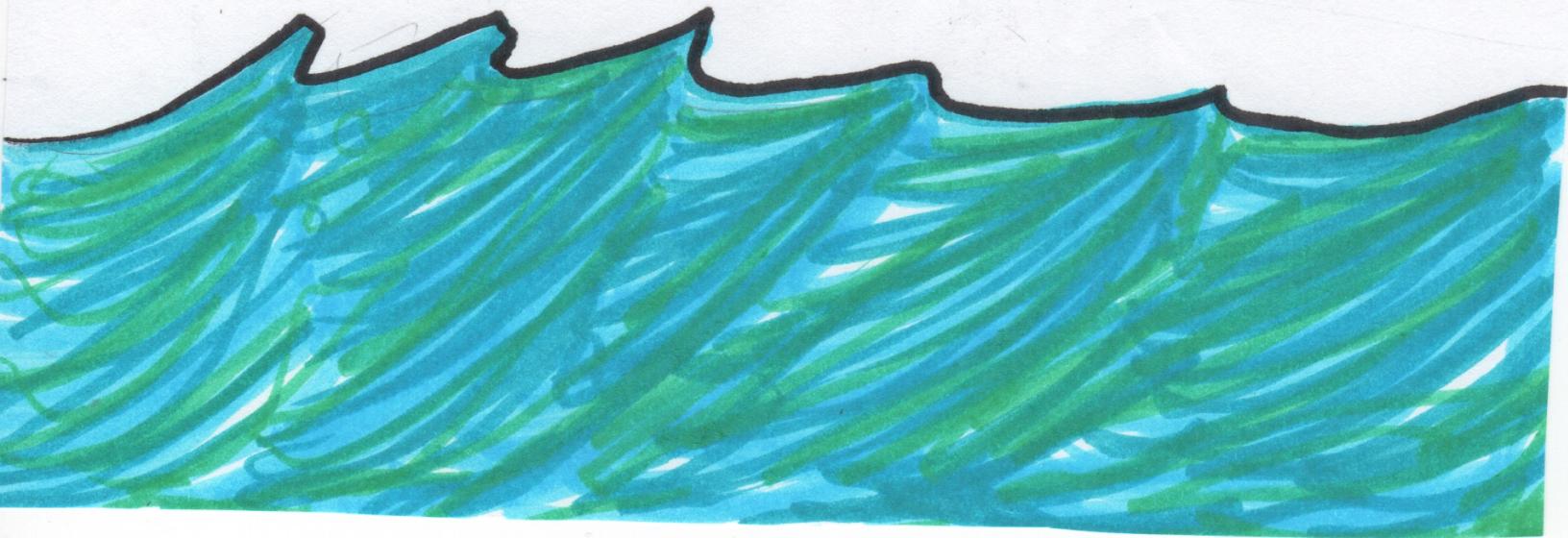
Once they were down  
there, the biggest orca  
told the humans  
friends about what  
happened to baby  
Scarlet because there  
was no fish left.



This made the humans from the shore so angry!



They went back to their family and friends on the land and told them all about what happened.

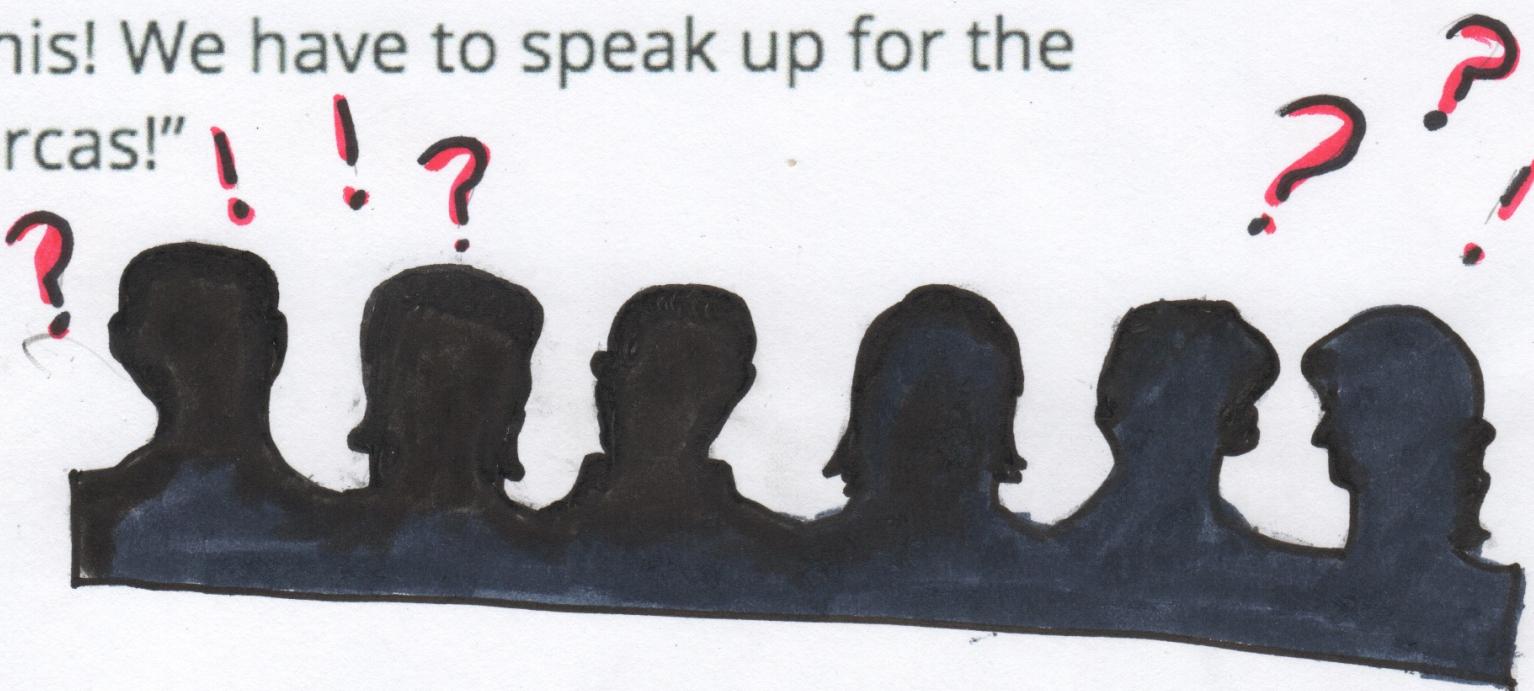


They were surprised and upset.

"we didn't know!" they cried

"we had no idea that taking all these fish out of the ocean was hurting all these creatures that we share the planet with!"

"We have to do something about this! We have to speak up for the orcas!" ! ! ?



And so they did.

The people stopped buying fish from the humans with the big boats that had stolen it all away from the orcas.



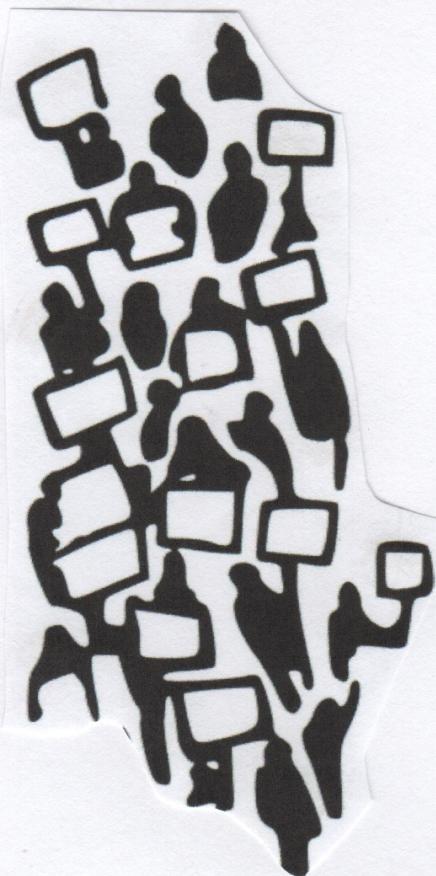
They stopped putting icky chemicals in the ocean.



And they learned to share the planet with the orcas and not take everything all for themselves.



The humans told their friends and family about what was happening,



And they went to big events to speak up and teach even more people what was happening.

And because of this...

Slowly...

The ~~re~~ began to be more  
and more fish in the  
ocean!

This made the pod so happy!

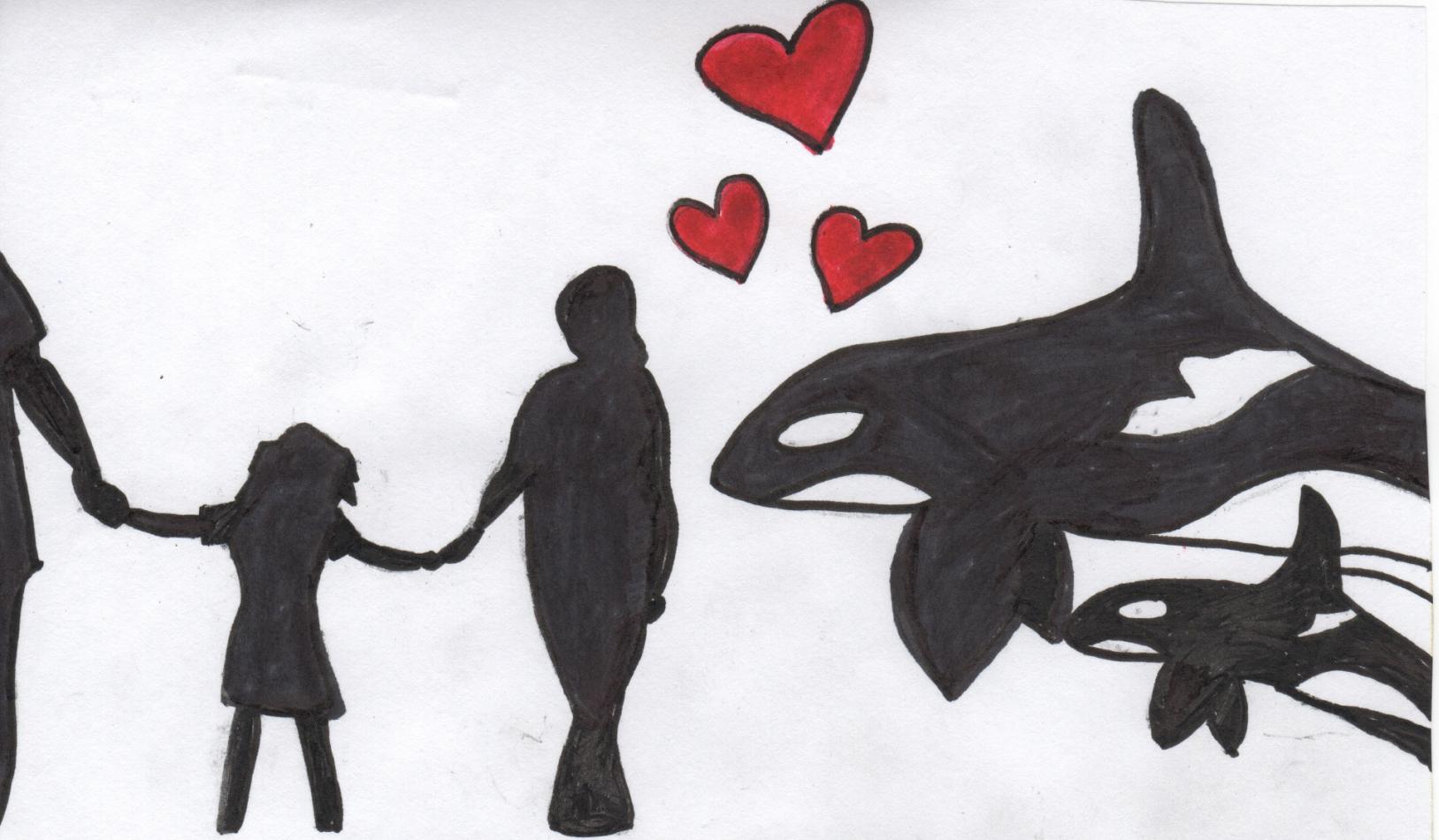
Finally they had yummy food again to fill their bellies!



They were still sad  
about losing their  
friend Scarlet but they  
now had hope.



Hope because soon  
there would be a new  
baby on the way to  
keep their pod growing  
big and strong



And they knew that baby  
would be so loved  
because not only did it  
have a big orca family to  
take care of it, it would  
also have a great big  
human family that would  
look after it and always be  
its voice on the land.