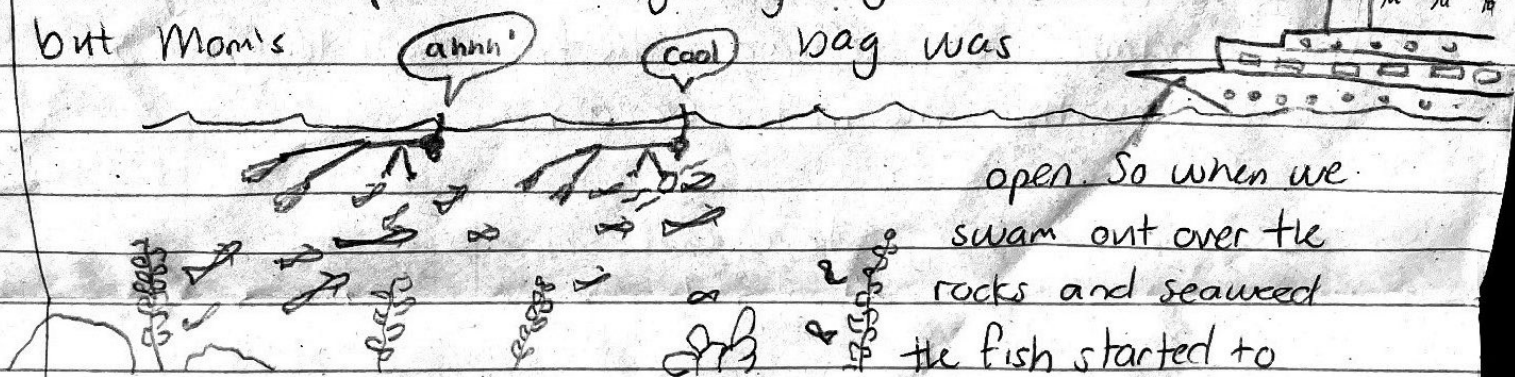


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Caleb,

When Mom and I first got married we went on a honeymoon. We took a cruise boat from California, to Catalina Island, then to Mexico and back. When we stopped at Catalina Island we decided to go out in the ocean to a "marine park" to go snorkeling. We rented wetsuits on the beach and had our own snorkel gear.

Mom and I had just been married for a few days, so I wanted to impress her and be tough. But it was April and the water was still super cold! burrr. ~~we~~ We had heard that fish love cat food, and if you bring a bag of cat food you can feed the fish and they will come closer. Otherwise they hide in the rocks and sea weed. We bought some cat food and put it in bags. My bag was sealed but Mom's



follow mom because they could smell the cat food. Some of the fish were really big, with big eyes, and big mouths. They were brown, some were silver, and some were even orange. Some of the brown fish were as big as YOU! I was really scared and nervous, mom didn't even care, she thought it was cool. The fish were getting closer and closer looking for the food. Pretty soon a fish rushed and bumped my finger, like my finger was food. I started screaming Ahhh!

I looked over at Mom and saw her open bag, there was a brown ooze coming out of her bag from the fish food. I was done, it was too cold, and the fish with their big eyes looking at me freaked me out! I opened my bag, threw it on top the water and the fish went crazy feeding! Also, birds started diving down from the sky.

I was screaming so loud in my snorkel, people on the shore thought I was afraid of ~~the fish~~ a shark! But there wasn't a shark, it was just fish looking at me funny. I swam as fast as I could back to the shore. Mom didn't even know what was wrong, she thought the hungry fish all around her were cool!

When I got to shore I had to wait for mom to come back, when she got back, she was like "what's wrong?" I had to admit I was afraid of the fish. Mom laughed, she was braver than me in the ocean.

Love you son,  
Dad