Our Ocean - The Debrief

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EXT. UNDERWATER HQ - DAY

A coral alcove, salvaged human junk repurposed into furniture.

SKIPPER (a skulky, noirish seahorse, hooded eyes that dart suspiciously) lounges, unimpressed before anyone's said a word.

SABOO (a deeply caring, tweenish turtle who loves her home and her found family) waits.

FIFI (a flying fish) zooms in, breathless, trailing a loose strand of kelp.

FIFI
Okay. Okay okay okay. I did the recon. I saw the peeps.

SKIPPER
(unimpressed)
Terrific. Groundbreaking. There are peeps on a beach.

FIFI
No, really! I saw lots of them. Big ones, small ones, one with a kind of shell thing on her head.

She snatches a broken clam shell off a nearby rock, claps it on her head, struts a few fin-lengths across the alcove doing her best human impression.

SKIPPER
That's a hat, Fifi.

FIFI
I know what a hat is!
(beat)
What's a hat?

SABOO
(gently)
Okay. Let's start again. Which one looked like she might be Rachel?

FIFI
Oh. Um. All of them? They all look the same up there. Big heads, no scales and no fins anywhere, which, rude.

Skipper laughs.

SKIPPER
Right?! So rude. You can't trust 'em.

SABOO
(trying to referee)
Fifi. Think. She was .. gentle. She looked a little sad? Maybe? And fluffy stuff on top.

FIFI
Are you saying they can have emotions?

SKIPPER
Let's not go that far.

Saboo gives Skipper a look and playfully bats a little barnacle towards him.

SABOO
You're not helping.

SKIPPER
I'm not trying!

FIFI
In his defense, he is quite trying.

Skipper sighs the sigh of the terminally misunderstood.

SKIPPER
And can we please stop trying to adopt a human? It never ends well. For anyone. Ever. In the history of anyone.

SABOO
I'm not trying to adopt her, Skipper. I just want to know if she's okay.

Skipper opens his mouth to argue. Doesn't. There's history there.

SABOO (cont'd)
(an idea landing)
What if we just go back. To the beach where I found her. And ask around.

SKIPPER
Ask who?

SABOO
Everyone. We could go door to door. Shell to shell. Whoever's home.

FIFI
(delighted)
Door to door! I love door to door!
(beat)
What's a door?

SKIPPER
(already swimming off)
OMG. I want it noted that I think this is a terrible idea.

SABOO
Noted. Let's do this!