

THE LIFE OF YELLY

BY YELLY CHOI

I am Yelly the bottlenose dolphin.

I was born in the warm waters of Pacific Ocean nine years ago. I have two strong flippers and a scissor-shaped tail. I am gray on the top of my body and white at the underside. My length is 2.5 metres and I weigh 250 kg. I like to eat fish the most, but I also eat squid and other smaller sea life. I eat 30 pounds of food every day because my mom always said I am too thin. Compared to other dolphins, I am the fastest swimmer. I always explore the other oceans with other kinds of dolphins like pink dolphin and common dolphin. But my mom said that it is dangerous in other places because the human will catch us, so I secretly explore when my mom is not home!

We eat a maximum of 30 pounds of food per day. One time, when I was exploring the Arctic Ocean with my best friend, pink dolphin, I ate more than 30 pounds of fish. So, pink dolphin said, "Don't eat too much!" "But I need to eat more to explore better!" I answered. "But you will be fat and can't swim fast!" She explained. After that, I decide not to eat more than 30 pounds of food a day.

One time, when pink dolphin and I went to Indian Ocean, we suddenly saw a boat with a tremendous net full of fish. I tried to rescue them so I can eat them.



**These are my friends,
exploring the ocean with me!**

I quietly swam close to the net, but as I was almost there, another colossal net dropped down on me and I was caught inside! Oh! I panicked and quickly cried for pink dolphin. Fortunately, my kind friend rescued me and I escaped!

After this accident, I now know what people do to us. People eat our meat and because of that, I have lost many of my cousins. Also, because the fishermen overfish, we can't eat our most beloved fish and we have to move to another ocean every month to find fish to eat. It is tiring, however, I continue to swim because my mom encourages me.

We all hope that people can change their diet so that they do not need to kill animals for food.



**This is me,
jumping in the water.**