



It was terribly sad, and I should not have gone scuba-diving alone.

‘The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is one of the most spectacular places. Here you can see ...’ I was already spoiled when I heard this line on the TV. I thought, ‘Oh, my God! This might be the best place that suits me. I must go there!’

Ah, I forgot to introduce myself. I am Joshua, an adventurous explorer who liked travelling around the world. I’ve been to the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, etc. However, my friends thought that I have a huge nose and they always laughed at me. So, I needed to prove that I am able to live by myself.

At the airport, my friends and family said goodbye to me. My friends giggled, ‘He will never be able to do that!’ I was extremely confident at that time. I replied, ‘Oh, you think that I’m as weak as a mouse? I’m going to impress you.’

On my trip to Australia, my friends kept sending messages like, ‘You dumb! Don’t go there unless you want the sea water to flush your brain!’ ‘I’m so “glad” that another stupid person leaves!’ Although it slightly hurt my feelings, I tried to ignore those hateful comments. I kept shouting in my head, ‘Don’t change your mind! This is a golden chance to be accepted.’

Well, maybe I should have listened to them. Don’t leave because the climax is coming!

On the next day, I took the bus to the Great Barrier Reef. This is probably the worst bus service I’ve ever experienced! The bus was full of trash, the fare was so expensive that it cleared up my wallet and the bus driver was impolite. He yelled at me, ‘How come you need more than five seconds to take your wallet out?’ This is ridiculous!

Finally, I wore the diving suit. It took quite a while because I was busy choosing the colour of the suit! I took a deep breath, and I tried not to think of those hateful comments. And ... I officially swam in the Great Barrier Reef! I was delighted at that time! Look at this beautiful scenery—the colourful coral reefs and dancing fishes. I almost danced with the fish, but my suit didn’t allow me to do so. I was speechless. Suddenly, I started to forget that my oxygen only supported me for an hour. When the time came, I lost breath. I didn’t realize that all my oxygen was used up and I started to fall asleep.

‘Hey, it’s time to have breakfast!’ said a nurse. I looked around and found that I’m in a hospital. Then she described what happened, ‘The diving suit can detect whether the diver has enough oxygen. When the diving company found that there was no oxygen, they called the ambulance and rescued you.’ Wow! I couldn’t believe what just happened. I was saved! I realized that it was really dangerous to go scuba-diving alone. Furthermore, I should have listened to what my friends and family said. Even though their tone may be harsh, I should listen to their advice and not be too confident about myself.