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Benny was a small boy who lived in a big city. Whenever his parents went shopping and took him along, he went to the pet shop next door in order to look at the animals. He was especially interested in the aquariums. One time he had the luck to witness live how fish had little baby fish! Benny found this extremely exciting!

The day came again and while his parents went on a spending spree in the grocery store, Benny stood in front of the aquariums and watched the fish. In a new aquarium the pet shop had set up something very fascinating got his attention: between the underwater plants and stones there stood colourful figures!

Benny was able to identify clown fish, treasure divers, giant clams and many other interesting figures in the aquarium. Just as he wanted to look away he suddenly noticed how the little clownfish moved. This was not possible! They were not actually real! He could not believe his eyes as the diver began to swim around the aquarium. Benny looked at the married couple standing



next to him also looking into the aquarium in order to make sure he was not dreaming. However, the two did not seem to notice the changes. Yet he was able to clearly discern: the figures had moved!

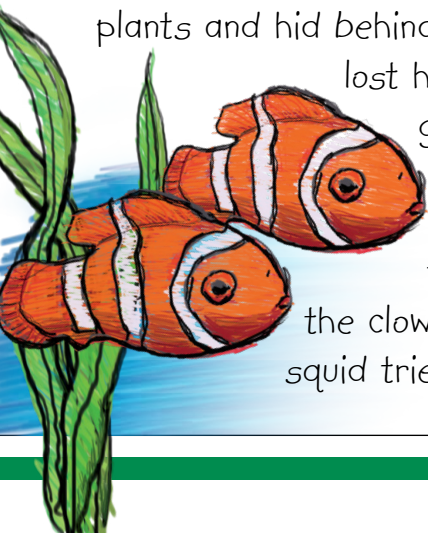
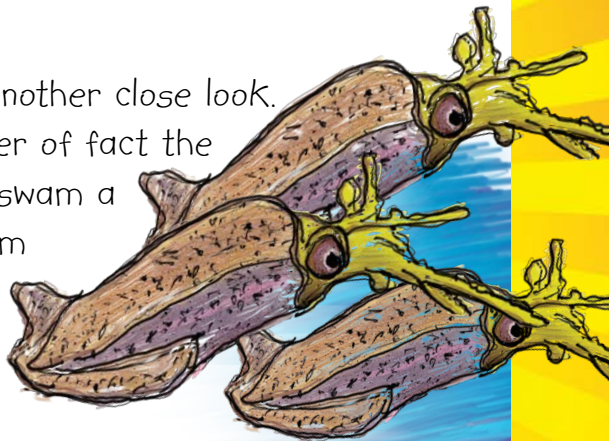
Benny took another close look.

And as a matter of fact the treasure diver swam a little higher from the treasure chest he had just discovered

and hid behind the plants.

And now Benny also saw why: a group of large squid were approaching the diver. Their long tentacles were full of giant suction cups. The largest squid had discovered the diver and tried to catch him with his arms. But the diver had left his place behind the plants and hid behind the giant clams. The squid had

lost him and continued to swim on to a group of clownfish, which stood in the water above their anemone. One squid extended its tentacle to catch the clownfish. In a flash the clownfish dove into his anemone. The squid tried to catch him but he stung him-



self on the tentacles of the anemone, quite similar to the instance when Benny had hurt himself touching poison ivy. The squid flinched and recoiled and the clownfish were safe in their secure anemone.

Benny looked for the diver. He was still in hiding behind the giant clams until the squid were out of sight. But he was not careful. As he was holding on, his hand had slipped into the clam and the clam snapped shut. Its shells shut close like a vice. At the last moment the diver was able to remove his hand! If he had waited too long, he would have been trapped and possibly drowned. He quickly swam on. At the water surface he saw seals playing in the waves. The animals had fun riding the waves like surfers and let themselves get thrown onto the beach. After the



diver watched the seals for a while, he saw a helmet diver who was getting into "his" treasure chest. HE had found the treasure and did not want to share it with a stranger! The helmet diver moved in a very slow and cumbersome way. His big and heavy diving helmet handicapped him



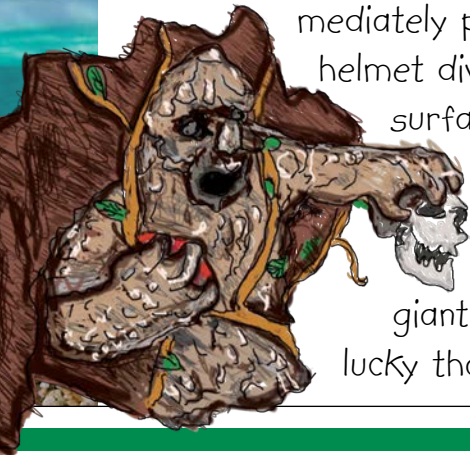
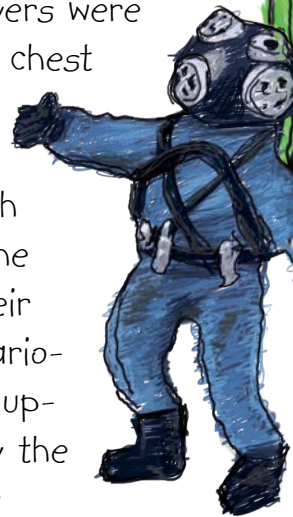
enormously in his movements. A hose provided him with oxygen from above. As the helmet diver tried to lift the treasure chest, half of the treasure fell out since the chest was too heavy. Pearl necklaces and gold jewellery sank to the bottom of the ocean. At a great distance, there was another helmet diver on the bottom of the ocean. Like the other helmet diver, he too was looking for treasure. Next to the jet engine of a crashed and sunken plane, another treasure chest was located. The treasure diver was able to observe how the second helmet diver was filling the treasure into a salvage bag.

(A salvage bag looks like a balloon into which one can fill something in the basket which is located at the bottom. Then one lets air into the balloon from an air hose and the balloon floats to the surface of the water.)

The diver was sad as he watched how the two helmet divers secured the treasures. Suddenly however it got dark under water! As the diver looked upward he saw swarms of giant jellyfish floating through the water. They were incredibly large and there were so many of them that they clouded the sunlight just like clouds in the sky. The jellyfish grabbed and clasped the ascending salvage



bags. In doing so, the air escaped from the sacks and the basket, where the gold, the jewellery and the pearls had been filled into, tipped over. Each and every piece of treasure fell out of the basket and floated back down onto the bottom of the sea, only this time they were spread across a broad surface. Both of the helmet divers were preoccupied with their heavy equipment so that they were not aware of the jellyfish and the descending pieces of treasure. At that moment both helmet divers discovered a very special large treasure chest behind a rock, which they wanted to lift up as they suddenly saw an uncanny figure right next to them. This uncanny figure rose from the stone just like a ghost made of stone. Both helmet divers were startled to such a degree that they let the chest drop and pulled on their hoses. This was the signal for the crew of the ship to immediately pull both divers up. Both helmet divers floated towards the surface of the water by their air hoses just like marionettes. On their way upward they passed by the giant jellyfish and were very lucky that the tentacles did not catch



them. The crew of the ship helped both helmet divers out of the water. Their entire bodies were shaking and no one was able to convince them to get back into the water. As a result, the ships sailed away without one piece of treasure.

The treasure diver carefully approached the rock where the helmet divers had so suddenly aborted their dive. Now he also was able to see the uncanny figure in the rock. He turned away quickly and collect-

ed a few pieces of treasure that were strewn across the bottom of the sea.

Then he slowly swam towards the top without touching the long tentacles of the jellyfish. He climbed into his little boat and drove away as fast as he could.



"Benny, what is so interesting in there?" his mother suddenly asked behind him, who had come into the pet shop to get her son. Benny was still completely absorbed with the adventure he had just witnessed under water. "I..., there were..., the figures..." stumbled Benny excitedly. However, his parents would have never believed him if he had told them this story. "The figures are so cool. Could I also have an aquarium?" asked Benny as he regained his breath. His parents looked at each other and said: "Your birthday is coming up anyways, you could ask for an aquarium!" Benny took



another glance at the aquarium. The treasure diver was gone. The treasure chests were empty and the jellyfish slowly swam through the open water. He just had to have such an aquarium! And maybe one could add a couple of fish to the figures? Benny had a plan: For his birthday he wants an aquarium!

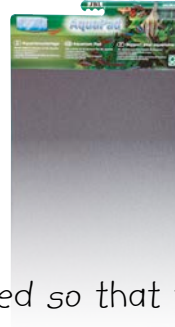
Aquarium = Nature, Creativity, Experience

You would also like to have an aquarium? Below you will find a short list of what all you need for an aquarium and how to care for it so that it functions properly:

- Aquarium, minimum of 60 litres with lighting.
 - A 60 litre aquarium with lighting, including filter and heating device by the company Juwel costs approximately 90 £
 - A 60 litre aquarium with lighting, including filter and heating device by the company Aquatlantis costs approximately 60 £
- Do you have a stable cupboard on which your father is able to stand without it breaking? A 60-litre aquarium weighs about 80 kg
 - The cost for an aquarium cabinet for a 60-litre aquarium begins at 60 £

- A mat to be laid between aquarium and cabinet which avoids that for instance a small pebble cracks the bottom glass of the aquarium. JBL for instance has JBL AquaPad for this purpose and they are available in exactly the size for your aquarium.

- A JBL AquaPad
(suggested retail 4 £)



- A filter for the aquarium is required so that the water remains clean. The filter absorbs the water, cleans it and carries it back into your aquarium.

- A JBL CristalProfi i 60
(suggested retail 36 £)



- In order for your JBL ActionAir Figures to move, an air pump is needed (JBL ProSilent a 100). An air hose supplies the individual figures. If you want to operate more than one figure with air, then an air distributor (JBL ProSilent Control) is required.

- A JBL ProSilent a 100
(suggested retail 23 £)
- A JBL ProSilent Control
(suggested retail 5 £)



• Which figures would you like to have in your new aquarium?
JBL has a selection of 15 different figures you can choose from.

• JBL ActionAir and JBL MotionDeco Figures
cost between 13 and 25 £



- ON the bottom of the aquarium there should be a special bottom-covering material for the aquarium, and please no gravel and sand from the garden! JBL can offer you different bottom coverings: white, black or grey sand (JBL Sansibar) or a brown natural bottom covering, called JBL Manado.

- JBL Sansibar black
10 Kilogramms
(costs approximately 20 £)



- JBL Manado 10 l
(costs approximately 17 £)



- In addition, you need plants and rocks and maybe also a wooden root so that your underwater world really looks natural. The price for plants, rocks and wood lies at around 5 £ for each piece, depending of course on the size and type.

Now your aquarium is operational! If you also would like to have living fish in your aquarium, then there are a few things you need to pay attention to:



- If your aquarium stands in a heated room and the temperature does not drop below 18°C, then you do not need a heater for the aquarium. However, if it does get colder you will need a heater.

- A JBL ProTemp s 50
(suggested retail 24 £)



- The water from the tap contains a few things that are not good for fish. For this reason, the water has to first be treated so fish can tolerate it. For this you should add a water conditioner to the water.

- JBL Biotopol 100 Millilitres
(suggested retail 4,79 £)



- Since there is no toilet for fish in the aquarium, the water gets polluted by the excrements of the fish. There are beneficial bacteria which reduce pollutants and which you should add to the aquarium water.

- JBL Denitrol 100 Millilitres
(suggested retail 11,49 £)



- Ask your pet shop dealer for fish that are suited for your aquarium! He surely has white cloud mountain minnows or platy fish for you. The fish will cost about 1,70 to 3,50 £ each.



- Fish are also hungry! Feed your fish twice each day, but only an amount the fish can eat in two minutes. By the way, the fish are thankful if you offer them two different types of food.

- JBL NovoGranoMix mini (with dispenser)
cost approximately 7,60 £.



- JBL NovoGuppy 100 Millilitre (suggested retail 4,89 £)



How much work is involved in the upkeep of an aquarium? Your parents have probably told you that you will be completely responsible for your aquarium, right? But don't worry! An aquarium is less work than a hamster. Here is a list of chores you will have to do to take care of your aquarium:

1. Once a year the fluorescent tube needs to be replaced. Even if your tube still functions and does not flicker, it nonetheless has already lost half of its luminance! This you can best observe when you install the new tube and compare its brightness with the old tube.
2. Every other month the filter needs to be cleaned. For this the filter needs to be taken out of the aquarium and cleaned in the sink with running water. This takes a maximum of 10 minutes!
3. Once a month, and please not on the same day you are cleaning the filter, part of the water should be replaced and while you are at it the bottom covering should be cleaned. This can be compared to airing and vacuuming your room. For this, place a bucket below the aquarium, submerge the gravel cleaner (a type of suction bell) into the aquarium and shake it until the water flows into the bucket. Then dip the gravel cleaner into the gravel at different spots and suck the dirt out until the bucket is full.

A gravel cleaner (JBL AquaEx Set 20-45) costs approximately 20 £. The withdrawn water should be replaced by water from the tap. This partial replacement of water



is the most important aspect of caring for your aquarium and should not be forgotten!

4. You can feed your fish twice a day, but please be sure not to feed them too much! Too much food can pollute the water and can become dangerous for the fish. So please make sure that you add only enough food that will be eaten by the fish completely in two minutes. If you should go away for the weekend

this will not be a problem: JBL has a feeder for the weekend for your fish. This is made up of a mineral block from which the food breaks off gradually over the weekend.

During longer vacation times we can provide an automatic feeder, the vacation feeder, or you find a nice neighbour who helps out.



This is it! If you pay close attention to the care instructions you will have great fun with your aquarium and at the same time will learn something about animals and plants. Especially this will please your parents and convince them quickly to buy you an aquarium!

JBL hopes you have a lot of fun and lots of success with your aquarium! And if you have any questions at all, please send us your questions via e-mail to the following address: aqua@jbl.de.

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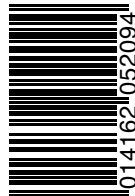
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