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Joelle the whale shark is teased by her toothier compatriots for her struggles with hunting. She secretly watches Taz, a great white shark, hoping to learn some pointers; she is shocked when she sees Taz fail to catch a fish. After learning a valuable lesson about the virtues of failure, Joelle finds her own way of hunting that plays to her strengths. Brightly colored illustrations depict the broad biodiversity of the ocean, while Joelle and her companions have humorous, expressive faces.

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