

# Don't Blame Me

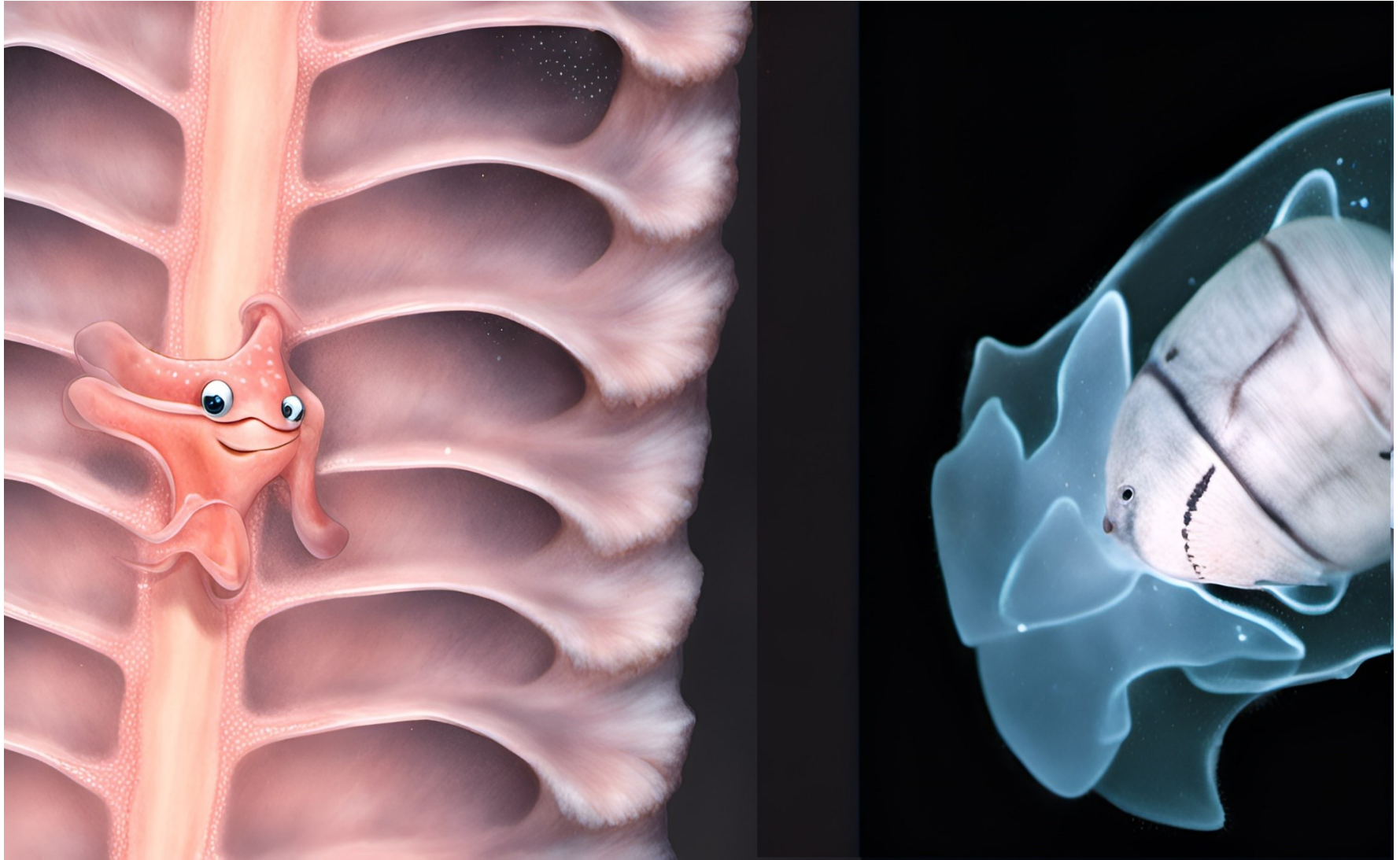




“Don’t blame me,” said the little boy. “The problem with our oceans is that they’re huge.”



“That’s what I’ve been telling them for 60 years,” said Paddy the Starfish.



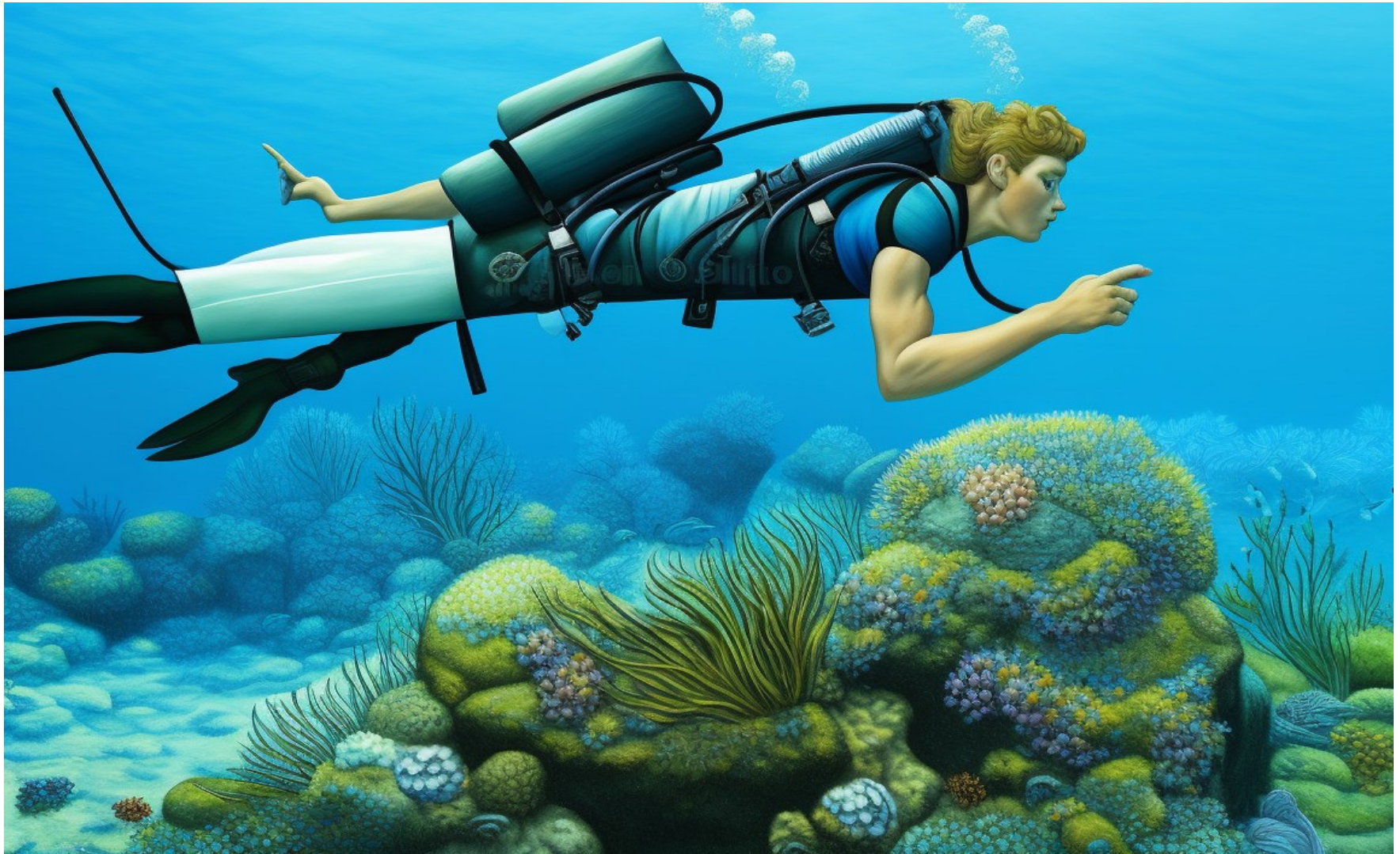
“I’m just a baby, so don’t blame me” said Junior to Bubbles the slug. “The problem is up there”.



“Something must have changed, but what was it?” said Angel Fish. “I suspect lots of things”.



“I know that you’re talking about me,” said Thorny passing by quickly for good reason.



“I know that you’re here somewhere, Thorny” said Dan the diver. “You can’t outrun me”.



“You won’t get away next time Thorny,” said Triton. “Your days are numbered”.





“That’s all right for you to say Triton,” said Nudibranch. “You have a shell and lots of food”.



“And the more often Thorny gets away, the hungrier they are for me,” said another starfish.



“I might only be a shrimp, but I can look after myself when it comes to Thorny,”



“I don’t mind a Thorny or two,” said the Wrasse. “It’s really a question of what we like to eat.”



“What do you mean by that Wrasse?” said the diver. “It depends on what we like to eat!”.



“I would have thought that it was obvious,” said Wrasse. “I’m not just a pretty face”.



“It’s not just what we eat,” said baby starfish. “As I keep saying the problem is up there”.



“We’re so pretty and up there they think that the ocean is so huge,” said baby Fish.





“Thank-you Wrasse and Baby Starfish, the problem certainly starts up there, not down here”.



“President, Dan the Diver tells me that we have a problem. The ocean needs these shells”.



“All of us creatures play a role, even if we are just slugs, shrimp or starfish,” they all said.



“So, at the end of the day it depends on us all, even humans. We can’t just blame Thorny”