

The Story of the Sea Lion and The DREAM GIVER based on the book
“The Dream Giver” by Bruce Wilkinson

Everybody has a dream for their life. You may not have discovered it yet, but it is there in the corner of your heart waiting to be discovered. It was placed there before you were born by..... The Dream Giver’.

PART 3

The Bullies

The path from here sloped downward. Ahead Ordinary could see a wide river and a bridge to the unknown. In between lay Border Land, an open stretch of flat bare ground. In the middle of the flat ground he could see three figures. He had heard that border Land was protected by ‘Border Bullies’. As he got closer he could see one was his mother. “Oh Ordie” she cried, throwing her arms around him, “ My baby, please don’t go. It’s not safe, you could get hurt or even die.” While her concerns were genuine, Ordie felt the spirit of selfishness’s presence. Then his uncle stepped up next. “So you’ve decided to become a dreamer have you?” he said abruptly, “ Why do you think you can become a Somebody when everybody in your family have been content being Nobodies?” Ordinary had never really liked his uncle, he thought he was a loser from way back. In fact, he had always limped on his left flipper since some incident in Border Land...which he never ever spoken about. Then he was most surprised to see his friend, ‘Best Friend’ standing there as well. Best Friend implored him “Please don’t go. I’m so worried for you. I am convinced you will not succeed.” Ordinary was most touched but he knew Best Friend was really thinking about how he would get along without him. Ordinary thought for a moment as he looked out over the wide river. Maybe his Bullies were right. Maybe he was wrong to pursue his dream. Then he saw between him and the river an old friend. “Champion’, exclaimed Ordinary, “What are you doing here?” Champion sat down on a rock and clapped his flippers together. “When I heard you had become a dreamer, I just had to come to help you. I knew you would face the Bullies.” Ordinary thought Champion must be his ‘Border Buster’. Champion explained to him what was really going on in Border Land. He said, “ What your Mother, Uncle and Best Friend are doing is very natural. When you left Comfort Zone, you really shook up their ‘comfort zone’. Each one of them has something to lose if you go forward.” Ordinary shook flippers with ‘Champ’ and headed to the bridge. On his side of the bridge stood the biggest bully Ordinary would come across. His name was ‘Landlord’ and he was a fully grown male Walrus. He told Ordinary that he could not let him cross the bridge because as Landlord of ‘Familiar’, he could not afford to lose any employees of the town, just because they wanted to follow a stupid dream. Wisdom however told Ordinary that while Landlord had a lot to lose, he did not care about Ordinary or anybody...only himself.

What was he to do? Landlord was too strong to fight and the river was very wide, and he had not swum for many years. He made his way down to the river bank and was about to step in when he noticed a small boat moored nearby. There was a note pinned to the seat. It said “Ordinary, if you’ve found this boat, I know you have chosen to follow your dream. Enjoy a dry crossing. Good luck. Champion.”

(The original story has been adapted and content added.)

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