

Astonishing Tales

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Astonishing Tale #2

Mild-mannered Bruckner Chase gazed out over Monterey Bay, the surface of the water sparkling under a full moon. It looked peaceful, but he sensed trouble beneath the waves. Bruckner had heard the ocean's cry for help. He knew what he had to do: Swim.



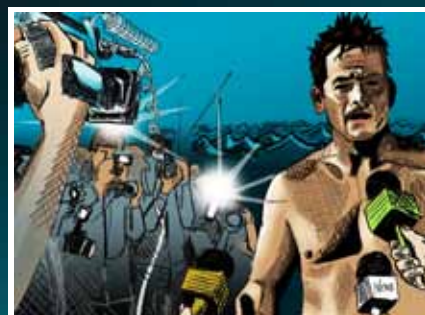
Ahead lay an epic journey across Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, one that few had ever attempted.



Shortly after 4 a.m., Bruckner took a deep breath and plunged into the bottomless darkness. The water was like an icy shower, cold enough to send most swimmers scrambling for the boat. He took his first confident strokes of the grueling 14-hour voyage.



Bruckner soon realized he wasn't alone. He brushed against something, and his skin started to burn. Jellyfish. Tens of thousands of jellyfish, surrounding him on all sides. But he persevered, braving their stings with every stroke for a superhuman 28 miles!



Bruckner's heroic feat inspired people to care about the ocean, but he wasn't done yet. "I'm off," he said, "to swim more sanctuaries!"

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