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Subject: Re: New Beginnings

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A little after 1pm, Akaroa Harbor . . .

"Wow, this place is awesome," Aaron commented as he leaned on the rail of the catamaran, taking in the view of the surrounding harbor.

"Yeah, the scenery is great," Gordon commented absently.

Aaron glanced over at his coach to find that he wasn't even looking out at the surrounding harbor. Gordon had his back to the vessel's rail, and was looking in the direction of something much closer. Aaron turned to follow his companions gaze. He found himself looking at their guide for the trip, Alysha. The brunette was currently talking to a couple of other passengers.

"I was talking more about the natural beauty of the place."

"Right there my friend is 'natural beauty," Gordon said. "Give it time and you'll know exactly what I mean."

Aaron said something under his breath that Gordon couldn't understand as he turned back around.

The two fell silent as the catamaran, skippered by Anthony Dale, continued heading out into Akaroa Harbor. So far, they hadn't come across any Hector dolphins but there was still plenty of time.

It was a ten-year-old kid who spotted one of the sea mammals first. "There's a dolphin!" the little boy called as he pointed toward one jumping out of the water.

As everyone on the vessel turned their attention in that direction, the captain came on the loudspeaker.

"Well, folks, I'll head the boat in the direction that our little scout has indicated. With any luck, the situation will be right for our swimmers to be able to join the Hector dolphins in their environment."

As the boat got closer, they found that there were actually three dolphins in the area. As there were no calves with the dolphins, the crew of the boat made the decision that it would be a good situation to attempt a swim.

"All right, I need all of the swimmers to listen up," Alysha called out, clapping her hands to get people's attention. "I'm going to go over the safety instructions you were given back at dock one more time before we proceed. Safety for our swimmers as well as the dolphins is our number one priority."

Those on board the catamaran listened intently as Alysha and Jonathan, the other guide, went through the safety guidelines again.

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