

OCEAN-COLORED POLARI

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Ocean-Colored Polari tells the story of how Tzu-Hsuan, a suicidal senior high student, meets Caol, a mermaid. Caol, on land in pursuit of love, turns Tzu-Hsuan's life upside down.

Unable to cope with the setbacks in her life, Tzu-Hsuan attempts to end her unhappiness with a final leap into the ocean – and to her amazement, is rescued by a mermaid, Caol. Caol has a crush on a boy at Tzu-Hsuan's school and proposes a deal: if Tzu-Hsuan helps Caol get close to the boy, she will receive a potion that will end her life as painlessly as drifting off to sleep.

Caol's wooing of the boy goes smoothly, but Tzu-Hsuan's life just gets worse. At school she quarrels with friends and is bullied. At home, her father has moved out and her mother can barely look after herself and ignores her daughter. Caol gives Tzu-Hsuan someone to talk to and, gradually, she summons up the courage to face her problems. But sooner or later, Caol will have to return to the ocean. Can Tzu-Hsuan face the future alone?

Ocean-Colored Polari's cute and clean style gives new life to the classic stories of mermaids coming to land. A mature work from a new artist.

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Wu Yu-Shi, 22, is a part-time manga artist skilled in using watercolors to produce exquisite and warm images. This is her first published work.



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AFTER ALL...

SO IT TURNS OUT...



SIGH

I GUESS THAT'S WHY I CAME UP HERE, AFTER ALL...

IF I JUMP FROM HERE I'M A GONER FOR SURE!

SUPER DUPER HIGH!

IT'S REALLY SCA- SCA- SCARY UP HE- HE-HE- HERE!!!

(The 17-year-old getting-ready-to-jump-into-the-sea-and-drown talking-to-herself protagonist)



HUH?

WHY...?

PROBABLY... I SHOULD JUST... GO HOME...

SLIP

WHY
DON'T
I JUST
JUMP
ALREADY?

IF I'M
IN SO
MUCH
PAIN...

NO WAY...

AH!

!...

I NEED TO...

WAH...

SO PRETTY...



...HEAVY

I CAN'T
MOVE, I
FEEL
SO...

SO
MERMAIDS
ARE REAL...

AH, IT'S
THE GIRL
WHO
JUST...

ARE YOU
HERE...

...TO SAVE
ME?

CHOKE

OW!

THIS
IS WHAT
IT FEELS
LIKE...

...THAT
REALLY
HURTS!

SO...

THANK YOU, GOD...

THE
GODS
HEARD
MY
WISHES...

FOR LETTING ME SEE
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL
CREATURE BEFORE I DIE...

I WASN'T
BRAVE
ENOUGH
TO JUMP...

I CAN
DIE
IN
PEACE

HUH!?

I'M
STILL
ALIVE?...

KAFF
KAFF
KAFF

ALL
CHOKED
UP



