

# Mark the

# Eurasian

# Milfoil

*Myriophyllum spicatum*



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Once upon a time at the bottom of a lake in Eurasia, there was a little plant called Mark. Mark was a Eurasian milfoil plant. He was green and yellow and long and skinny with little spiky branches.



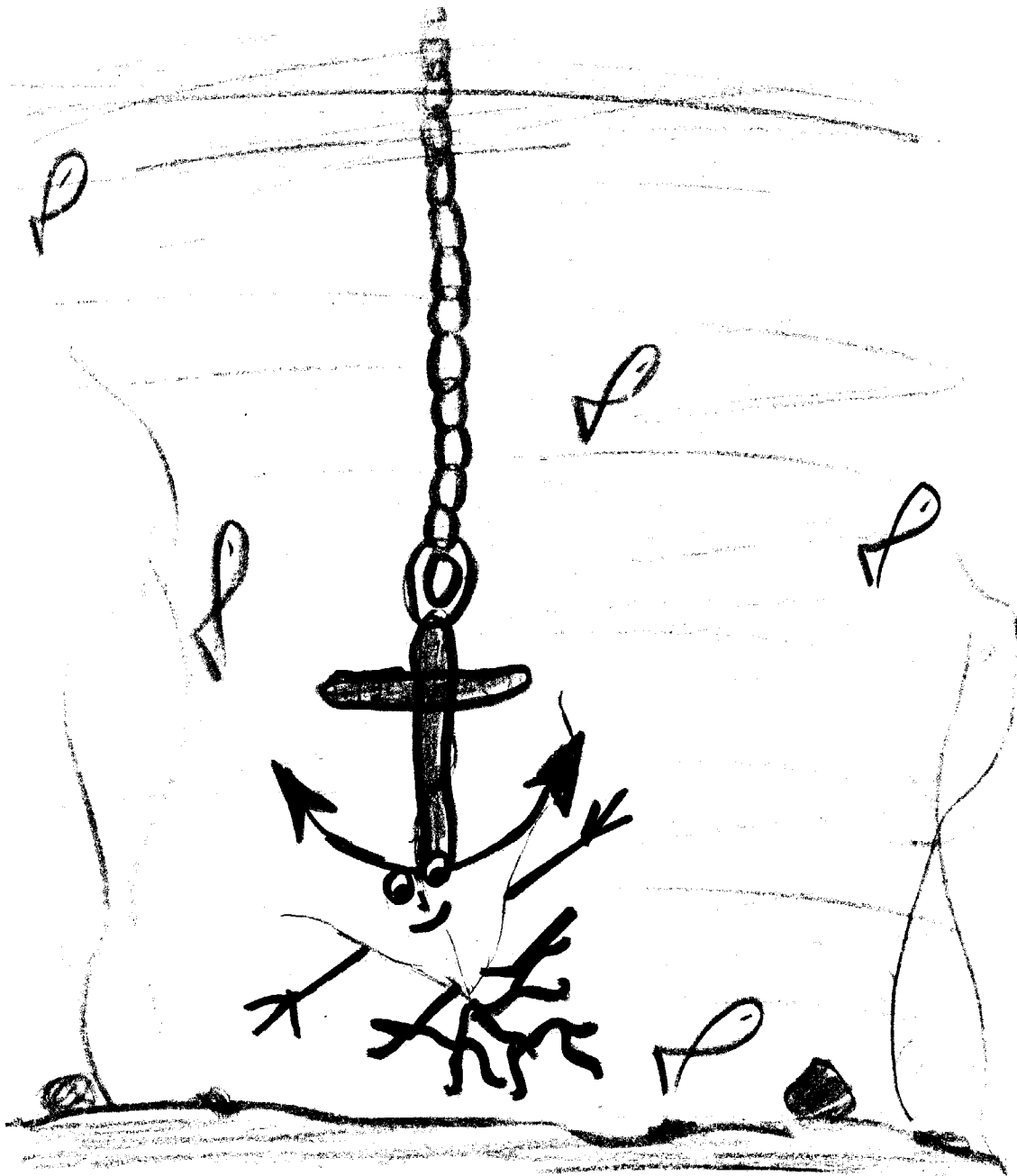
Can you find Mark?

One day, Mark was hanging out and a big boat anchor got dropped on his head. "Ow!" said Mark. He began to twist around the anchor to try to get out from under it. Suddenly, Mark got pulled out of the lake bottom by the anchor to the boat. The boat began to take him away from his home.



Where is the  
Anchor?

Mark was able to stay alive on the boat because he was kept wet, so after a long journey on the boat anchor, Mark got plopped down by the anchor into a brand new lake, Chesapeake Bay. At the bottom of the bay, he untangled himself from the anchor. Mark began to make himself at home by growing his roots into the ground.



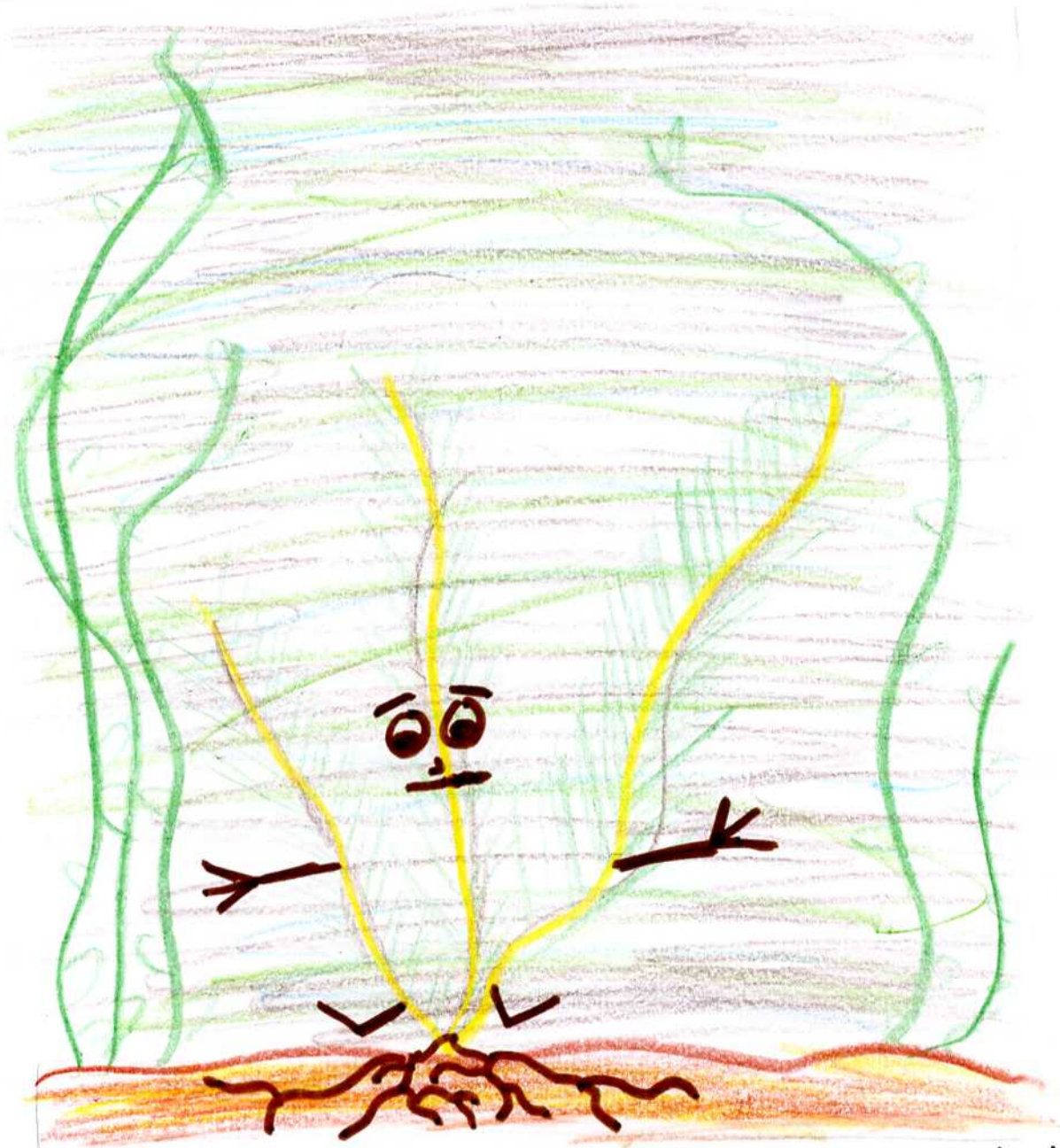
How many rocks are there?

In just a few days, Mark grew bigger and bigger and multiplied until the bottom of the bay was covered in milfoil plants. They clogged up other waterways and covered so much of the lake that the other plants there before Mark had no place to grow. The fish in the bay were angry at Mark because he was tangling them up in his branches and taking up their living space. Mark was not helpful to anyone in the bay, and since the bay was dirty already, Mark grew easily.



How many fish  
Can you count?

Mark was so gross that no people wanted to swim in his bay.  
No boats came because they were afraid that they would spread  
him around to other lakes on their boats later.



What colors  
is Mark?

Mark was lonely in Chesapeake Bay. He wished he had never come to America, and that he was still in his lake in Eurasia.



Does Mark  
look sad?

The End

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