

# The Stone Family

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*Mum! Story Time!*

*Be right here! Honey!*

**Once upon a time**, there is a small village near the Atlantic ocean with 20 families live in there. They all live in identical houses with similar lifestyles and most importantly they all love to eat fish. Thus, they are all close to each other.

Every morning all the family members will help to collect crabs on the beach and this is the children's favorite activity as they could compete with each other by comparing who catches the most crabs, though all the crabs are for sharing in the end. During the afternoon, people always start fishing and use crabs as bait. Though the floods are away and everything seems back to normal, crabs are back.

**However**, serious flooding and rising sea tide make crabs become scarce resources in that area. Suddenly, fishing becomes difficult without bait. People start to

feel down, especially children. They need to stay home every day which makes them crazily bored.

*OH! Poor them!*

*Yes. But things seem to come up better for kids.*

The biweekly meeting opens, and as usual, people come together to discuss their situations and kids could meet their friends again. They come up with a solution to draw the crab on the rock to attract fish. Thus, the kids have a new activity which is painting crabs on stone.

*Honey, give me a character.*

*Captain.*

**During the night**, the captain and his wife are talking.

“ Honey, I think the ideas seem to be fantasy. Not all the kids can paint realistic crabs on stones and fish are not stupid”

“ But this is the only solution we can come up with, we can try it tomorrow and see how it goes. Don't think about too much honey”

“Ok, Good night”

“Nice Dream”

*Mum. What things are you and daddy talk at night?*

*Mostly You (smiled).*

**The next day**, the kids come together and start to learn to draw the crab on stones, they use water-proven sharpie pens and all of them seem to enjoy and have lots of fun. In the afternoon, people start fishing. Surprisingly, the result turns out well which seems like fish loves stones.

“Maybe the patterns of the crabs are too realistic? Thus, all our kids have the potential to become artists?” The captain’s wife thinks about it when cooking the big dinner for celebrating the fish harvest.

*My Dear, What come next?*

*Let's make the stones disappear.*

One thing weird happens which makes her stop thinking.

“My dear, have you taken the stones”

“ no mum”

“ That Wired ?! There are no stones on the fish belly, can you go and find daddy for me?”

The captain comes to the kitchen with a pleasant smell.

“ Honey, what's up?”

“ Something Weird Happened The Stones Are Disappeared I Just Don't Feel Right.”

“ Honey Don't Think About Too Much! We have got the **Biggest Harvest** today and everyone become **Happy** again. Our life will be back to normal soon, just be happy and enjoy the harvest of fish!”

“ Ok, honey... Go and tell people dinner will be ready soon...” (sigh)

The fish are more delicious than before with a **tremendous smell** when cooking.

Everyone eats a lot and laughs and there are still so many fish left for both raw and cooked fish. Everyone takes a fresh fish home after dinner.

*Oh, Mum!*

*What up honey?*

*I Am Hungry!*

*Let me grab you a glass of hot milk.*

*Thanks, mum.*

*(Gulu~Gulu~)*

The captain's family **haven't cook the fresh fish** for dinner on next day because there were still some fish dishes left yesterday. Thus, all the people cooked fresh fish for dinner except the captain's family.

The Meeting started as usual, but the captain and his family members still had not come. "Where are they? They never are late for the meeting." After a wait for **1h**, people decided to go to the captain's house.

They knocked on the door again and again, but **no one answered**...

*( Gulu~)*

*The door is not locked, right?*

*Yeah~*

When they excess to the house, they found three stones lying in the big bed. People were just shocked, they could not believe what they watch.

### **Captain Family Become Stones !?!**

They hold a funeral for three stones on the same day. At the funeral, people pass the stone to each other to try to talk to the captain with their blessing.

Though the floods are away and everything seems

**back** to normal,

crabs are **back**,

the whole village **becomes quiet**.

People start fishing **alone**.

The whole village suddenly becomes **lifeless**.

The fish seems lifeless as well, there are fewer fish than before. The lucky people get the fish on that day but the unlucky ones become stone during the night, and everyone stays on the fear and hopeless.

**Finally, they all become stones.**

*Sounds So Sad!!!*

**Several years later,** A tourist come.

She is amazed by the beautiful houses and finally finds the stones on the dinner tables when she excess into each house and collects them into a cylinder box.

**The 20 families finally meet again.**

**They are greeting with each other in silence.**

*Mum, why have we all become stones?*

*(Thinking silent...)*