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THE TIDE POOLS OF OUR COAST

Beard's Hollow
SEAVIEW, WASHINGTON

The Cove
SEASIDE, OREGON

Indian Beach
ECOLA STATE PARK, OREGON

Haystack Rock
CANNON BEACH, OREGON

**Arcadia Beach State
Recreation Site**
CANNON BEACH, OREGON

**Hug Point State
Recreation Site**
CANNON BEACH, OREGON

Short Sand Beach
OSWALD WEST STATE PARK, OREGON



Within this mysterious kingdom was a beautiful array of life not at all what it seemed. And it was absolutely, stunningly marvelous.

"We lost more than 90 percent of our population in five months," she tells me. "It's been devastating." She's bending over now, parting the seaweed gently with her fingers for a more intimate look. "But in the last few days, we've been finding lots of these."

And nestled there on the rock, shining brightly, lies a juvenile ochre sea star, not much bigger than a nickel.

More people have joined us now, eager for a glimpse at the next generation, and, immediately, she's fielding questions about the little star's future. She tells us that we can't know what will happen yet, but this young fellow is a good sign; that for now, all we can do is wait, and watch, and seek to learn.

And that's when I see it happen. On the edge of an outgoing tide — the water replaced by a wave of teachers and attentive students — I witness the singular moment where wonder and knowledge come together, and end up wedded forever.

Today, on this beautiful stretch of Oregon beach, there is still hope for the sea stars. 🌊

