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Set to Sea

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There was once a large man who dreamed of being a poet. He ran up tabs at the local taverns and bars by day and slept near the sea by night, hoping to draw inspiration for his poetry. One night, he is knocked out and shanghaied onto a boat where he becomes a regular sailor subject to bad food, violence, the pain and hardships of the sea, and the life of a sailor. He learns to see the sea through a sailor’s eyes as well as see the things that were missing from his poetry and writing. Finally, after a lifetime at sea and travels around the ocean blue, he completes a book and can finally find the peace he was searching for.

Weing’s debut graphic novel heavily relies on the use of images to tell a poetic story. Though the dialogue and prose are few, the scenes and characters progress well throughout the short book. A good story for young lovers of the sea, adventure, and pirate brawls. Weing is able to capture the hardships and camaraderie that a sailor faces. Sometimes they don’t end up where they want to, sometimes the next day is nothing but a surprise. But characters and settings of all types are yours to experience in this life. The experiences, new people, new places, they can change you. This change can be for the better, for the worse, or can be what your life needed in order to be successful or find peace.