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“Sandy, wake up!” yelled Sandy’s dad, “Or you’ll be late for wrestling practice!”

Sandy didn’t want to go to wrestling practice. He wanted to stay home and watch TV.
Mom was making Sandy's favorite breakfast, sardine casserole.

Afterwards he swam slower than a sea snail to his practice.
Minutes after arriving at the gym, Sandy would be pinned to the floor by his teammates.

“Come on Sandy!!!! You can do it! Don’t give up!” yelled Coach Fin, but it was too late, Sandy lay on the mat.
After practice Coach Fin called him over. "Sandy, what happened out there today? You weren't even trying." he said, sounding disappointed.

“There’s no point, I never win. Besides, Sushi always filets me at the meets! I’m no match for that guy." said a depressed Sandy.

“It’s only your first season Sandy. Most of us have to practice a whale of a time. Tons of sharks quit, then you are left with the sharks that have heart." said his coach.
Sandy raced home to watch TV. He tried to enjoy his favorite show, Sharks and Minnows, but he kept thinking about what Coach Fin told him.

Sandy realized he didn't want to be a minnow anymore. He wanted to be a shark with heart!
Early the next morning Sandy's dad went to wake his son but he wasn't in bed. Where could Sandy be? Maybe someone had shark napped him!

He found Sandy at the table eating his breakfast as fast as a marlin escaping a fishing boat. Before he could figure out what was going on, Sandy raced to wrestling practice.

Sandy worked harder than ever and made it to the finals!
"I'll make a casserole out of you today. You should just go home now!" growled Sushi.

Coach Fin told Sandy "Listen kid, don't worry about him. Do what you came here to do."

Sandy felt more courageous and was ready to take on Sushi.
Before Sandy knew it the match was over.

Sandy didn’t win but he knew he was a shark with heart!
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