

A GUIDE FROM THE FARM

Yechiel's Fishery Farm

Aquarium Basics

For Curious Readers Ages 7-10

Eight things every fish wishes you already knew.

A note before we begin

Fish are living creatures. The aquarium is their entire world.

Everything that happens to that world — the temperature, the cleanliness, the oxygen, the food — happens to them. There is no going outside for a walk. There is no opening a window. There is no popping to the kitchen for a glass of water.

The water is the kitchen. The water is the garden. The water is the air.

Yechiel has been keeping fish for forty-nine years. He asked the residents of his farm to explain his eight rules — because, as he put it, "perhaps hearing it from the fish themselves will finally make it stick."

"I've been doing this for fifty years. I know what's going on." — Yechiel Kuperman, Marine Biologist, standing by the tank with his tea

The fish agreed to help. Some of them were more enthusiastic than others.

George, for example, had a great deal to say and none of it was polite. We have included it anyway. It is also correct.