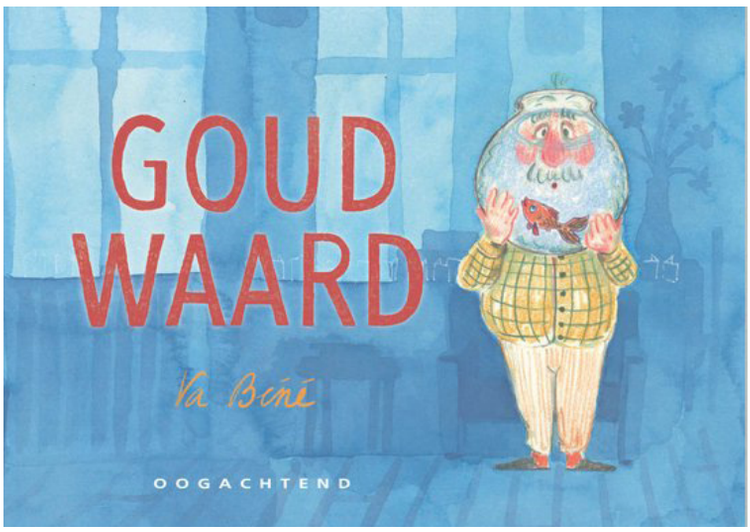


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Golden

Va Béné

Johan and his goldfish share a passion: the sea. For the former it's a distant memory, a nostalgic dream. For the latter it's the longing for something new. In her tender debut 'Golden', Va Béné tells a story about broadening your horizon, and letting go.

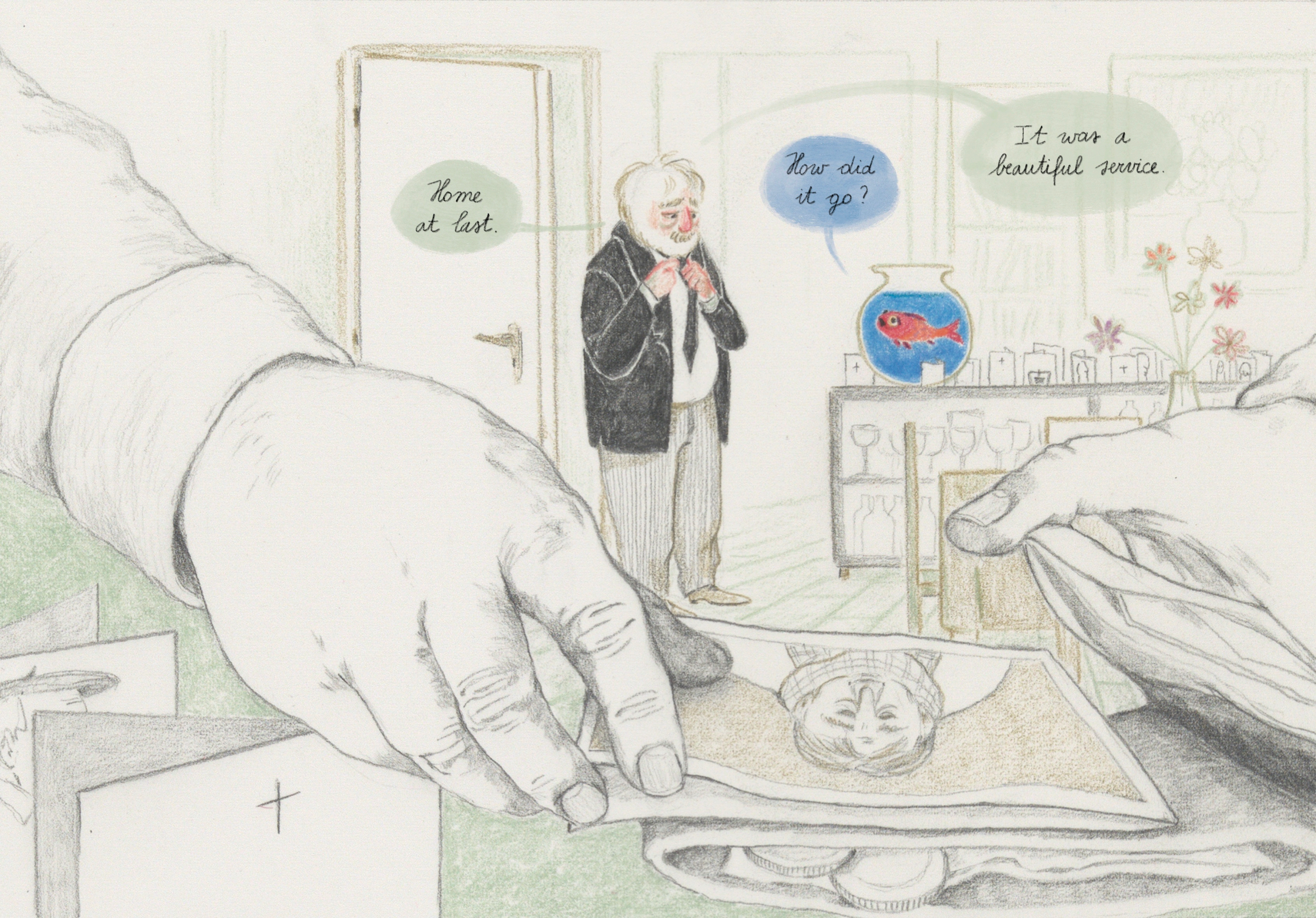
Va Béné *(Bénédicte Van Wambeke, 1998) studied to become a teacher in the arts. After this, she decided to follow her passion, which led her to the LUCA School of Arts in Brussels. She graduated from the Master Graphic storytelling in 2023. She reworked her Master project into her debut graphic novel 'Golden'. This melancholy story in colour pencil and watercolours is accessible and simple enough in both image and text to be read by a younger audience, but has enough philosophical and emotional depth to appeal to an adult audience as well.*

"A beautiful and moving debut."
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Home at last.
How did it go?
It was a beautiful service.


Another one
for the collection.


Did you know him well?
Yes, we had quite some adventures, back in the day.
Adventures?
I was rarely at home.
Where would you go?
Oh, where didn't I go.


Like? You're making me curious!
We loved to be at sea.
What's sea?
The sea, my boy, is pure freedom.
What do you mean?
I wil tell you all about it with a cup of coffee on the balcony.


How lovely, the first warm rays of sunshine.


Are you going to tell me about it, or what?
So, the sea ...



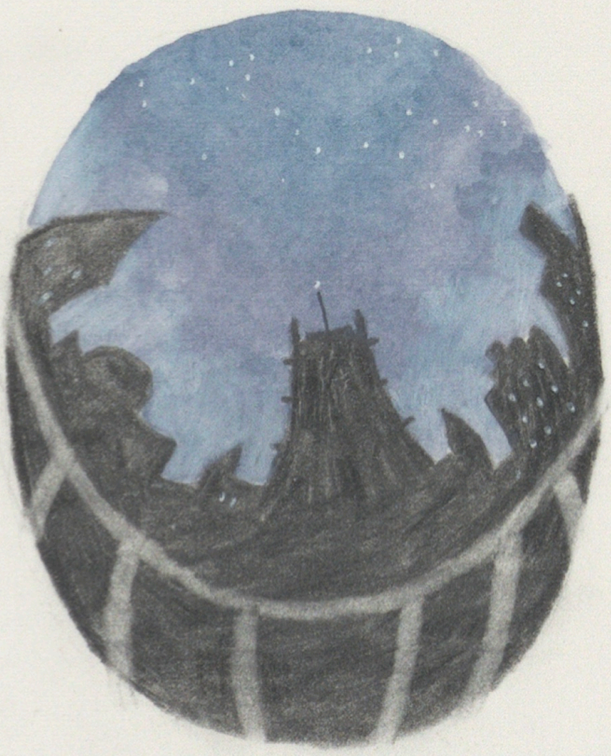
Behind it lies the sea.



The sea is enormous. There is far more water on earth than there's land.



Countless fish live in the sea, in all shapes and sizes.



The sea brings us peace and freedom.


Would you
like me to teach
you more about
the sea?


That water is full of life!
I want to go to the sea.