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"Gentlemen!" One fish started. "I must remind you that we are critics. We must have integrity when it comes to our work. I do understand that we should show empathy for our dear friend the head chef, but if we are soft on his work, we will be doing him a disservice. We must help him to become a better chef by being critical! A man cannot hope to improve himself with compliments that come from a place of pity! I fear he would become complacent with his mediocrity and not strive to better himself."

"This is true...Oh, this is quite difficult for me. But your words speak truth my friend. We must remain critical. However, perhaps some words of encouragement could do our friend some good?"

"Yes, yes! Words of encouragement."

"The right direction!"

"Improve on this formula!"

"It's a solid foundation!"

A few more sentences of encouragement were thrown out, all of which the waiter hastily wrote down. The customers nodded in agreement with each compliment the fish threw out. When they had finished, they all returned to swimming while one swam towards the waiter.

"That's all we have for tonight, good sir." The fish told him. "Give our compliments to the chef. Tell him we all wish him luck in his culinary journey. Don't let this setback deter him! We are all rooting for him."

The customers went back to their meals and the waiter went back to the kitchen to share his notes with the chef.

Once he got home from work that evening, the chef read the waiter's notes while he sipped on his cheap wine. The kind words from the fish were welcome ones. He smiled and laid back in his recliner. His confidence was slowly coming back. He was grateful for his fish.



Frankenturkey, Sculpture

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