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Aquatic Life In Pictures

To observe marine life and its marvels is to experience another world of rich complexity and mystery. This collection of aquatic photography is for anyone who is fascinated by the underwater world and the spectacular creatures that inhabit it. Among the subjects included are reef inhabitants such as corals, sea anemones, jellyfish, marine worms, crustaceans, and of course, an amazing array of multicolored tropical fish. Many of these photos capture these creatures in man-made aquariums that duplicate the natural wonders of our seas.

Corals, anemones, jellyfish, and marine worms

Corals create the structural foundation of reef systems. Staghorn, elkhorn, plate, and brain coral are among the most recognizable shapes. Sponges compete with corals for precious space in the reef community. Their wide variety of textures, sizes and colors add to the stunning reef tapestry. Other reef dwellers also delight the eye and imagination: delicate anemones undulate in eye-popping colors such as fuchsia, neon yellow, and fluorescent white; ethereal jellyfish mesmerize us with their pulsating bells and trailing tentacles; and marine worms such as the feather duster and fan worm extend elegant crowns of gill plumes for feeding that retract at the slightest movement, making them a challenging but rewarding subject.

Crustaceans and echinoderms

Spiny lobsters and crabs are a must for any underwater photographer attempting to capture the coral reef's diverse inhabitants. Captured through the underwater lens are a spiny lobster, a small crab, and a banded coral shrimp. Most people are very familiar with echinoderms, notable for their five-part radial symmetry that includes sea stars, starfish, reef urchins and sand dollars.

Sea shells

Univalve or bivalve, shells beguile the collector and non-collector alike with their multitudinous sizes, shapes and colors. The beautiful Florida seashells shown here include the horse conch, pink conch, knobbed whelk, cockle, scallops, murex, paper nautilus, and cowries. The long-spined white shell is the Venus Comb Murex, a famous shell that is not found in Florida.

Colorful reef fish

These vivid photos offer just a glimpse of the astonishing diversity and dazzling colors of the world of tropical fish, the coral reef's main attraction.

Marine mammals

For decades, the Miami Seaquarium has attracted large and enthusiastic audiences that come from all over the world to see marine mammals perform for entertainment. Captured here are bottlenose dolphins, orcas, and seals performing an array of tricks and acrobatic movements with their handlers.





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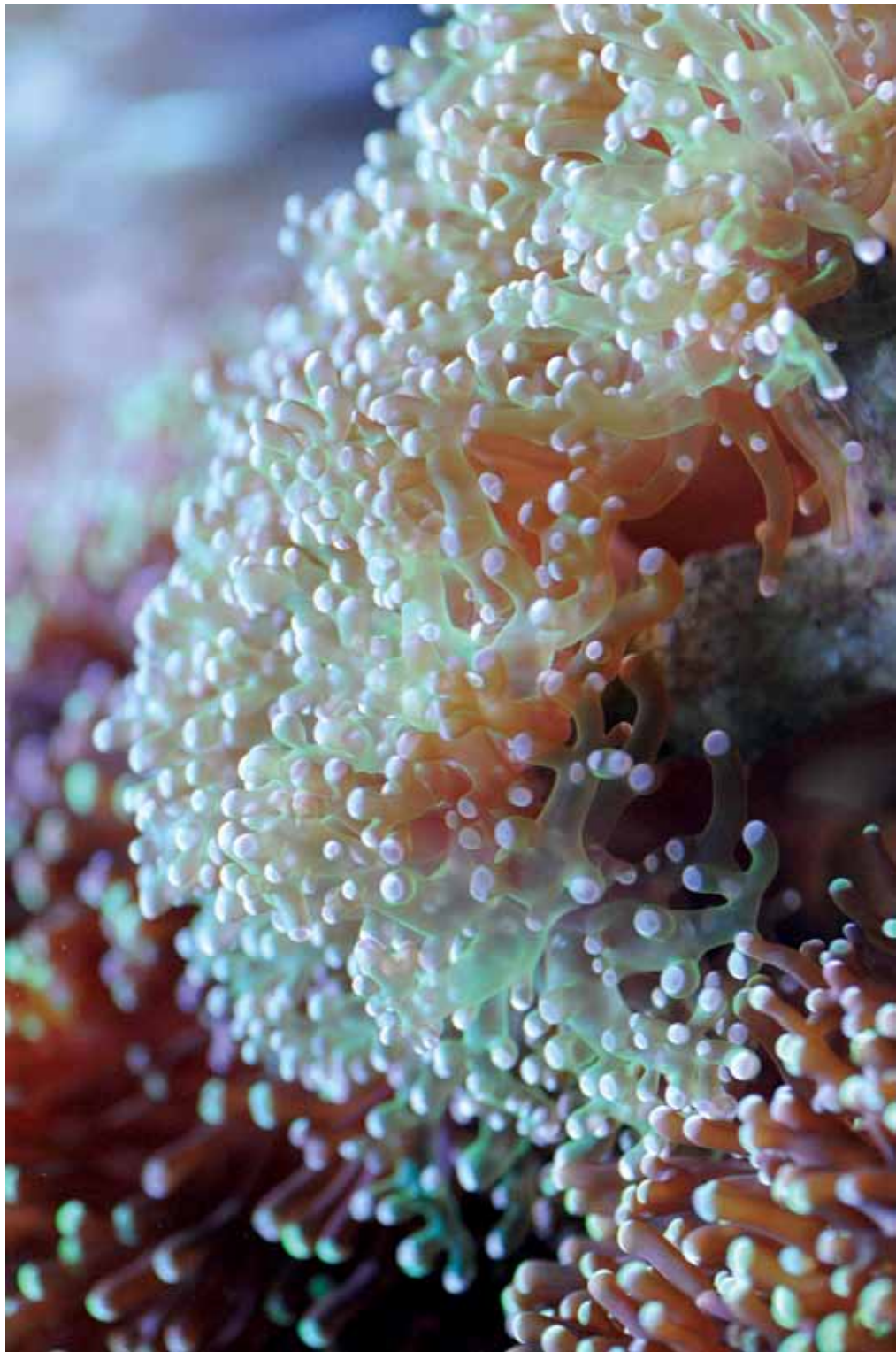




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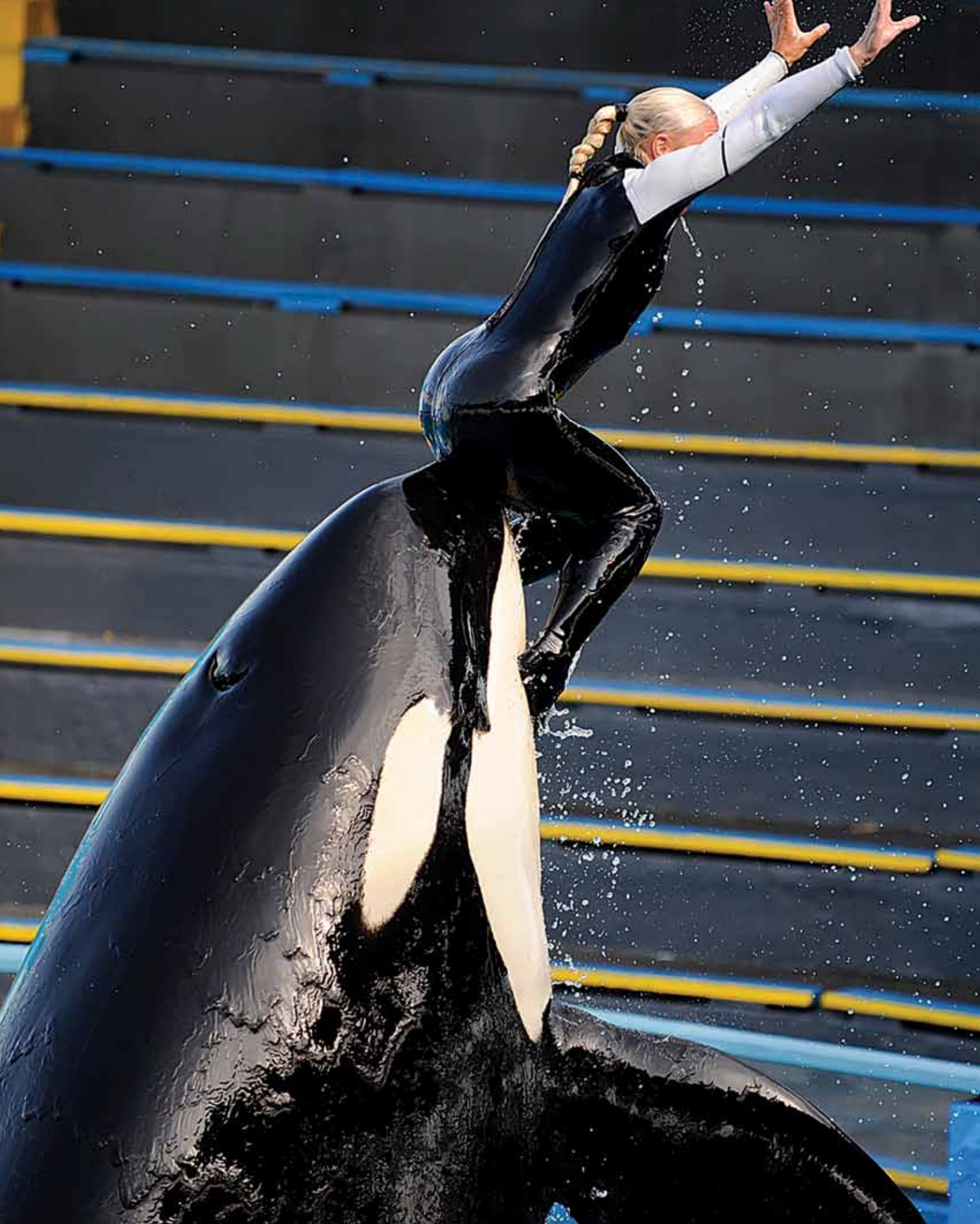
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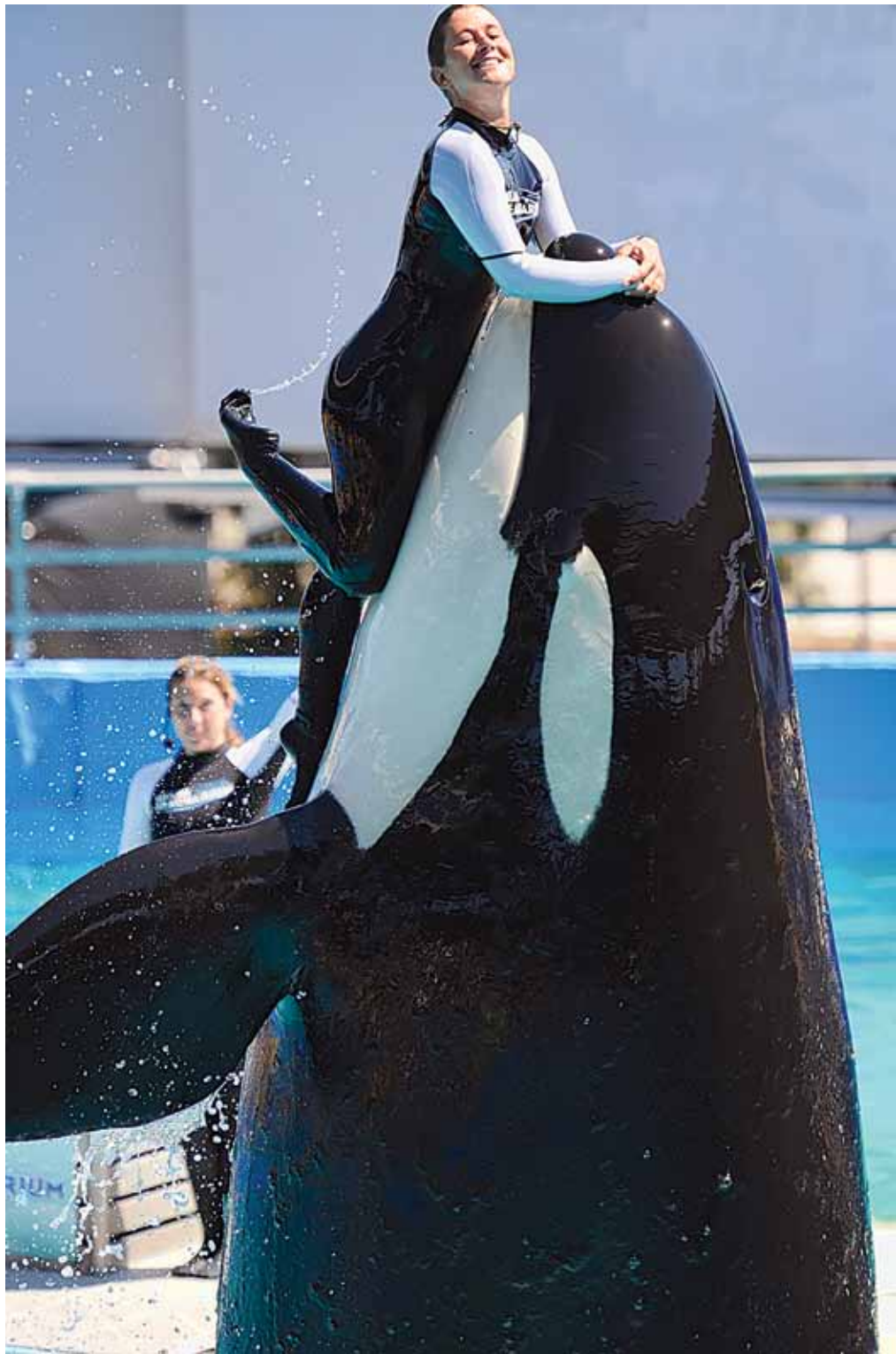




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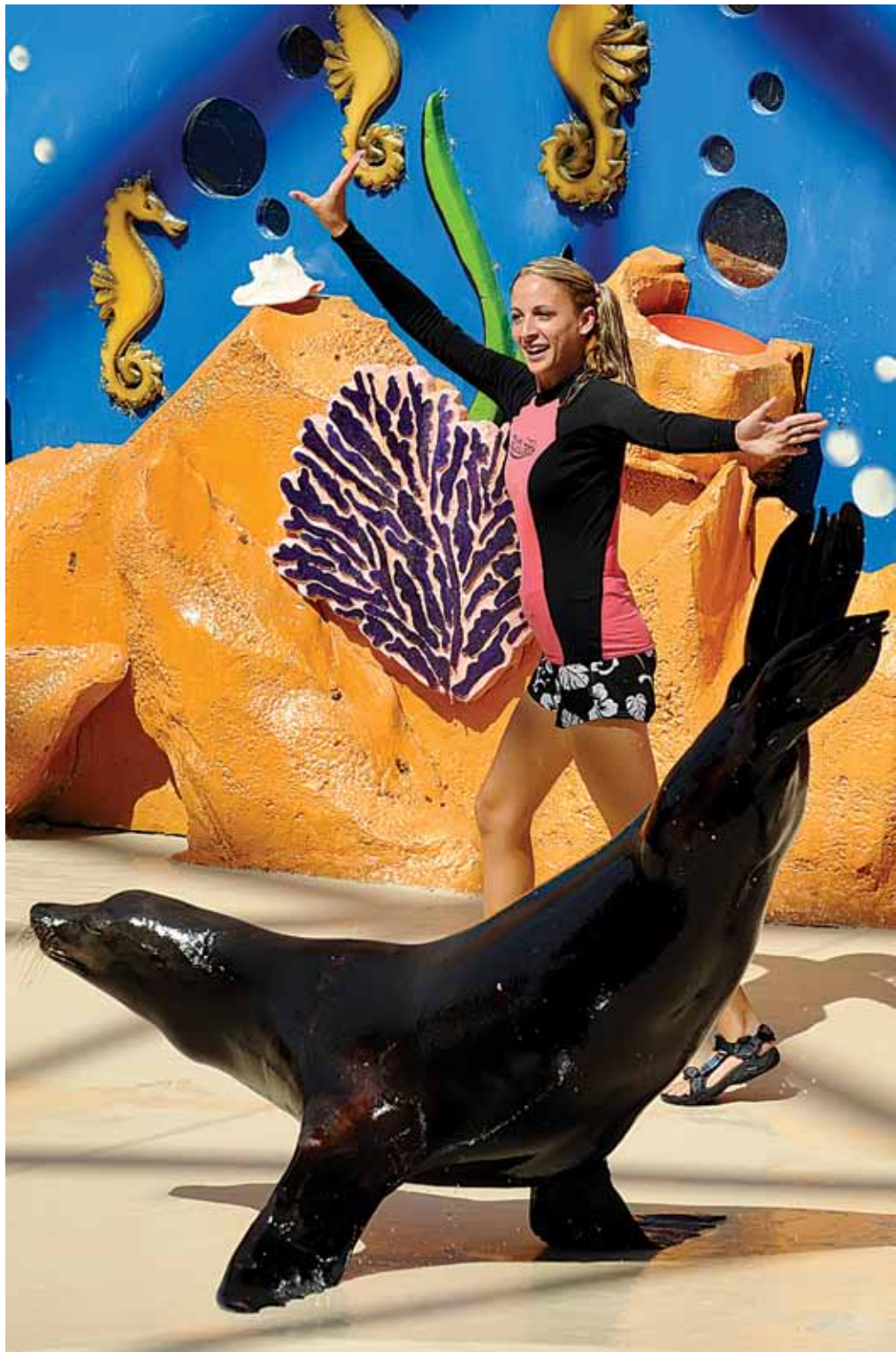
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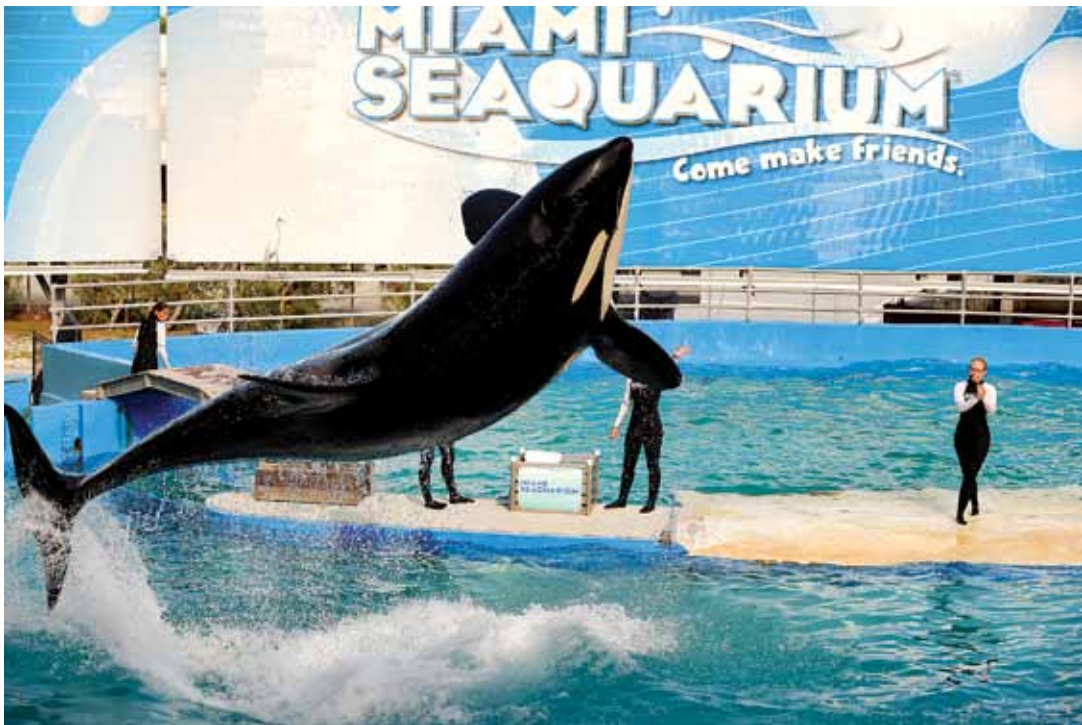
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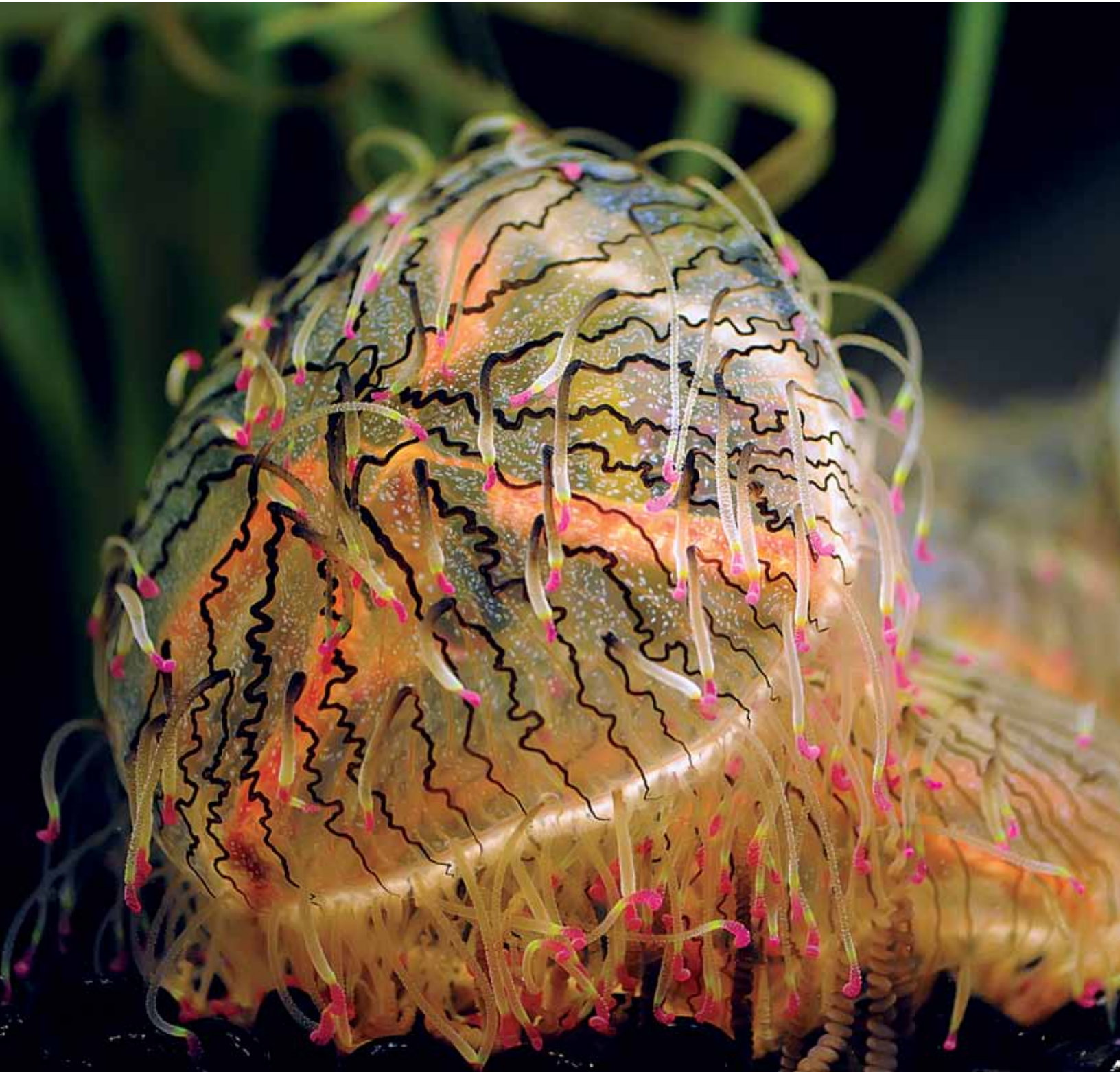


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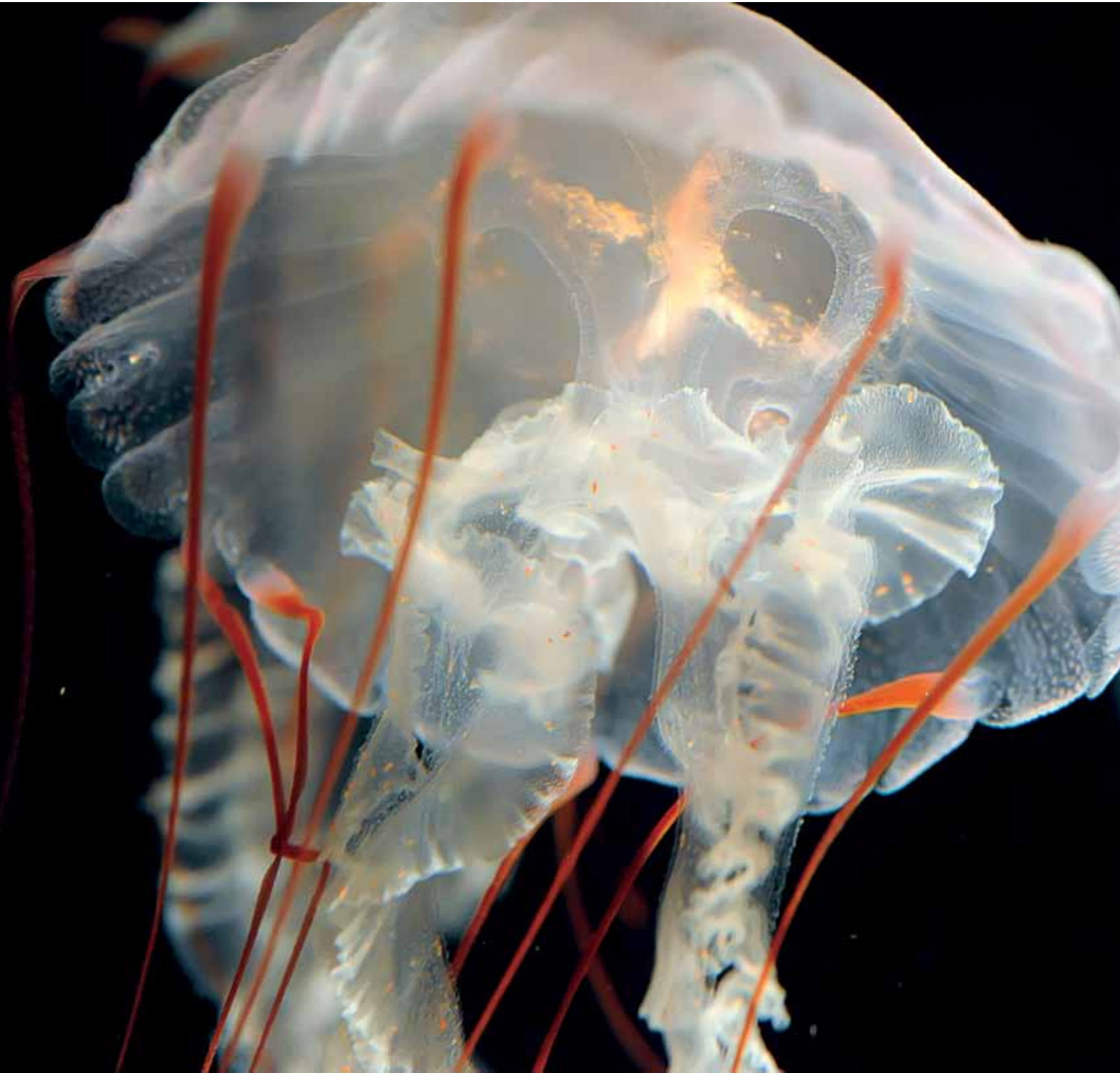
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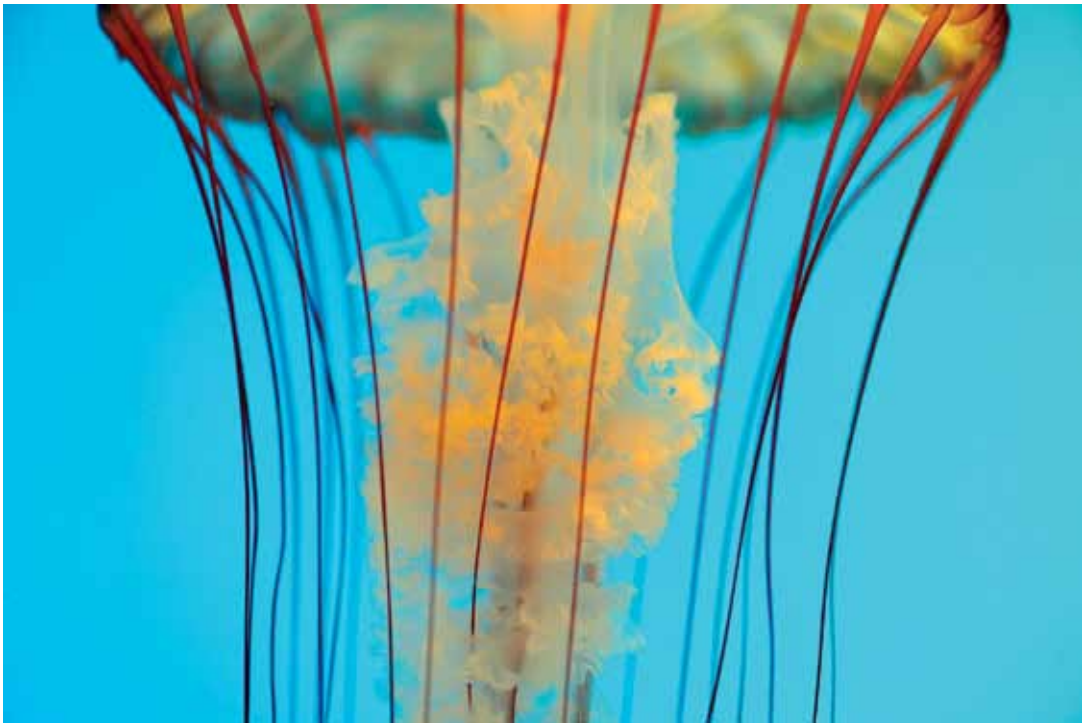
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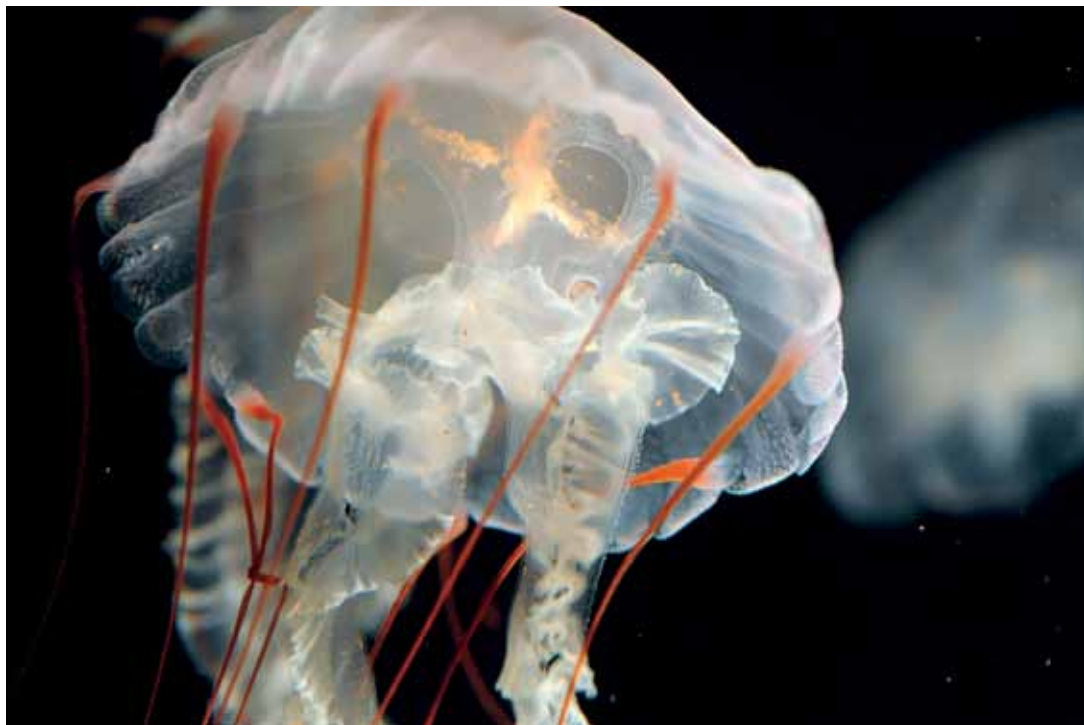
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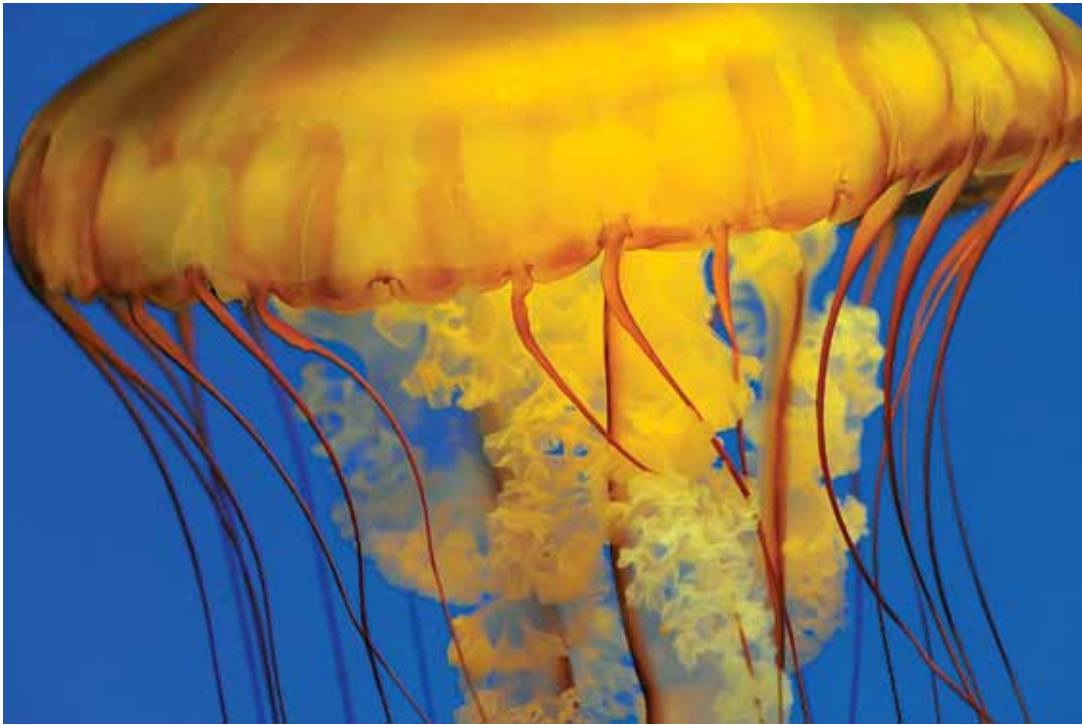
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