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The Hunter or the Hunted?

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Imagine being attacked by a great white shark and living to tell about it. Would you then go back into shark-infested waters to teach others to understand the creature that nearly killed you? Rodney Fox did just that.

Lachlan Scott: Hi Rodney. I bet you're glad to be here today.

Rodney Fox: That's for sure.

LS: I'm certain that the memory of what happened that fateful day will haunt you forever. Could you take us through what happened before the attack?

RF: Well, it was a great day – perfect boating weather. So some friends and I decided to go spear fishing off the point. It's a great spot that only the locals know about. I went down first. I was just about to take aim at a fish when it happened.

LS: Did you get any sort of warning?

RF: None at all. It was like being hit by a bus from behind. I lost my mask and my spear gun in that first moment.

LS: Did the shark let go then?

RF: Unfortunately no. It came back. I clawed at its eyes and tried to kick it away as it swam back towards me. I was lucky in that it grabbed the fish I had already caught, which were tied onto my belt. The belt the fish were on snapped and I floated up to the surface.

LS: You were lucky you didn't drown!

RF: Yes. My friends quickly drove me to hospital where the doctors and nurses did a remarkable job saving my life.

LS: Most people would hate sharks after something like that.

RF: I did for a while. But I began to realise that I was in their territory. The more I learnt about them, the more determined I was to help save them.

LS: That's very admirable. I'm not sure I would even be able to have a bath after such an experience. Let alone go back in the ocean. Thanks for sharing that with us today.

RF: It's been my pleasure.