

Seven Crabs in a Bucket

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There were seven crabs in a bucket. Four of the seven didn't know they were in a bucket. Two of those four didn't even know they were crabs. Of the remaining three crabs who knew they were in a bucket, two believed that particular bucket to be the best place for a crab to be. "It's better to be in this bucket than in some bucket we don't know about," they reasoned. Only one crab out of seven was completely aware of his captivity and unconvinced of the benevolence of his captors. Only one crab tried to climb out of the bucket. Every time he almost got out, another crab pulled him back down again.