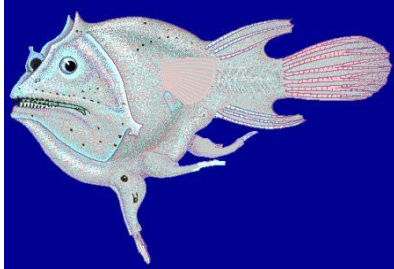


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The angler's victim swims along and sees the orange light – the bait. To him, it looks like a good lunch for a small fish. He moves in, but the bait jumps out of reach, and the next thing he knows, he becomes the anglerfish's lunch!

The strangest part of the anglerfish's life is its mating practices. While the female is over three-feet long – and the mouth takes up almost half this length – the male anglerfish is only a half-inch long. He has no fishing pole and no light.

Mating starts when the tiny male swims up to the female and sinks his teeth into her side. He never lets go for the rest of his life. In fact, soon his skin and circulatory system actually join the female's, and through this union they become, literally, one flesh. Eggs are eventually laid.

Our Creator has an infinite variety of ways to reproduce the species but this one demonstrates quite literally the one-flesh principle of human marriage.

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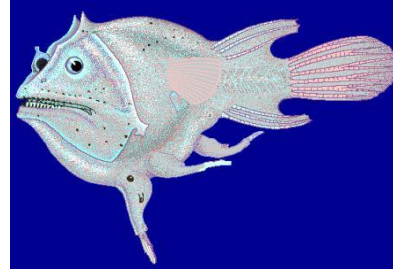
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