

The Story of Litter-cruncher Chimeracycle

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One gloomy afternoon all the creatures of the sea were getting fed up with cruel humans constantly throwing litter into the sea. Bottles and containers had collected into a dangerous, unnatural island in the middle of the ocean, many animals were getting caught in bits of plastic and coral reefs were dying.

The animals arranged a meeting to discuss the problem; the seals complained about the island of bottles, the fish were afraid of all the pollution leaking from old barrels and the seagulls felt that they shouldn't have to worry about getting their heads stuck in plastic loops anymore. One angry crab stood up, snapped his claws and said 'this is getting tedious, we really have to do something about it. But what?'

The oldest and wisest creatures decided that they needed to create a new creature with lots of different abilities that could recycle all the rubbish, but they just didn't know how to do it! An old octopus, who many believed to be too old to be of any use, said he might know of a place where he could find the answer. Everyone laughed at him. The old octopus decided he would go anyway and slithered off.

After many days more of the poor little animals were getting caught in the rubbish on and around the island. They squirmed and wriggled but it was no use, it was hopeless. They were sad and worried and didn't know what was going to become of them. They wanted to get *revenge* on the dreaded humans that kept littering their sea.

One morning the animals that were free decided that the time had come to make their saviour creature! The oldest and wisest of the fish closed their eyes and tried to summon all of their magic power, but nothing happened! Just as they were about to give up all hope a *huge magic* gust of wind blew across the sea! The animals panicked as they knew a storm was brewing and they tried to find shelter.

'Don't panic!' Said a familiar voice. It was the old octopus! He had found the forgotten magic and summoned the Storm of Change. All the litter started thundering around and around in a massive whirlpool, sucking up more and more rubbish. All you could hear was the truly dreadful racket of the animals trapped in the rubbish, whirling around like they were in a giant washing machine. As the whirlpool spun faster and faster a tornado of rubbish rose into the air and suddenly all of the trapped animals were released! Then the twirling column of trash dove back down into sea and sank to the bottom where the animals could see

it was glowing and pulsating. Everything was quiet. The old octopus had saved the trapped animals but had he saved the ocean?

Several days passed and eventually the glowing, pulsating mass returned to the surface, but it had transformed into a mysterious chimera - a creature made of up of many different creatures - and it started to eat all of the remaining rubbish. All the animals whooped with joy for their sea was saved! The creature worked extremely hard to tidy the sea, and as it ate the rubbish it recycled it into fresh, clean water, clean air and food for the animals to feast on.

The most mysterious thing about the creature was that it had a sort of black hole that sucked litter right through it, which made it incredibly quick. It also had all of the attributes that the animals had decided on; it had a hoover and elephant-like trunks that turned things into clean air and water as it hoovered them up, it had tentacles to snatch up litter in a matter of seconds, it had piercing multicoloured eyes that glared at you and could spot rubbish across the ocean. It had razor sharp fangs so it could crunch up hard metal such as titanium and tin. It had wings so when it needed air it could speed to the surface. It also had a propeller so it could glide through the water effortlessly. It had a very long tail to help it keep balance and to enable it to collect litter from behind it. It had big, sensitive ears to help it hear when people dropped litter into the sea, even if they were far away. And it had flippers so it could dive deep and swim like a pike.

The creatures of the land and of the sea worked hard to keep their habitats clean, and they worked together to teach the humans to stop dumping their rubbish in the sea. But if the humans ever forgot and started to dump rubbish into the sea again the Litter-cruncher Chimeracycle, as it was now known, would return to clean it up and frighten the humans into behaving.

The old octopus was now considered the oldest *and* the wisest of the creatures.

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