

IF I WERE...

IF I WERE **THE RIVER TAIGA** IN MARI'S WOODS
SO WIDE,
THROUGH THE HEART OF THE TREES, I'D
SOFTLY GLIDE.

I'D NEVER FREEZE, I'D ALWAYS FLOW,
IN THE MIDDLE OF NATURE, TRANQUILITY I'D
KNOW.

IF I WERE ALONE, AMONG THE TREES I'D
APPREHEND,
WHISPER SECRET THAT ONLY TREES
COMPREHEND.

MY WATER IS HIGHLY MINERALIZED SO I'D
NEVER GET TOUCHED,
IN MARI'S HEAVEN, I'D REST SO MUCH.

IF I WERE TO DISAPPEAR, I'D CRY.
EVEN THOUGH I AM NARROW, I AM VISIBLE TO
THE NAKED EYE,
I AM UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT, MY TURQUOISE
INCOMPARABLE,
A SYMBOL OF PURITY, A BEAUTY SO
ADORABLE.

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If I were ...

If I were a **diver**, I would help to collect plastic waste. Here we can see just a little part of the plastic waste in the ocean. According to a report prepared by the World Wildlife Fund, 34000 plastic bottles are dumped into the Mediterranean every minute. This must change !

Micro plastics are killers for the vulnerable marine ecosystem. These are the reasons why I am in the sea, here in the Mediterranean to collect plastics. I am sure that if everybody tried, we could change things and prevent ocean acidification. After Covid 19, medical plastics have made environmental pollution more and more irreversible. Here I can see jellyfish swimming among plastic. In addition, carbon emissions affect the climate and the quality of the oceans. We can change all these things, with motivation, determination, and meaningful actions. Now you know why I am in the Mediterranean. That's why I love to dive.



If I were ...

if I were an **orca**, gliding effortlessly through the vast oceans, I would explore the big blue and embrace its freedom. I would navigate the deep blue waters. Each day would bring new adventures while communicating with my friends, breaching the surface of the water jumping high onto the air, embracing the freedom that I was given by the earth

If I where an **orca** I would be captured by humans and taken to a place where some other humans would come and look at me with these admiring eyes; I would live in a small place, swim in the same direction every day. At least they'd give me fish every day without hunting.



If I were ...

If I were this beautiful **crocodile**, I'd probably be very proud of it. Because I'm the king of this vast marsh and I'm one of the kings of the jungle. In this wet muddy area of land, I would summon all the other animals that live here, the fish, the frogs and even the fluttering birds. Also, all the humans would be scared of me, even if I don't attack them anymore. In this world I would be respected by every creature.



But this empire that I've created over the years is going to be destroyed by the machines created by humans. They have caused the vulnerability of all the marine ecosystem; now the water is littered with tons of micro plastics. Also, when I put my head out of the water, the air is contaminated by man-made carbon emissions that destroy my lungs. That's why we need to stop destroying the Earth, so that my environment stays clean.

*If I were **a scientist**,*

I would be desperate over what the ocean has become. There is plastic waste equivalent to 33 880 plastic bottles in the Mediterranean per minute. I don't understand how human beings could have done such a horrible thing!

So if I were an influential scientist, I'd be more ambitious, I'd fight against pollution and save endangered species. We need to save the vulnerable marine ecosystem. It would be great if the schools organised awareness campaigns with children : for example go to the beach and collect garbage and plastic. This could have an impact on the kids learning how to protect our planet.

We even know that because there is so much waste, a sixth continent has gradually formed in the Pacific Ocean, covering 3,4 million square kilometers. It is a predictable danger for the whole planet.

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IF I WERE ...

If I were a **manta ray** in Mexico,
I'd live in the Mexican islands of Revillagigedo,
Event hough scientists invade my personal space,
I love to see everyday a new face.

My home is getting very polluted,
So I try to go into the deep,
But I feel excluded,
At last, I end up falling asleep.

In the summer, curious tourists swamp in to visit me,
I feel uncomfortable because they touch my skin,
They can continue swimming in the sea,
As long as they don't touch me.

I hope that humans will realize that I also have a life,
Even though I don't have feet like they do,
I think I've earned the respect I should have,
And this is if I were a Manta Ray in Mexico.





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If I were

A **seal** in waters cold and deep
I'd worry for my home, in this changing area,
I'd dance through the waves, in the water so free,
But now I fear, what's become of me.

If I were the **ocean**, vast and wide,
I'd feel the impact of ocean acidification
In need of protection
In my water, where endangered species reside.

A **guardian** of these waters,
I'd militate to preserve the oceans,
I'd create marine protected areas,
A refuge for all of my endangered species.

A **seal** or the **ocean**,
I'd plead for action, for me and you,
For our families to live longer
And for our future generations ahead to thrive.

If I were...

If I were a **firefly**,

I'd go where I want to.

I'd be able to fly and dream.

The waters wouldn't be dangerous.

The swamps wouldn't be malodorous.

I could see the sun over the mangroves,

I could see the clouds over the leaves,

I'd be free from the ugly swamps.

And the abyss lurking for the deep.

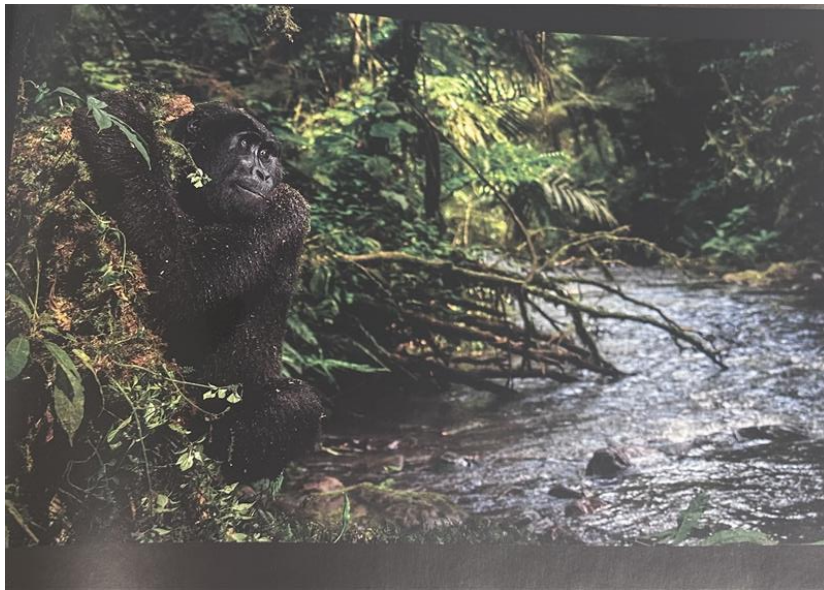
If you can dream, you can live.



If I were...

If I were the **gorilla** standing by the lush forest, I'd watch the water flow, a mix of curiosity and caution in my gaze. As an endangered species, I'd feel the need to protect my habitat from harm, knowing the dangers of deforestation and habitat loss. Yet, amidst the threats, the river would remain a source of comfort, reminding me of the resistance of nature.

If I were the gorilla, I'd be a silent guardian, determined to preserve the beauty of my home for generations to come.



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If I were ...

If I were a **free diver**, I would like to stay there,
In the Pacific Ocean, with this majestic shark,
I would like to feel this connection between the shark and its natural habitat,

This unexpected calm: it doesn't feel right to be here!

If I were a **free diver**, I would like to know how the shark feels,
Its emotions, what it thinks of my presence,
Does it feel safe?
Is it afraid I might hinder its freedom?

If I were a **shark**, I would like to be free,
To live in an ocean with no pollution, with no aggressive fishermen,
I would like to be alone, and not be studied by scientists,
I would like to tell the world that my habitat is vulnerable...
And so am I.

Lucie

If I were

If I were **a plastic bag**, flowing in the sea,
Surely that I would be mad, not even knowing
If I am a jellyfish, not realizing
I am not supposed to be here, as you can see.

If I were **the diver**, flowing through the plastic,
I would collect as much garbage as I possibly could,
As much as necessary to clean the Ocean;
The waters need help, may we all take action !

If I were **the Mediterranean Sea**,
I would go speak to Humanity to change its mindset,
I would go speak to all the boats that pollute me,
I would finally initiate a wave for a drastic change.

Mathieu,Hugo and Trystan

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If I were this sea lion, I would try to make the world better
I know I would be a little seal, living in this enormous
ocean,

That humans call « Atlantic Ocean »

I would also know that nobody listens to me.

I can suffer, I can die, nobody cares.

The only thing they care about is their money.

They don't like nature anymore,

Don't even take time to admire it,

Or even to think about it.

This is awful for us.



Because of that, they disrespect us, pollute the seas and
the oceans,

Some species are endangered, swallowing microplastics
all day long,

Also dying from ocean acidification.

That's why I've found this protected area,

Where I can breed and be less exposed to humans.

Ruben

If I were a sea lion...

I would dive in the sea without knowing what is wrong,

Why the water is warm,

Microplastics are the norm.

The sea now doesn't feel like home:

I would pray for men to use sustainable packaging,

Reduce carbon emissions

So the future of the ocean is no question,

And I could live without tension.

But im not a sea lion

It's time to take action, and think of every sea lion.

Let's work together hand in hand !

