## Cosmoland

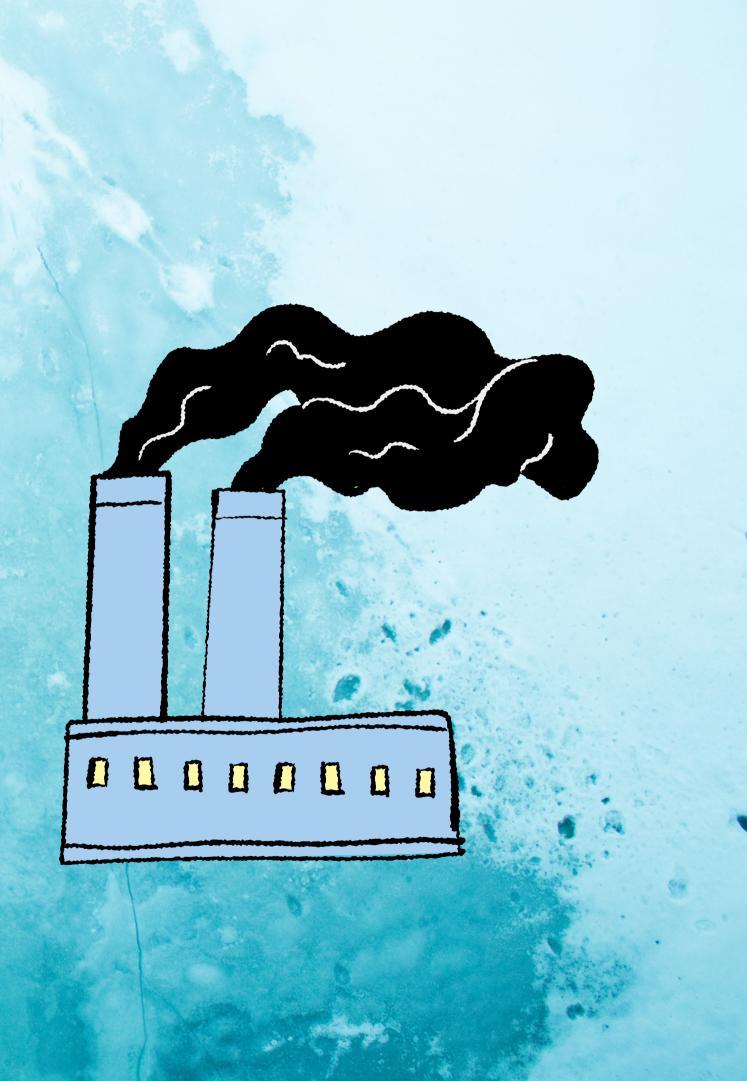
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Once upon a time, there was a huge, beautiful city called *Cosmoland.* The city was full of parks with lakes and trees, tennis courts and hidden breathtaking spots by the sea.

The residents were living harmoniously there, they loved their city, and especially the sea as most of their earnings depended on it. Despite this amazing scenery of *Cosmoland*, there was a factory near the city, which produced chemical substances.

These were not only harmful to the residents, but also to marine life, since all the effluent coming from the factory led to the sea.



One day, when the fishermen went fishing, they realized that the fishes were dead on the sea surface.

Everyone was really upset with this situation and they were looking for the reason behind it, but the reason was obvious...



Then, the mayor of Cosmoland begged the factory owner, who was a crabbed and mingy person, to stop polluting the sea. He insisted that the sea should be available for everyone's wellbeing and that he could not lose the profit of his lucrative business ..... just to curb sea pollution! He constantly said, "I will not be ruined financially because of you!"



For five days, the fishermen of *Cosmoland* were devastated, because all of a sudden they lost their jobs and marine life was completely destroyed.

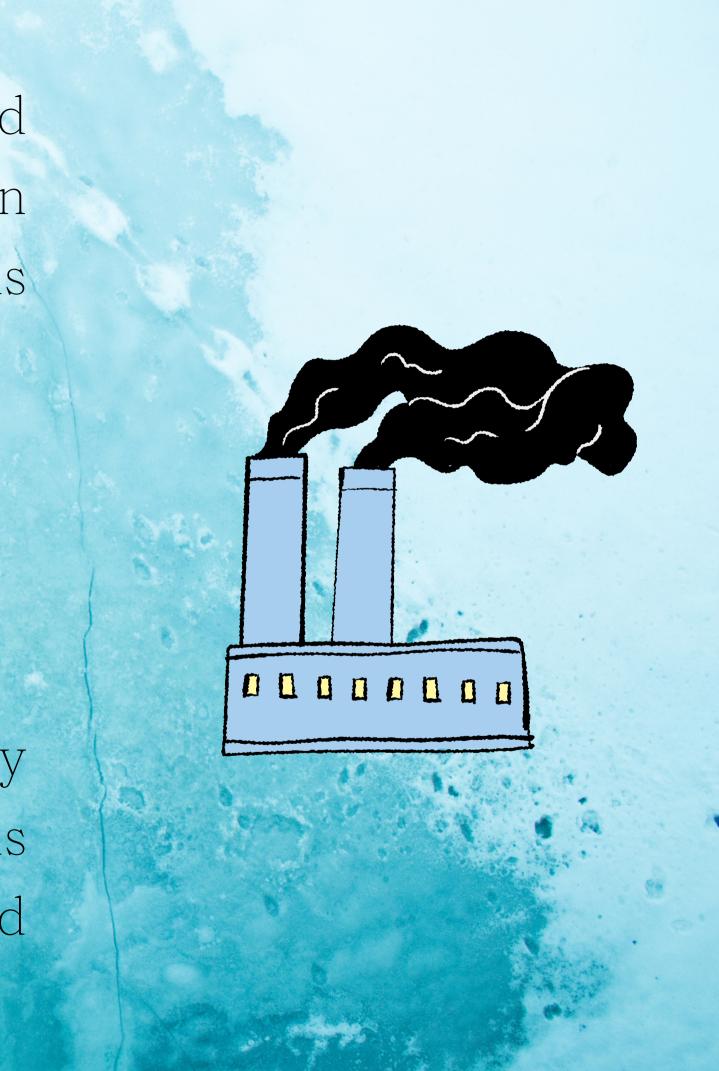
Every living creature was dead! The mayor, who was a kind and generous man, tried multiple times to change the factory owner's mind, but without any success!

"Please stop doing this, it is disastrous for all of us," the mayor wailed!

However, the factory owner was impetinent, and he could not understand ... the atrocities he was causing. Unfortunately, the pollution in the sea spread rapidly to other cities and countries, and then thousands of people faced the aftermath of this grave situation.

The sea was dead and this had a negative impact on humanity as well!

The cruelty of a chemical factory left every fishermen unemployed, but also caused serious problems in fish consumption and in the food chain.



Later, a representative of every country visited the factory owner in order to negotiate with him and urge him to take action and stop immediately this hazardous pollution.

To their surprise, he had regretted his stance towards marine life and he had already started taking action concerning the cleaning of the sea bottom.



The factory owner confessed to the locals that ...

"our lives and prosperity are strongly connected with the ocean, and I promise that I will never make this horrible mistake again."



## The End

