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A letter to: Planet Earth

Dear Earth.

You know, I'm lost for words. I can't really describe what you mean to me. Other than maybe: everything. But I know that words are pretty meaningless. I haven't shown my love or proved it to you in any way, quite the opposite. When I say I, I mean *us*, the Human Race.

Our relationship is like one of those abusive ones, where we're obsessed with you and take you for granted at the same time. We think we can beat you up and humiliate you endlessly and that you'll still stick around. We think we can ignore your needs and your signals of desperation and just carry on, as if nothing wrong is going on. We think your incredible beauty is just there to please us and that we don't have to praise it, nurture it and be thankful for it every single day.

We don't seem to realise that we are just guests in your magnificent home and that you will eventually throw us out. Our stay will take some time to clear up, but the seas and the winds will take care of that. And once we're gone, you might remember us as those strange creatures who were very unkind, selfish, cruel and ungrateful to you, but also very lost. You won't remember us with fondness but perhaps somewhere in your big heart you will forgive us, because we weren't as generous, graceful or wise as you. We were the small ones, although causing so much havoc.

But you'll get through it Earth. You will survive. Probably for another 4.543 billion years. It's the Human Race that won't survive. An abuser is never very long-sighted. So take courage. Nothing lasts forever.

Anonymous

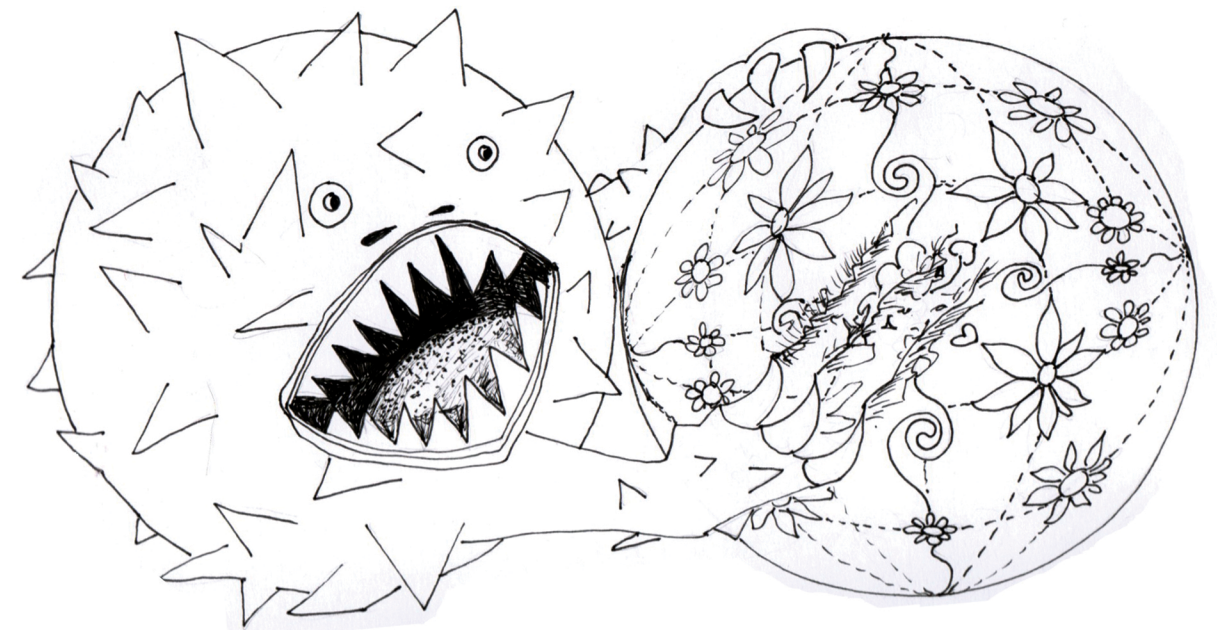


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