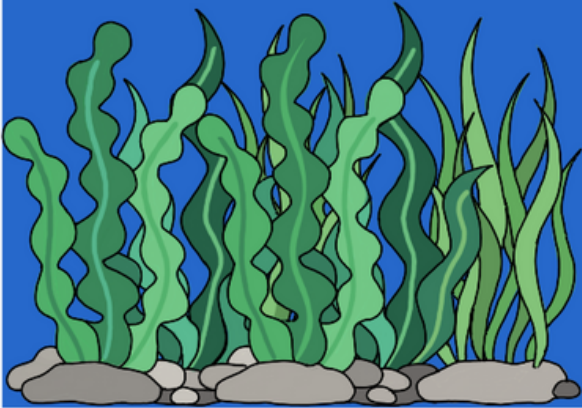


# **KEYSTONE HYPOTHESIS**

# OLIVIA'S KELPTIVATING TALE

IN THE HEART OF THE OCEAN, HIDDEN FROM THE WORLD, LIES A MAGICAL KELP FOREST.



HERE, IN THIS SECRET KINGDOM, A DIVERSE COMMUNITY THRIVES. COLORFUL FISH DART BETWEEN THE KELP, AND CURIOUS SEA CREATURES CALL THIS PLACE HOME.



OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE KELP KINGDOM! TIME FOR SOME ACROBATICS!



YIPEEEEE!!!!!!



OH MAN! I AM SO TIRED. TIME TO FEED ON SOME MUNCHIES.



OLIVIA EATING SEA URCHINS

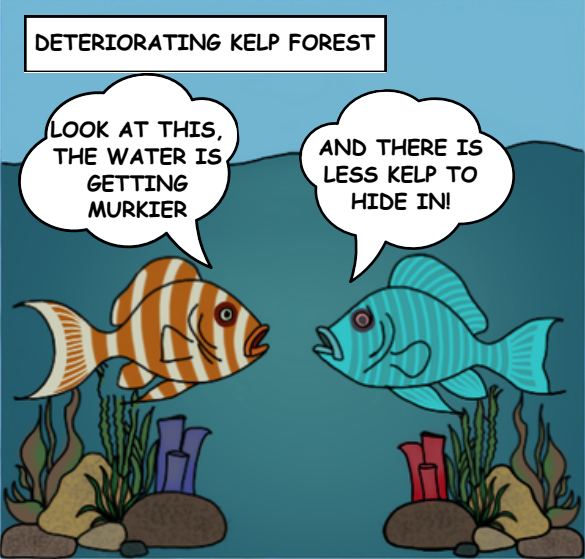
YUMMM!  
DELICIOUS SEA  
URCHINS. THE  
PERFECT  
SNACK!

A cartoon otter named Olivia is shown from the chest up, floating in blue water. She is holding a large, red, spiky sea urchin with both hands and is about to take a bite. She has a happy expression.

DETERIORATING KELP FOREST

LOOK AT THIS,  
THE WATER IS  
GETTING  
MURKIER

AND THERE IS  
LESS KELP TO  
HIDE IN!

Two cartoon fish are in a kelp forest. On the left is a striped orange and white fish. On the right is a blue fish with white stripes. They are looking at each other. The background shows some kelp and rocks, but the water appears slightly murky.

SEA URCHINS (MUNCHING ON THE KELP)

WELL THAT'S  
GOOD NEWS  
FOR US!!

I HEARD HUMANS  
ARE AFTER OLIVIA  
AND HER FRIENDS  
FOR HER FUR.

A large sea urchin is shown eating a piece of kelp. Several smaller orange sea urchins are scattered around it. Two small orange fish are also visible in the scene.

OLIVIA OVERHEARS THIS AND STARTS  
PANICKING!



OLIVIA, YOU'RE NOT  
JUST OUR GUARDIAN;  
YOU'RE A KEYSTONE  
SPECIES! WHEN YOU  
CONTROL THE SEA URCHIN  
POPULATION, IT ALLOWS  
THE KELP TO THRIVE,  
CREATING A HAVEN FOR  
ALL OF US.

SO, MY LOVE FOR  
SEA URCHINS ISN'T  
JUST A SNACK - IT'S  
A CRUCIAL PART OF  
KEEPING OUR HOME  
HEALTHY!

MR KRABBS CONSOLING OLIVIA

Mr. Krabbs, a red crab with a yellow shell, is on the left, talking to Olivia. Olivia is on the right, looking up at him with a surprised expression. They are on a sandy beach with kelp in the background.



OLIVIA (DETERMINED)

I WON'T STAND BY WHILE OUR HOME IS IN TROUBLE. TIME TO PUT THINGS RIGHT!

OLIVIA ORGANIZES AN UNDERWATER GATHERING

GATHER AROUND, MY FRIENDS! OUR HOME IS FACING GRAVE THREATS, BUT TOGETHER, WE CAN OVERCOME THEM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING, OLIVIA? THE KELP FOREST DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME ANYMORE.

POLLUTION, HABITAT DESTRUCTION, AND THE HUNT FOR OUR FUR THREATEN THE BALANCE.

I HAVE FRIENDS ABOVE WATER, CONSERVATIONISTS WHO UNDERSTAND OUR PLIGHT. THEY CAN HELP US.

OLIVIA GATHERS OTHER OTTERS & GOES ABOVE GROUND TO TALK TO THEIR FRIENDS

WE NEED YOUR HELP! THE KELP KINGDOM IS IN DANGER, AND WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE. CAN YOU SPREAD THE WORD AND GATHER SUPPORT?

WE'RE ON IT, OLIVIA! WE'LL MAKE SURE THE MESSAGE REACHES FAR AND WIDE.

