

Paavo Cleans Up

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It was a wonderful, sunny, Monday morn-
wait, what is that smell?

Ugh! Someone needs to clean this mess!

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Ah, here they come. The Tidy Vultures Company
and our soon-to-be hero, Paavo.

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(Dad) 'Good job today, Paavo!'

You see, vultures are very clean.

They learn about tidying from the moment they hatch.

And as all vultures do, Paavo would work
for the Tidy Vultures Company when he grew up.

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But Paavo had a dream.

And that dream did not involve the family business.

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One day he took heart and told his parents.

(Paavo) 'Mum? Dad? I don't want to be a garbage vulture.'

(Dad) 'What do you mean? Every vulture works in the garbage business!'

(Granddad) 'A young bird should dream and experiment.'

When I was young I wanted to be a firefighter and I flooded the whole nest...'

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Two days later it was Paavo's birthday. And right in front
of his favourite cake he found a mysterious giant envelope.

Paavo was over the moon, gave his parents a big hug
and immediately started packing.

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His whole host family welcomed him at the beach.

Mia, his sister for the next weeks, and her brother, Liam,

had crafted funny party hats. And their mothers, Ava and Emmy,

had baked and cooked an amazing picnic.

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In the early morning of the next day
Paavo and Mia went to the beach.
Paavo waddled fully equipped in the water,
ready to explore the treasures of the ocean.

Mia had promised to show him some tricks
and he was ready to impress her.
He dove in the water and...

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... he flapped the flippers in the air,
He choked and spurted,
got water in the snorkel,
and panicked when he met a shark.
He never had so much fun in his whole life!

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Finally he got everything right and dove down
to the bottom of the reef.
It wasn't very deep, but still! It was amazing.

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Paavo had just reached a new record depth
when he heard a whimpering.
With his last air he dove under a reef overhang
and saw a lobster baby in trouble.
Carefully he freed the little creature.

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In the distance a huge shadow towered over the sea floor.
The water tasted funny here
and Paavo didn't dare to swim closer.

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Back at the beach Paavo told the others of his horrible discovery.
(Mia) 'The pile is constantly growing. We all stay as far away as possible'

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This night Paavo lay awake, pondering.
He knew what he had to do. Silently he got to work.
In the morning the others found him hammering and tinkering.
All joined him when he told them about his plan
to build the Ocean Garbage Extraction Machine.

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He had done it, the Ocean GEM was finished!

With combined forces they launched it into the water.
Paavo deployed the suction pipe, turned the valve,
pulled the lever and hit the red button.
The Ocean GEM rumbled.
And just a few moments later
the first junk piece was extracted!

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And that is how Paavo became not only a hero but also a happy garbage vulture
AND deep sea diver.

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(Paavo)

Hi!

Thank you for your company during my adventure!
I have a huge family. We vultures live all over the world.

I am probably the first vulture who cleans up the ocean
but all of us vultures take care of our environment and keep it clean.

Our bodies are perfect for our job.
The featherless neck is easy to keep clean while eating.

We are the undertakers of the animal kingdom
and we keep the environment clean.
We take care of the bodies of dead animals.
Cadavers are actually our favourite food!
And by removing them we prevent the spreading of diseases.