

My Poor Unfortunate Soul

(Point of View by Ursula)

Adaptation of The Little Mermaid

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Hi! I'm Ursula. You probably know me as the evil, ugly octopus in the story, The Little Mermaid. Once upon a time I was a beautiful mermaid. Ariel's mom, Queen Athena and I were best friends. We loved to explore and collect interesting treasures the humans lost in the sea.

On one unfortunate day while exploring, we encountered a family of octopuses. Athena and I tried to swim for safety but sadly Athena got captured and was never to be found again. I really tried to save my best friend but I couldn't as I was fighting for my own life. Ever since that day Athena's husband, King Triton blamed me for her death and cast me away from the mermaid kingdom forever. He put a spell on me and my beautiful mermaid tail turned into slimy squishy tentacles.

He turned me into an ugly octopus just like the one that killed Athena. Not only was I not a beautiful mermaid, he also took away my beautiful singing voice so I could no longer sing the songs Athena and I used to sing together.

I was alone and sad for a long time as I did not have any friends. Who would want to be friends with an octopus? Some of the mermaids I was once friends with did not recognize me or was afraid of me. As time passed by, my sadness turned into anger and I was really upset! It wasn't my fault Athena died! Oh my poor unfortunate soul! That's the song about my sad life.

One day while exploring a deep dark cave I came across two eels that were nice to me and talked to me. We became instant friends. We lived in the cave together which became our home. We spent most of our time in the cave to stay away from trouble and the other mermaids, especially Athena's youngest daughter, Ariel who was just like her mother. I would see her exploring in places she should not be with her sea creature friends collecting treasures and singing. Ariel's

voice sounded so beautiful. It reminded me of Athena and how I was once a beautiful mermaid. If only I still had a voice like that.

That gave me an idea! I would use Ariel to get King Triton to turn me back to the beautiful mermaid I was. Ariel always sang about getting out of the water to be with a human boy. If I “helped” Ariel get what she wanted, I knew King Triton would not be happy. In the end, I also knew King Triton would do anything to save his precious daughter, even undo his evil spell on my poor unfortunate soul.

Unfortunately, my plan didn’t work! Instead of agreeing to undo the spell, he fought back! The human attacked me too! Let’s just say things got way out of control. With a hard splash here and there, I got King Triton to give up his trident, but Ariel fought back and I lost the trident. In the end, I am still an octopus and I am still sadly misunderstood.