

Children will be roaming the streets tonight dressed as Superheroes, Princesses, and Evil Villains. But really, these invented figures can't hold a candle to the real ones in our world. Here are some possibilities:

**Cruela de Coal.** This is an easy make-over of the Disney costume. Simply coat the costume with soot and add a "Coal Kills" sign.

**The Sea-Level Witch.** Another easy one: just take a Sea Witch costume and wear shoe lifts. OR for the more adult crowd, high heels. Stilts, of course, would be even better.

**Buzz Windmill.** Another costume conversion - take a Buzz Lightyear costume and glue cardboard turbine blades to the back.

**Unfrozen Arctic.** For this costume, the idea is to dress like a giant ice cube, attach water-drop shapes, and drip water from a concealed container while muttering "drip. . .drip. . .drip."

**Captain Renewable.** Captain Renewable can take a shaft of sunlight or a summer breeze and turn them into electricity to zap enemies. What could be cooler?

**The Mad, Mad Methane Monster.** This monster can cook your planet in virtually no time. Talk about a supervillain!

**The Endangered Mermaid.** Like many ocean creatures, this mermaid is now threatened by rising temperatures and ocean acidification. Wear a Little Mermaid costume but carry an icepack for the fever, a thermometer, and a big bottle of antacid.

**Ghost Corals.** Bleached white and dead is the look you're going for here.

**The Energy Dinosaur.** Standard dinosaur costume of your choice, just add logos for Exxon, BP, etc.

**Stranded Asset.** A truly pathetic figure, barely able to drag itself along and beg for government bailouts.

**Zombie Wells.** These inactive oil and gas wells are an ominous source of invisible pollution. Standard Zombie costume. Just add a cap with an oil company logo - or if you're really ambitious, make a hat in the form of an oil derrick out of tinker toys or Legos.

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