

On a hot day in the summer, Klaire Thomas is going with a group of friends to Coney Island beach to have fun. While they were walking on the beach, they noticed that many people were having parties or picnics because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Once they got near to the pier, Klaire said, “Yuck! It smells. Why are these sea creatures washed up on the shore? Do you think it’s safe for people to be at this beach?”

Klaire and her friends decided to dive into the water nearby to see what was causing the problem. They realized that there were so many plastic bottles under the sea. Her joy to be at the beach turned into anger. She felt angry that people would litter on the beach and allow plastic to get into the water not knowing how it would affect people or sea animals. As she was walking back down the beach, she noticed more people having parties. About 2 hours later when they were leaving Klaire said, “Where are the garbage cans?” It was hard to find one on the beach. She noticed that plastic bottles and bags were creating a trail as they were leaving the beach.

Later that night, Klaire woke up from a nightmare. She remembered that her parents got sick because of air pollution in New York city. It was hard for her to go back to sleep because she started thinking about the dead sea animals as well. She decided to look through a bag that her mom left for her. She found a taser with green mist in it. She decided to take it to her science teacher because of a video they saw in class. Some of the liquid leaked out into her bag. When she touched it, her hair started to turn yellow and green. Her science teacher was able to get a sample of the green liquid to send to a lab.

The next day she told her friends that in her science class she saw a video about how sea creatures will mistake plastic for food, eat it and then feel full. She asked them to help her to start a club to help save sea animals by cleaning up the beach and recycling. As she started

getting angry about the issue her hair started to light up again. They decided to drive to the beach and take pictures. When they got there, they were shocked to see even more trash and plastic bottles on the beach.

Klaire wanted to label the spots where she thought garbage bins should be put on the beach, so she sprayed the green mist from the taser, and those spots lit up. She said I wish I could fly all over the city and label spots that need cleaning and recycling. As she started running down the beach her jacket turned into a cape and she started flying. She went all over the city spraying some of the green mist in spots with pollution that needed attention. Her and her friends organize groups to clean up the beach and neighborhoods nearby. One day someone called her Green mist and that name stuck so now she is a superhero for recycling plastic bottles and other things that damage the pretty beaches, parks and neighborhoods that we are supposed to enjoy and live in. She uses her power and strong-willed attitude to clean her community. Her and her friends started out at the beach but now the effects can be seen all over New York city. They are earning money from this recycling project and the proceeds are being used to educate elementary children about why it is important to recycle.