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Sublime Decay

Can you imagine a world where nothing decomposes? Some people believe that decomposers should be the top of the food chain, not the bottom.

"Decomposers are involved in virtually all of the nutrient cycles on the planet. The plants in the consumer level rely on decomposers to break down dead organic material to release the nutrients and elements like carbon, oxygen and phosphorus back into the soil. This along with energy from the sun powers the process of photosynthesis in plants. When organisms in the consumer level eat the producers, they extract the energy from the food and excrete waste that goes back into the decomposers food chain. This is the constant process of ingesting, excreting and recycling that goes on in an ecosystem." (from Biology Dictionary)



