



Worthy successor

■ Sir — A scientist from the University of Oxford has suggested that octopuses — not primates, dolphins, elephants or crows — could one day inherit the Earth from humans. With eight arms, they can certainly multitask better than humans and may end up building an underwater Atlantis. Frankly, the octopus need not wait for our extinction. Given the spectacularly shoddy job humanity has done so far — warming the planet, polluting the oceans, felling forests and arguing endlessly on social media — the octopus may already have a stronger claim to the throne.

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