



In a large town, there lived a girl named Mia. Mia loved to play, dance, and sing. All of the neighbourhood liked Mia because of her cheerful attitude toward people. Mia would greet people happily and they would greet her back with a grin on their faces.



One day, Mia was strolling through the park with a plastic cup of water and a bag of chips in her hands. Once she was done, she threw them on the ground instead of in a recycling bin. One of Mia's friends, Emily, saw her actions, and was very surprised to see her litter.

She approached Mia and asked, "Why did you throw the trash on the grass?"

Mia responded, "There was no nearby trash can, so I threw it there."

"You still shouldn't do that, Mia. It is bad for the environment." stated Emily.

"It was just two pieces of trash." Mia remarked.

"Would you do that in your house? Leave two pieces of trash? Think about it Mia, I know you will soon make the right decision."

Emily then started walking back to her home and Mia started to think about what she was doing.



That night, Mia had the weirdest dream she had ever had. In her dream, Mia was approached by a cow named Moozie.

Moozie introduced herself, "Hello Mia! I am Moozie. Don't be afraid! I need to talk to you about what happened in the park."

Mia asked, "Why is a small piece of trash that big of a concern?"

"What you did is bad for the environment. Come with me and we will go to different places and see how they feel about trash."

Mia agreed and they started walking down a trail.



When they were walking in the forest, Mia saw a sad talking swan swimming in a pond.

Mia asked her, "What is the matter Ms. Swan?"

The swan replied, "There is so much trash in the pond where I eat and swim. Many of us are left hungry because of the trash. I really wish people stopped littering and started helping the environment. Many creatures would be alive and happy compared to now."

Mia was very sad to see the poor swan and hear its sad tale.



Soon, Moozie and Mia strolled into the woods, where the trail led them, and saw a very weak tree with thin branches hanging from it. Mia asked the tree, "Why are you so sad Mr.Tree?"

The tree responded, "Many of us stopped producing fruits because of all the trash that prevents us from getting nutrients. Many of us are becoming sick and weak. We are soon going to go away forever if this littering habit continues. We do so much for the humans. We give them national parks where they can see amazing nature. We give them air to breathe, wood for their houses, and a place for the animals and birds, and yet they keep hurting us."

Mia became heartbroken to see the poor tree suffering so badly.



After calming the tree down the best she could, Mia and Moozie saw a friendly bird, sobbing on a tree branch.

Mia called out, "What is the matter bird? Why are you crying?"

The bird answered, "I was hunting for food when I saw something on the ground. I thought it was some food that I could feed my chicks. It turned out to be trash and now my little ones are sick. This is all because of humans who litter. Why do humans have to throw trash on the ground instead of putting it away in a recycling bin?"



Mia was so shocked she started crying seeing all the damage that she was part of. She realized that if she and others continue this awful behavior, the environment will be destroyed. She realized that she was doing this without even noticing!

Mia exclaimed to Moozie, "Now I understand what I did wrong. I should treat the Earth like my home. Thank you Moozie for showing me around and making me notice."

Moozie replied, "I am glad you understand what I am trying to say. Remember to always be kind and preserve the environment!"



When the alarm rang, Mia woke up brighter and happier because she knew how to make the Earth a better place. Mia started an environment club and shared her knowledge about preserving the environment. When she looked up at the sky, Mia saw Moozie smiling down at her.

The End