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The “Beautiful” World

Wow, just look at what us humans have done! We have made this beautiful world into a disgusting wasteland, all for what? Money? Power? Or just to be an evil person? Earth is our only home and we are destroying it, and if we keep doing that then it won't be for long. Pollution, climate change, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Do people realize that they're destroying the Earth with one little can on the side of the road, or those plastic rings you left on the beach earlier. All of those plastics are just adding up in the ocean, most of the things you throw on the ground go into the ocean, for example. You are thousands of miles away from the nearest ocean and you throw a piece of plastic on the ground, that piece gets blown to where it finds a stream, and then it gets into a lake or pond. Which then leads to the ocean where it adds on.

I bet you didn't know this, if you clumped all of the trash in the ocean together you would find a pile that is as big as Texas! Crazy right? By the way, humans did that. Humans are also the reason why around four-hundred fifty species of animals have gone extinct in the past decade, it's mostly because humans are cutting down thousands of trees in the rain forests. And it's really bad because the rain forests give the world a lot of oxygen and remove gasses like carbon dioxide so without all the trees humans are doomed. And besides, who would want to cut down such beautiful trees that are home to many animals? Imagine what the animals think of it. The animals must be horrified to see their own habitats being destroyed, I would be scared if I was one of those animals. And besides why are they even cutting down trees, because we want more money? Or just because we **WANT** a few more wooden couches. I just wish humans would stop and take a look at what they have done to planet Earth.

And why don't humans use money in a useful way, like what about all the people who have power and money donate to cancer charities? Or make

sure a handful of people can live under a roof, or even make sure that people don't wake up with water on them. I just don't get it.

Back about the oceans, many creatures are dying everyday because we throw the trash on the ground. Something happens, either an animal tries to eat it and gets sick, or it travels across the ocean and builds up. Or it just sits there and slowly ruins the environment around it. Either way it is bad for the world, especially Antarctica. Not just polar bears are suffering but it's mostly polar bears, everyday they are going closer to being extinct. These animals are suffering all the time, having to watch their moms die from starvation. Or having to swim for miles just to rest on a little piece of ice, they have to do that because of us. Just think about that for a second....

POLAR BEARS ARE GONNA GO EXTINCT IN OUR LIFETIME BECAUSE OF US.

So what can the average person do to stop this? Well one person can't just stop it immediately, but you can make little changes just by doing easy stuff at your home. One thing that you can do is whenever you leave a room turn off the light and when you leave your house turn off all of the lights. Saving energy is important because fifty eight percent of the energy in America is wasted every year. A lot of water is also wasted every year because of not turning off the sink or really long showers, a way you can help is by taking shorter showers. Or turning off the sink when you walk away for a second, because the average household wastes 180 gallons per week. 180 gallons could help a lot of people out in need, it could also fill around six bathtubs. So you see what humans are doing to this planet, destroy, waste, repeat. And it goes on forever until mother nature has enough, If we could just realize what type of damage we are doing to our own place. The place that keeps a roof over our head and the place that makes it so we don't suffocate. So? Who will make the change? Will you?