

Lisa's paper saving idea

In a distant land, there lived a 10 year old girl named Lisa. She was always in great spirits, and everyone knew her as “Smiley.” One day, her hamster, Fluff got ran over by a car. Lisa was so sad, she decided to take a walk around the neighborhood. When she passed by the baker, he asked “What's wrong Smiley? You don't seem to fit your name anymore.” Lisa didn't even look up at him, her mind was lost in Fluff's memories. He stared at her puzzled, but she continued to stroll until her legs could no longer support her weight. Lisa collapsed on the ground, burying her head deep into her arms, sobbing. When she dared to lift her head, she found herself inside the Forbidden Forest, a place where no one has ever stepped foot in, due to the dense fog that surrounds the trees. Lisa was frightened, she wasn't allowed here, her mom would never let her go outside alone anymore. She ran through the trees, but didn't see as many trees as she did 2 years ago, when she came with her dad.



Lisa heard a sound behind the Great Willow, a tree 500 years old. She cautiously tiptoed to the tree. When she peeked from behind the thick branches, she saw a man chopping down trees. She watched for 15 minutes, 15 trees were gone. This man worked like lightning! Lisa walked up to him, even though he was a stranger, and she knew to never to talk to strangers. “Hello sir,” she said “ Why are you chopping down so many trees?” The man quickly replied, as if not to waste a moment, “ These

trees are to make paper. Now, do you have any more questions, because if you don't then leave!!!" Lisa ran the other way, terrified of the man. She raced out of the forest, down Chickby Lane to the last house, number 657, flew in through the door and up the stairs to her room. Lisa thought whether all those trees the man chopped down were needed. If Lisa used 3 pieces paper every day, there were 800 kids at her school, and 7 schools in the city.....that's 16,800 pieces of paper just for the kids in one day, only in Pozumbury!!! That night, when Lisa said her bedtime prayers, she asked God if He could make everyone conserve paper (a minimum of 2 sheets a day).

The next morning, Lisa ran to school and talked to Mr. Smicks, the principal. She asked if the school could get recycling bins in every classroom. He said yes, as long as Lisa paid for them, and hosted a fund raiser to do so. Lisa was so happy that she could make the whole school understand how much paper they were using. She asked Mr. Smicks if she could give a speech about recycling, and he was delighted because of Lisa's positive attitude.

When the day of the speech finally arrived, the school was silent, listening to Lisa talk about the stranger who worked like lightning.



They all agreed to work at the fund raiser, and promised to give tickets costing \$5 each to 3 people they knew. Lisa was pleased with her results, and raised \$16,000 because of her recycling campaign. She also caused a major strike in the city, going against people using one side of a paper. Lisa also taught kids and adults throughout Pozumbury to use most, if not all the paper in the recycling bin before sending it to the recycling center. This recycling center was one that she founded herself. Lisa showed people how much paper they were wasting, and that they could make themselves **stop ruining the community**.