

Lio and the Earth
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It was time for bed for two little girls. The older girl started telling her little sister a story. "Once upon a time," she began, "there was a place called Arora. The Earth King, Water Queen, Wind King, Fire Queen, animals, and people lived there. And deep in the woods there was a wolf pack.

In the wolf pack there was a wolf named Lio. Lio and his pack were going hunting one day. While they we[re] hunting, Lio saw a beautiful flower and wandered off to get a closer look. Then an owl asked him "Do you know why we live?" "No," Lio replied. "Well let me tell you. We're all connected, water feeds the plants, herbivores eat the plants, carnivores eat herbivores, omnivores eat both, and we're all connected. The owl flew away and Lio thought about what he had just said.

He went back to his pack and ate. Then he thought the owl is right. We are all connected. The food that he was eating was an herbivore. The herbivore ate the plants and the plants drank the water. Water is the key to life. The Earth should be celebrated. We should be thankful for the Earth and for our food and life that it provides. We should also give the Earth something...like...grow more plants and clean the Earth up so that we can all live in a clean and beautiful place. (With NO TRASH!!!) "Oh!" said Lio "I can ask the Earth King about the celebration, and if he agrees then we can celebrate the Earth!"

He then went to the Earth King and told him about the owl and how we should celebrate the Earth. The King discussed to the rest of the royals (Kings, Queens) about it. They all agreed! The next day the Kings and Queens told their kingdoms about the Earth celebration at the Earth village and castle.

The celebration had fresh food, fun activities, a growing plant center, pick-up-trash center, and an Earth dance. During the celebration a villager asked "Why is celebrating Earth just a festival?" to the King. This gave the King a great idea. What if he made it a holiday?

"People today still remember the wolf, Lio, who invented Earth Day," the older sister said yawning. "Good night sis," she said. "Sleep tight don't let the bed bugs bite."

The End

Grass and Sky: An Earth Day Conversation

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One bright morning, the blue sky was snoozing, dreaming about the wonderful clouds that were his to groom.

“Mr. Sky! Please answer me!” The grass below shouted loudly.

“Yes!?” Mr. Sky awoke with a start. “What do you need?”

“I have a question.” Grass said sternly. “Why doesn't anyone hurt to clean me! I look like a dumpster, filled with plastic bags and aluminum cans.”

“No, Mr. Grass, don't you worry! Today is Earth Day, and when all the people wake, they will come, dragging cleanup bags.

“But Mr. Sky, I thought Earth Day was fake! Perhaps you are making a little mistake.”

“Mr. Grass, be optimistic like me, and you will become much more festive! Earth Day is real!”

“Oh look Mr. Sky! Those children are already awake, tossing cans in recycling bags! Earth Day is indeed real, all thanks to you!”

“It's my pleasure.” Said Mr. Sky. “Wait, I have a thought. Since today is Earth Day, let's go tell the children to make every day an Earth Day.”

“Ha! What a wonderful plan!” exclaimed Mr. Grass. “Every day is an Earth Day. We've got no time to waste.”

When Earth Day Comes

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Flowers in bloom, lie across fields.

There is no gloom, the sun is here.

A feeling surrounds you, a beautiful feeling.

It dawns upon you that Earth Day is nearing.

The moon and the stars shimmer around you.

As the familiar feeling surrounds you.

Your heart skips a beat,

To the music, so sweet.

All through the woods, all around mountains,

As pure blue water pours out of fountains,

Children rejoice in our world,

As they look at the deer with antlers so curled.

Bears in their caves, awake from their slumber,

And the dirt's so rich, it's color's burnt umber.

Hand in hand, animals all sing,

Because it is now officially spring.

Birds sing songs in the key of spring,

While bells loudly toll and ring,

As reminder of the feeling

Earth Day will bring.

The Tradition

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Angeline was an elf. Elves are a mysterious species, so only the people in her hidden elven village even pondered her existence. Elves also have numerous traditions, and one of them was Earth Day. Earth Day may seem like a human holiday, but the truth is that it was the elves who created it, as the earliest caretakers of the planet. Angeline cherished Earth Day more than any other day of the year. It meant that she could practice her family's trade without getting caught by humans, who were busy with their own gardening and cleaning up jobs. Her family had been fighting junk monsters for years and years, without ever leaving their own forest. At the break of dawn, she collected her trash net and set out to find a junk monster to get rid of. But when she walked out her door, a terrible surprise met her view. There were junk monsters all over her village! She couldn't see anything except junk monsters eating her village's houses ravenously. She could see that the humans were not taking good enough care of the planet. HER planet. She wanted to yell at the monsters to go away where nobody would ever see them again. But that would be stupid, she realized. Then they take over the entire forest and probably the world, and that certainly would not be taking care of the planet. She carefully snuck up on a nearby junk monster and poked it. At first, the junk monster was still. But then, he ran to another junk monster, merging with it. Then the merged monster ran to all the other monsters and merged with them. Then, they became one humongous monster, allowing Angeline to trap the monster in her net and destroy it using her wizardry. A few months later, the village was rebuilt, and all of its inhabitants found.

The End.

Earth Day

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The leaves of trees
rustle in the wind.

The sweet songs of birds
echo through the forest.

The rushing sound of
a river cascades off a
cliff.

Light dances through the
leaves left and right.

The Earth is
beautiful in
every single way.

Happy Earth Day!