

Cleaning the whole town



Martin wakes up at six o'clock. He puts on his clothes, combs his hair and walks to the window. He opens the curtains and sees piles of trash lying around. Martin's frustrated, he shakes the feeling of disappointment and walks down the stairs.

Martin puts his porridge on the stove to boil. When it's ready he pours it in to a big bowl and sits down to eat it. Suddenly he starts to feel sick. He throws up and realises that the milk in the porridge was two weeks old. After being in the bathroom for an hour, he looks at the clock and starts rushing to school.

On the way to school, he picks every piece of trash that he sees and puts them in his backpack. Some of the trash fell and Martin needed to go back and pick them up.

When Martin finally arrived to school, he was 15 minutes late. He apologized to his teacher and told her why he was late. The teacher, Ms.Bubblegum said that it was ok but the rest of the class just laughed at him. Some of his bullies mocked him. Martin sits down at his desk and tears up a bit. This is his life everyday.

After school Martin runs home crying. The bullies were mean to him again while he was picking up plastic bottles.

When he gets home, he opens the door and walks to his room. He lies on the bed and closes his eyes. Martin wakes up when his mom comes home. She notices that Martin is in his room and she knows what happened in school, because Ms.Bubblegum sent her a message about bullying that happens in school everyday. Mom comes to Martins bed and sits down next to him. She tries to comfort him.

During the night Martin sees an odd nightmare. In the nightmare Martins whole town gets buried in trash. Martin flies across the sky and saves people drowning in trash. He knows that its his mission to save the town from the trash wave, but he can't do it alone. Suddenly Martin gets hit by plastic bottle on the head and then he wakes up.

Martin is very sweaty and he is feeling very disgusted. He runs to the shower, but makes sure that he doesn't use too much water. While in shower the master idea hits him. He can feel the light bulb lighting up on his head. He must do a petition about cleaning the town! He does his morning routine, grabs a pen and a piece of paper and runs to the school without picking up the trash on his way, because he is so excited about the petition.

At school Martin finds out that everybody had the same nightmare and they were more than happy to write their names on the petition. Only ones that didn't want to write their names are the bullies. They just laugh and call it a stupid idea. Teacher parts the class in little groups that would go and get autographs on the petition.

Next day at school they look at how many names they've got. The bullies had none and the teacher isn't thrilled about it. The main bully didn't sleep well, because he had another nightmare about the trash wave. He is little bit scared of it, but doesn't have the guts to admit it.

Couple days after bullies have had the same dream over and over again. They are too scared even close their eyes. They know what they must do. So when they see Martin in school they

immediately agree to sign the petition. Martin is very glad about it, because they have finally made the peace.

Then the whole class marches to the town hall to make a suggestion about cleaning the town together with all of its residents. They show the petition to the mayor Tim Rintin and tell him about the dream that everybody was having. Mayor Tim Rintin thinks that it was a wonderful idea and he wants to do it right away.

It took two days and finally the whole town was clean again. It was a dream come true for Martin. He was so happy about it that he even hugs his meanest bully. The towns people carry Martin to the mayor Tim Rintin, so that Martin can be awarded with a medal for his good work. In the progress of cleaning the town, Martin got many new friends and everyone could finally breathe fresh air again.

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Questions:

- 1) Why do you think Martin starts feeling sick?
- 2) What made him pick up the trash on his way to school?
- 3) Why was his classmates initial reaction to laugh at him?
- 4) What made them finally sign Martin's petition?
- 5) What do you think is the moral of the story?