



The cool ocean air breezed past Kairi as she walked along the beach. Soft sand stuck to the bottom of her feet as she walked, occasionally dusting it off only to have to back on her feet. As she continued walking, she noticed a small shape near her. Kairi squinted. The night sky made it difficult to see but luckily the brightness of the stars provided the light needed to identify the object. She bent down. It was a seashell. A yellow cockle seashell, to be more precise. Kairi wasn't sure if the shell was occupied or not, so she decided to leave the shell alone.

She decided to rest by the shore, making sure to be some distance away from the tides. Kairi crossed her legs, and sat next to the seashell. Closing her eyes, she breathed in the pure air. She listened to the waves gently crashing against each other. The ocean side was so peaceful. It was untouched by society, void of any distractions. Kairi then tilted her head upwards, and opened her eyes. A million stars sparkled above, each star having its own unique and special twinkle.

The night sky expressed such beauty that left Kairi mesmerized. She saw the starry night so many times and still couldn't believe there were so many stars. They were dotted across, casting a shadow onto the ocean and shore. Kairi gathered a fistful of sand and let it slip between her fingers. She never felt so at peace before. At school, she was

always stressed and tired. But she always felt relaxed when outside. From listening to ocean waves to star gazing, Kairi adored being outside. She wanted to keep this peace and tranquility preserved. Not only that, but for other people to experience something so special. To be able to see more than just an ocean and stars. To be able to know that there's a place where you can just look up and realize that there's so much to see in the world.

Kairi looked around the ocean. Off to the far left in the distance, were parts of the island. Tall trees and hills were masked by the darkness. Kairi reminisced of times when she would climb the trees with her friends and hike on the hills. To this day, those trees were still there. Unfortunately, people from other islands wanted to occupy the one she lived on, and wanted to turn it into a resort to make money. Of course, the fellow islanders refused, but were harassed constantly. It sadden Kairi to think that some people and turn nature into some sort of money maker. She believed the right thing to do was to give back to the environment, or at least to minimize our effects on the environment. An ethical way of doing this would be planting back trees after cutting one down, reducing waste, something along those lines.

Suddenly, Kairi felt conflicted. Not everyone would agree with her green way of thinking. Some wouldn't even care. How could she persuade them to help preserve the

environment? Thinking hard, she tried to come up with a way to solve this problem. One thing we all could agree on is that pollution was not good at all. It finds its way into the oceans and air. When in the water, it damages the ecosystems and can kill the marine animals. And when that happens, it throws off the balance in the ocean. Because if the animals die, who will take care of the ocean? Who would take care of the water for when we need it?

It was then the answers dawned on Kairi. She could help educate people on how the oceans and the environment were important to society and let people know. For example, how the Great Garbage Patch was a collection of litter that finds its way into the ocean and was very hazardous to the water because the garbage can be toxic. These toxins and other pollutants can affect food webs by collecting together and blocking sunlight for plankton and algae from getting nutrients, which would then lead to the animals who eat them have less food to eat. And when that happens, the apex predators such as sharks and whales wouldn't have their food. Ultimately, seafood would be inaccessible due to its high price.

Pollution in the air wasn't good either. It can lead to respiratory problems like asthma or chronic bronchitis. It's important to have clean air because smog can lead to inflammation in the lungs and affect the heart and blood vessels. It would affect the blood vessels by contaminating the blood with the pollutants, and carry it to other organs.

Kairi trusted in her vast knowledge to help those understand and care for the environment. She would persuade them to care. It wasn't an easy task, but she would do it. She wanted to tell others how important the oceans were, but to tell society why she wanted to protect them. The world was such a big place and given so much to people. It was home to everyone. There was so much to see and do and would be such a shame to not see them because of negligence to the environment. Helping the world's ecosystems would help educate people and give them a broader sense of understanding of helping others. But only if humanity could get their act together.