

**Zoë Miller**

**Age 8**

**Whitehorse**

**The one and only Garbage Monster named Garby:**

Once upon a time, in a small village called Greentown, there lived a friendly garbage monster named Garby. Garby was big and green, with long arms made of trash cans and a head made of old tires. He loved to eat garbage. Every day, he would roam around the village, gobbling up all the trash he could find.

Garby was known as the Garbage King because he could eat more garbage than anyone else. He would garble up banana peels, empty soda cans, and even old papers. But the more he ate, the sicker he became.

One day, Garby woke up feeling very tired and weak. His stomach was hurting, and he couldn't eat anything.

Garby had eaten so much garbage that he had become sick. The villagers noticed that Garby was not his usual self and became worried. They loved Garby and didn't want anything bad to happen to him.

The villagers all meet to discuss how they could help Garby. Little Zoë, an 8-year-old girl with curly hair and a big smile, raised her hand and asked, "What if we start

recycling? Maybe if we recycle, there won't be so much garbage for Garby to eat, and he will feel better."

The villagers were amazed by Little Zoë's idea. They realized that recycling could be the solution to help their beloved Garby. They all agreed to start recycling right away.

The next day, the villagers set up recycling bins all over the village. They separated their garbage into different categories like refundable, plastic, paper, and electronics. They even started composting their food scraps to reduce waste. The village was buzzing with excitement as everyone worked together to save Garby.

Garby watched from his hiding spot. He could see how much they cared about him, and it made him feel loved.

Garby knew that he had to help too. He decided to join the villagers in their recycling mission.

With his big trash can arms, Garby helped collect the recyclables from everyone's houses. He crushed the cans and flattened the cardboard boxes. Garby even used his tire head to roll the recycling bins to the recycling center.

As days turned into weeks, the village became cleaner and greener. Garby's stomach started to feel better, and his strength returned. The villagers cheered as Garby's health improved.

The villagers took pride in their efforts to protect the environment and their special friend, Garby. They taught other villages about the importance of recycling, and soon, recycling became a way of life for everyone.

Garby, the garbage monster, lived happily ever after, surrounded by his friends. Every year on Garby's birthday, the villagers would have a big celebration to honor their friend and remind themselves of the power of recycling.

And so, the story of Garby, the garbage monster, and the village that came together to help him taught everyone that even the smallest actions can make a big difference.