

First Place Prize: Grade 4-6

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The Forest that was Logged

Chop! Crash! The biggest of the trees leapt to the ground and made the ground rumble. Another tree came crashing to the ground beside a humongous loader. Deer ran with her two small fawns beside her. Their lovely home had been destroyed by the ravenous buncher.

“Hurry up,” she called urging her fawns to get closer to her.

In a different place in the forest, the busy tree ants rushed around gathering mint green leaves when an enormous buncher came up, and their big brown tree house came down. More than half of the tree ants were killed in less than a second. Slowly the loader came up, grabbing ahold of the tree and drove away. The ants that survived, shivered and huddled together on the soggy ground.

Little trees and bushes dropped their small heads, for fear that they would be next to go down. Deer and her fawns wandered around, like lost children, looking for a safe place but instead finding destruction. Ants ran aimlessly through little bushes and shrubs. All of a sudden, a shrill voice filled the air!

“This looks like a good place for these little trees.”

“Yes,” a male voice yelled back.

The animals stood frozen. Not sure if they were to be scared or friendly!

The tiny ants scattered as a silver shovel dug into the ground where they were huddled. Suddenly a thought struck the ants in the head. They were planting new trees! All the animals rejoiced.

A few years later when the trees had grown tall, and the fawns were grown and strong, the forest was beautiful. It was now a park and many animals and critters lived there. Lovely people in the community had provided homes and grown new trees to help the animals and plants in the environment.