Homeless on Rich By Omar Hashem



Zack a poor homeless man walking around on Rich planet looking for food

One day a 30-year-old poor homeless man named Zack was walking around on the surface of a planet known as Rich, in space, looking for some food. On Rich, the elite class of people transport using flying cabins, while others get around on flying scooters. Zack was the only one who would walk on the surface of Rich. He knows every part and place on the surface of the planet because he always walks. Everyone overlooks Zack because it never occurred to anyone to ever look down. Especially, that all the civilians of Rich, except Zack, were living in the clouds.



An engine failure cabin drove by a scared young lady descended from the sky

That very night, while Zack was walking around waiting for people to drop food from their cabins so that he can eat it, he saw a blue spaceship flying descending from the sky. It came very close to the ground but didn't crash. He was shocked yet and at the same time so happy that maybe someone finally realized his existence on Rich's surface. He sprinted to the ship, to find a young lady and knocked on the window trying to introduce himself, but the girl didn't open the door because she was scared. Meanwhile, the young lady was attempting to call maintenance to come tow and fix her cabin. Unfortunately, the call didn't work because she was too far from the sky so there was no signal. She gave up and opened the cabin to Zack with caution. The young lady asked Zack, very rudely, "Who are you and what do you want from me? Why do you look so different and why you are walking on your feet? Nobody on Rich walks on their feet. Maybe you are an alien!". Zack was wondering; why can't she ask me for help? Is it because I'm poor, and I'm walking on my feet? Lily decided to ignore him and sat in her cabin. After few hours Zack tried to talk to Lily in order to assist her in solving her problem. He asked her where she was heading. She answered, that she really wanted to get home to her cloud and family.



After they broke the ice between them, Lily accepted to get assistant from Zack.

But when he tried to get more details about her cloud house location, she told him that he will never know as he never went up to the sky. Zack then suggested that she looks up and imagines that she were driving, in order to map her route parallel with the planet's sky. Lily started describing the route, he listened, looking up and down trying to figure out where her house was . After she finished, Zack promised to help her by walking there. Lily was very concerned about her cabin and how they will survive as she never walked on the surface. Zack calmed her down and they started walking. Suddenly, a half of sandwich fell down from the sky, Zack picked it up and asked Lily if she was hungry.



Lily was hungry, but she changed her mind after she saw how Zack was eating.

Even though Lily was hungry, she refused to act like him since she felt it was disgusting. After three hours of walking, Lily wondered how long they had to walk. Zack told her around one day and a half. She became more worried about food, restrooms, her school and missing classes. But Zack was more concern about her survival he said: "Sometimes you sacrifice many things just for the sake of surviving." Lily liked what he said and thought that what the poor guy said was somehow logical. She started doing the same. After a while, she needed to go to the restroom, she asked if there is one. Zack replied "What does a restroom mean? What does it include and what do people do in it?" Lily: "Oh, I forgot that you live on the ground sorry never mind, can you just turn your face for a bit so I can pee." He waited for her till she finished and continued their walking. Then Lily found that she felt really exhausted and tired so she asked if she could take a nap. Zack replied, "Yes, of course, you can because we still have 12 hours of walking." For the first time in Lily's life, she slept on the ground without a bed or even a blanket or pillow. Zack also went to sleep and was thinking how she slept directly without asking too many questions about how she is going to sleep and how disgusting is was.



Zack made a fire so Lily's family could find her from the smoke

After they woke up she cried to Zack asking why her parents didn't care and didn't search for her. His answer was "I'm sure they did but they never thought about searching on the ground." She agreed and they continued till they reached her cloud house but the problem was how she was going to tell them to look down. Zack had the answer, he brought two stones, gathered some branches and made a fire. At that time Lily's family was searching for her. Luckily, they saw the smoke coming from the ground and went down to find Lily.



Newspapers wrote about Zack being a hero and he became part of the Rich planet community

As a result of these events, Lily introduced Zack to her father John and her mother Karen. John decided to hire Zack as a guard for his daughter so Zack got to live happily on both the ground and in the sky. However, people knew of the news of how Lily disappeared and how she returned back home and they decided to put some fuel stations on the ground. To motivate people to visit these stations, owners of the stations made the prices lower than on sky. Moreover, communication companies took a decision to cover the full ground with signals in case anything like this happened again.