



Rosie looked over with a big smile. "I'll be ight there." she said.

"I've been looking forward to this trip all week!"

When the Flower Friends got to the beach, they could see the sparkling blue ocean in the distance.

"I can't wait to splash in the waves!" Rosie exclaimed.

"Me too," Vi agreed. "And I hope that we see lots of seashells and birds!"

But first they enjoyed a picnic lunch of fruit and cheese. When they finished, Rosie took a garbage bag out of their picnic basket.

"Let's throw away our trash," she said.

"It's important to leave the beach just as we found it, so other people can enjoy it as much as we do."

When they went over to the garbage cans,

however, they saw that the cans were overflowing

with trash.



"There's no more room!" Sunny said. "Where are we going to throw away our trash?"

Rosie spotted beach patrol officers nearby. They wore name tags. One was Officer Susan. One was Officer Rocco.

"Excuse me," she said.

"Can you help us?

We'd like to throw our trash bags away, but the garbage cans are full."

"Thanks for letting us know," Officer Rocco said. "We'll take care of it."

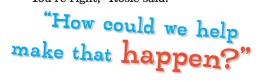




A few minutes later, the officers came back with a few empty garbage cans.

"Here you go," they said. "We're glad that people throw their trash away, but what would really help is if people could use less paper and plastic in the first place. Or if they could carry their trash out with them."

"You're right," Rosie said.



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"Could you tell people about other ways to keep parks, playgrounds, and beaches clean?" Officer Susan suggested.

"Maybe you could do a presentation at your school or community center," Officer Rocco added. "If you gave people three tips about how to have less trash to throw away and they all told other people—well, the word would spread!"

"That's a great idea," Rosie said. "What do you say, Flower Friends?"

"Yay!" the Flower Friends do it!"

cheered. "Let's do it!"

And after their day at the beach was over, they went home and did just that.

