Have you ever seen a giant panda? If you have, you would know that these majestic white and black bears are incredibly cute, but they are more than just a cute face. They are icons, legends, and very important to people around the world. But what if you have never seen a panda? And what if you never will? What if your grandchildren never get to see one because people like you prevented that? You see, pandas are considered an endangered species. Part of the reason for this is that pandas are very picky about what they eat. While you and I eat a vast spread of food, pandas only eat one thing: bamboo. Now that might not be a big deal, so let me explain.

First, I want you to close your eyes and picture all of your favorite foods. Now imagine not having access to one of those foods. Not a big deal, right?

Now picture that you are a panda. You only eat one thing. Now imagine not having access to bamboo, and you have a big problem. That is a problem that some pandas face. One reason for this is that people have leveled whole bamboo forests to make room for new homes and towns. Now the pandas that might have lived there would have starved to death.

One question I ask myself is how far people will go. How far will people push for money? A sad fact I learned is that some people hunt pandas because their beautiful fur coat would make enough money to feed a family for a year. I wonder what people's motivation is, what it would take to do something like that. Why? Why would people sacrifice the life of an innocent panda for their personal benefit? Would you do something like that? I hope not.

While I don't think that you would do something like that, I also know that you aren't doing much to help. There are so many animals on the endangered species list that are in need of help. Take climate change, for an example. Lots of polar bears are losing their homes because of that. Can you help? Yes, you can. You can start biking and taking public transportation. These are all things that you can do to help all the bears, giant pandas included.