Peak Plastic

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So why are people worried about plastic pollution? Plastic is not always biodegradable.

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Quick Questions

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Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think they will be worried as they will not want animals to eat the microplastics as they could be dangerous.

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