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The project, through introduction of effective and sustainable SWM systems and engagement with communities, is contributing to environmental protection, the prevention of diseases, promotion of hygiene and proper sanitary standards, income generation through cash for work, and support to waste reduction and recycling. The project is been implemented with protection of women and children in mind. The objective of this project is to developing Solid Waste Management Systems and Changing Behaviours and Attitudes towards solid waste.



IN A VERY STINKY CITY, LIVED RHEE.

Rhee: So stinky! I have to pass this terrible garbage pile every day when I go to school!



Rhee: Ew...!!!
SO DISGUSTING!

Stinky: WHAT did you say?



Stinky: Did you just call me disgusting? Do you know who I am??

Rhee: What kind of home is this? So stinky!

Rhee: Not a little small as a ghost? You?

Stinky: You offend me greatly. Be scared of me. I'm here to haunt!... this... rotten banana peel. BAHAAAAHA!

Stinky continued: I am the Garbage smell ghost & this is my HOME.



WHAT?

Rhee: Mr ghost, you're very strange!

Stinky: Call me Gondhoraj. I am the king of smells in this city. HAAAAHA! It's not my fault it's SO stinky here. You humans throw so much trash here that it has become so STINKY.

Rhee: Do you think I like this? I don't. I would like to do something about this terrible smell.

Stinky: Really?

Hmm... if the city cleans up, and gets well managed, then that is good for me too. It's been so long since I smelled fresh air.



STINKY DECIDED TO SPEND THE DAY WITH RHEE THAT DAY. HE ATTENDED CLASSES WITH HER. THE TEACHER TAUGHT EVERYONE THE 3R (REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE).

Teacher: Today we learned about the 3R. How many of you can summarize for the class?

3R
REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

Classmate 1:
Reduce is to create less waste.

Stinky:
Reuse is to use something again.

Classmate 2: Recycle is to create a new product or thing from something that you would otherwise throw away!

Teacher: An example of Reuse is...

An example of Recycle:

An example of Reduce:



We can recycle plastic water bottles to produce clothes.

Reducing waste is like keeping the water tap closed. For example, refusing the use of new plastic bags, and taking your bags from home.

When we use old bottles again instead of throwing them away. A bottle as a flower pot!

TIFFIN TIME



Stinky: Humans are so strange. You learn about saving the environment in school but don't apply your knowledge in real life.

There is a bin right next to you.



Stinky: HEY YOU! HAAAAHA you probably don't realize it but it's a very big problem that you throw this plastic bag here. It's because of unmanaged plastic like this that your city floods during the rainy season.

PLASTICS LIKE THIS BLOCK THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

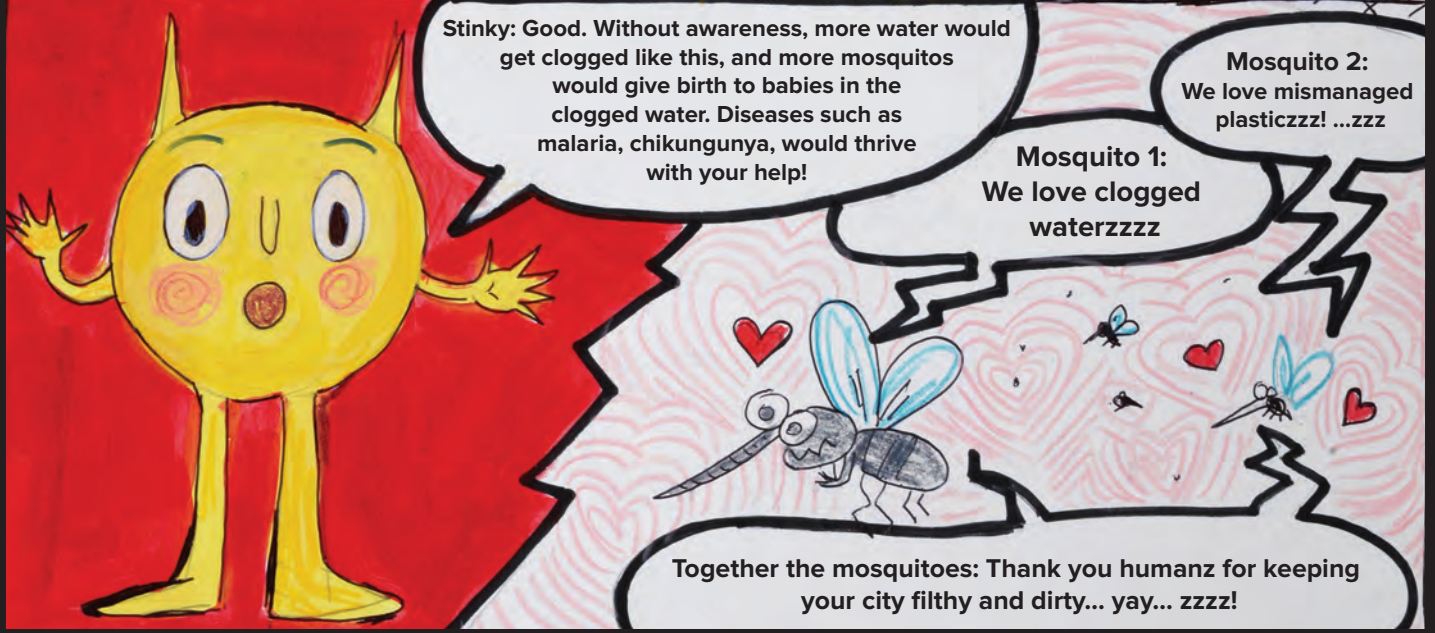
I didn't know, sorry!



Stinky: Good. Without awareness, more water would get clogged like this, and more mosquitos would give birth to babies in the clogged water. Diseases such as malaria, chikungunya, would thrive with your help!

Mosquito 2: We love mismanaged plasticzzz! ...zzzz

Mosquito 1: We love clogged waterzzzz



Together the mosquitoes: Thank you humanz for keeping your city filthy and dirty... yay... zzzzz!

BACK AT HOME, MOTHER IS COOKING.

Stinky: Garbage should be disposed of separately based on type. Because some of it can be recycled, some can't. And if we mix the two types, it becomes difficult to recycle. Many countries use colorful bins. People are conscious from home of the disposal of trash in different bins.



Stinky: There is a green bin for wet trash, such as fruit and vegetable skins, and other wet trash like this.



Stinky: A blue bin for dry trash, such as glass, plastics, etc.



Stinky: You should start this as well, this way it would even be easier for the waste collectors to manage our waste.



Stinky: Why do we call them our waste collectors? They are waste fighters. They are the magic garbage guardians. They help us manage all our trash. Everyday like magic our garbage disappears from our homes. What would we do without them?

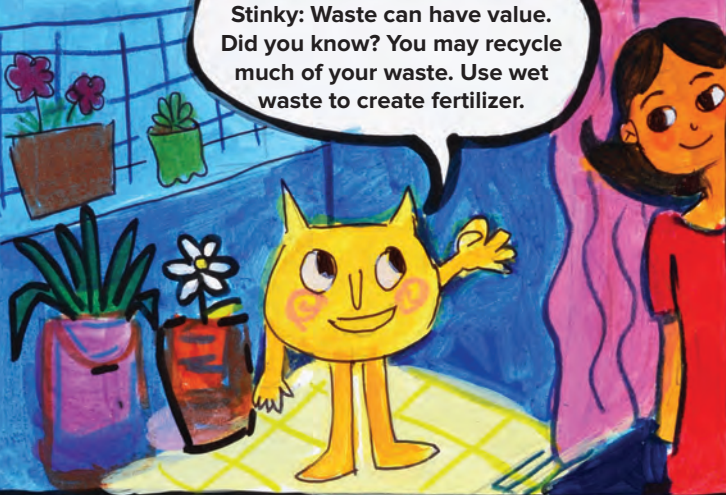


THE WASTE COLLECTORS,
THE CLEANER &
THE FERIWALA,
ARE OUR TRUE
SUPERHEROES.

THEY COLLECT, AND SORT ALL
TYPES OF WASTE, CLEAN THE
STREETS & MARKETS WITHOUT
BREAK. SUNSHINE OR HEAVY
RAIN, THEY TAKE NO BREAK,
THEY ARE ALWAYS ON TIME
TO COLLECT OUR
WASTE MATERIALS.



Stinky: Waste can have value.
Did you know? You may recycle
much of your waste. Use wet
waste to create fertilizer.



Rhee: I made this plant
pot with a old plastic
bottle

Rhee: We also
always save
old shopping
bags to reuse!



Rhee: Everyone in the city needs to
understand that we can have a nice
environment only if we dispose of
trash responsibly.



Rhee:
Idea!!
A
Garbage
Bank!!



RHEE TALKS TO HER SCHOOL AND OPENS A GARBAGE BANK. EVERYONE CAN SUBMIT THEIR RECYCLABLE WASTE HERE. BY RECYCLING AND SELLING THIS WASTE, THE SCHOOL EARNS AN EXTRA AMOUNT OF MONEY.



Rhee: How's the idea? This is a Garbage Bank!

Rhee: I made a booth here. Everyone can bring their recyclable waste such as plastic, metals, glass, paper, cardboard. They may submit these to this booth, and we may earn extra money for the school.

Stinky: How did you get this idea?

I got it from you. When you said waste has value.




SOME MONTHS PASSED, EVERYONE IN THE CITY INSPIRED BY RHEE HAS BECOME AWARE OF HOW TO CORRECTLY DISPOSE WASTE. THEY NOW FOLLOW THE 3R BY HEART. REDUCE, REUSE, & RECYCLE. THE CITY HAS BECOME MUCH CLEANER THAN BEFORE.




Rhee: What's happening to you!!?





Stinky: Don't be scared Rhee, this is my true form. I had forgotten the sweet smell of wet earth. This city's smell changed so much with the smell of mismanaged garbage... that even I changed with it.

I'm back now. Now I have so much more power, love... joy!



**GONDHORAJ NOW IS NOT A GHOST ANYMORE.
HE IS A HAPPY SPIRIT.
A STRONG FORCE OF NATURE.**

FUN EXERCISE:

Dear Friends, Now you know the 3R (REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE)? Then...

A) write the correct name of each image.



B) make a list of dry, wet, and recyclable waste from your home.

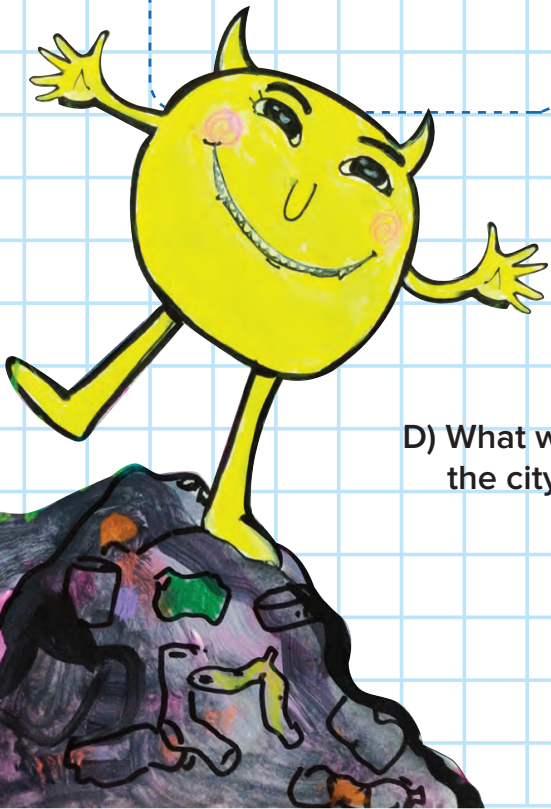
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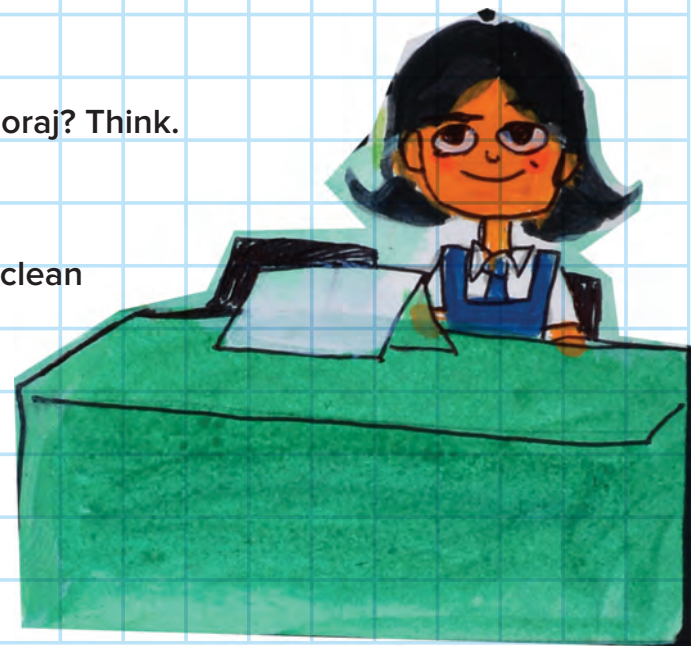


RECYCLABLE & REUSABLE

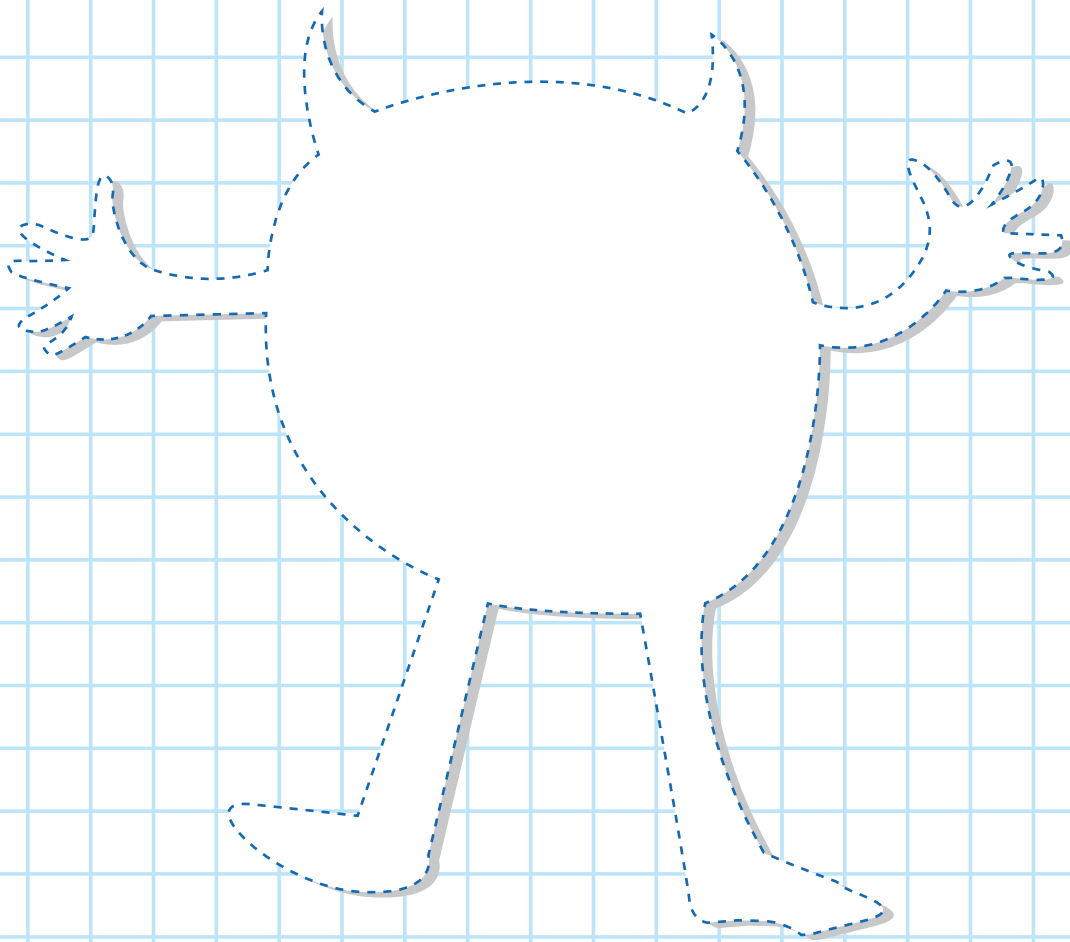


C) Who is Gondhoraj? Think.

D) What was Rhee's IDEA to clean the city? Write it down.



E) Let's draw & colour the stinky ghost.



F) Do you like to engage more with the Author of this book?

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DO NO HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT,
THROWING DIRT HERE & THERE.
SCHOOL AND ITS SURROUNDINGS
KEEP CLEAN REGULAR.