



# Tok's Bag

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'What a great day for a bike ride!' Tok called to his sister Sophie as he tossed a plastic bag from a snack over his shoulder.

'What are you doing, Tok!' Sophie shouted. 'You can't throw a bag on the road!'

'Why not?'



Sophie pedaled hard to catch up to Tok. 'Because the bag could become a big problem for....for... everything!'



Just then, Sophie and Tok heard a grumbling behind them. They stopped to see what was making such a strange noise, but did not see anything but the bag tumbling away.



Sophie continued explaining to Tok what could happen if the bag were left behind. 'If it rains, the bag will be washed into a river. Its mouth would open wide, big enough to gobble up all the fish!'



Sophie and Tok stopped for a picnic under a beautiful tree.

'This sounds like a nasty bag, Sophie. What else could happen?' Tok asked.

'It would be a terrible thing for our world. After gobbling up the fish, it could grow bigger and bigger.'



'It would grow large enough to come out of the water, fly around, and look for more to eat!'



"It could grow large enough to swallow all the trees! Its evil laugh will be as loud as thunder."

'Bwaa Ha Ha!'

'It will trample the earth to dust.'





More bags will come, eating the fish, pulling up trees, and destroying the beautiful fields.



The land will be quiet and sad.



'When there is nothing left for the bags to eat, they will come for us next.'



'It will become so large  
that we will not be able to  
escape!'



Tok was very frightened by Sophie's story. 'I don't want to be gobbled up by a bag, Sophie!'

'Then you must not litter, Tok. Let's pick up this bag before it causes any trouble.'



When Tok and Sophie get home, they find more bags to clean.

'Sophie, if we pick up all the bags we see, they will never have a chance to grow!'



'You're right, Tok. Let's do it. We can save the world together!'



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To reduce the use of plastics, all supermarkets in Phnom Penh are now required by law to charge customers for plastic carry-out bags.

The government has also created an outreach campaign to educate people about the negative impact of plastics on the planet and how to reduce the use of





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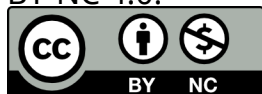
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