



What did Priya eat?

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Priya was a beautiful, sleek, shiny, brown cow. All the children loved her.

She gave a lot of milk. The children drank milk every day.

One morning, Priya did not get up.



“Wake up, Priya! We want milk!”
called the children.
“I can’t,” moaned Priya. “My tummy
hurts so much.”
“Poor Priya! Don’t be sad. We will call
the vet,” they said.



The vet gave Priya a check-up. She had come with her portable X-ray machine. She took an X-Ray of Priya's stomach.

She looked at the X-Ray and shook her head. "Priya, you have eaten too much plastic!" she said. "I will give you an injection for the pain. You must rest for a day and then you will feel better."

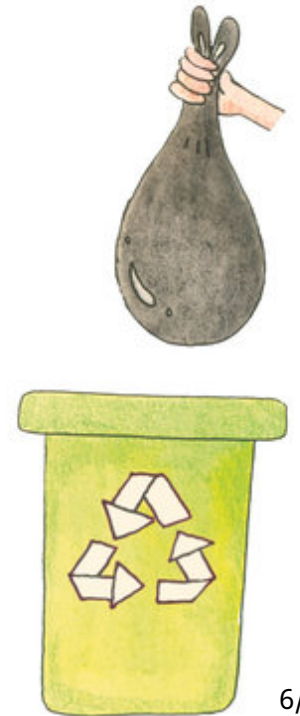
The vet left and the children sat around Priya.

“PLASTIC! Why do you eat plastic? Cows eat green grass!” they said.

“Green grass? There is no green grass anywhere, except in the park. But outside the park there is a sign that says NO COWS ALLOWED,” said Priya.



“We get our food from the garbage dump. Do you know what is in the garbage dump? Sweet wrappers, wafer packets, biscuit wrappers and plastic bags! The dump is also full of tasty vegetable skins and fruit peels. So our food is mixed up with the plastic waste and other waste,” said Priya.



“We do not have fingers like you do. We cannot separate the plastic from the food, so we just eat the plastic along with the vegetable peels and other yummy treats like carrot-tops and corn cobs. That’s how we get plastic into our stomachs.”

The children were upset. “We must do something,” said Ravi, the oldest.

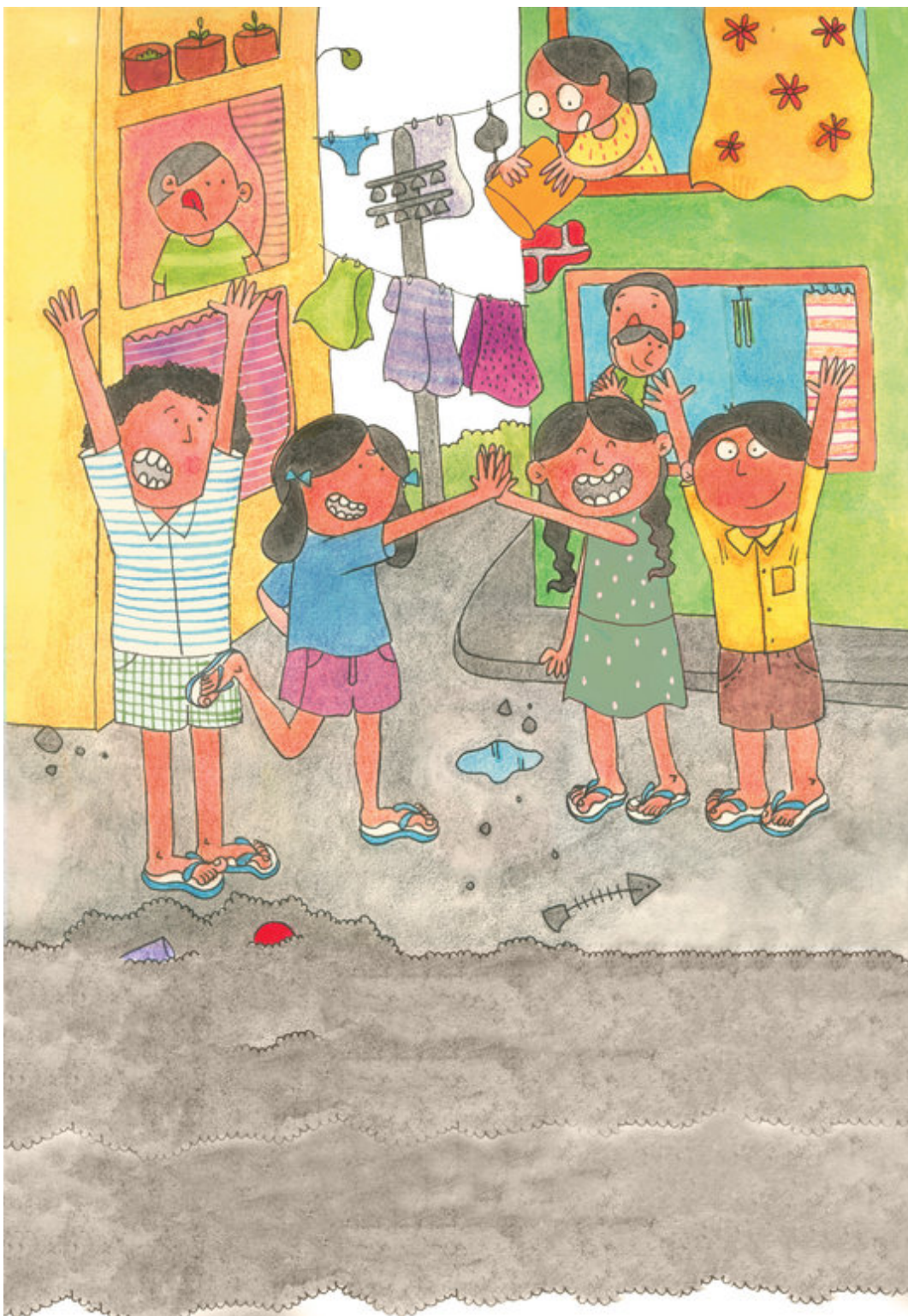
“What can we do?” asked Tina.



Situ knew a lot – she liked to watch nature shows on television.

“In some cities, people put their garbage into different-coloured bins. They put food waste into a green bin, plastic in a red bin and other rubbish in a blue bin.”



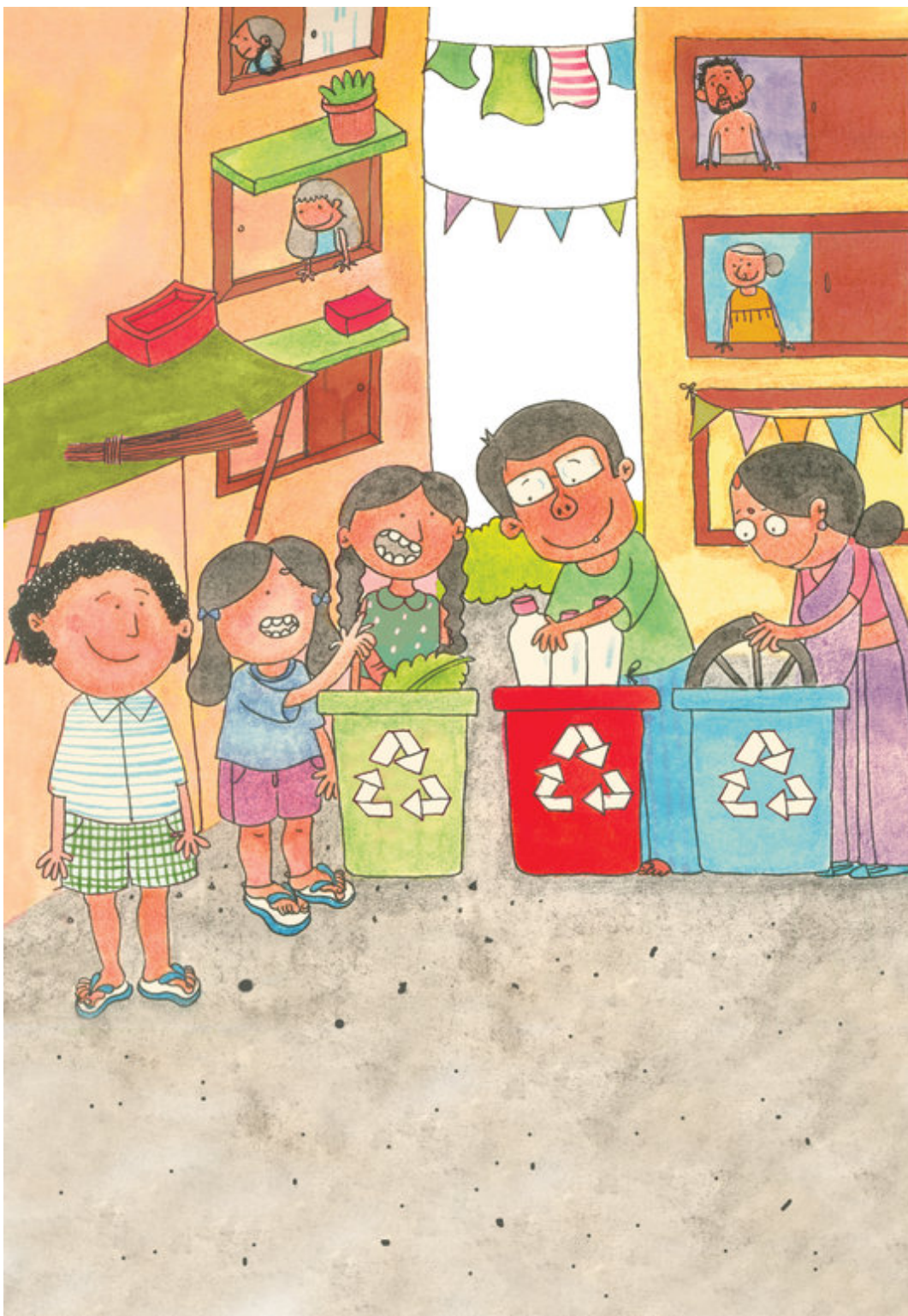


Nitesh loved action.

"Let's tell everyone in our area to do the same. Then Priya and her friends will not have to eat plastic," he said.

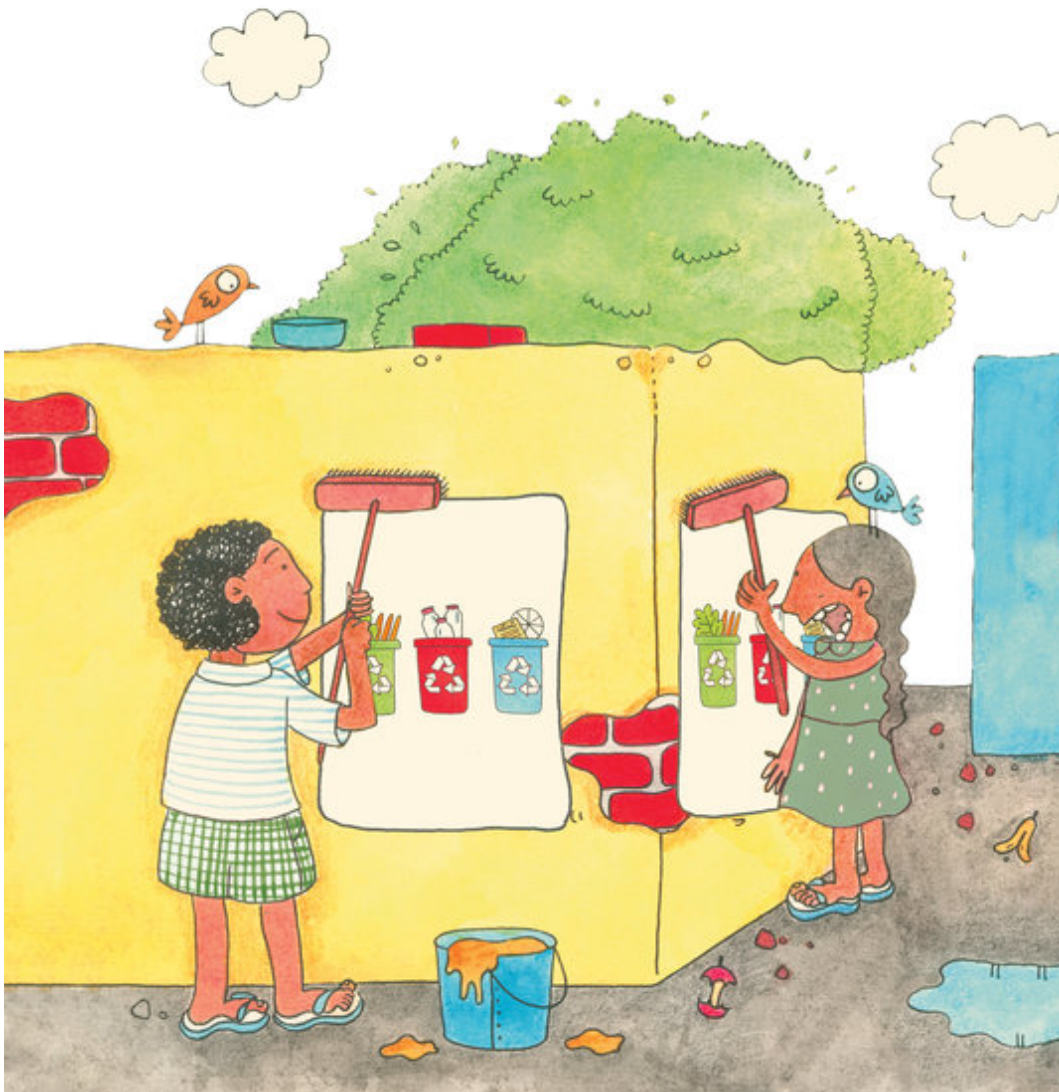
"Wonderful idea!" all the children chorused.

"Let's start today."



Soon the children were teaching all the grown-ups how to separate the waste. They asked every family to have three different bins in each house.

They made posters to help everyone remember how to separate their garbage: paper waste to be put into the blue bin, plastic waste into the red bin, and food waste into the green bin.



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Now the garbage dump is neat and clean, and Priya will not get sick again. Everyone is happy.

And most of all - our wonderful planet Earth.



The Three R's

Look, here is a doctor throwing a plastic bag into the green bin. Correct her please.

Here is teacher - he is throwing his paper waste in the green bin. Which bin should paper be thrown into?

To help Priya, make sure you follow the three R's:
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.



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What did Priya eat?

(English)

Priya, the cow, is sick. Her tummy hurts. Read this book to find out why she was unwell, and how her friends helped her.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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