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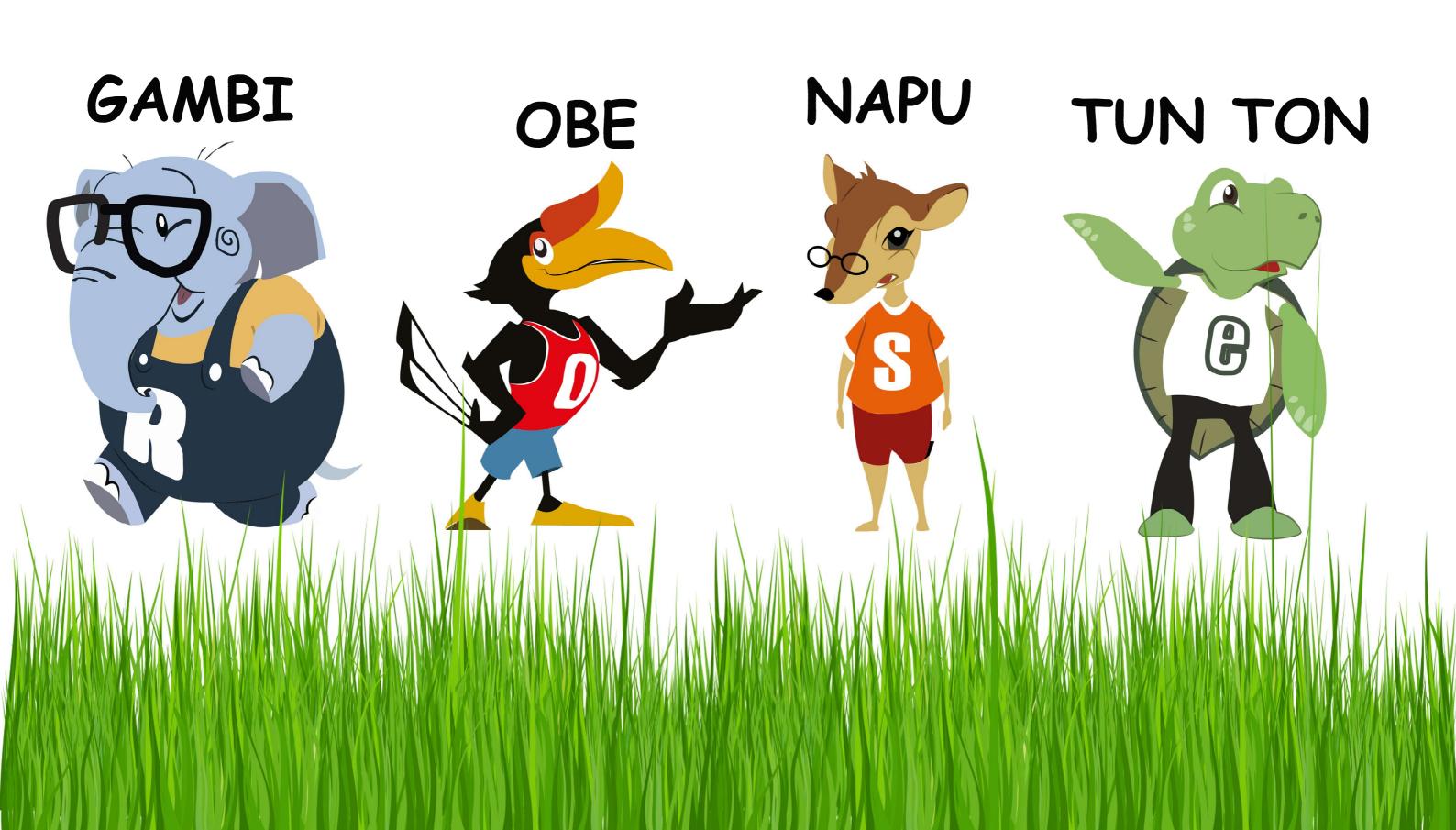
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SAVE OUR WATER

GREEN ROSE ECO STORIES
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Picnic at the Waterfall

One weekend, Obe, Tun Ton, Napu and Gambi were going on a picnic at a remote area to enjoy the nature. They brought with them a picnic basket filled with Nasi lemak, tuna and egg sandwiches, and fried noodles.



After taking turns driving, they arrived at their destination.

"Oh my! oh my! This is such a lovely place! Said Tun Ton

"It definitely is! Replied Napu

"Look at the waterfall! Oh I can't wait to go in there! Cried Gambi

"Look! It also has BBQ places, toilets, and changing rooms" shouted Obe from above

Because it was a weekend, the place was a bit crowded. They saw an empty shady spot under a big tree. But as they came closer, they saw lots of empty plates, plastics, bottles and cans left lying under the tree. There were lots of flies feeding on the left over food.

"Oh my God! They cried out loud

"it's dirty! Said Tun Ton

"and it stinks! Cried Napu.

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They collected the rubbish, separated the plastic, paper and glass and placed
them into the specific bins provided around the picnic area.



By the time they finished cleaning up the place, they felt famished.

"C'mon guys! let's eat! Said Gambi as he spread their picnic mat and open their picnic basket. The aroma of their with Nasi lemak, tuna and egg sandwiches, fried noodles was really appetizing.

"Let's all dig in!" they all said laughing happily.

They ate and drink until they felt full. Gambi made a big burbing sound "BURB!!! and everybody laughed. Because they ate too much and felt tired from a long drive, they felt sleepy and couldn't keep their eyes opened.

"ohhh that was so delicious! Let's all take a nap" said Gambi, and they all dozed into a deep sleep.

When they woke up, there saw that half of the people had left the place and there were some empty spots next to the waterfalls. They packed their things and cleared up their rubbish and went to move to a spot next to one of the waterfalls. Surprisingly, the spot was clean. They couldn't wait to bathe and play under the crystal clear water gushing from the hills.

"Yahooo! Let's all jump in! One, two, three!' shouted Napu.



They jumped into the water and play with each other happily. They splashed water to each other and laughed loudly. There were other people in the water too. Then Tun Ton and Gambi swam a little further from the waterfall into the plunge pool to dive. But they were shocked to see a lot of floating plastics, straws, cans, papers floating on the surface of the water.

"Hey! Get out! get out from the water! It's polluted! Screamed Tun Ton and Gambi.

They quickly got out from the water and dried themselves. Obe flew and dried himself in the air by flapping its wings. Gambi throw out the water from his body

using its trunk. Napu and Tun Ton moved around to remove the excess water from their bodies.

"Oh no! this water is full of rubbish! "exclaimed Napu.

"Now I get it! The people using the spots next to the waterfall had thrown all their rubbish in the water!!! Said Obe

"and that's why the spot we found just now was clean! The threw rubbish in the waterfall and next to them and the rubbish got drifted into the plunge pools!

Said Gambi

Then, all of a sudden, they heard cries of pain nearby.

"Ouch!!! Ouch!!!"

Obe quickly flew to the direction of the cries while Napu quickly ran to see what happened. They saw a little boy had a cut on his foot because he accidently stepped on broken bottles when he climbed out from the water.

At the same time Gambi and Tun Ton heard sounds of pain near them.

"Ohhh! Ohhh! Auuuuuu! "Uuweeeek"!

Some of the visitors were also vomiting and feeling sick because the polluted water got into their mouth while in the water.

Gambi called the ambulance and took the sick and hurt visitors to Putrajaya hospital. The four friends called all the other visitors there to gather around and told them what had happened. They told the visitors not to throw rubbish in the waterfall because the rubbish will attract rats, mosquitoes, snakes and flies which are harmful to people.

The visitors together with the four friend helped to clean up the water and its surrounding areas. They accumulated a lots of plastic bottles, empty cans, paper plates and cups and even diapers! After a few hours of hard work, the waterfall, the deep pools and picnic areas were clean from rubbish. The visitors and the four friend were very happy to see the results of their work

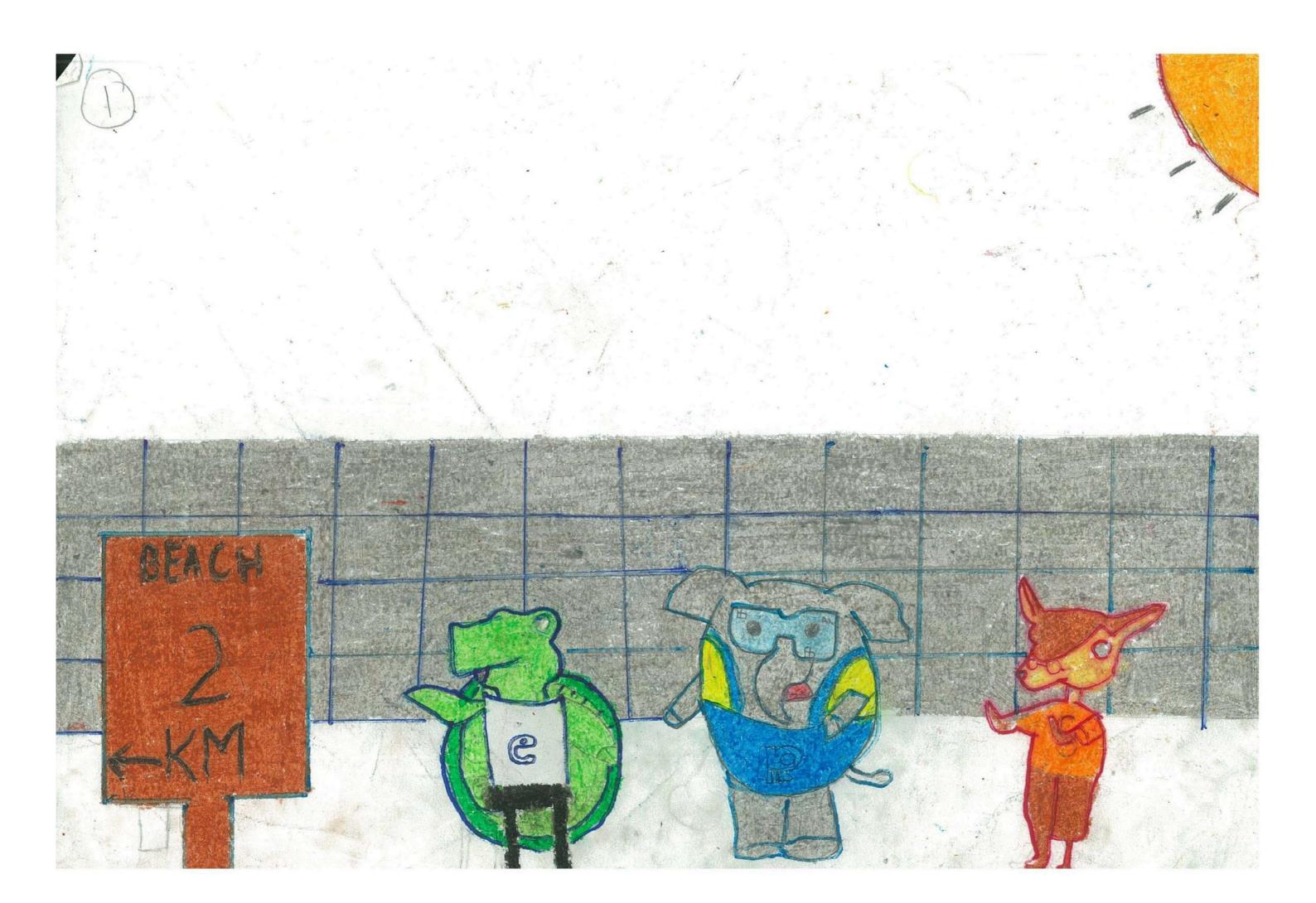


The Beach

Obe, Tun Ton, Napu and Gambi are four friends who live in Taman Botani Putrajaya. One day, Obe and Tun Ton plan to go swim at Port Dickson. Obe wants to swim as he is a good swimmer. They asked Gambi and Napu to come along.

"Gambi! Napu! Let's go to the beach," called Tun Ton. "We want to go swimming!"

So off they went to the beach.



It was such a lovely day. It was sunny but not too hot. There was a gentle breeze blowing. As they walked along the path to the beach they met many friends. There were Matt the rabbit, Khan the snake and Suki, the squirrel. All of them were scurrying to the beach. Suddenly Napu, Gambi, Obe and Tun Ton heard a loud scream coming from the direction of the beach.

"Help! Help!" It was an anxious cry for help.

So the four friends ran towards the cry for help. When they got there, they saw Matt jumping up and down frantically crying for help.

"Suki... Suki ... she's trapped in the net!" shouted Matt.

Suki was trapped in a broken net that was left to rot on the beach. Suki's neck was entangled in the net and she was gasping for breath. So the four friends hurriedly tried their best to free Suki from the net. But it was complicated as she was caught deeply into it.

"Khan, run to the barber's shop at the corner and get a pair of scissors. Hurry!" ordered Napu.

While waiting for Khan to return, Tun Ton and Obe tried their best to pick at the net with their beaks.

Khan returned to the scene with the scissors and the barber. Mr Barber said, "Leave this to me, I will help Suki. I am very good with the scissors."



So the barber sat on his knees and set to work. He cut across, under, up and to the side. Lo and behold, Suki jumped out of the net. She was so happy and thanked Mr barber and all her friends who helped her.

Napu said,

"Just look at the state of the beach. Look at how much rubbish there is. If we don't do anything about this, there will be more accidents. So let's call everyone to clean up the beach so that everyone can enjoy playing on the beach safely".

So Gambi blew his trumpet as loud as he can. Obe flew to the village to meet the chief. The chief decided to gather all the villagers to clean the beach because the pollution in the sea and the beach has caused his people to suffer. Some of the villagers had rashes on their skin after swimming in the sea. Some had food poisoning after eating fish caught along the beach. And the children are always in some form of accidents either a cut on their toes, hands or knees. It has become quite dangerous.

It was worse when there are many rats among the rubbish. There were cases where villagers died of leptospirosis (a deadly disease caused by the rats' urine).

So they all helped to clean the area and put the rubbish into the bins allocated by the authorities. These bins are colour-coded. They are blue, brown and orange. The blue bin is for papers, the brown bin for glass and the orange bin is for aluminium tins, steel tins and plastic. The people who were helping to clear up the place put them all into the proper bins.



At last they completed the task.

The village chief has an idea. He told the villagers about recycling and how they can make money out of the rubbish. He distributed pamphlets, pictures and ideas about how they can recycle paper, glass, plastic and steel and aluminum cans. He also invited an expert to talk about turning the organic rubbish such food waste, fruit peels and left over food into compost for their plants.

The people now has ideas on how to manage their rubbish. And so the village and the beach have been free from rubbish since then. And they lived happily ever after.



The Beautiful River

Once upon a time, there lived 4 good friends, Tun Ton, Gambi, Napu and Obe. They have been living in a big city, 30km from Putrajaya. Because it was a big and busy city, there were many cars, lorries, motorbikes everywhere. There were also many industrial buildings in the City of Lights.



After many years, the city became polluted with smoke, noises and the four friends were not happy living there anymore.

One day as they were walking along the street, Gambi coughed loudly.

"Kohhh! Kohh! Kohh! Ohh! the smoke is making me sick!" said Gambi.

Napu replied "Hey guys, I have a great idea! Let's not live here anymore!"

Obe and Tun Ton looked at each other and exclaimed "Haaa? "Let's migrate to the forest where the air is cleaner and the grass is greener!" Replied Napu excitedly.

They all looked at each other and then burst out loudly "Yes! Let's go and live in the forest!"

The four friend packed their bags and went into the forest. Obe flew up and gave direction which way they should go to find a river bank where they could make a home for themselves.

"Follow me!" shouted Obe from above.

Gambi made way by clearing up the bushes in the forest with his big body and trunk to make a trail for them to walk through. They walked and walked until they finally found a river.

"Ahhh there! There is a river nearby!" shouted Obe.

After walking for another 20 minutes, they reached the river. They put down their bags, had lunch and rested under a big tree near the river. After they had enough rest, they wanted to collect some water from the river. They were shocked because they saw many plastic bags, bottles, Styrofoam and other rubbish in the river.

"Oh no! the water is so dirty! Said Tun Ton sadly because he loves water very much.

"Yes! It's full of rubbish!" replied Gambi who loves to splash water with his trunk. "I'll find out where the rubbish came from" said Obe.

So, Obe flew up further to the other end of the river to see who threw the rubbish. After a few minutes, he flew back and said

"Guess what? I saw 10 travelers throwing rubbish on the other side of the river"



"Tun Ton! Go and ask the travelers to come over here and see what they had done" said Napu.

Tun Ton swam to the other side of the river and invited the travelers to come over to the other end of the river. The travelers walked along the river and followed Tun Ton. When they arrived to the other end of the river, Napu, said to them



"Look what you had done! Look at the river here. It is full of rubbish!"

Gambi and Obe told them that the rubbish they threw from the other end of the river had been washed away and had polluted the other end of the river where they were standing. The travelers apologized and they worked together to clean up the river. After a hard day's work, the river in the forest became clean again. They put up a few signage "Do not throw rubbish in the river" along the river banks. The four friends were happy to have a new home in the forest with a clean river flowing nearby.

The Green Rose Island

Once upon a time, in an island 50km from Putrajaya called the Greenrose Island, lived four friends named Gambi, Obe, Napu and Tun Ton. A few days before that there was a big storm on the island. The people on the island and the four friend could not go out anywhere but only stayed in their houses.

After the storm stopped, the weather was hot and sunny so the four friends decided to play and swim at the beach. Gambi carried Tun Ton with his trunk and put him on his back and walked proudly side by side with Napu. Obe flew and flapped his wing happily.

"Ohhh it's so nice to be in the sun again!" said Napu



"Oh yes indeed! I can't wait to swim and meet our other friends living in the water" replied Tun Ton who was swaying left and right on Gambi's back.

Along the way, they saw many people on the island who were also coming out from their houses and headed to the beach to enjoy themselves too after being in their houses for many days. After 20 minutes, they arrived at the beach. They were shocked to see how dirty the beach was. They saw bottles, plastic bags and cigarette butts floating on the water.



The four friends looked at each other and were very disappointed. They looked around them and saw people from the mainland eating their lunch and leaving their rubbish behind. Some even threw them in the water near them.

Gambi said "Those people are the ones throwing the rubbish in the water!"

Napu being very clever said "Well, it's not just them but the water is also polluted because of the big storm that happened a few days ago!"

Tun Ton asked "How is that so?"

Yes explain to us, Napu" said Gambi.

Napu then said "Well, you see, when there's a big storm, not all of the rainfall seeps into the ground. some of the water ended up in the water drainage pipes that empty it into the rivers and oceans"



Suddenly they heard cries from not far away and Obe flew to see what happened. Then he flew back and reported to his friends.

"One of the people over there is vomiting and some children are having flu" said Obe.

Napu replied "I know why. The storm water also became contaminated by things like cigarette butts, oil and grease, wildlife waste when they ended up in the drainage pipes into the water here.



"So bacteria are more likely to end up in this water following the big storms days ago and that's why they are sick!" exclaimed Gambi.

"Exactly! When the water becomes contaminated with bacteria, it can enter your body through your mouth if you swallow it" Said Napu.

The four friends gathered the people around and explained to them about the serious situation and they got together to clean the water due to the storm. Together, they cleaned the beach, collected the bottles, glass, plastic bags cigarette butts and others. After a few days of hard work, the water became clean again and everybody was happy.

Unexpected Mission

One day, when Tun Ton, Obe, Gambi and Napu were walking to a beach, 20km from Putrajaya. Gambi heard animals crying for help from the sea.

"Oh no! I hear many animals crying in the sea" said Gambi opening his ears wide.

"Let's go and see what happened! Replied Napu and they ran towards the beach as fast as they could. Obe spread his wings and flew above them.



"Hey wait for me!" Tun Ton shouted.

"Opps! sorry I forgot about you! C'mon climb on me. Quick!" said Napu and they shoot off like a rocket. Tun Ton almost fell off Napu's back but he hanged on to Napu as tight as he could.

When they arrived, apart from some dead fish floating on the surface of the water, they also saw lobsters and crabs waving their hands, crying for help.

"Help! Help us! Hurry please!" cried the lobsters and the crabs waving their little hands frantically.

"Go and check what's going on over there. Hurry!" Napu said to Tun Ton.

"OK!". Said Tun Ton and he quickly dived into the water towards the lobsters and crabs.

When Tun Ton reached them, he saw some of the lobsters' and crabs' legs were trapped in colourful straws!

"Help us! We can't get these things off our body! We can't move freely!" cried the lobsters.

Soon, Gambi arrived. He used his big trunk to pick up the poor lobsters and crabs, put them onto his body and bring them to shore. While they were heading towards the shore, they came across some oysters, clams, octopuses and squids struggling in the water too to free themselves from plastic bags and bottles! Some of the squids were trapped in bottles and couldn't get out. Once again Gambi used his trunk and pick them all onto his back and walked to the shore.

When they reached the shore, Gambi put all the sea creatures down. Napu helped to free the lobsters and crabs from the straws while Obe and Tun Ton tried to free the oysters, clams, octopuses and squids from the plastic bags and bottles.

When they took out the squids from the bottles, little black tadpoles came out as well! They quickly collected the tadpoles and Tun Ton put them back in the water nearby. As he was putting them in the water, he saw a goldfish and Salmon passing by in the water. Tun Ton dived in and talk to them.



"Why are there so many plastics, straws, bottles and other rubbish in the water?" asked Tun Ton

"People throw them in here." replied the goldfish.

"That's right! And the water is not safe to live anymore" said Salmon sadly and they both swam away.

Tun Ton came back from the water and told Gambi, Napu and Obe what the goldfish and Salmon told him.

"So, how do we solve this?" asked Gambi.

"Well, you and I will pick up the rubbish on shore here" replied Napu.

"And I'll pick up the rubbish floating in the sea" said Tun Ton.

"Good! Obe, fly to the village and tell the head of the village what's happening here" said Napu. Obe flew to the Head of the village's house and told him what happened to the sea creatures



"You have to talk to the villagers not to pollute the water" said Obe.

"Alright, I will talk to them about this." Promised the head of the village

Meanwhile, Gambi and Napu picked up the rubbish at the beach. Tun Ton did the same for the rubbish in the water. After a long hard day, they finished cleaning up. The four friends were so happy with their completed mission. They could see the sea creatures dancing and singing happily in the water.

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