



The World of Tales

Sarah and the Sparrow

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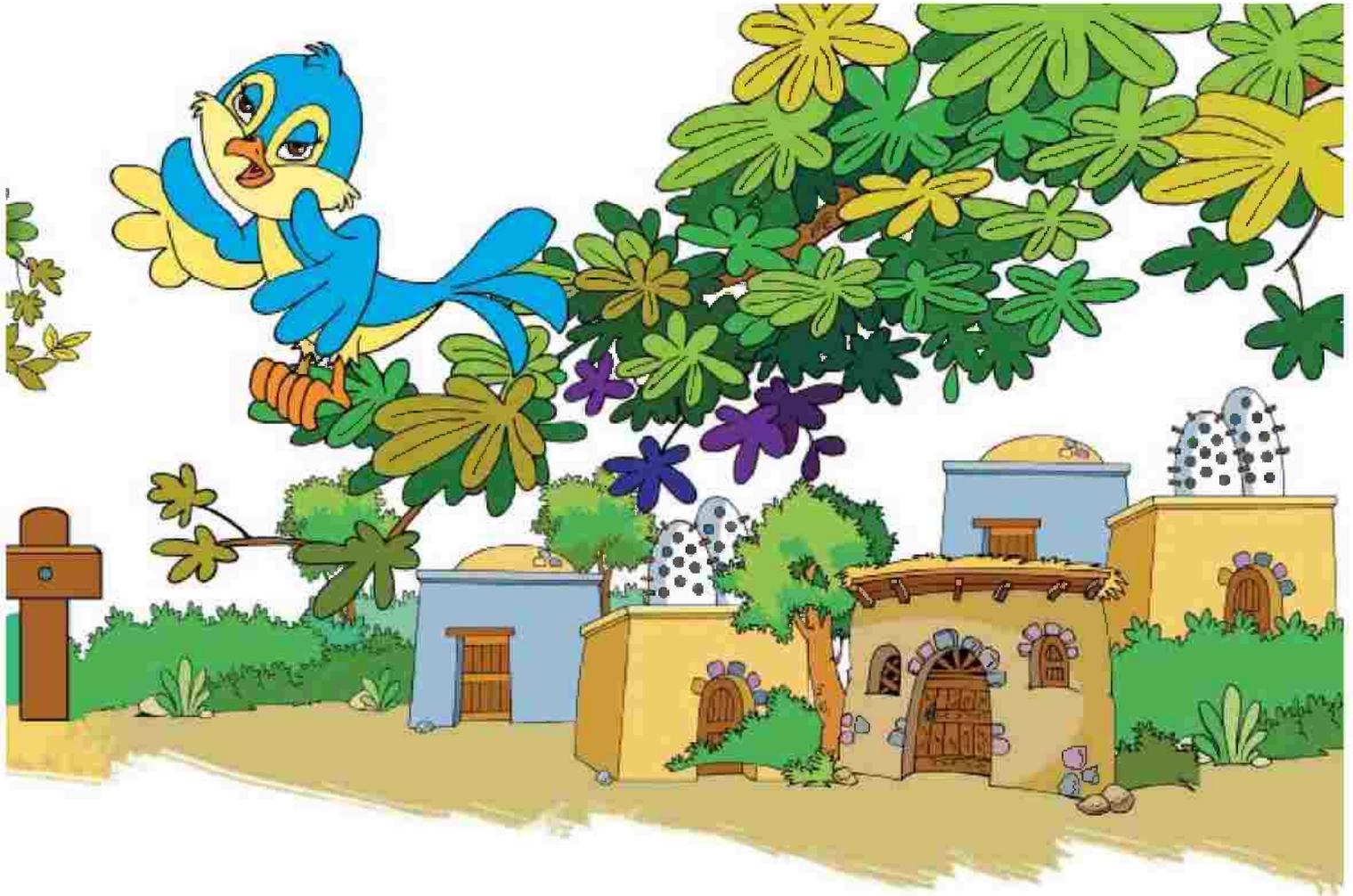
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Sarah stood at her window and started looking at the high green trees and the pretty flowers decorating her garden.





After a while, a pretty sparrow visited her window. Sarah started to fuss the bird and told her: “You are late today!”



The sparrow replied sadly: “I have come to say goodbye my friend! All the sparrows have decided to leave this place”.

Sarah was surprised and asked: “Why?”

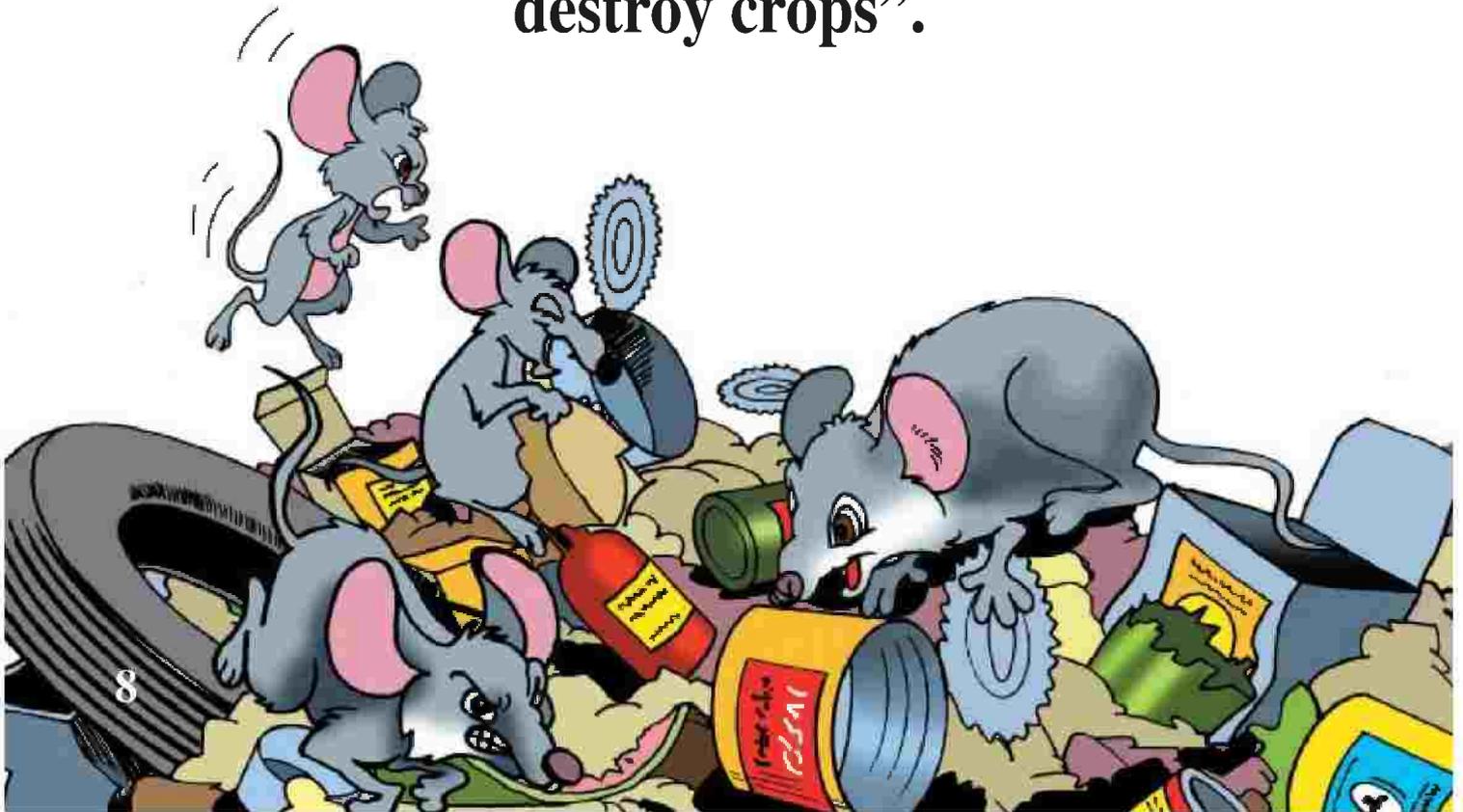


As the little sparrow flapped her wings and started to go away, she said: “Come with me and see what people have done to their beautiful environment.”



The sparrow pointed at the garbage and said: “ Look, just one fly can multiply and become millions of flies in a few months because of this garbage!”

Sarah said: “These rats live on garbage. They spread infections and diseases and destroy crops”.

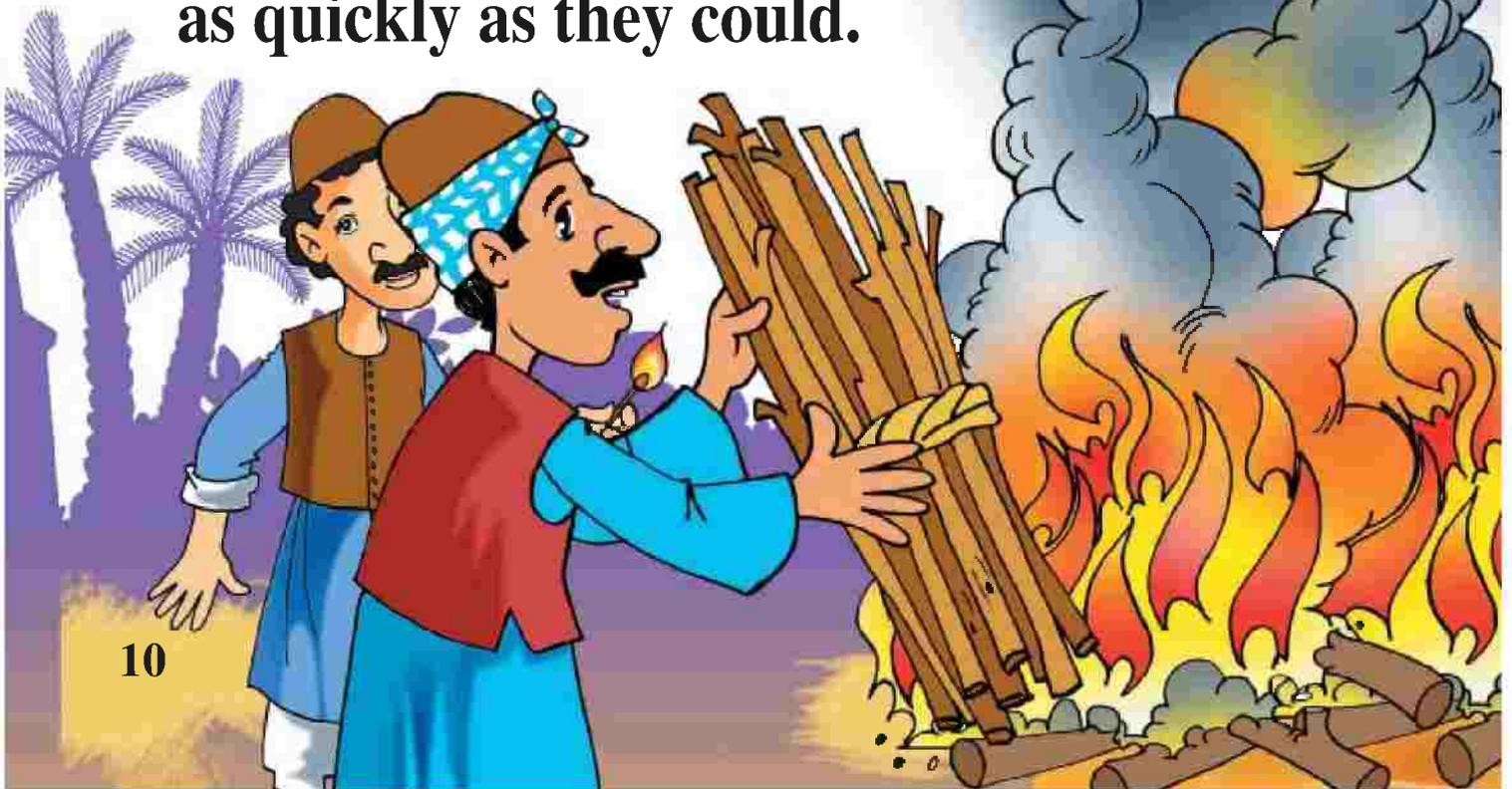


“One rat can produce millions of rats in a few years because of the litter!”, the sparrow added.

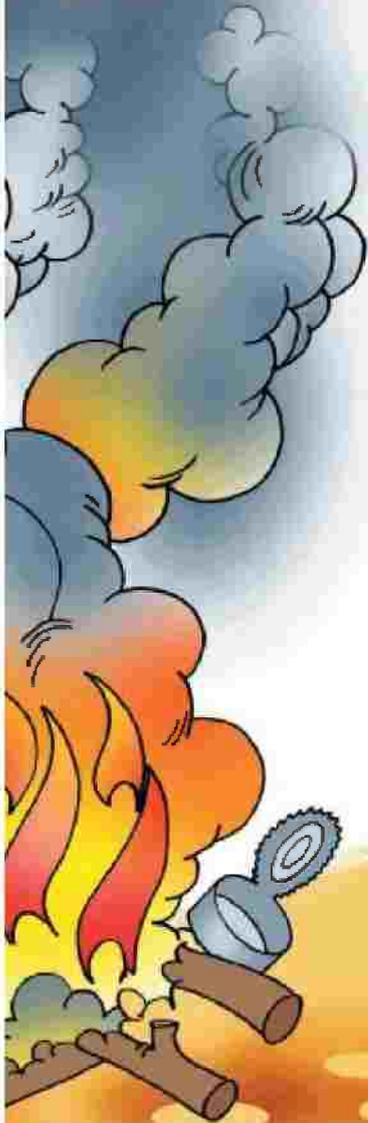


Some men came and lit up the garbage to get rid of it. The place became very smoky.

Sarah and the sparrow started moving away from the area as quickly as they could.



The sparrow said: “Look at the village people. They pollute the soil, and pollute the air with harmful smoke.”



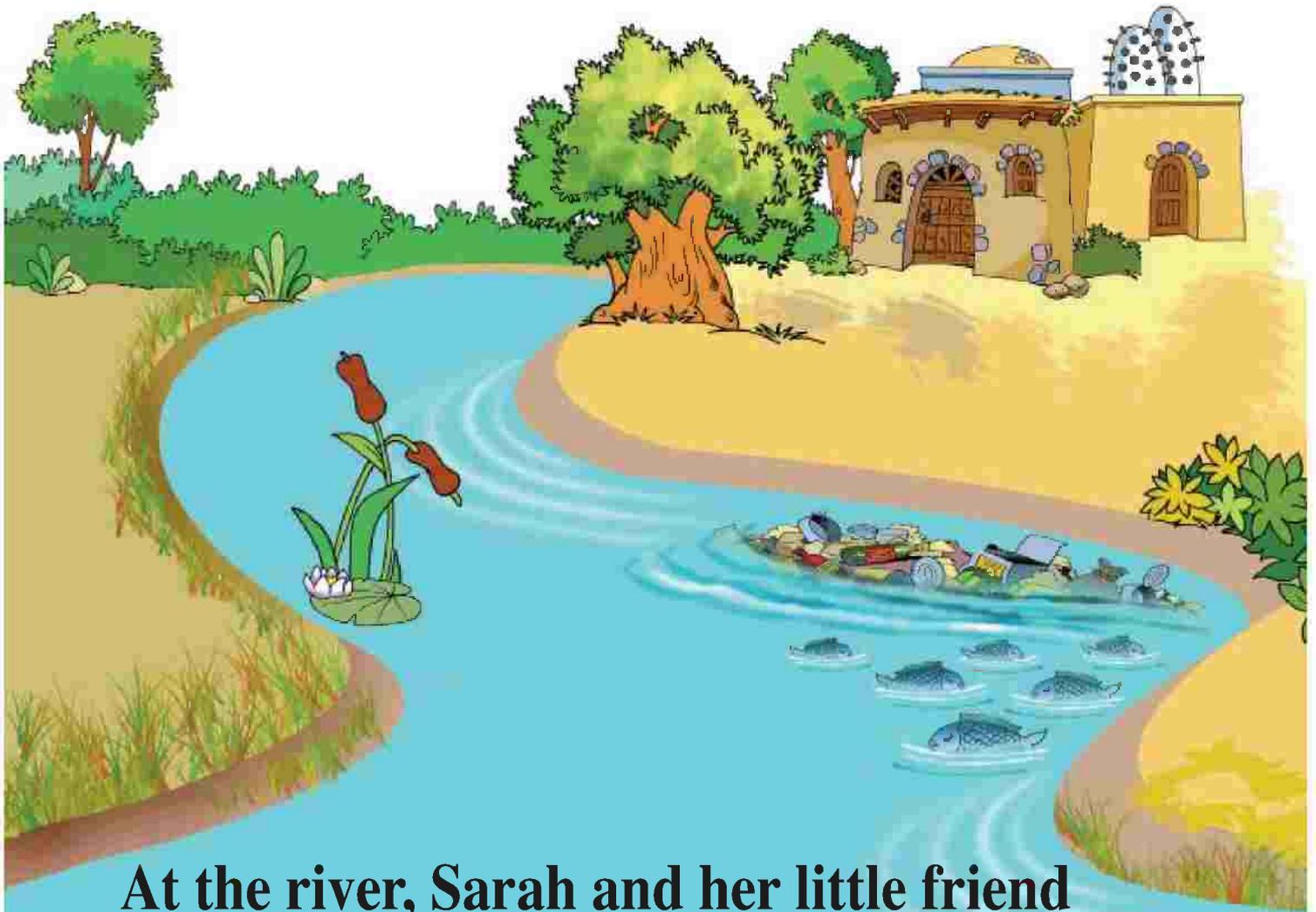
In one of the fields, some farmers started spraying the plants with insecticides.

**“We have got to get away immediately!”
said the sparrow.**



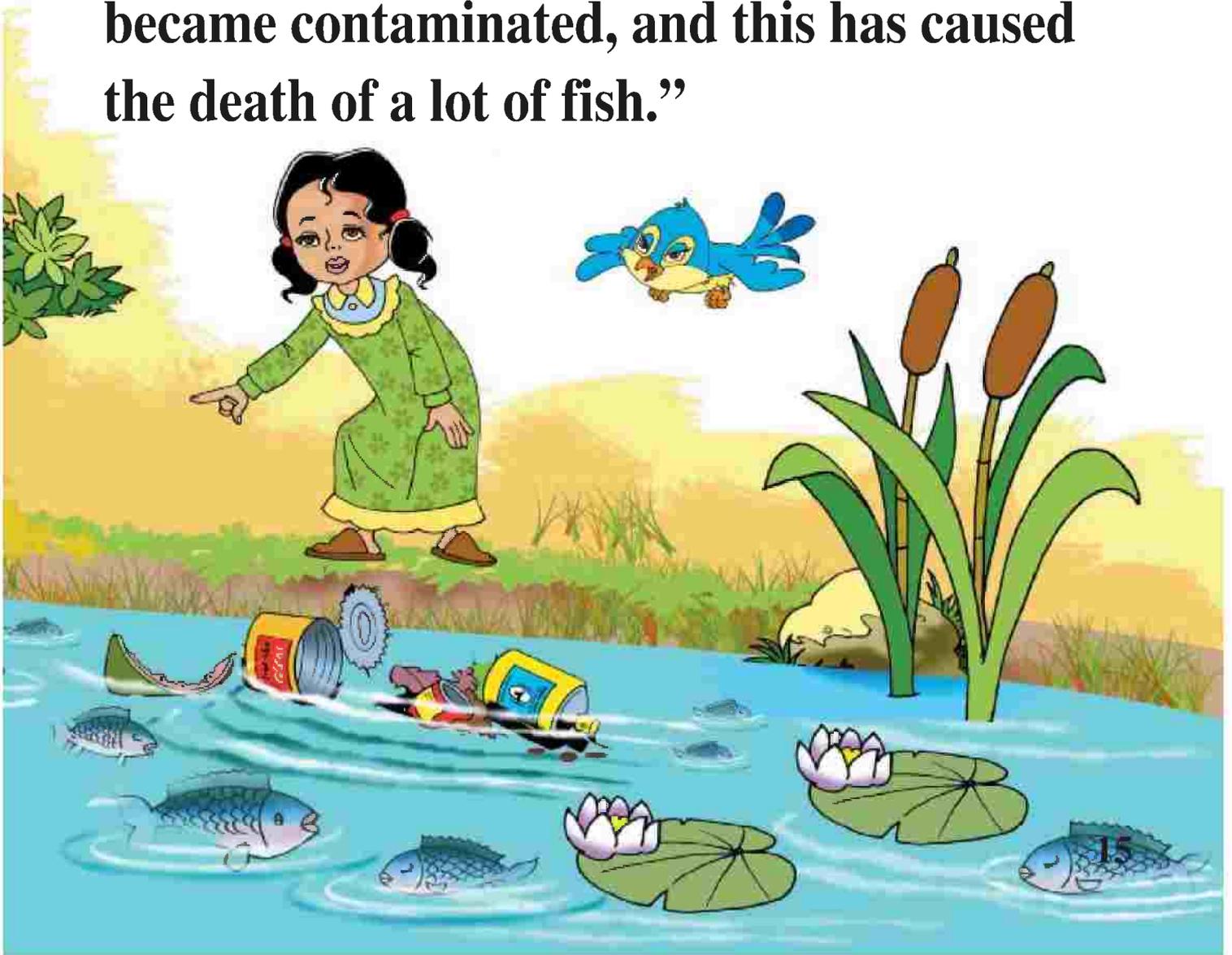
Sarah said: “These insecticides kill harmful insects, but they also affect the health of human beings and harm animals and birds.”



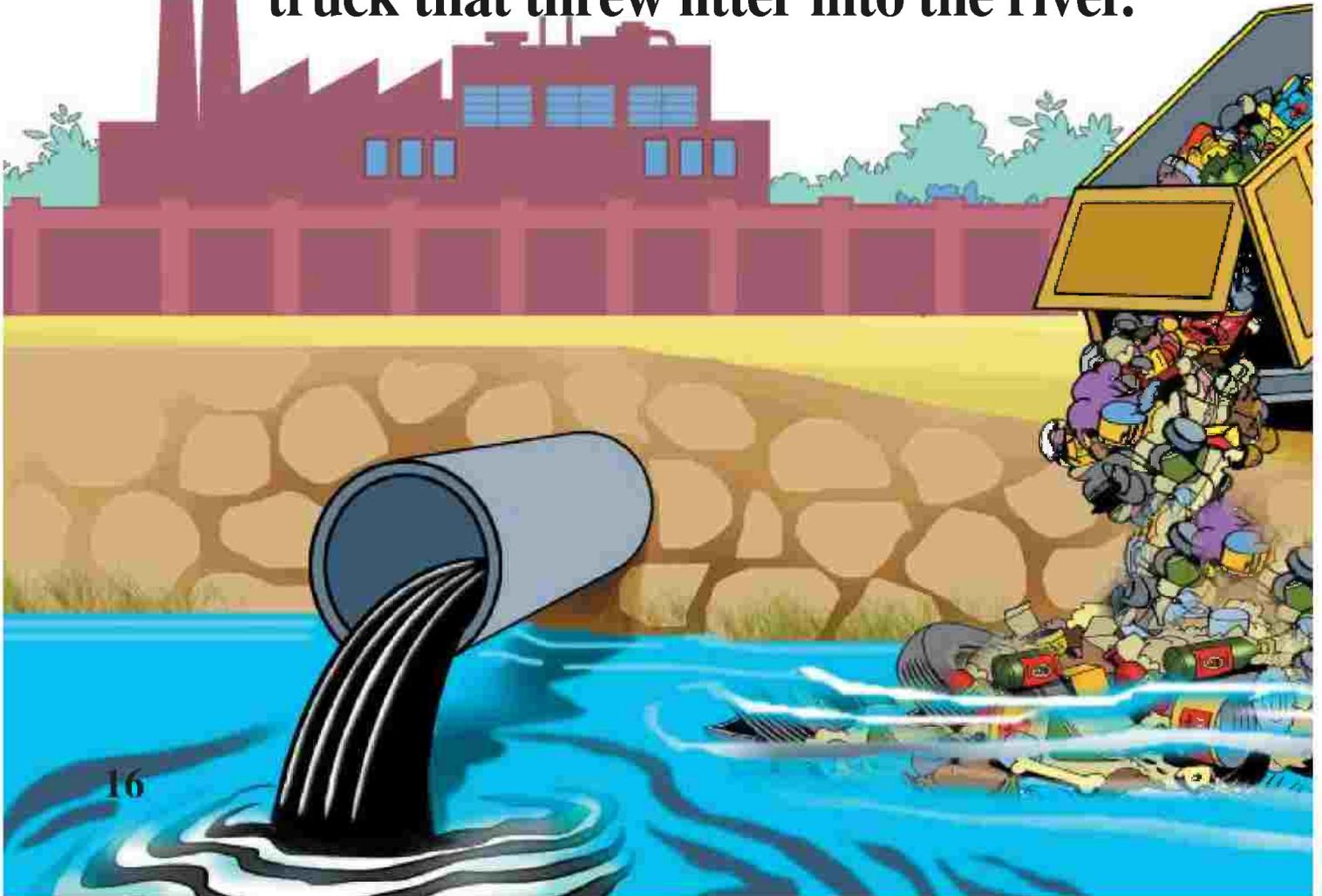


At the river, Sarah and her little friend noticed some fish floating on the surface of the water. “See what happened to the fish!”, the sparrow said.

Sarah said: “The insecticides have leaked from the soil to the river, and the water became contaminated, and this has caused the death of a lot of fish.”



Sarah also spotted a factory on the banks of the river. There was a large pipe coming out of the factory that poured waste into the river. There was also a large truck that threw litter into the river.



The sparrow said: “This waste pollutes the river and affects man’s health. It also spoils the river’s beauty.”



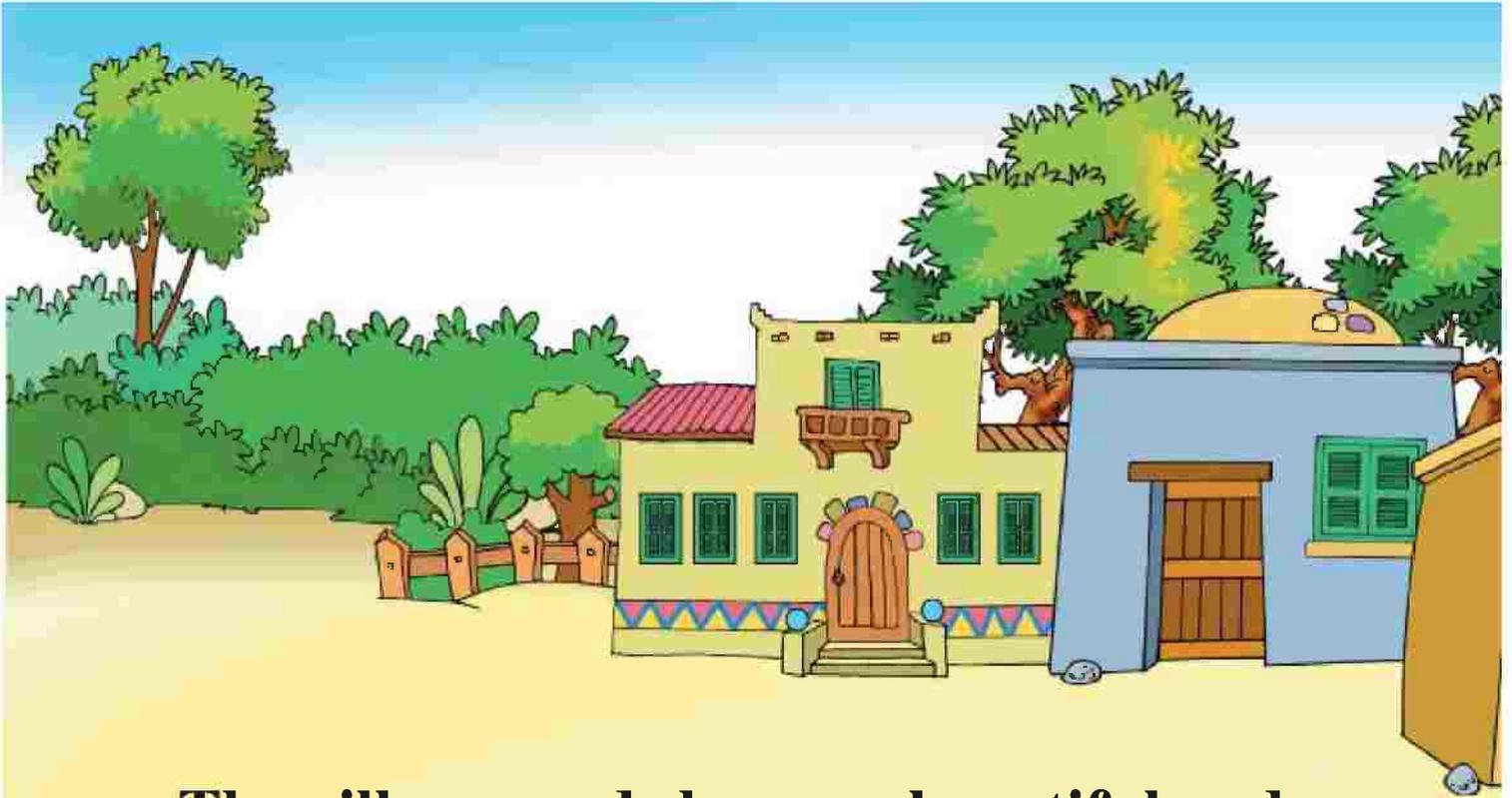


“Our village is in danger”, said Sarah “We have to cooperate altogether to make our village clean and pretty as it was.”



Sarah managed to convince the people living in the village to get rid of the piles of garbage that were covering the roads and distorting the beauty of the village.





The village roads became beautiful and clean.

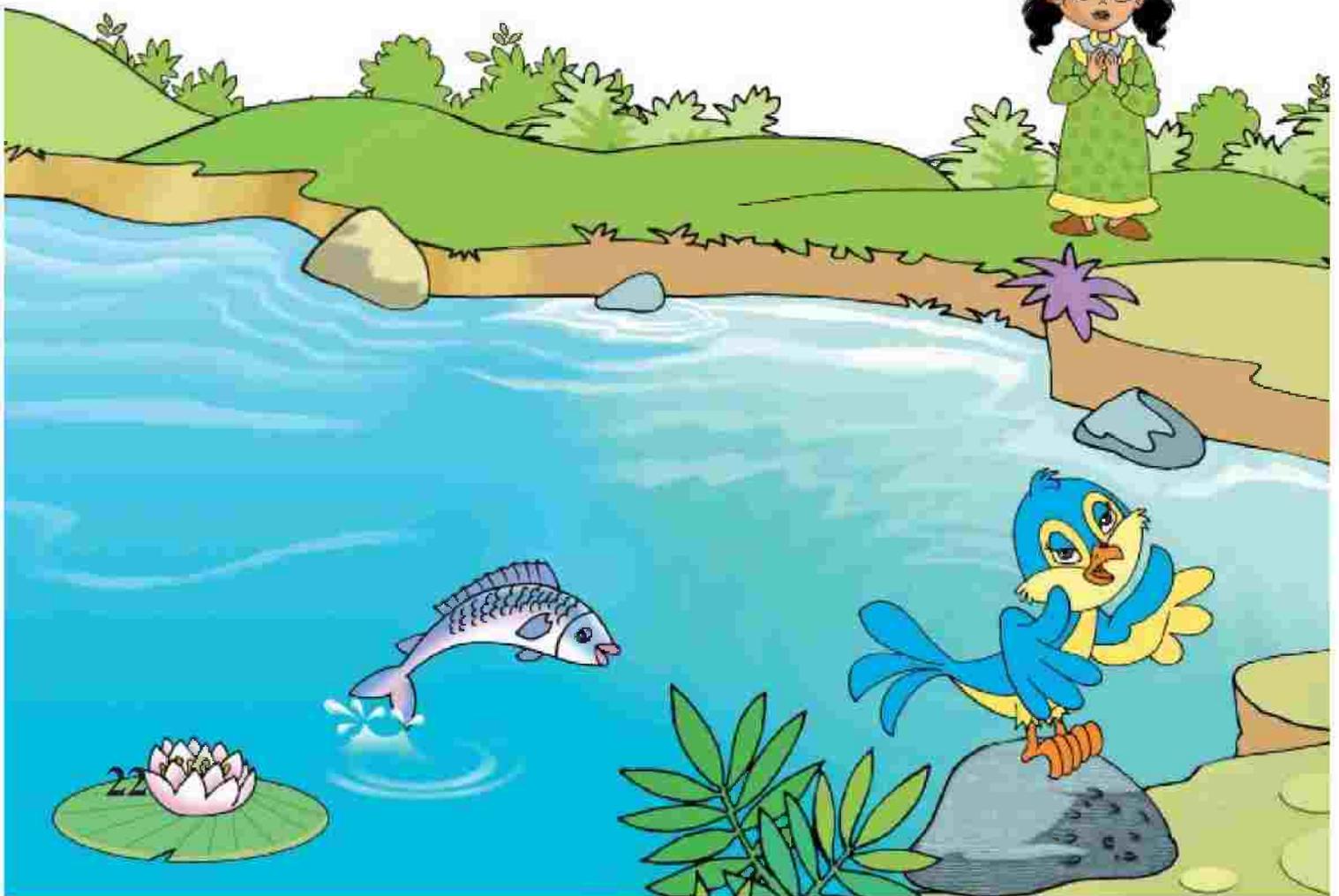
Everyone had participated in decorating the village with flowers and painting the walls with bright colors.

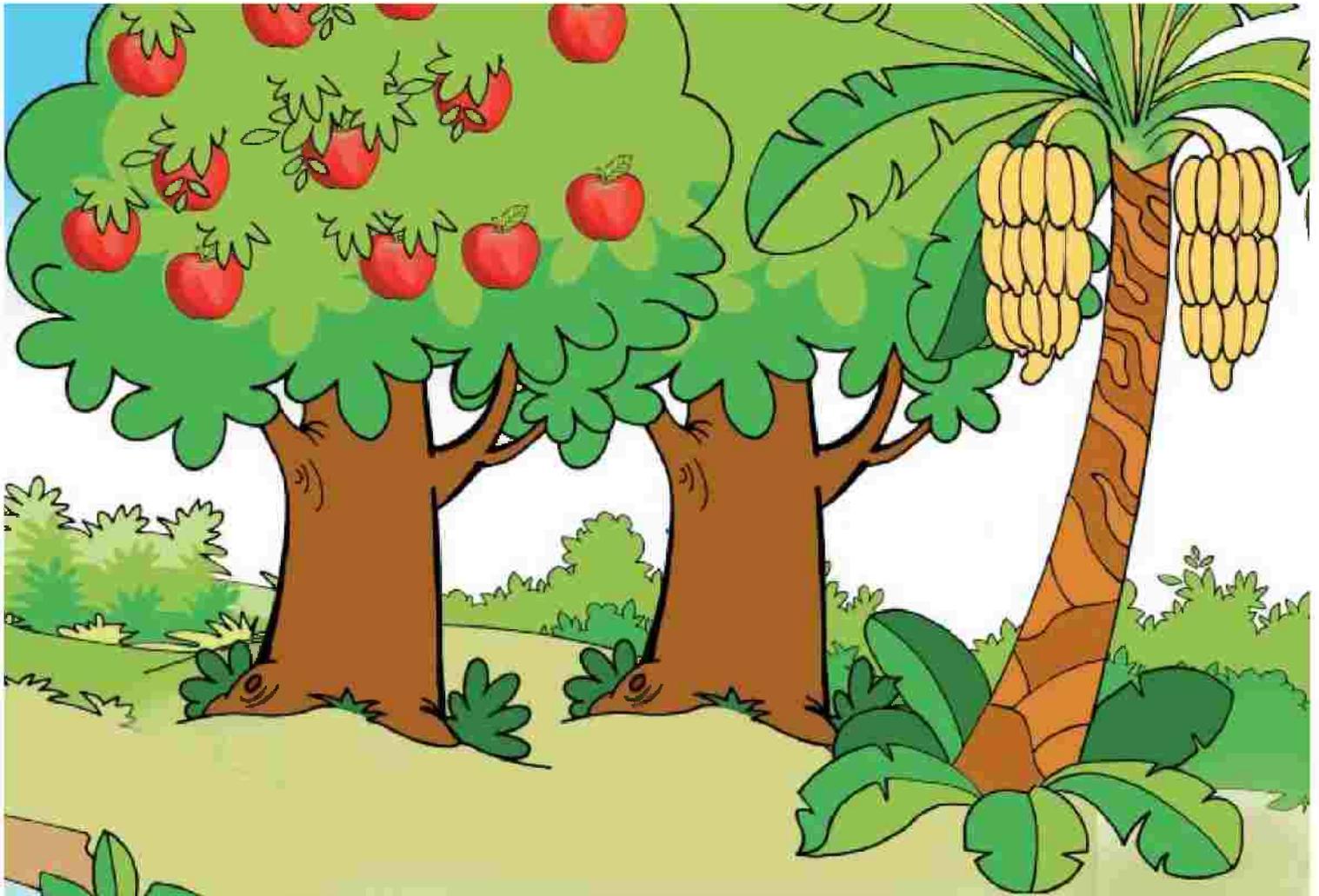


The village people no longer had to burn garbage to get rid of it. The village air became fresh and clean once more.



The village people also cooperated in keeping the river clean and stopped polluting it with waste and litter. The water became clean and the river came back to life again.





The farmers stopped spraying the fields with dangerous insecticides. Their fields started producing fresh fruits and healthy vegetables.

Sarah said “I think the dangerous situation is over now.”

The sparrow happily flapped its wings and said: “All the sparrows will come back to sing their song.”

