



**The World of Tales**

# **Sarah and the Sparrow**

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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?”**

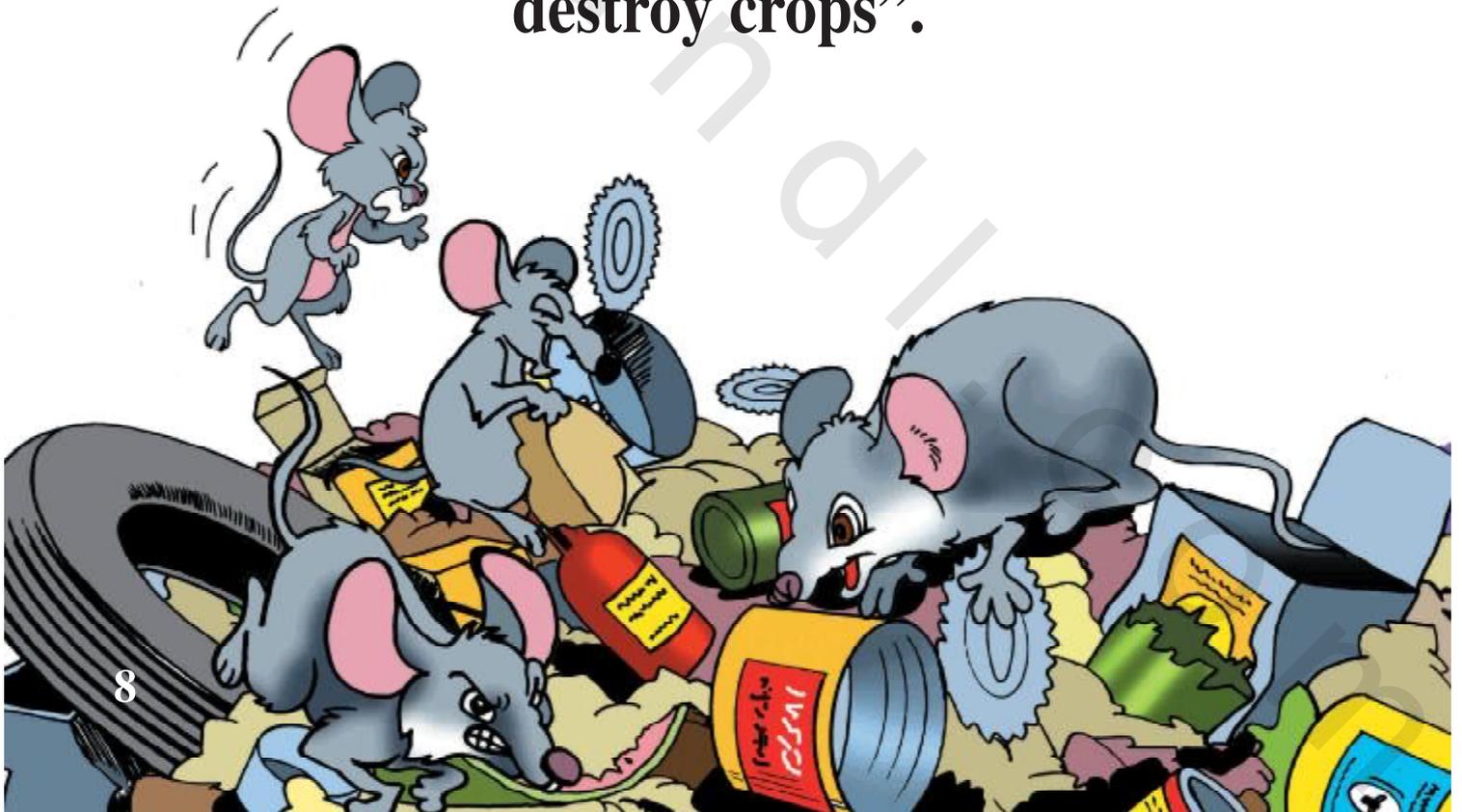


**As the little sparrow flapped her wings and started to go away, she said: “Come with me and see what people have done to their beautiful environment.”**



**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”.**

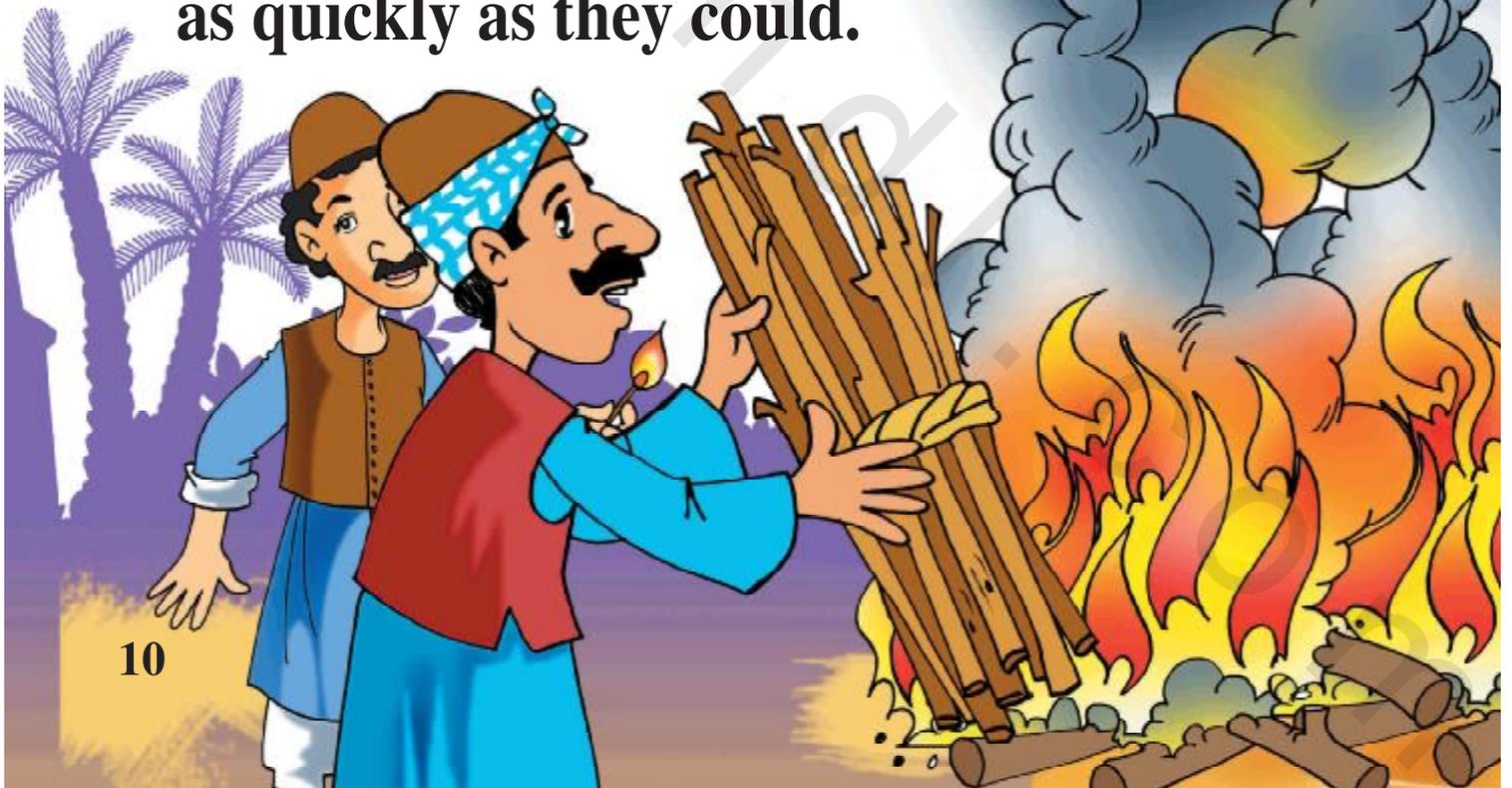


**“One rat can produce millions of rats in a few years because of the litter!”, the sparrow added.**

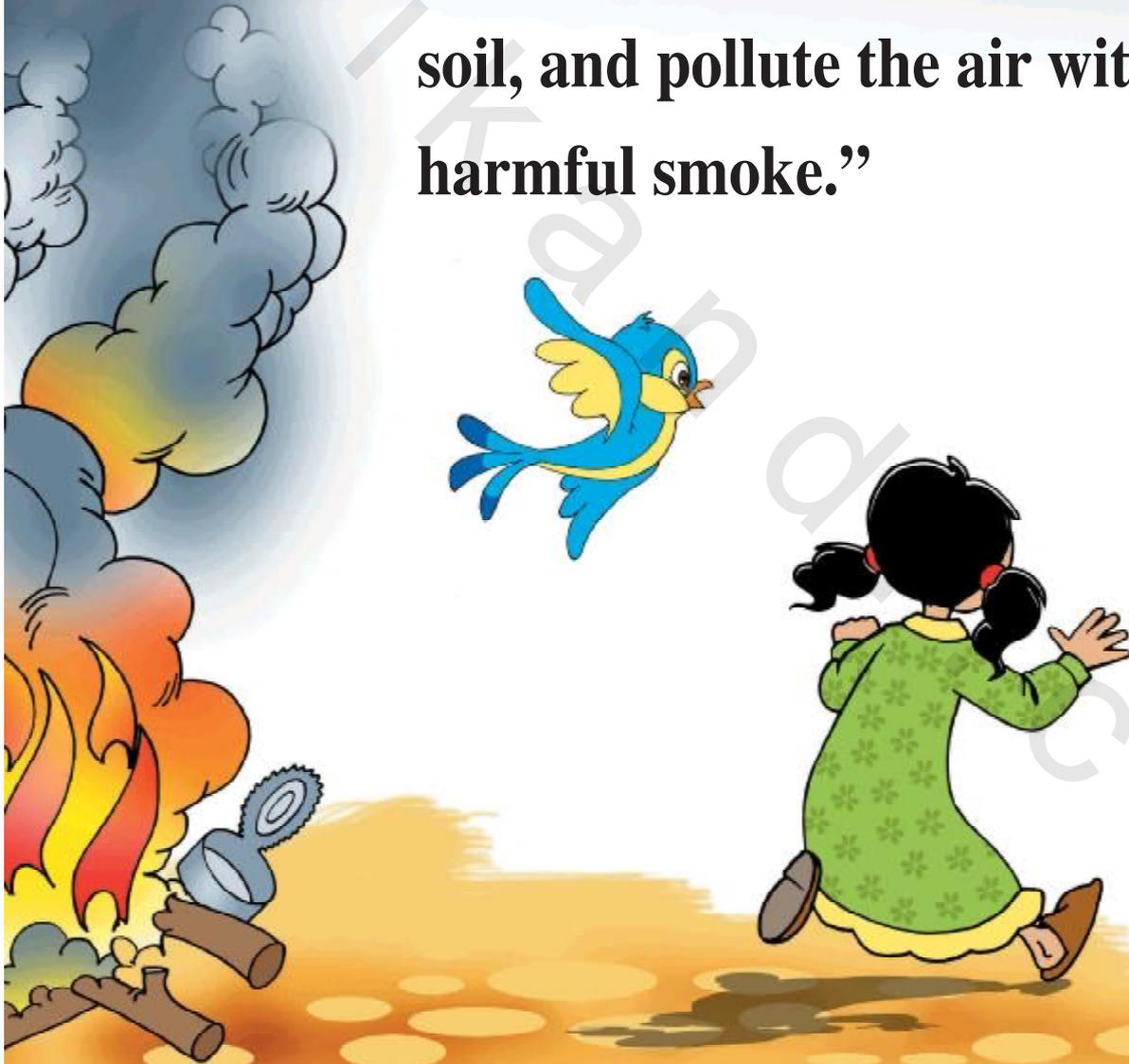


**Some men came and lit up the garbage to get rid of it. The place became very smoky.**

**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.”**



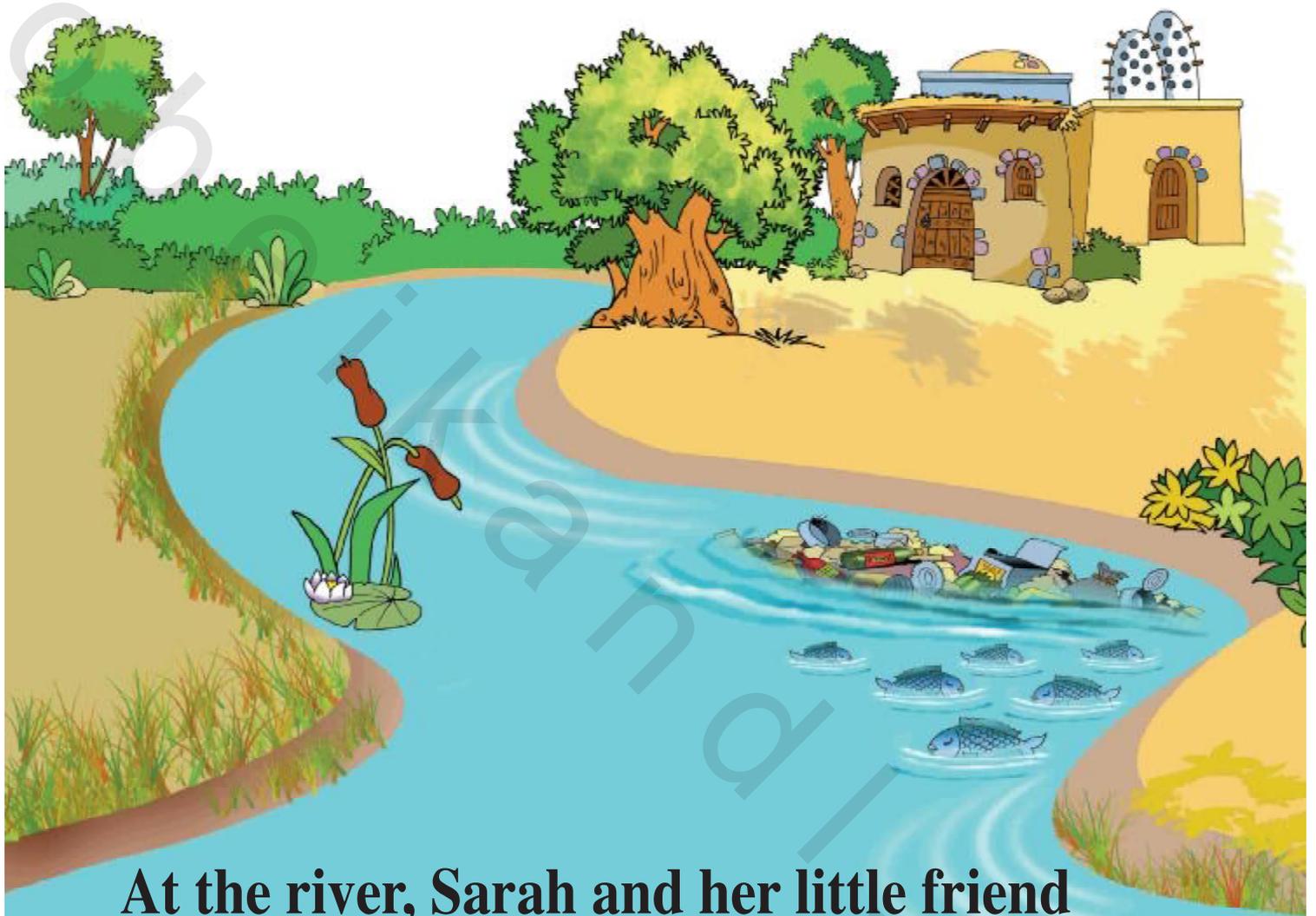
**In one of the fields, some farmers started spraying the plants with insecticides.**

**“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.”**



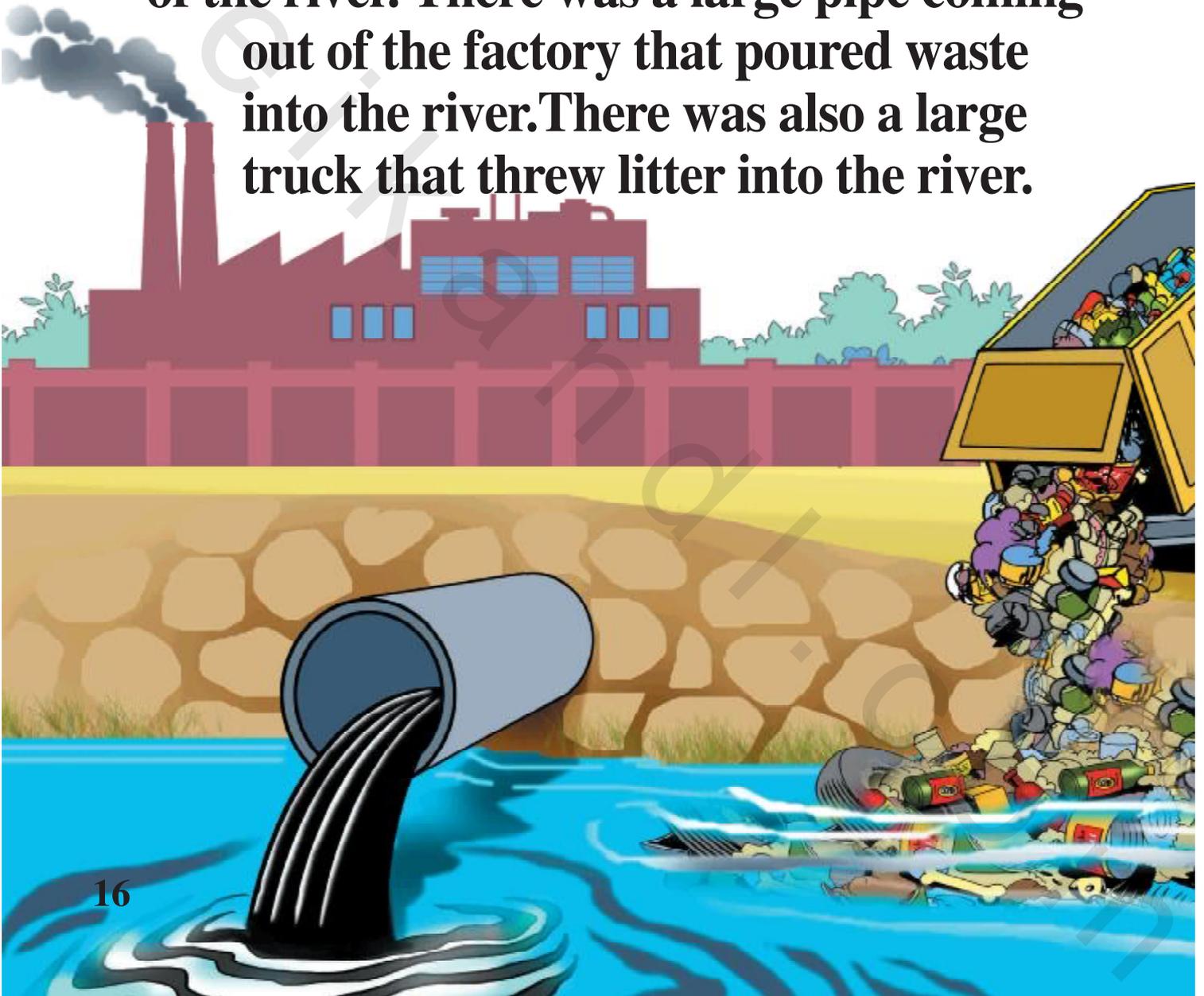


**At the river, Sarah and her little friend noticed some fish floating on the surface of the water. “See what happened to the fish!”, the sparrow said.**

**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.”**



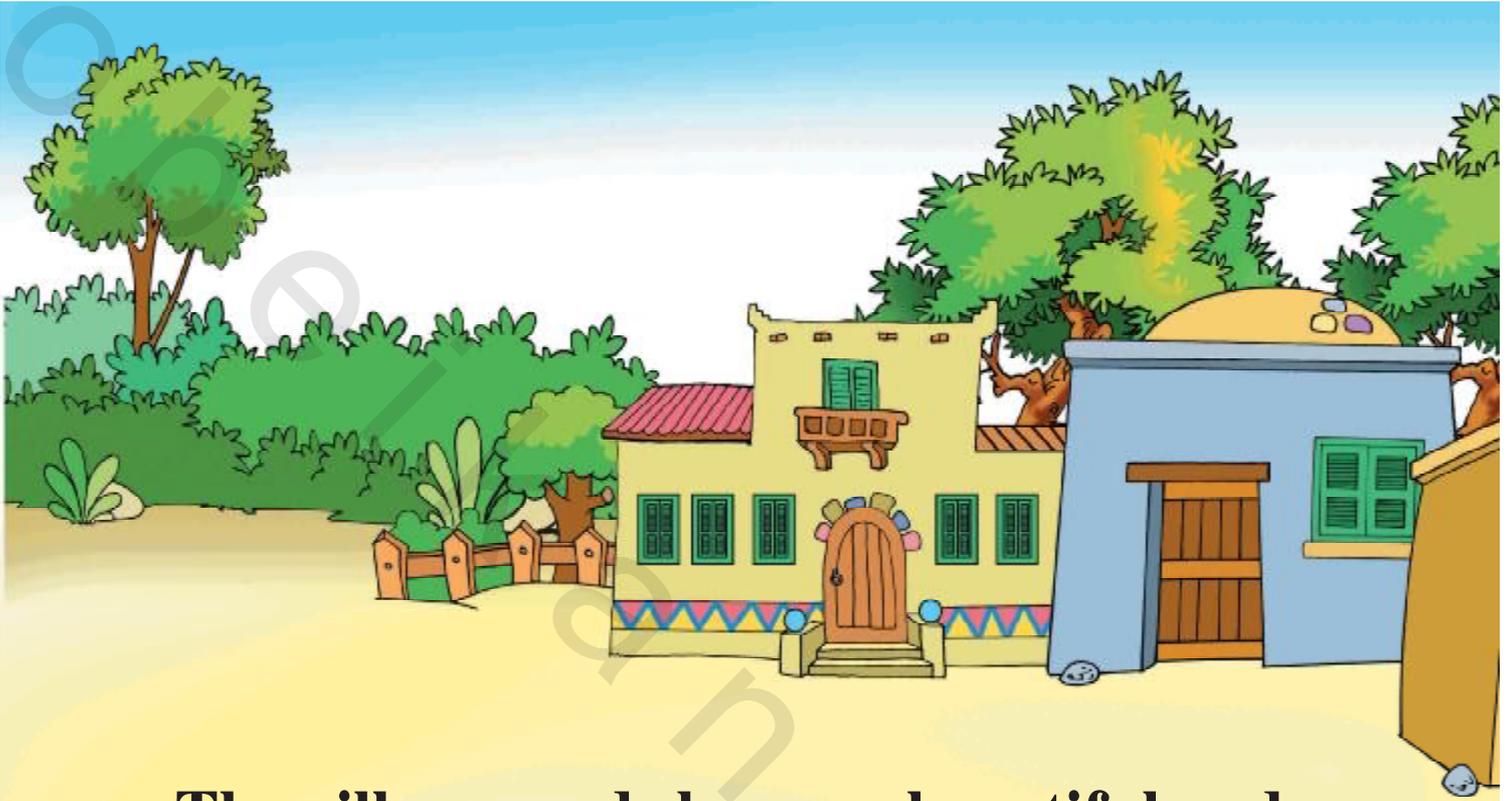


**“Our village is in danger”, said Sarah “We have to cooperate altogether to make our village clean and pretty as it was.”**



**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.**





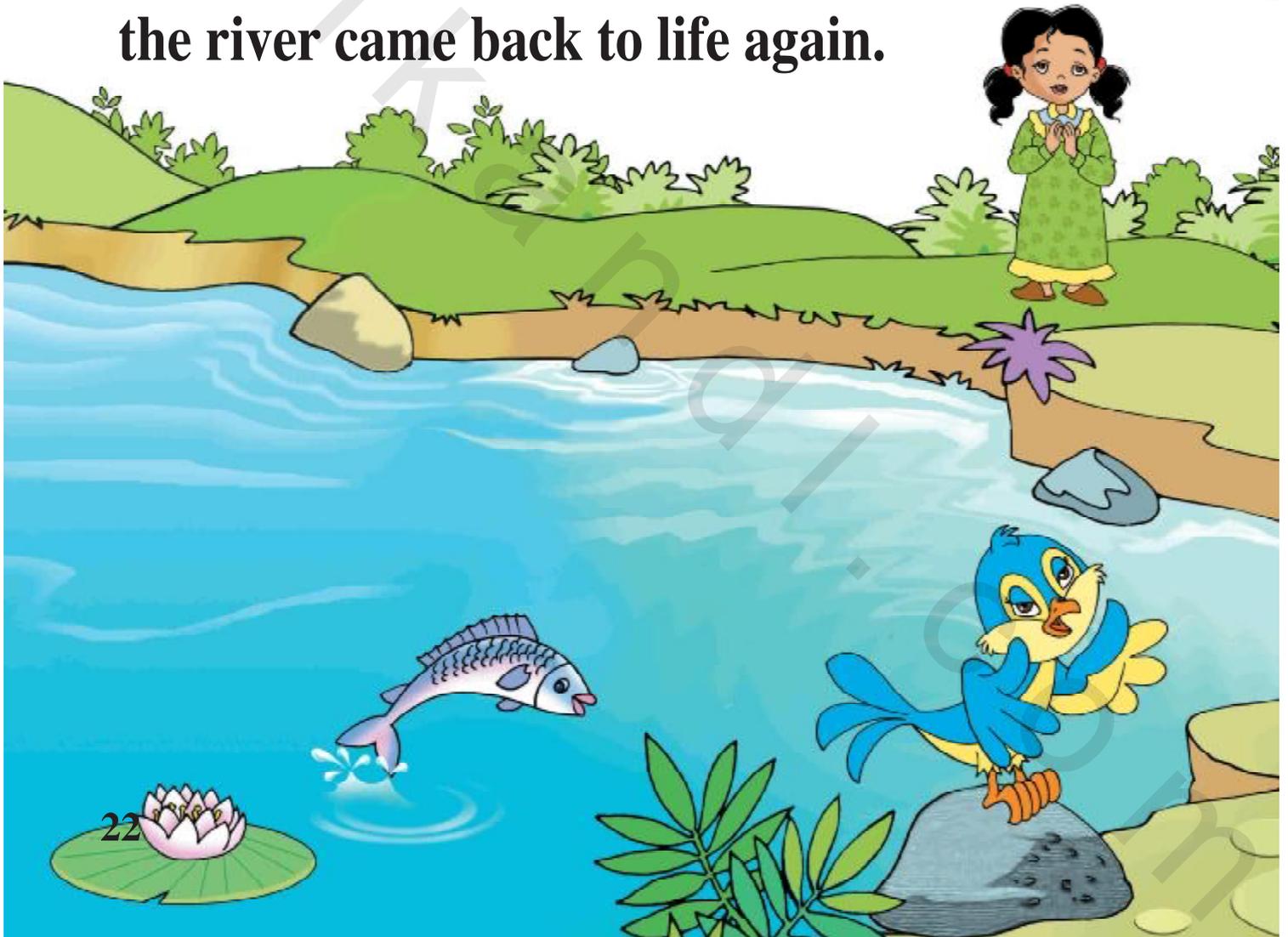
**The village roads became beautiful and clean.**

**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.”

