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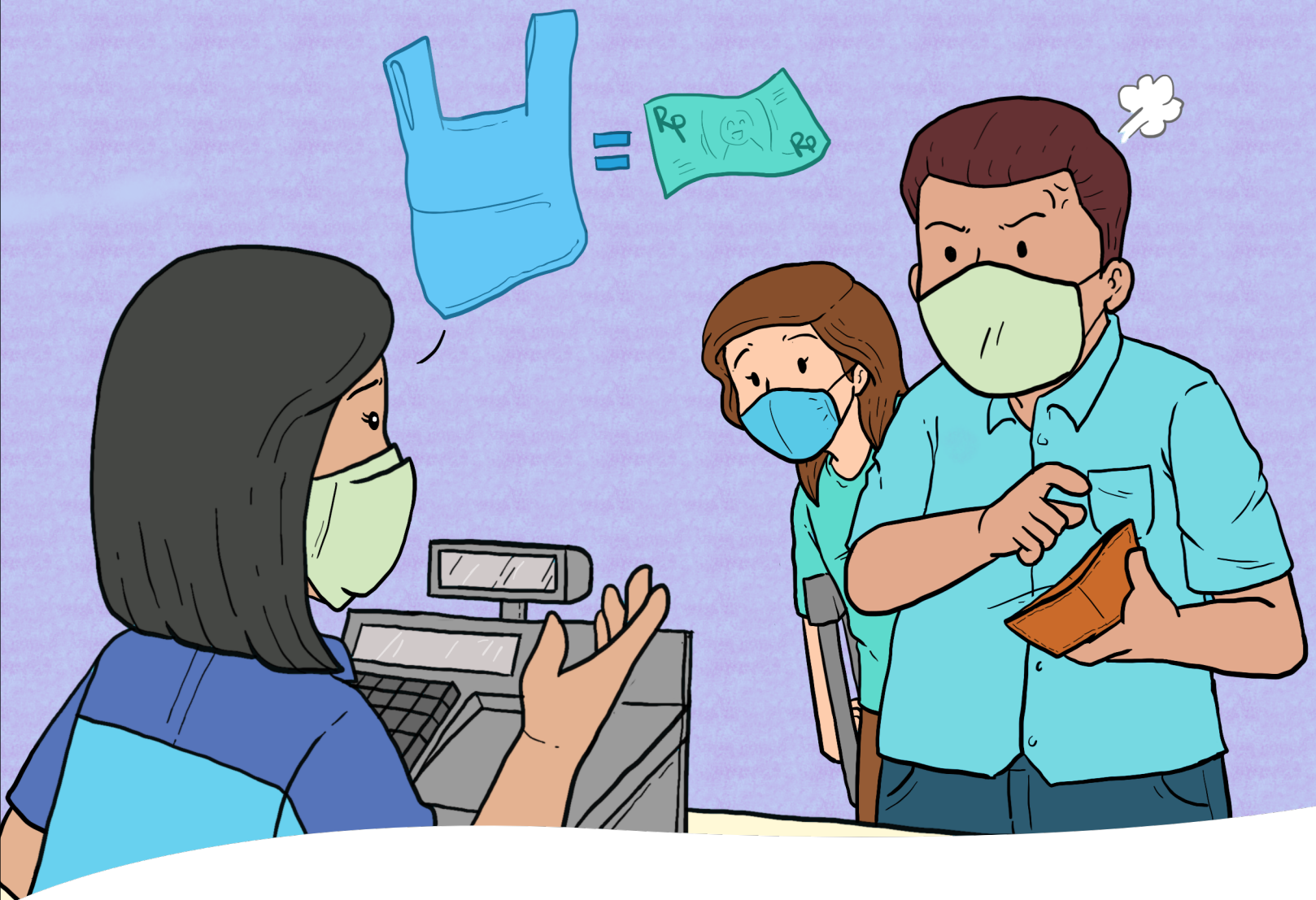
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Speak Up! The Climate Crisis and Plastic Waste

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In a minimarket, a man was about to pay at the counter.

Cashier: Do you bring a shopping bag, Sir?

A man: No, Ma'am. Why bother? Don't you provide plastic bags?

Cashier: We don't provide disposable plastic bag anymore. But you can buy the eco-friendly shopping bag.

A man: No, I don't want to add my cost. Just find plastic for me.

A man had an argument with the cashier

Behind the gentleman, there is a teenager girl with physical disabilities wearing crutches named Niken. Niken reminded him.

Niken: Excuse me, Sir. Plastic waste is polluting the land, the sea and can create climate crisis. Please support the regulation. Disasters that often occur today can be triggered by our plastic waste.

A man: Yeah, I know. Give me the bag. I buy one.

Then he hurried away grumbling



Meanwhile, Kanaga and her friend, Mar, at their school.

Kanaga: It's lunchtime.

Mar: Yes, I am hungry. Wait, I'll buy mineral water first, okay?

Mar immediately rushed to the cafeteria.

When Mar returned to class, Kanaga began to open the food container.

Kanaga: Mar, you should bring a refillable water bottle from home.

Mar: Why bother, after all the price of mineral water is not expensive.

Kanaga: Plastic from mineral water bottle can be turned into a waste unless you make something useful from it, like a plant pot.

Kanaga: The more plastic waste we piled up, the more greenhouse gas we produce. All of this triggers global warming and the climate crisis. We've seen one of the consequences a while ago.

Mar: Oh no, that's bad. From now on, I'll bring a refillable water bottle. Thank you, for reminding, Kanaga.



At the “Friends of the Earth (SAHABAT BUMI)” chat group, there are Niken, Kanaga, Gita, Theo and other friends.

Niken: Hi friends. Yesterday I reminded someone who lashed out at the cashier even though he was the one at fault. He was angry because the store no longer provided plastic bags for the customers.

Kanaga: Many people still don't understand how dangerous plastic waste is to our environment

Gita: Right, Kanaga. I often see violations to the ‘no plastic bag’ rule. However, unlike Niken, not so many people are brave enough to remind to others.

Kanaga: You have to be brave, Gita, because sometimes other people need to be reminded. Yesterday at school, there was a friend who bought mineral water. I reminded her to bring a refillable water bottle from home. And she thanked me for that.

Niken: Yes, we must have the courage to speak. Because if we always ignore all the wrongful actions around us, when will it stop?!



Kanaga: If not resolved, the problem of plastic waste could exacerbate the current climate crisis.

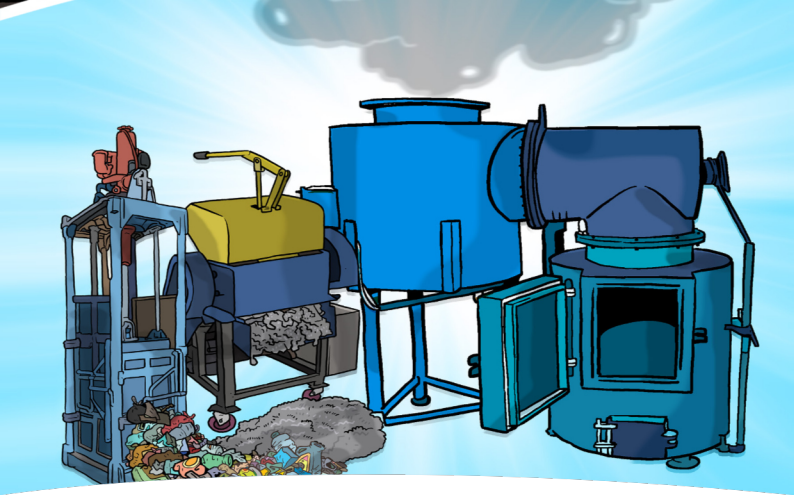
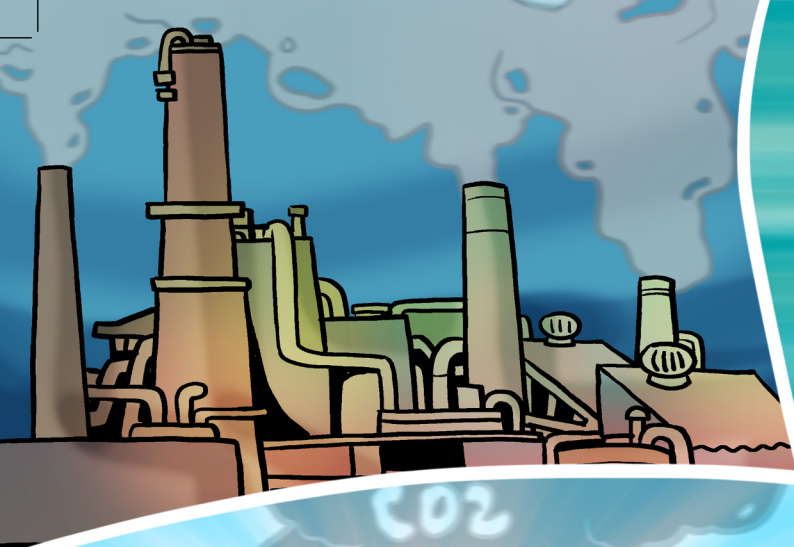
Gita: Yesterday, my friends and I went to fishers' village but the fishers were having a hard time to catch the fishes. They have to go far into the sea to catch a fish.

Theo: What's the cause, Git?

Gita: There was a lot of plastic waste in the water.

Kanaga: Maybe that's one of the reasons why the fish stayed away from the beach.

Gita: That could be.



The danger of plastic waste

1. The plastic factory contributes up to emissions of 1781 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. The substance is produced through the process of petroleum extraction into the making of plastic resin.
2. The process of plastic manufacturing could also attribute up to 535 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. The gas would be emitted through the high-temperature process of coal burning.
3. Plastic waste processing in the meanwhile, the process of plastic waste processing causes up to 5.9 million metric tons of carbon dioxide through the process of recycling or burning with an incinerator.
4. Aside from that, plastic waste stockpiling and decomposition would produce methane and ethylene gases, both are among the most harmful greenhouse gases.



PROMISE THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH
To reduce plastic waste

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of the Earth's are committed to reduce plastic waste through these methods.

Niken: Always use reusable shopping bags. Avoid using single-use plastic bags.

Kanaga: Always bring food containers and refillable water bottle when traveling

Theo: Stop buying mineral water in plastic bottles, except for emergency situations.

Gita: Reduce the usage of products packaged with single-use plastic and stop using plastic straws.



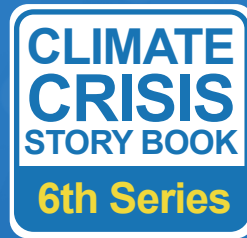
Kanaga: Recycle used plastic containers so they don't add the litters. Recycling can be shopping bag containers, trash cans, flower pots, and others.

Niken: Don't forget to remind our loved ones about the dangers of plastic waste.

Theo: If all the relevant parties including the people, the government and the business community understand this and work together, we could mitigate and find solutions to the climate crisis problem.

Kanaga, Niken, Gita: WE TOTALLY AGREEEE!

Kanaga: And the most important thing: start with yourself!



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