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HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

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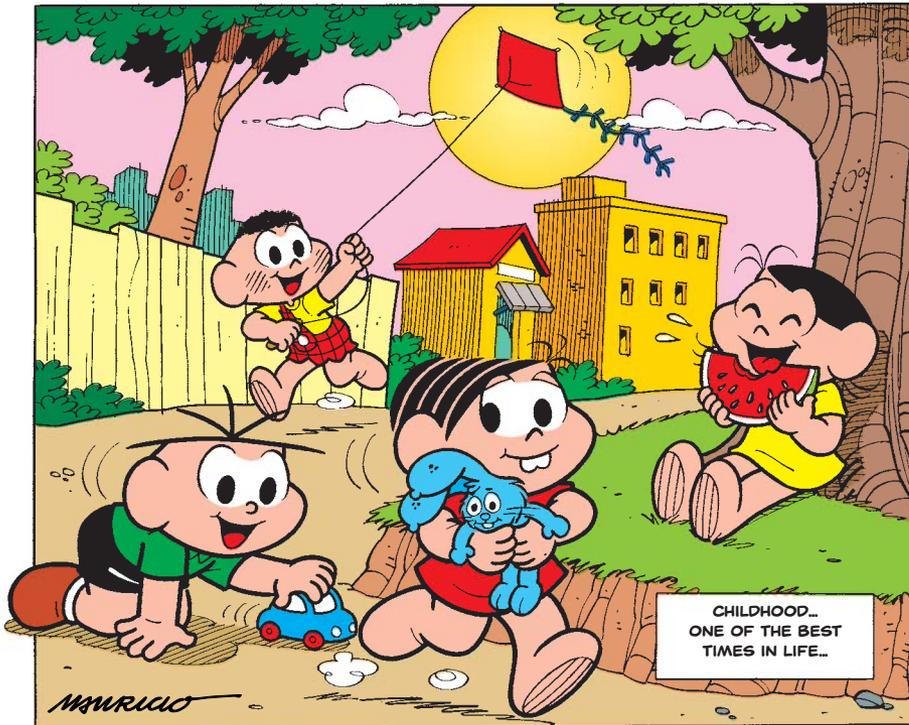


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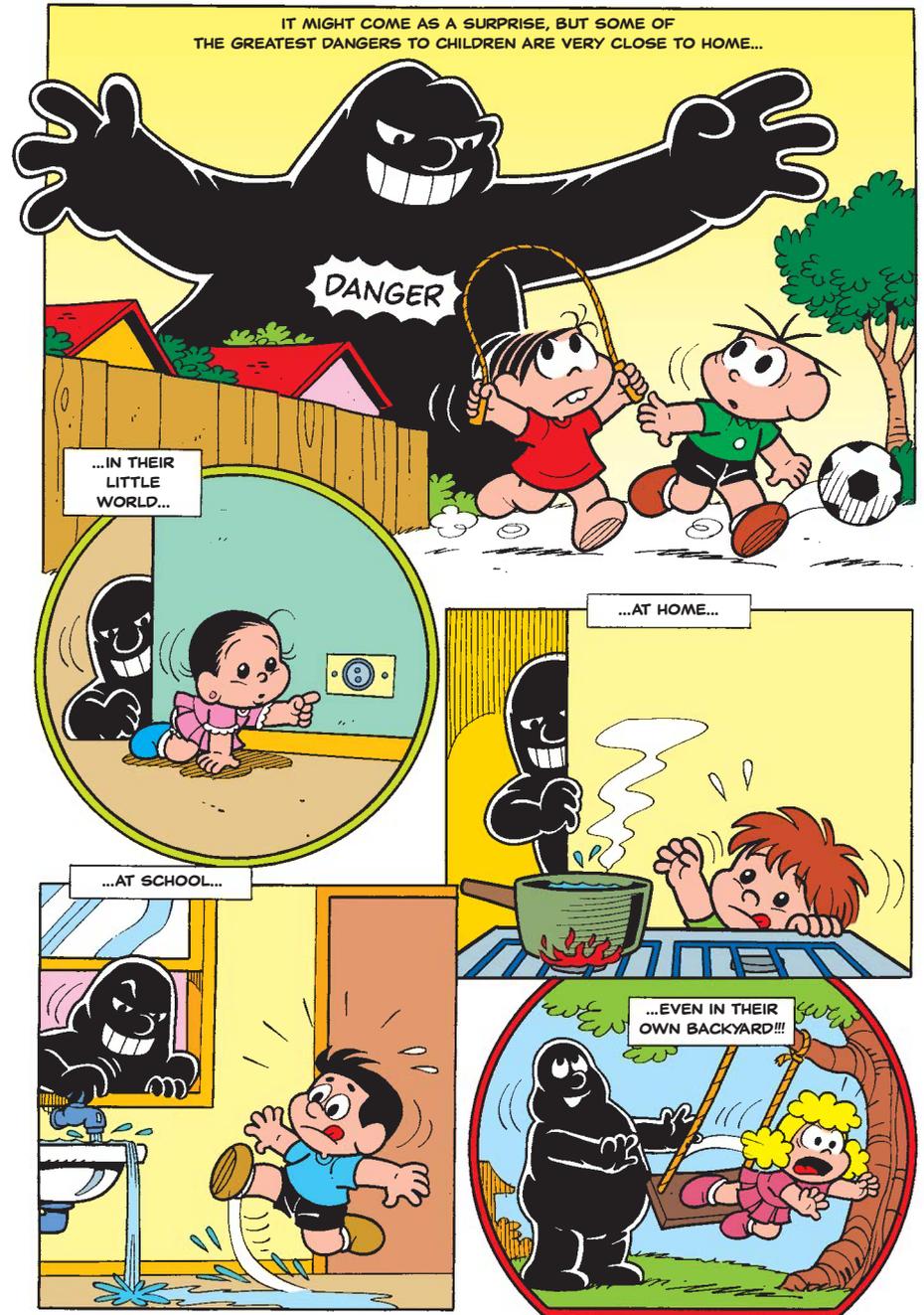


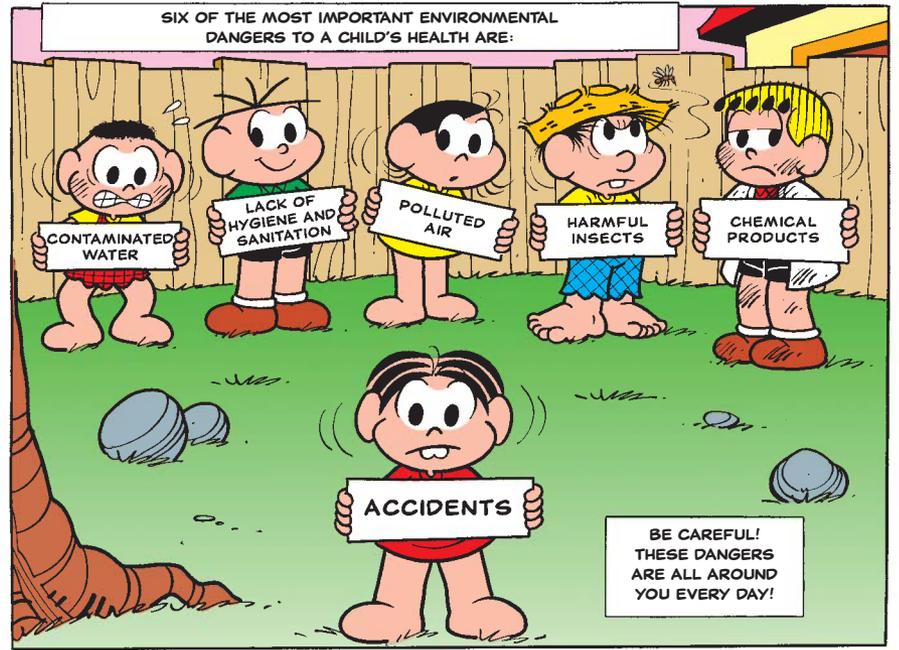
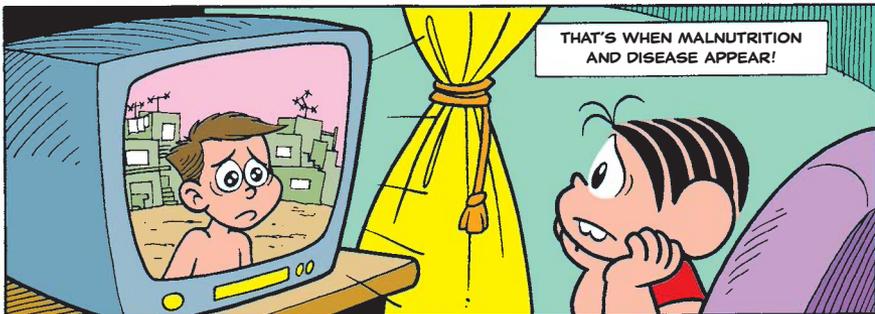
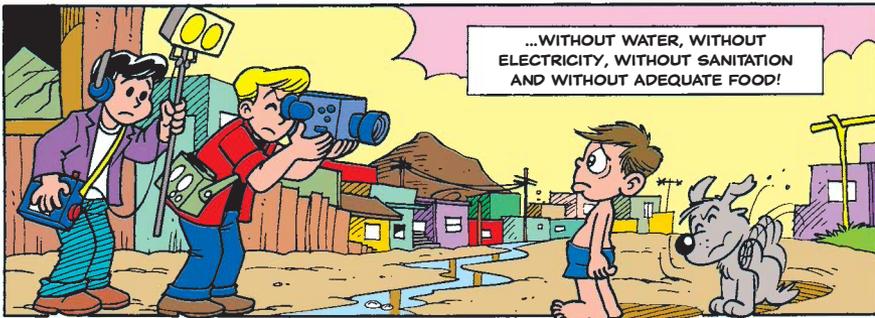
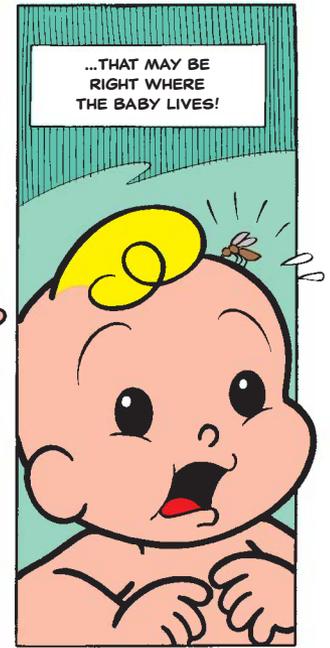
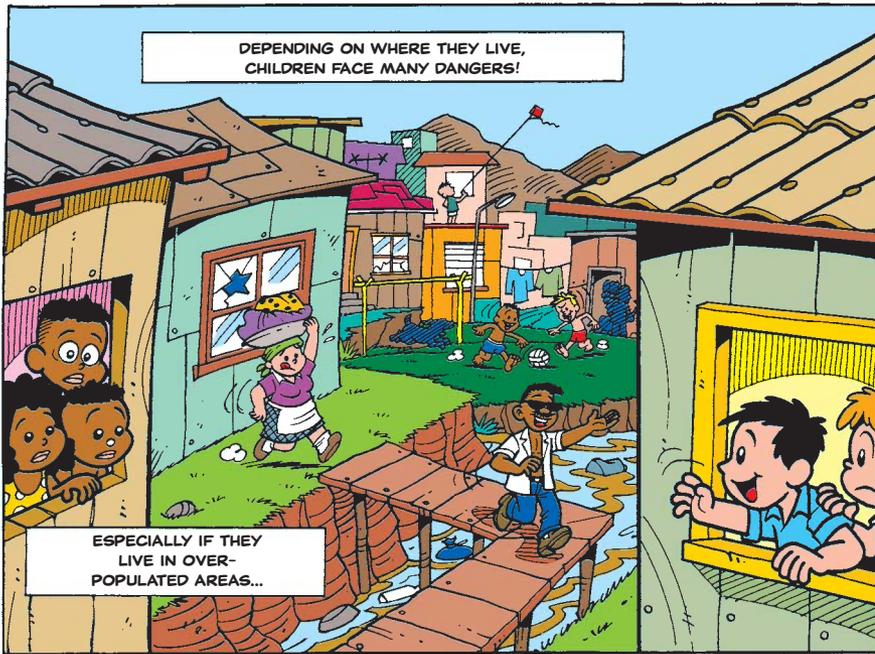
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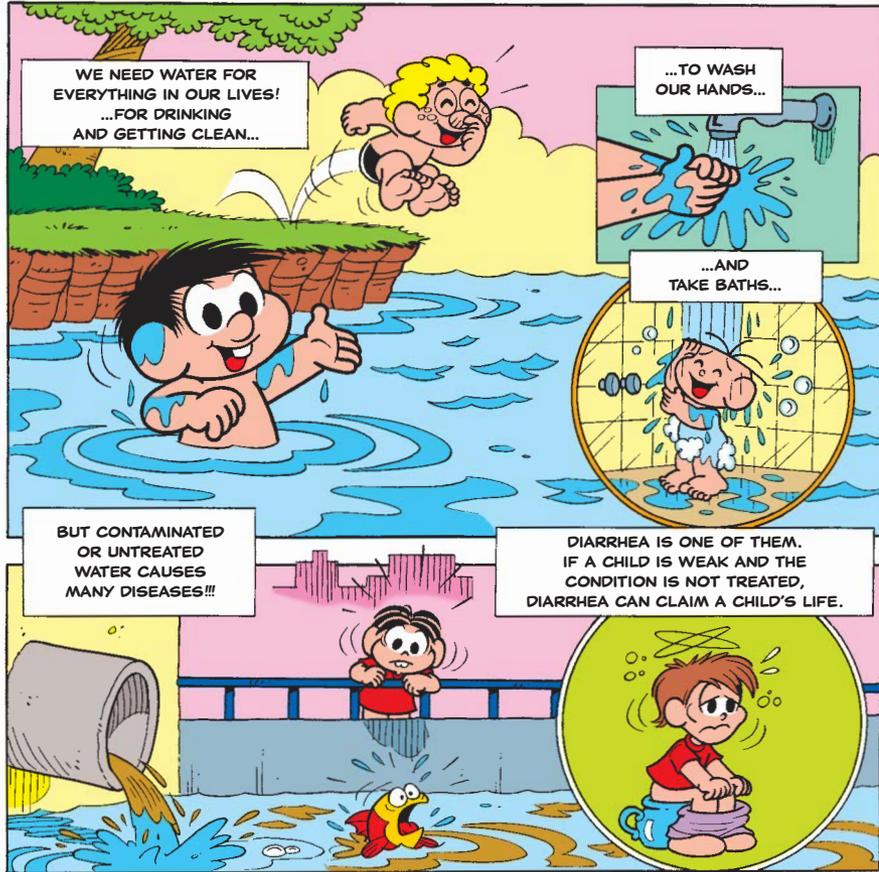


...BUT ALSO THE TIME CHILDREN DESERVE THE MOST CARE. THEY'RE GROWING. THEY DEPEND ON ADULTS. BOTH AT HOME AND OUTSIDE, THEY NEED CARE AND AFFECTION IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT!





CONTAMINATED WATER



WE NEED WATER FOR EVERYTHING IN OUR LIVES!
...FOR DRINKING AND GETTING CLEAN...

...TO WASH OUR HANDS...

...AND TAKE BATHS...

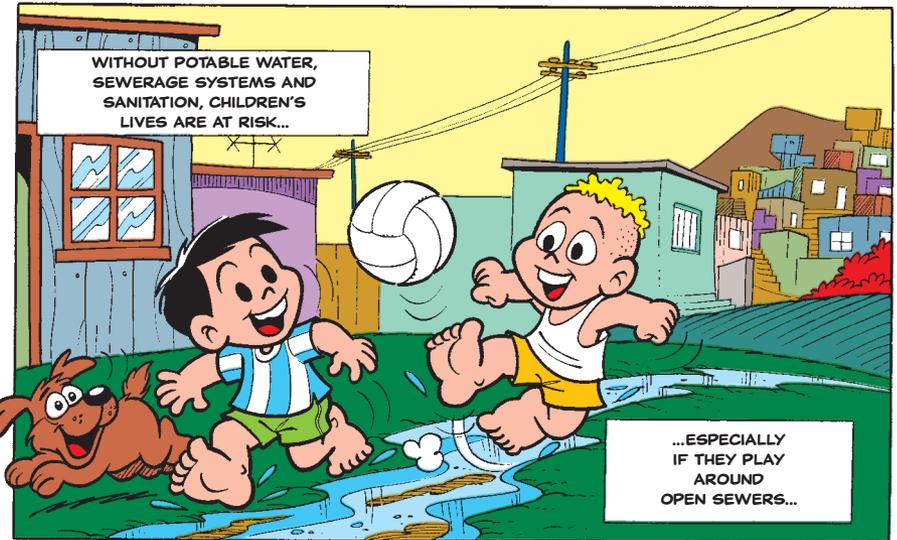
BUT CONTAMINATED OR UNTREATED WATER CAUSES MANY DISEASES!!!

DIARRHEA IS ONE OF THEM. IF A CHILD IS WEAK AND THE CONDITION IS NOT TREATED, DIARRHEA CAN CLAIM A CHILD'S LIFE.

WASHING HANDS BEFORE TOUCHING FOOD CAN HELP PREVENT MANY SERIOUS DISEASES.

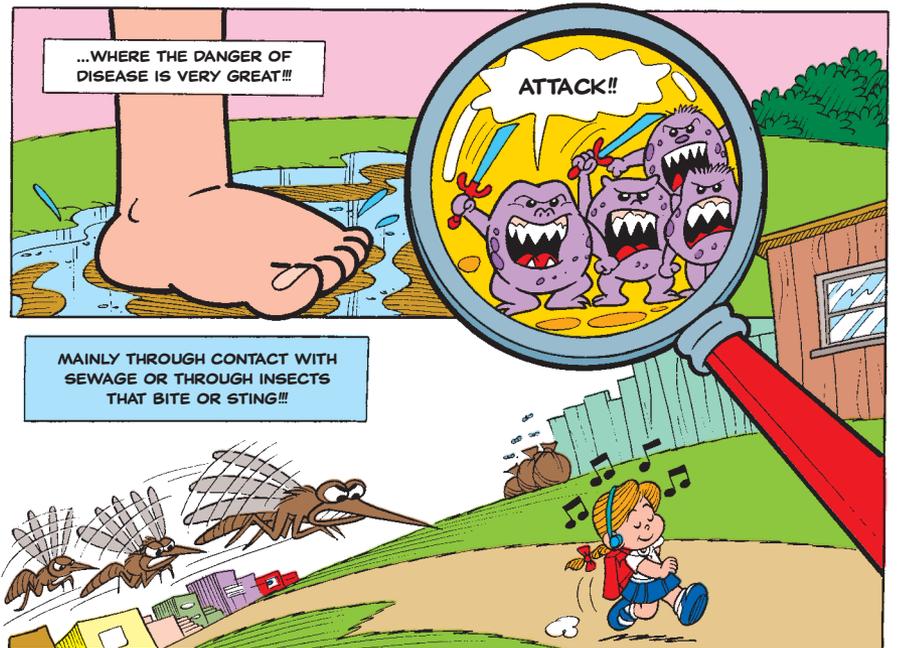


LACK OF HYGIENE and SANITATION



WITHOUT POTABLE WATER, SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND SANITATION, CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE AT RISK...

...ESPECIALLY IF THEY PLAY AROUND OPEN SEWERS...

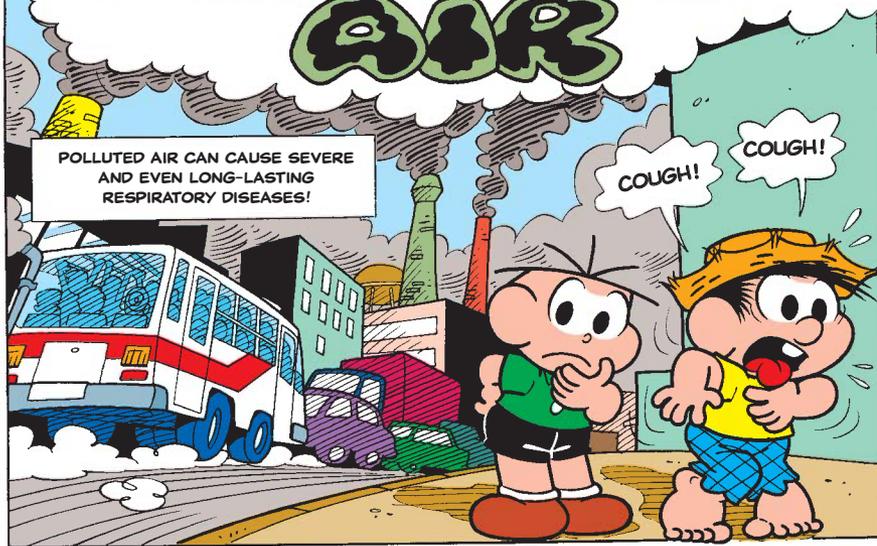


...WHERE THE DANGER OF DISEASE IS VERY GREAT!!!

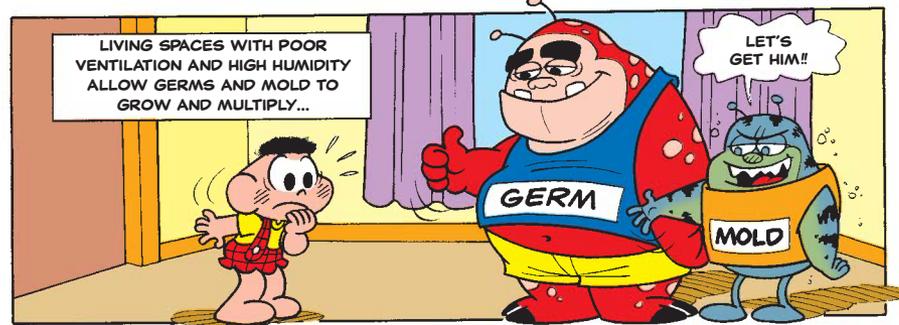
ATTACK!!

MAINLY THROUGH CONTACT WITH SEWAGE OR THROUGH INSECTS THAT BITE OR STING!!!

POLLUTED AIR



POLLUTED AIR CAN CAUSE SEVERE AND EVEN LONG-LASTING RESPIRATORY DISEASES!



LIVING SPACES WITH POOR VENTILATION AND HIGH HUMIDITY ALLOW GERMS AND MOLD TO GROW AND MULTIPLY...

LET'S GET HIM!!

...THESE CAN ATTACK THE SKIN AND LUNGS, CAUSING ALLERGIES IN CHILDREN AS THEY ARE GROWING AND GETTING STRONGER... BUT ARE STILL DELICATE AND VULNERABLE.



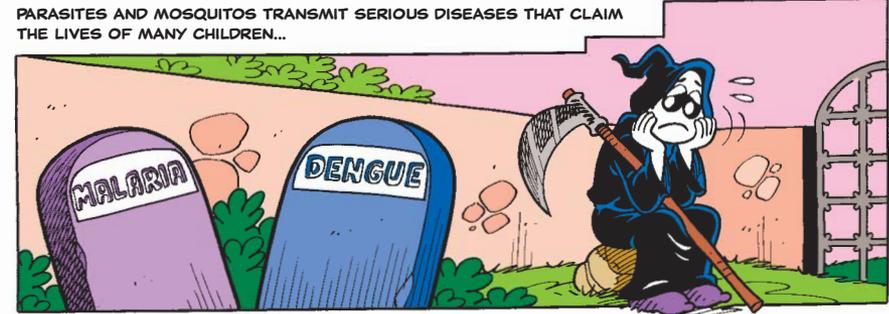
HARMFUL INSECTS



DISEASES TRANSMITTED BY INSECTS ARE A MAJOR THREAT TO CHILDREN!

PLAYING WITH OR NEAR OLD TIRES OR STAGNANT WATER IS DANGEROUS...

...THAT'S WHERE CHILDREN RUN THE RISK OF CONTRACTING DENGUE!!!



PARASITES AND MOSQUITOS TRANSMIT SERIOUS DISEASES THAT CLAIM THE LIVES OF MANY CHILDREN...

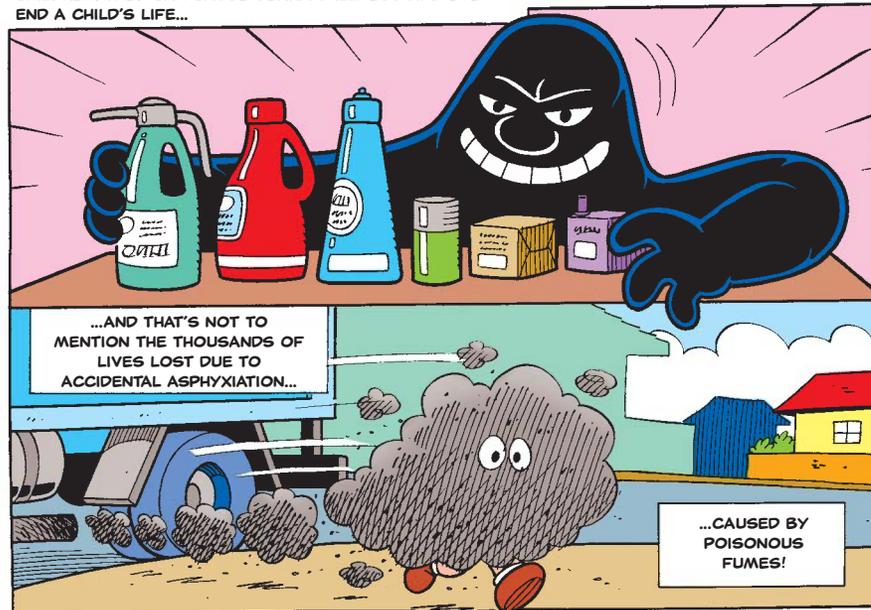
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

PRODUCTS CONTAINING CHEMICALS ARE USED MORE AND MORE IN EVERYDAY LIFE...



...THEY'RE IN OUR HOMES, AND UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'RE OFTEN KEPT WHERE CHILDREN CAN EASILY REACH THEM!!!

ALL CLEANING PRODUCTS, PAINT THINNERS AND MEDICINES SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. THEY CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS AND EVEN END A CHILD'S LIFE...

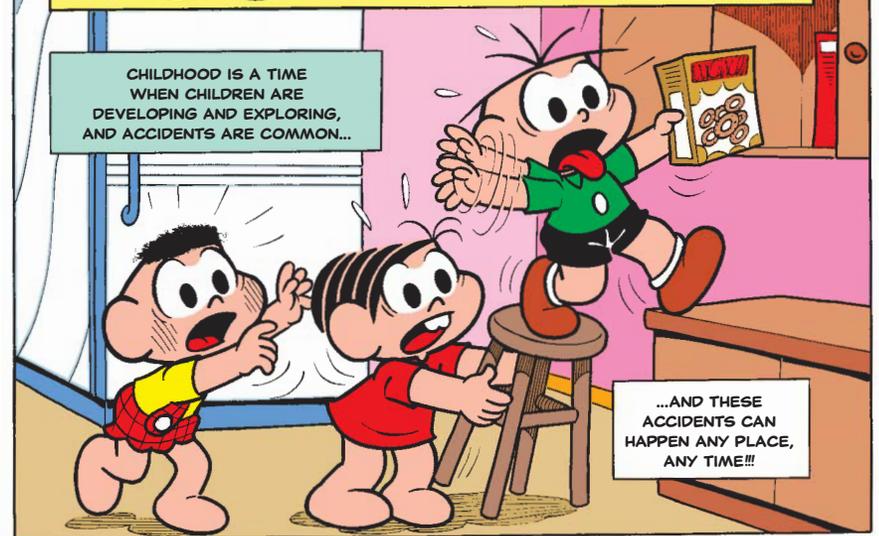


...AND THAT'S NOT TO MENTION THE THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST DUE TO ACCIDENTAL ASPHYXIATION...

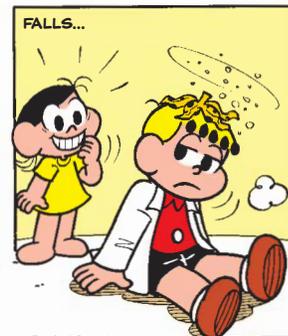
...CAUSED BY POISONOUS FUMES!

ACCIDENTS

CHILDHOOD IS A TIME WHEN CHILDREN ARE DEVELOPING AND EXPLORING, AND ACCIDENTS ARE COMMON...



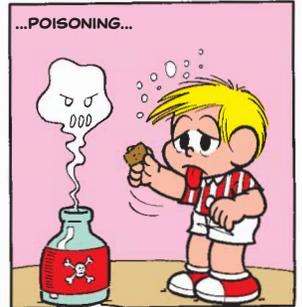
...AND THESE ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN ANY PLACE, ANY TIME!!!



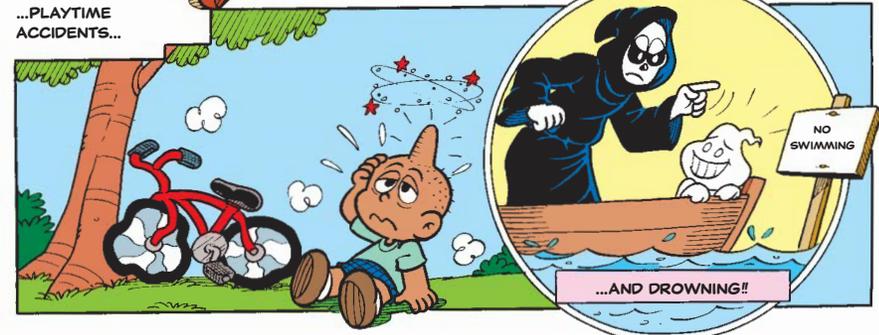
FALLS...



...BURNS...



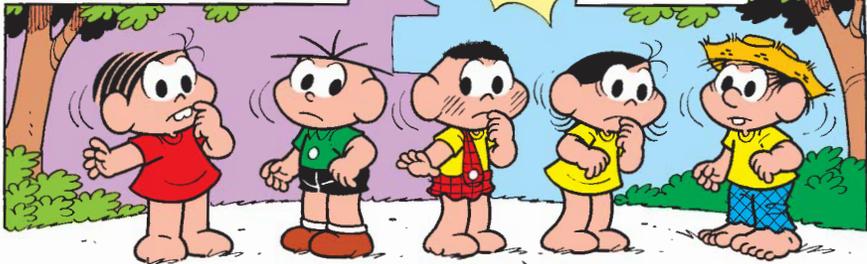
...POISONING...



...PLAYTIME ACCIDENTS...

...AND DROWNING!!

SO, WITH SO MANY DANGERS, WHAT CAN WE DO?

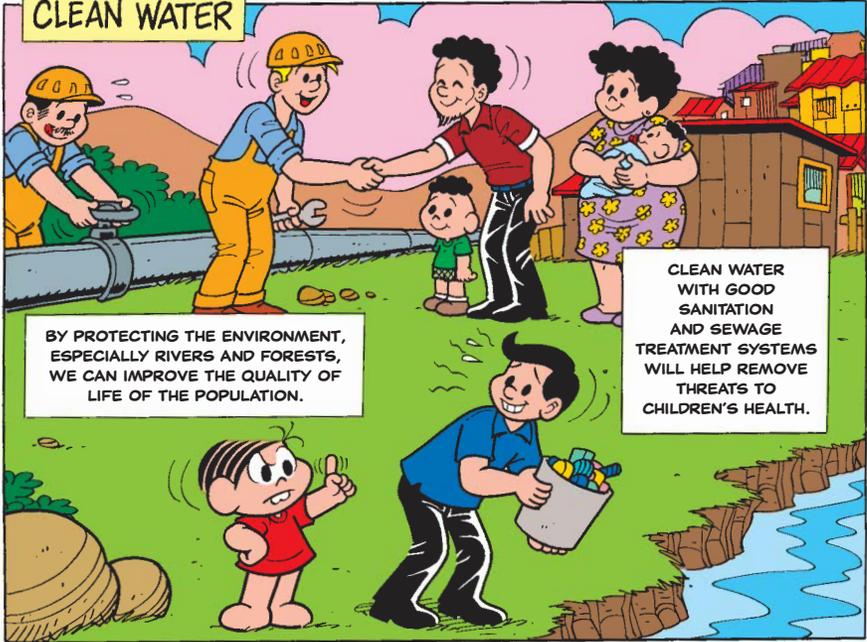


HOW CAN WE GUARANTEE A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN?

FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL THESE PROBLEMS...



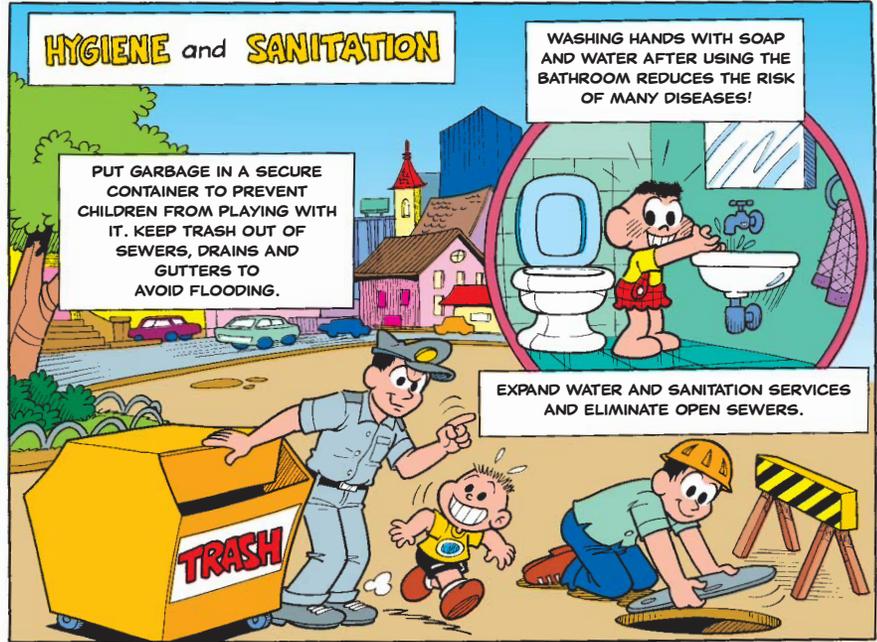
CLEAN WATER



BY PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY RIVERS AND FORESTS, WE CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE POPULATION.

CLEAN WATER WITH GOOD SANITATION AND SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS WILL HELP REMOVE THREATS TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

HYGIENE and SANITATION



PUT GARBAGE IN A SECURE CONTAINER TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM PLAYING WITH IT. KEEP TRASH OUT OF SEWERS, DRAINS AND GUTTERS TO AVOID FLOODING.

WASHING HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER AFTER USING THE BATHROOM REDUCES THE RISK OF MANY DISEASES!

EXPAND WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES AND ELIMINATE OPEN SEWERS.

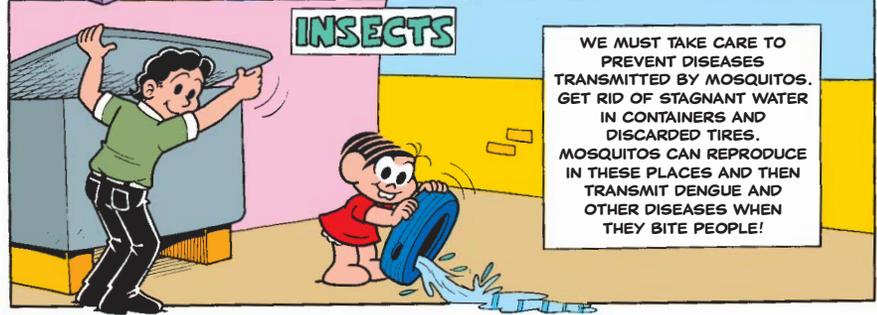
CLEAN AIR



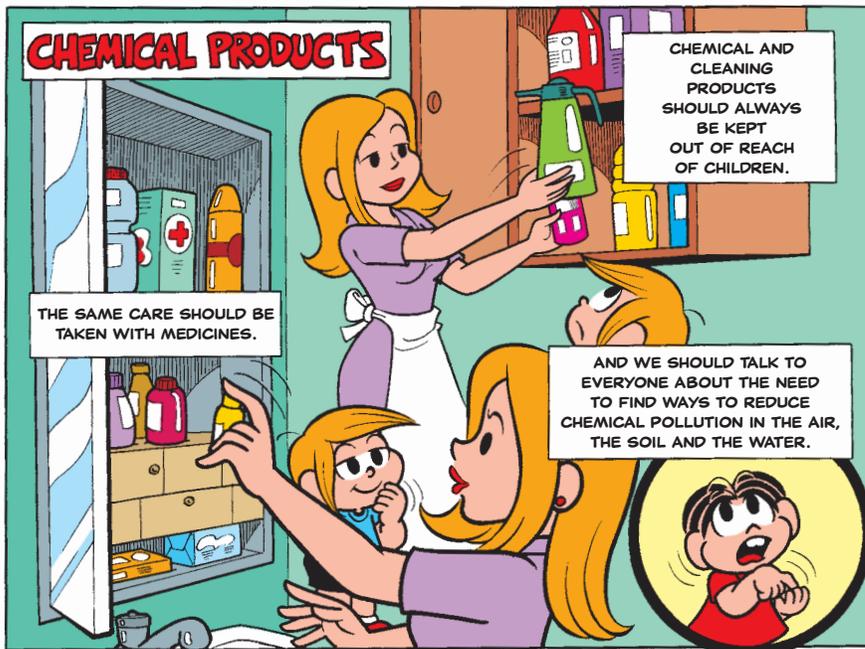
OUR LIVING SPACES SHOULD ALWAYS BE WELL VENTILATED!

AND SMOKERS SHOULD AVOID SMOKING NEAR CHILDREN!

INSECTS



WE MUST TAKE CARE TO PREVENT DISEASES TRANSMITTED BY MOSQUITOS. GET RID OF STAGNANT WATER IN CONTAINERS AND DISCARDED TIRES. MOSQUITOS CAN REPRODUCE IN THESE PLACES AND THEN TRANSMIT DENGUE AND OTHER DISEASES WHEN THEY BITE PEOPLE!



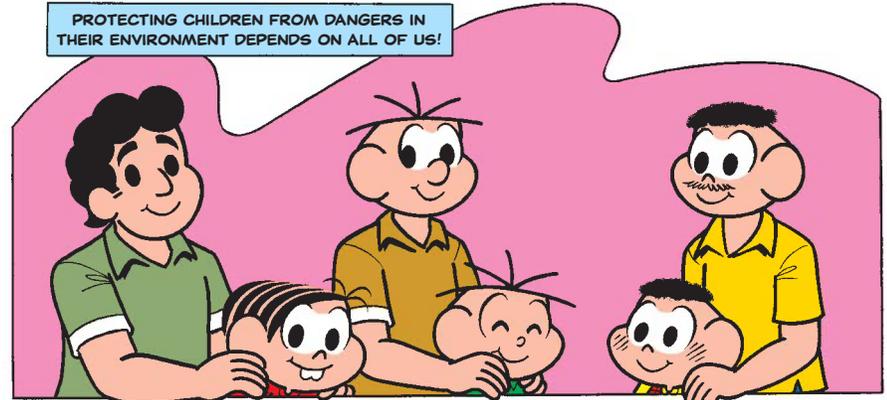
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

CHEMICAL AND CLEANING PRODUCTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE KEPT OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

THE SAME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH MEDICINES.

AND WE SHOULD TALK TO EVERYONE ABOUT THE NEED TO FIND WAYS TO REDUCE CHEMICAL POLLUTION IN THE AIR, THE SOIL AND THE WATER.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM DANGERS IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT DEPENDS ON ALL OF US!



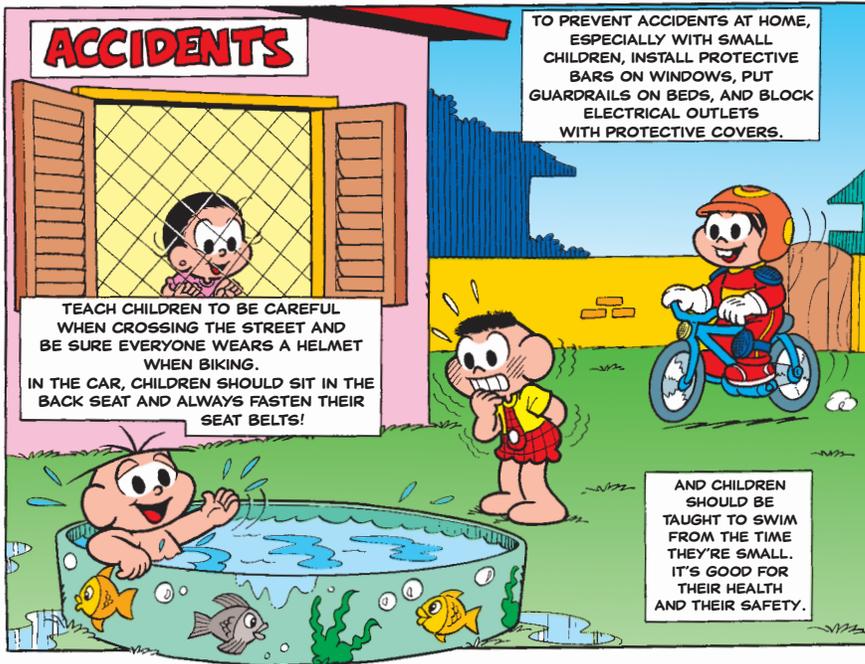
CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN...

...MEANS CARING FOR OUR FUTURE!



LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

THE END



ACCIDENTS

TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AT HOME, ESPECIALLY WITH SMALL CHILDREN, INSTALL PROTECTIVE BARS ON WINDOWS, PUT GUARDRAILS ON BEDS, AND BLOCK ELECTRICAL OUTLETS WITH PROTECTIVE COVERS.

TEACH CHILDREN TO BE CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING THE STREET AND BE SURE EVERYONE WEARS A HELMET WHEN BIKING. IN THE CAR, CHILDREN SHOULD SIT IN THE BACK SEAT AND ALWAYS FASTEN THEIR SEAT BELTS!

AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO SWIM FROM THE TIME THEY'RE SMALL. IT'S GOOD FOR THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR SAFETY.

My friends, every one of you has the right to healthy environments in your home, in your school, and where you play.

Please stay healthy by drinking only safe water and by helping to clean up water containers around your home and school to get rid of mosquitoes that transmit diseases. Ask your parents never to smoke in the house and tell them you need CLEAN air and good ventilation inside the home. Kids, be very careful when playing, crossing streets, or walking where there are cars. One moment of not paying attention could kill you or hurt you very seriously. And whenever you ride a bike, wear a helmet.

Ask your parents to work with your schools and communities so you, can have clean water and sanitation where you study and play.

Please keep away from anything poisonous that might hurt you, like medicines, cleaning liquids, pesticides, or alcohol. Stay away from guns and don't play with objects that can hurt you like knives.

You deserve a healthy environment so you can grow up strong and healthy, and so that someday, your own kids will have a healthy environment too.

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