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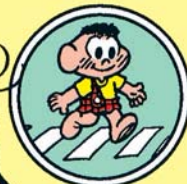
## HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

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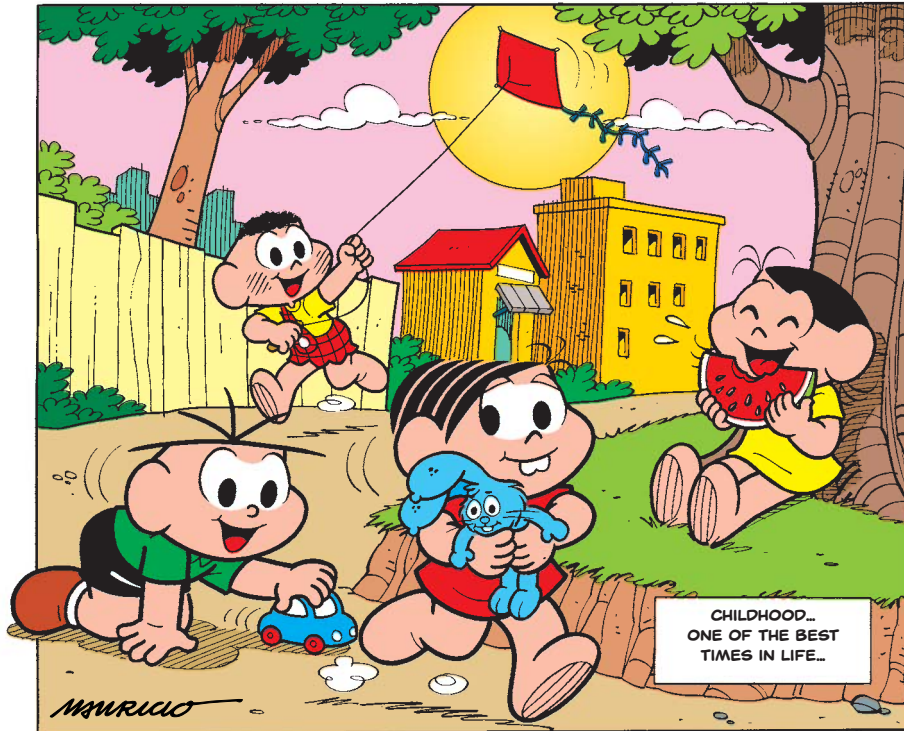
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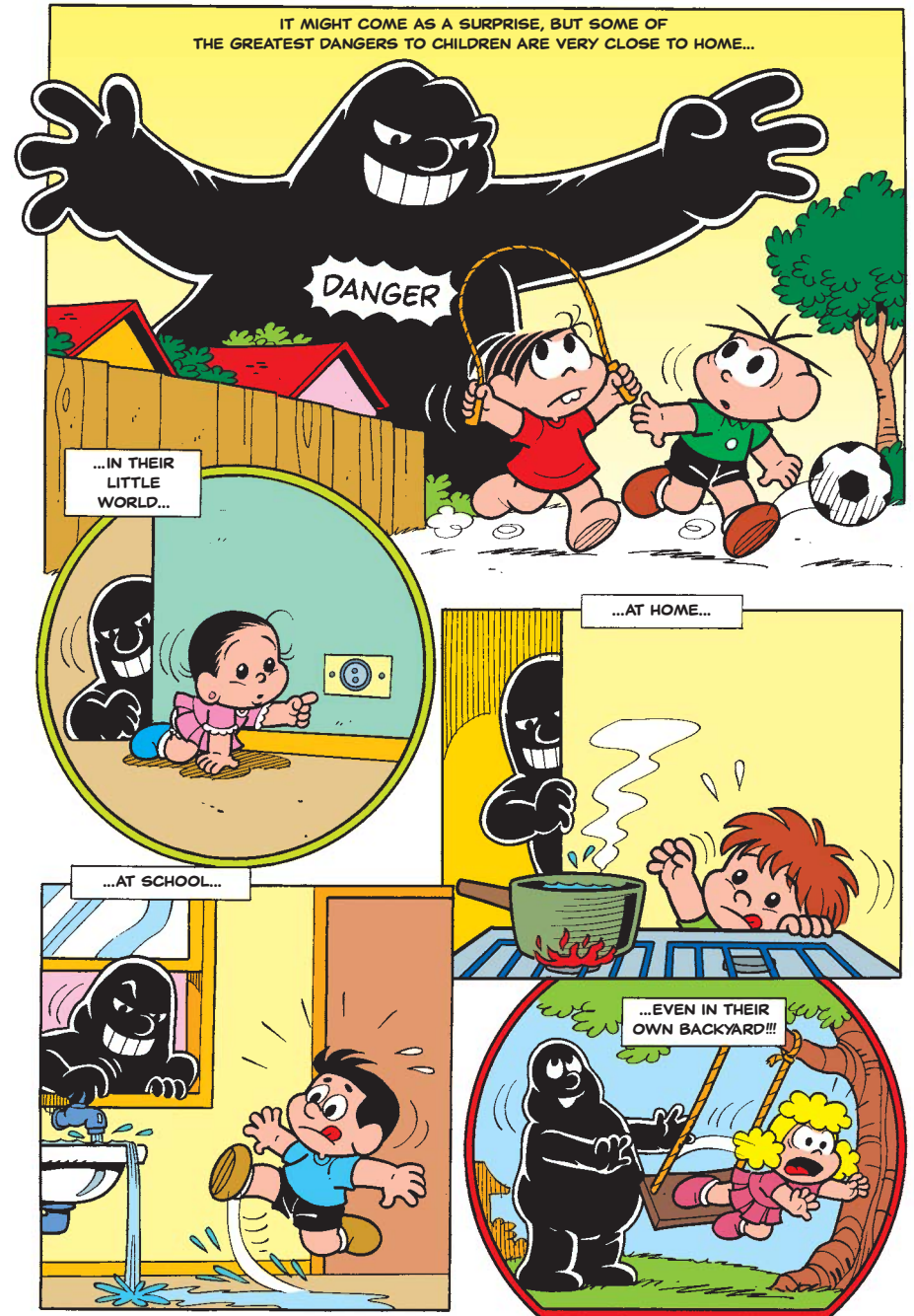


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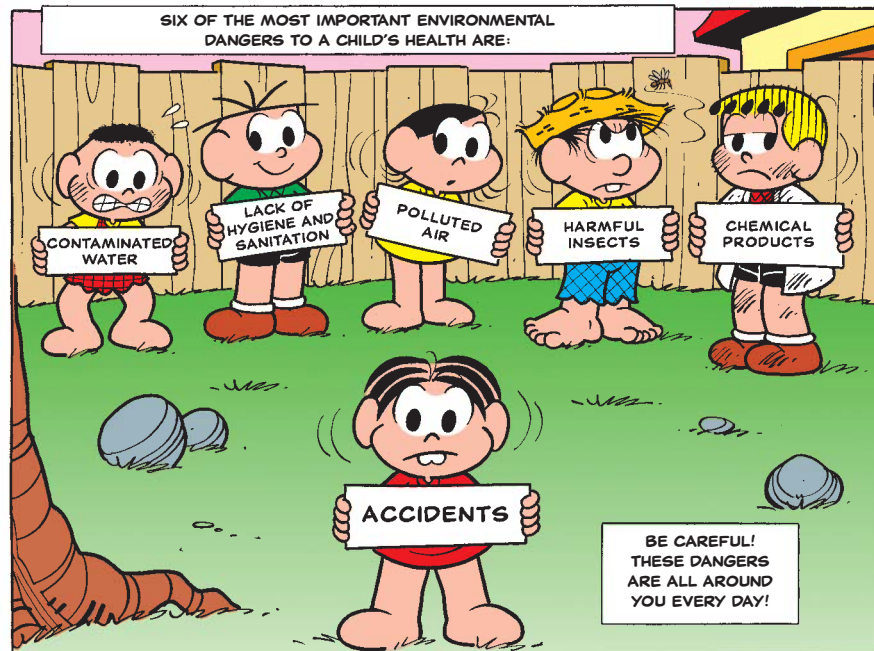
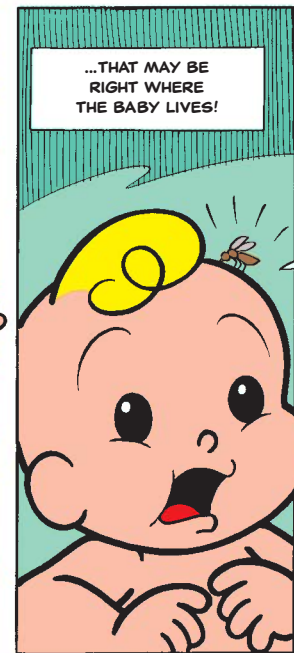
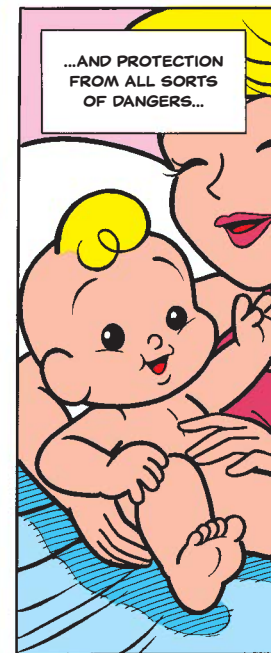
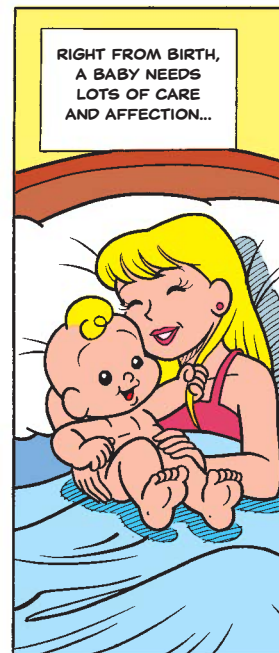
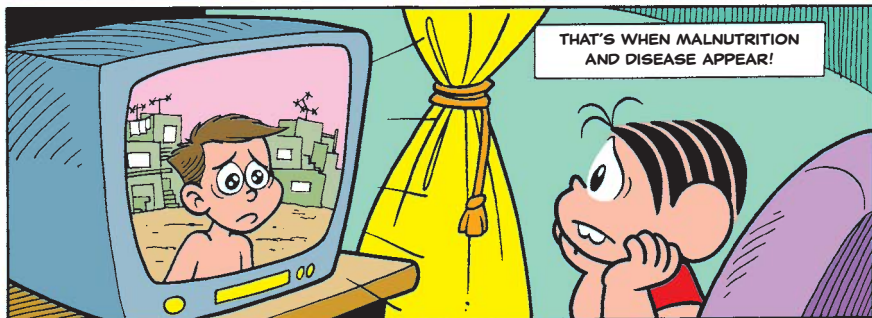
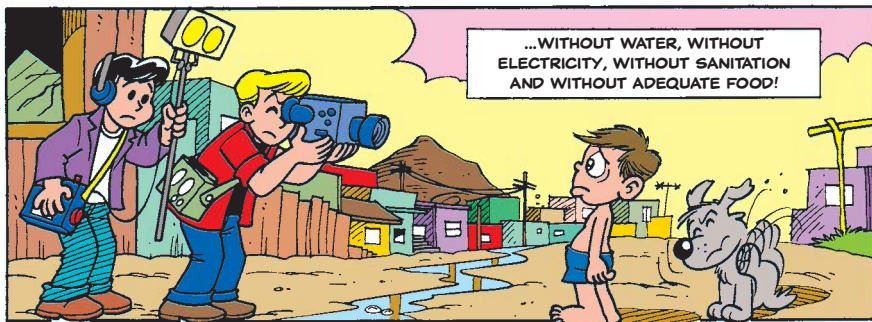
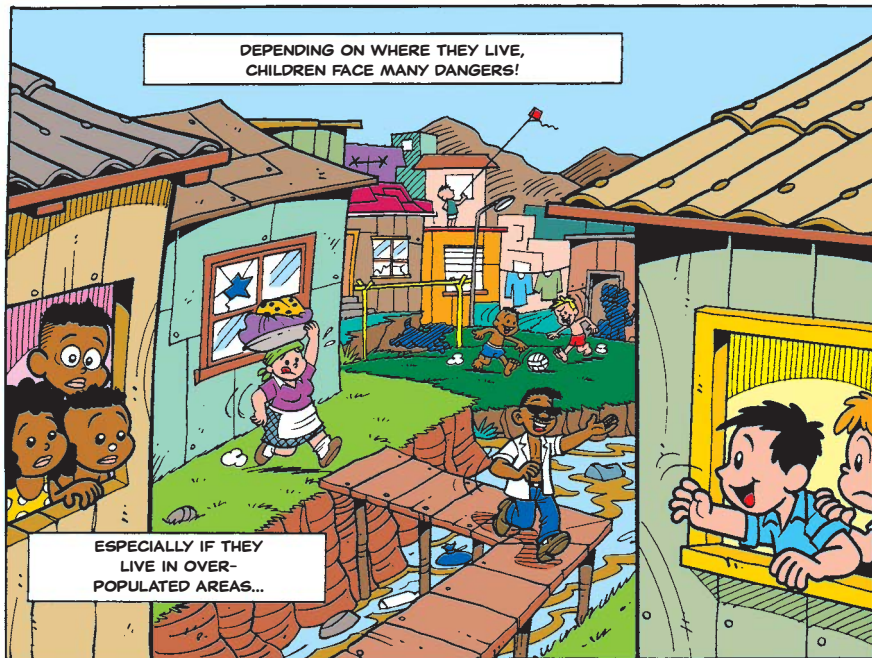
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...BUT ALSO THE TIME CHILDREN DESERVE THE MOST CARE. THEY'RE GROWING. THEY DEPEND ON ADULTS. BOTH AT HOME AND OUTSIDE, THEY NEED CARE AND AFFECTION IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT!

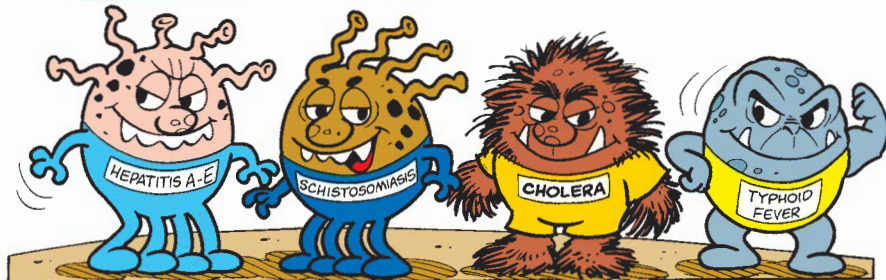
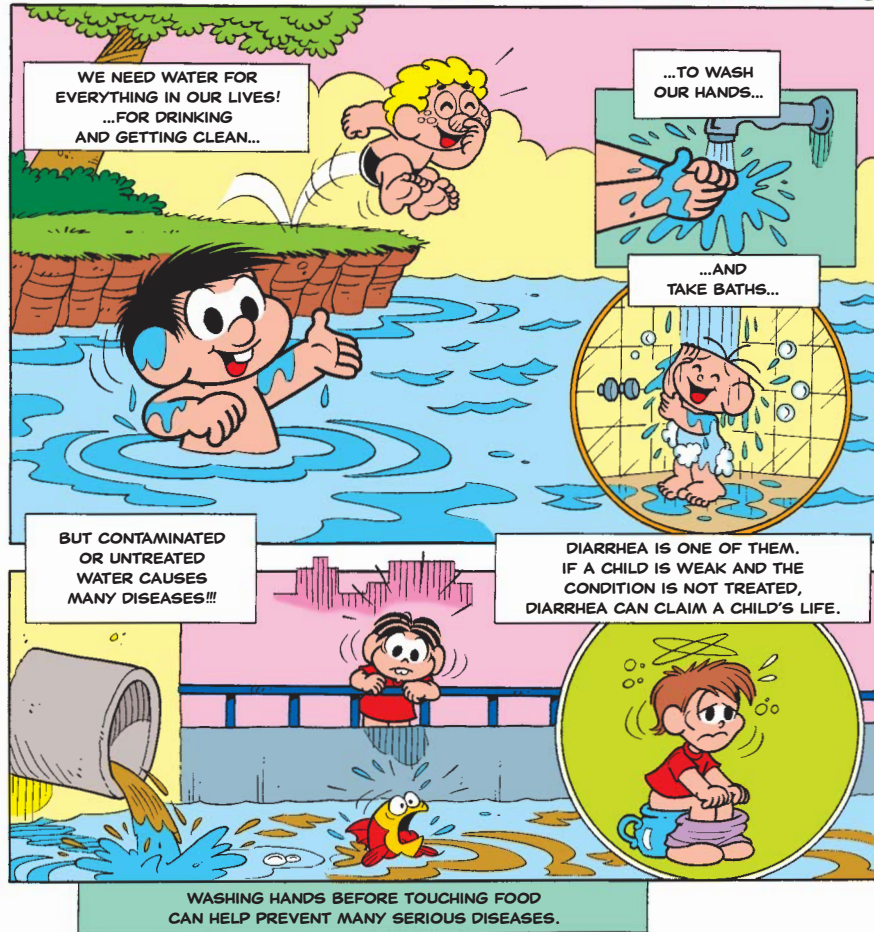




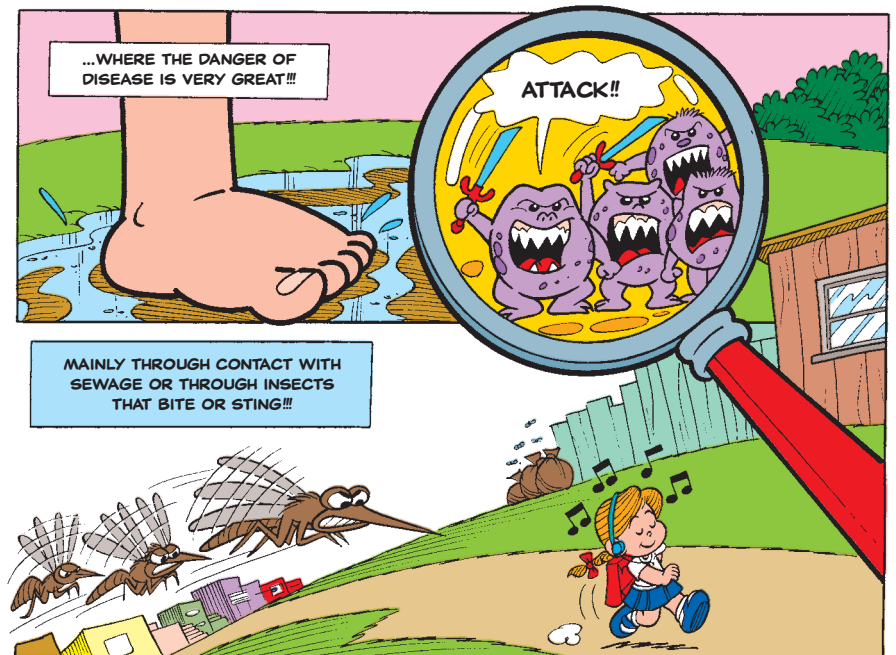
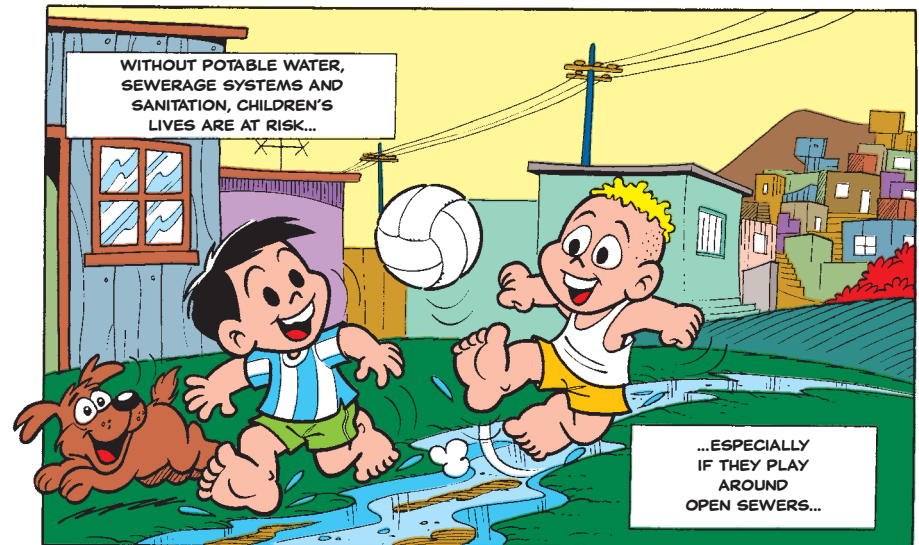




# CONTAMINATED WATER

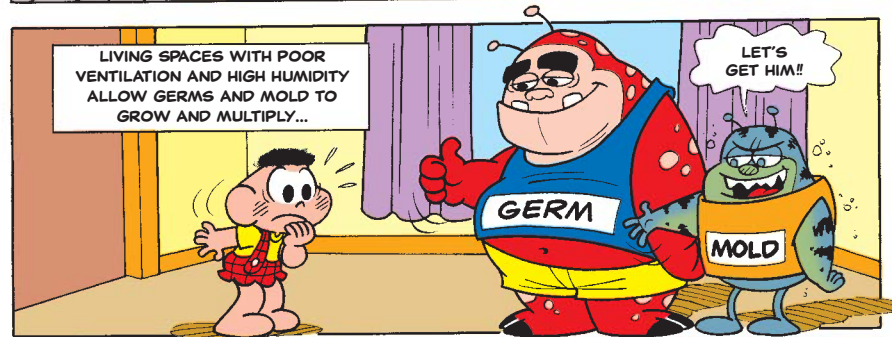
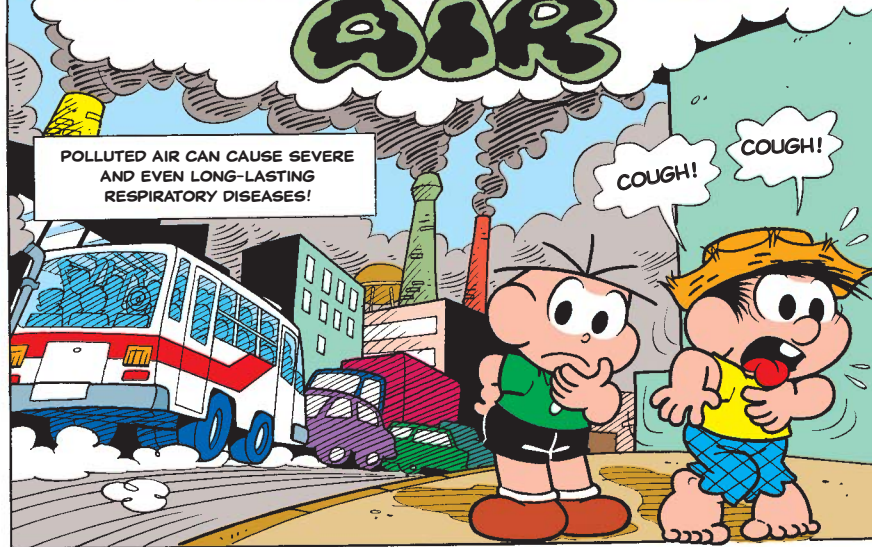


# LACK OF HYGIENE and SANITATION

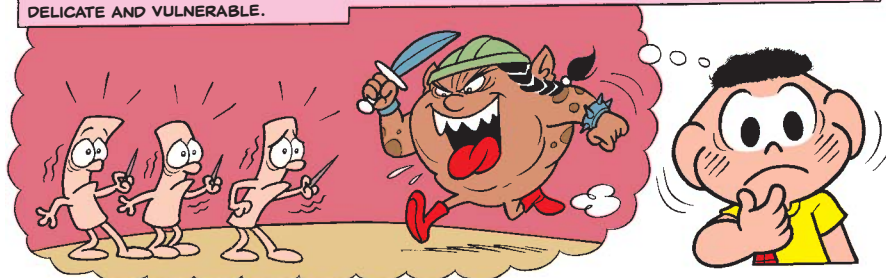




# POLLUTED AIR



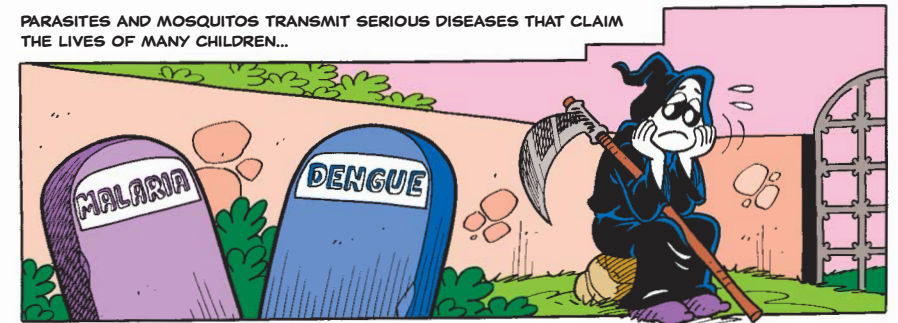
...THESE CAN ATTACK THE SKIN AND LUNGS, CAUSING ALLERGIES IN CHILDREN AS THEY ARE GROWING AND GETTING STRONGER... BUT ARE STILL DELICATE AND VULNERABLE.



# HARMFUL INSECTS

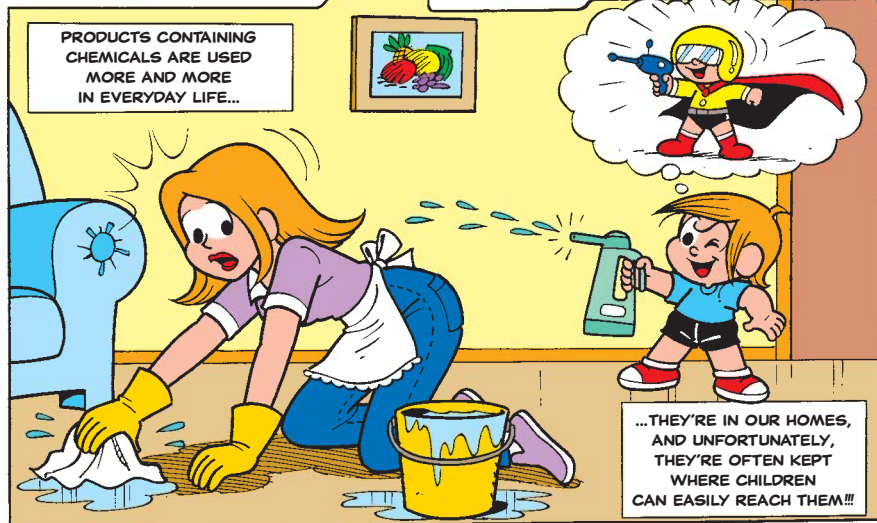


PARASITES AND MOSQUITOS TRANSMIT SERIOUS DISEASES THAT CLAIM THE LIVES OF MANY CHILDREN...

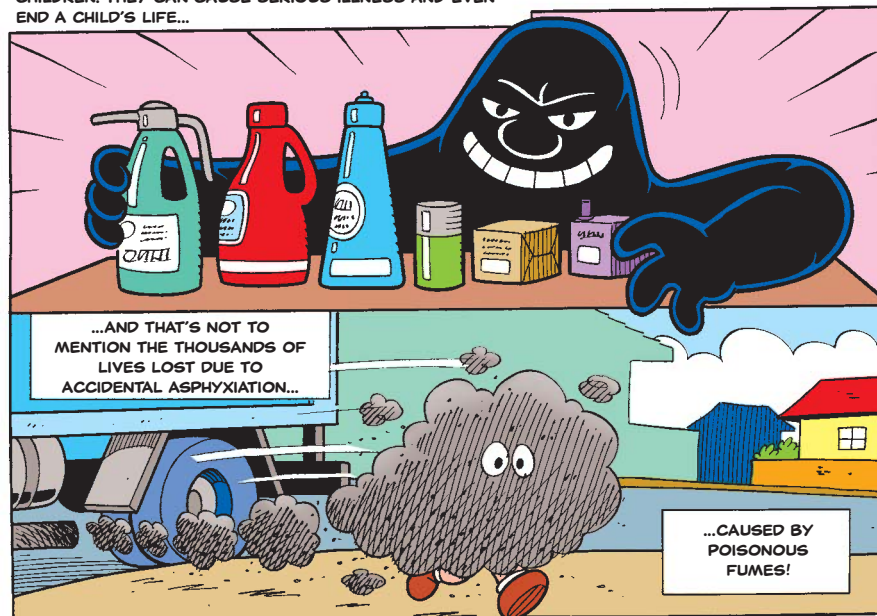




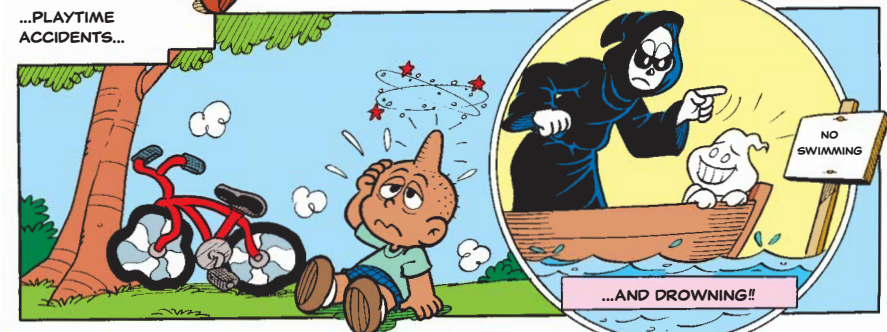
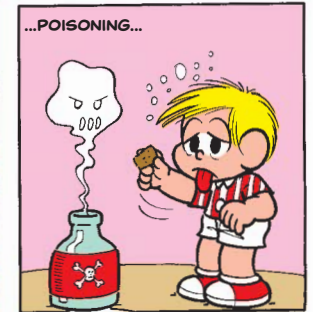
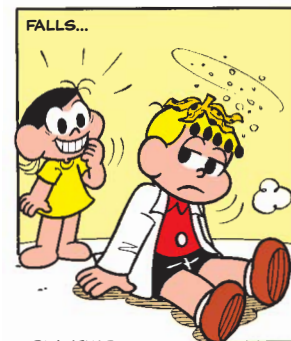
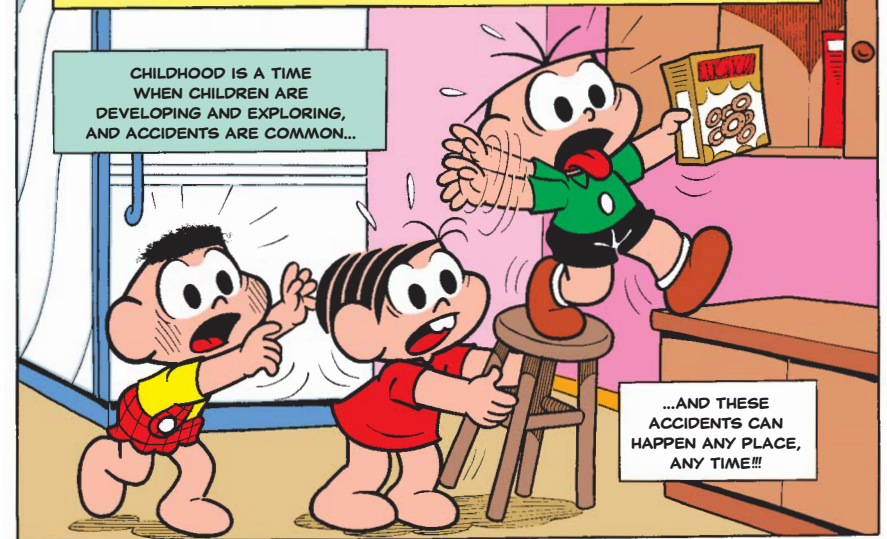
# CHEMICAL PRODUCTS



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...

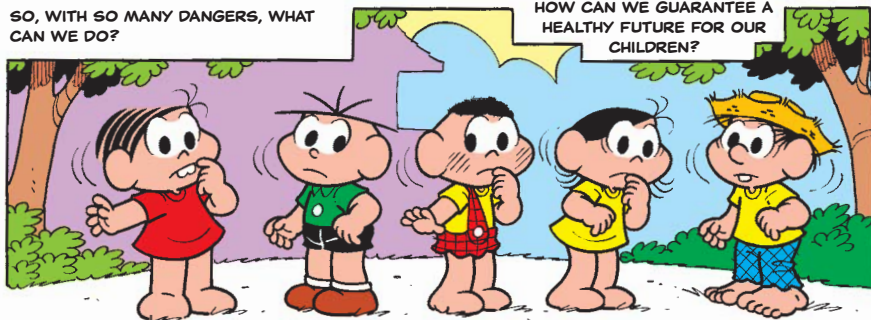


# ACCIDENTS





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

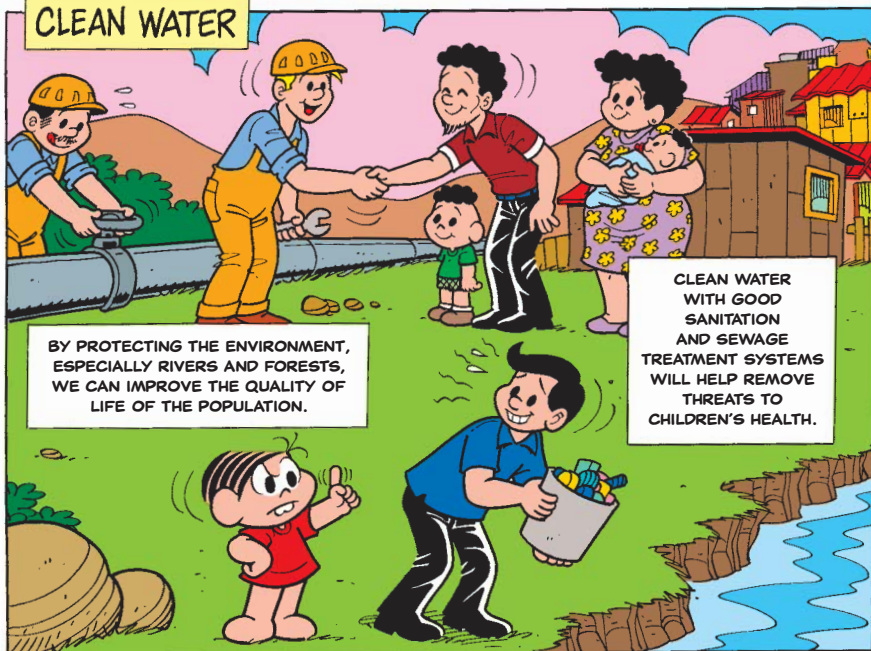


HOW CAN WE GUARANTEE A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN?

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



## CLEAN WATER



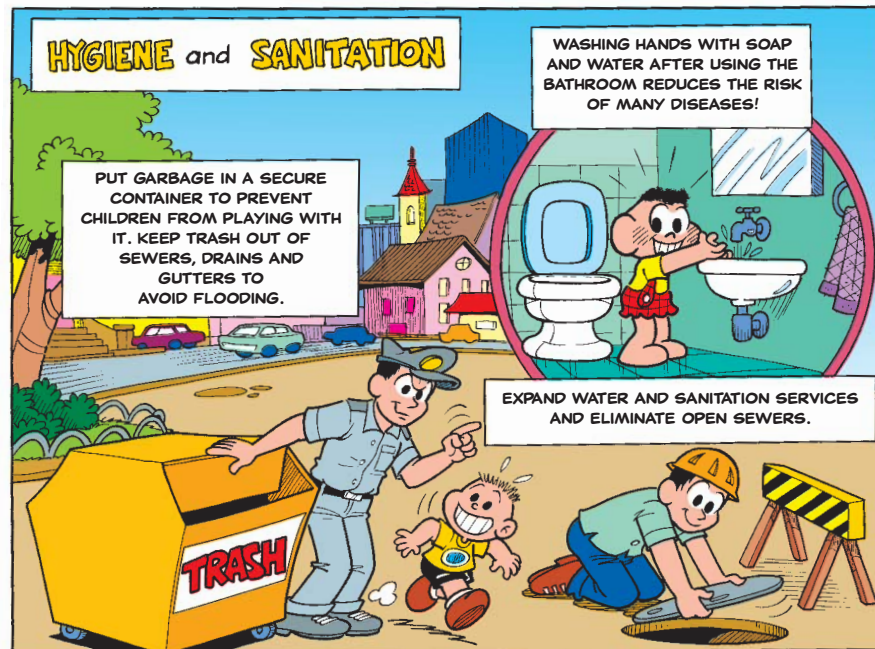
BY PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY RIVERS AND FORESTS, WE CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE POPULATION.

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!

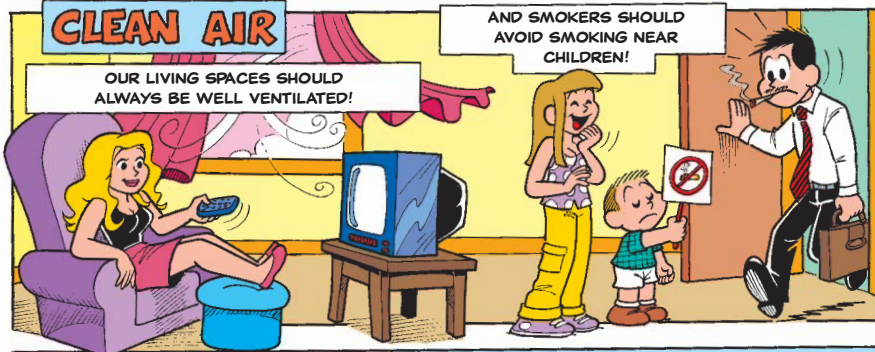


EXPAND WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES AND ELIMINATE OPEN SEWERS.

## CLEAN AIR

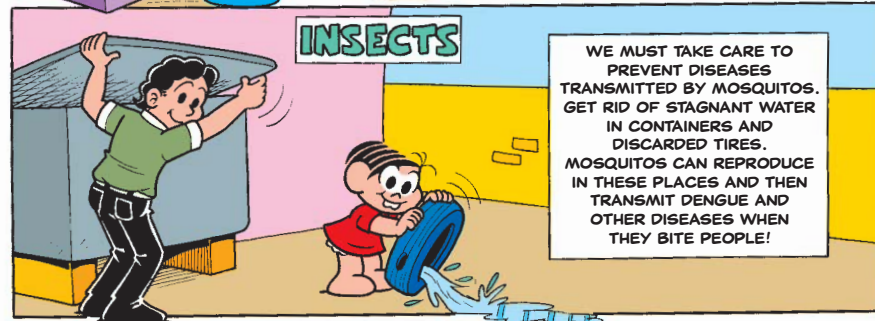
OUR LIVING SPACES SHOULD ALWAYS BE WELL VENTILATED!

AND SMOKERS SHOULD AVOID SMOKING NEAR CHILDREN!

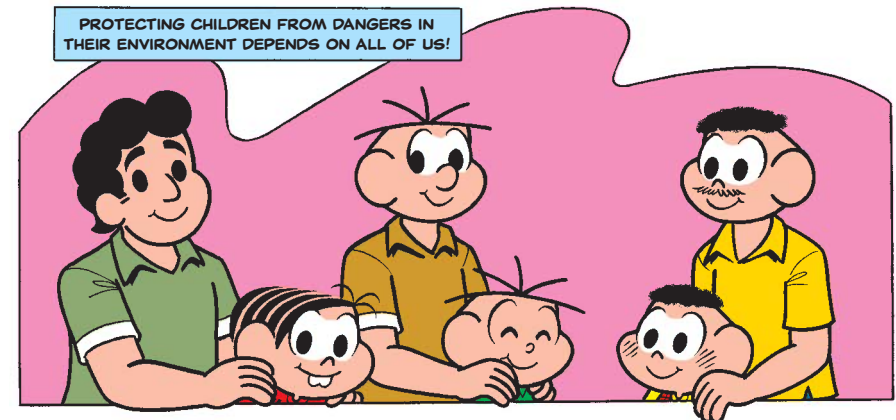
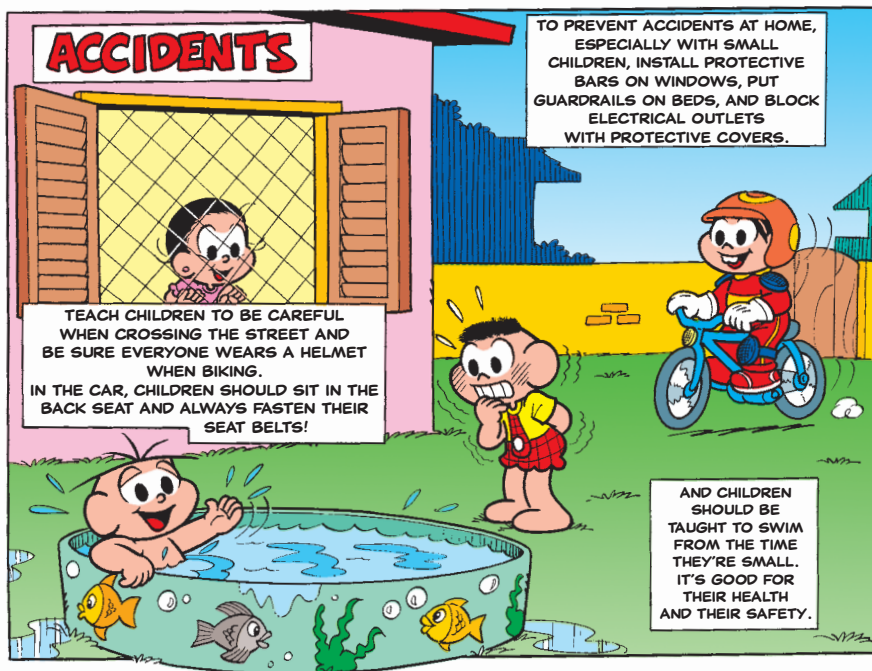
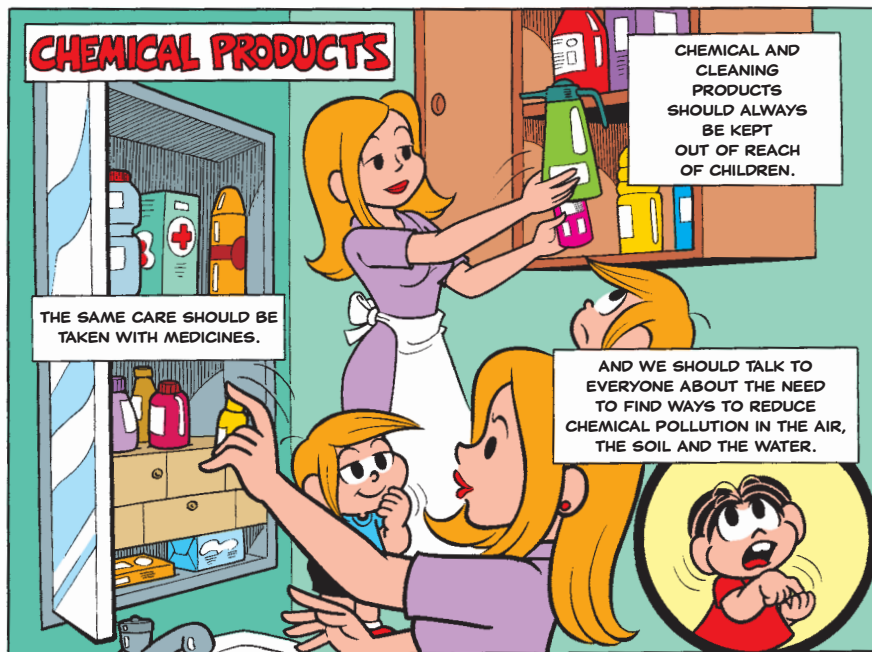


## INSECTS

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!









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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