

Yasmina

The Eco Warrior



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About the Author



I am Saanvi Rao, a 12-year-old ecoactivist, author, poet, classical dancer and public speaker. I have been the student ambassador for Water Alliance, Ecobee, Emirates Environmental Group and Ahlan Wa Sahlan. I have actively participated in various environmental related activities from a young age.

I have composed several poems on the threats faced by our planet and other topics. I have also written books on various environmental issues.



Deep down the vast majestic sea lies a magical kingdom only visible to young Yasmina, a twelve-year-old girl. She has been getting nightmares of fishes crying out for help. Her father suggested scuba diving, hoping it would relax her.

As Yasmina swam deeper and got far away from her parents, she encountered vibrant species and microscopic wonders around her. Just then, a beautiful mermaid caught her attention, which seemed no less than a DREAM!

The gorgeous mermaid, Beatrice was benignant and assured Yasmina that she was real. Soon they got acquainted and Beatrice took Yasmina to her place.

Yasmina was fascinated by the beauty of the enchanted kingdom but, she did not fail to notice that Beatrice looked distressed.

The mermaid, at last, broke the silence and informed her about the difficulties faced by them under the water. They had been fighting for their lives, as water POLLUTION had become a major threat.





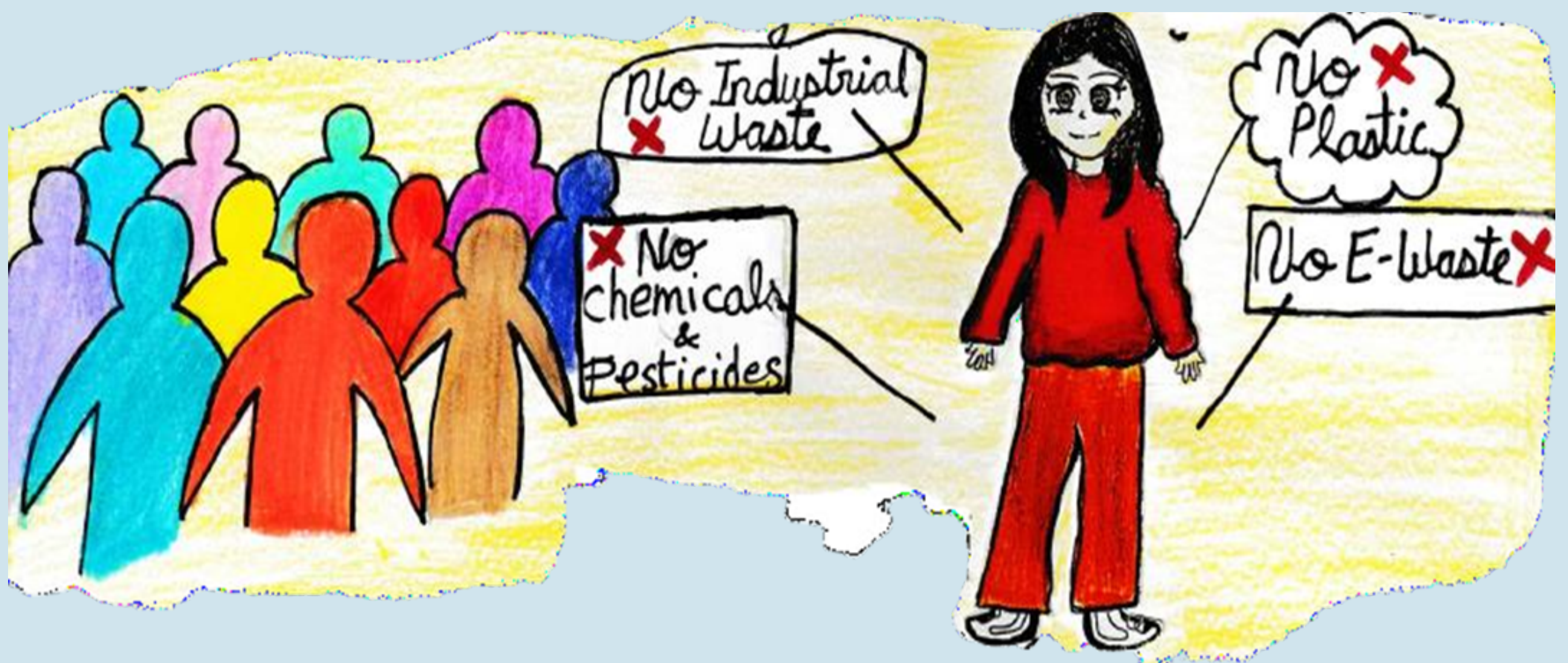
Yasmina felt miserable to hear this and could relate it to her nightmares. She could feel their pain and vowed to help Beatrice and her community.

Later, she informed her parents about the mystical kingdom and their sorrowfulness.

She was mindful of the fact that apart from plastics, industrial wastes were also being dumped into the seas.

With the support of NGO'S, Yasmina was successful in convincing the industrialists who dealt with plastics, to replace them with biodegradable materials.

She soon started campaigning for the use of cloth bags as a replacement for plastic bags. Women who were going through hardships were provided with job opportunities in the cloth bag factories.



This was possible because of a young green activist Yasmina, who wanted to be the voice of future generations.

She continued motivating people and held onto her belief which was close to her heart, "Just one positive thought can change the way the world thinks!"