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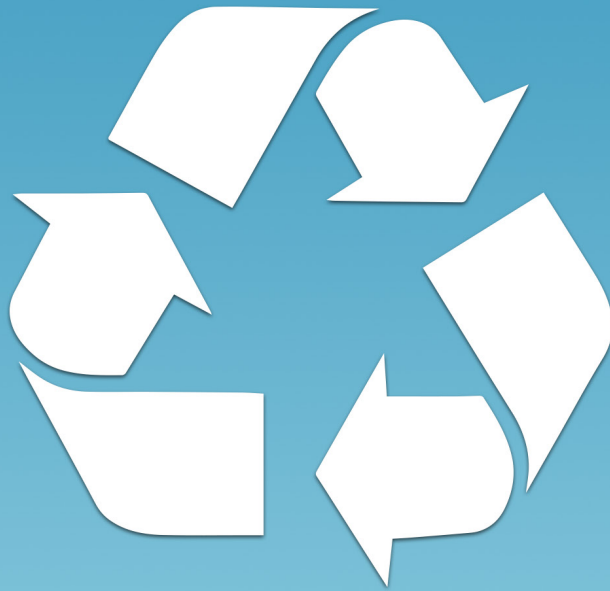
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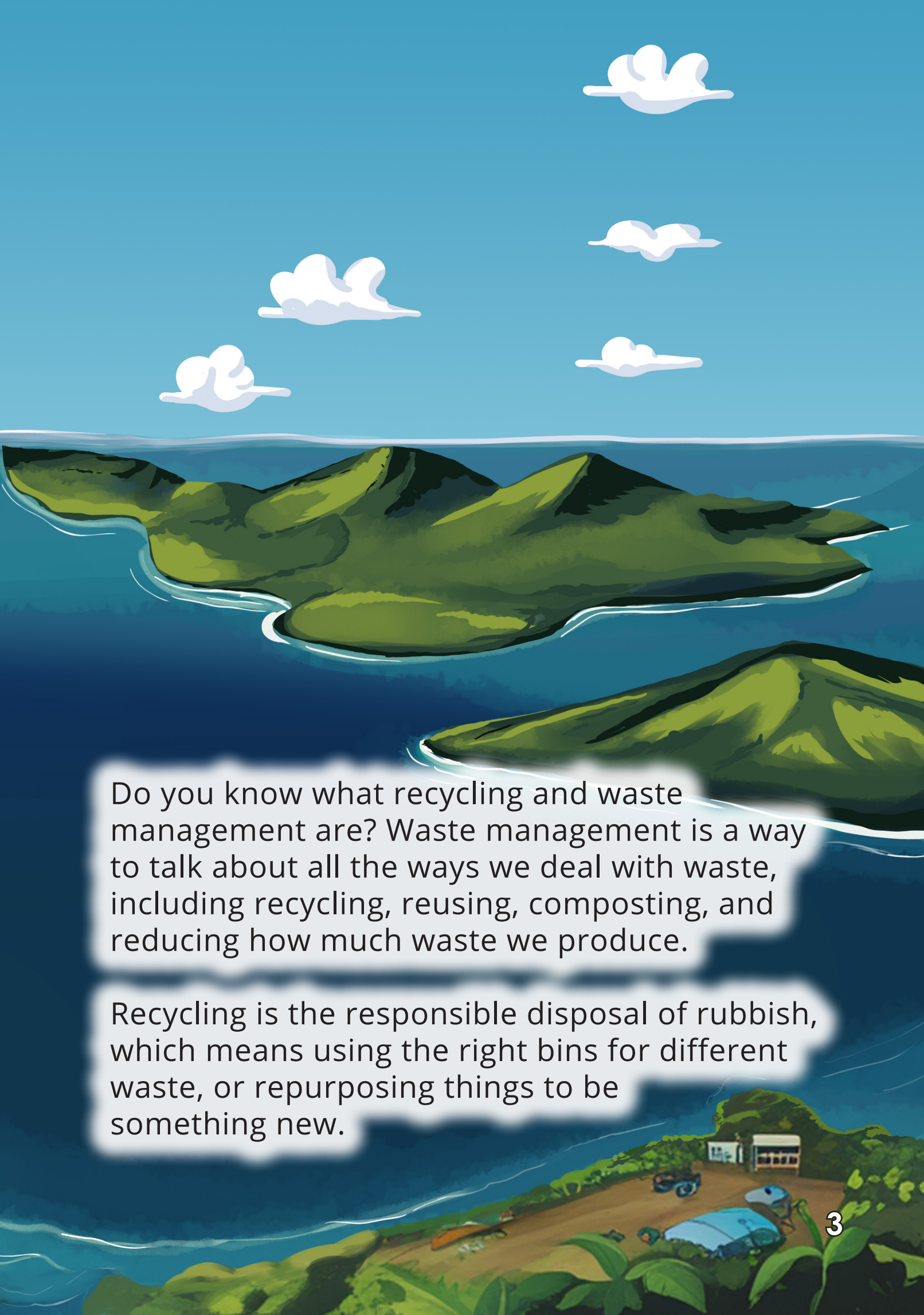


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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

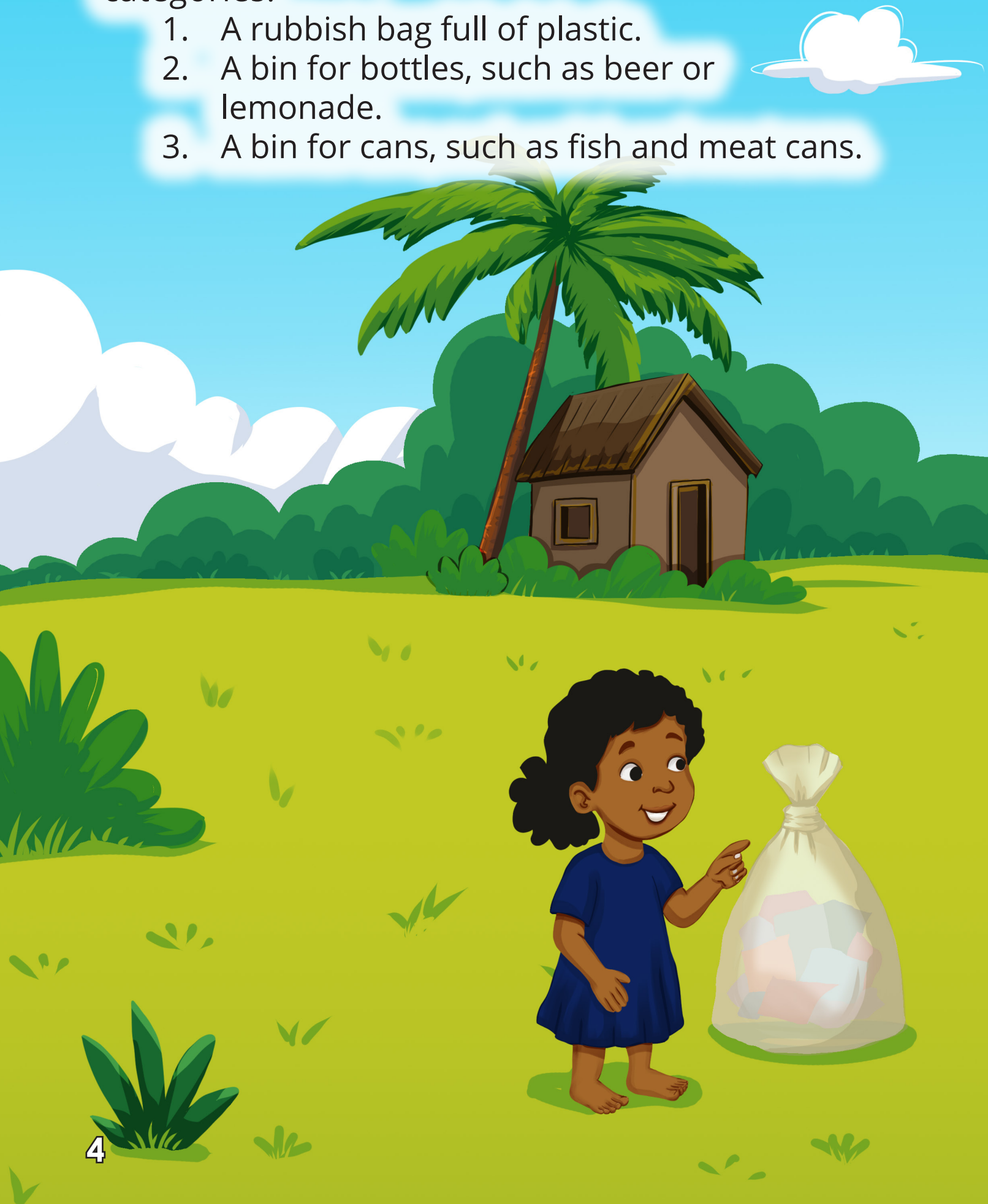


Do you know what recycling and waste management are? Waste management is a way to talk about all the ways we deal with waste, including recycling, reusing, composting, and reducing how much waste we produce.

Recycling is the responsible disposal of rubbish, which means using the right bins for different waste, or repurposing things to be something new.

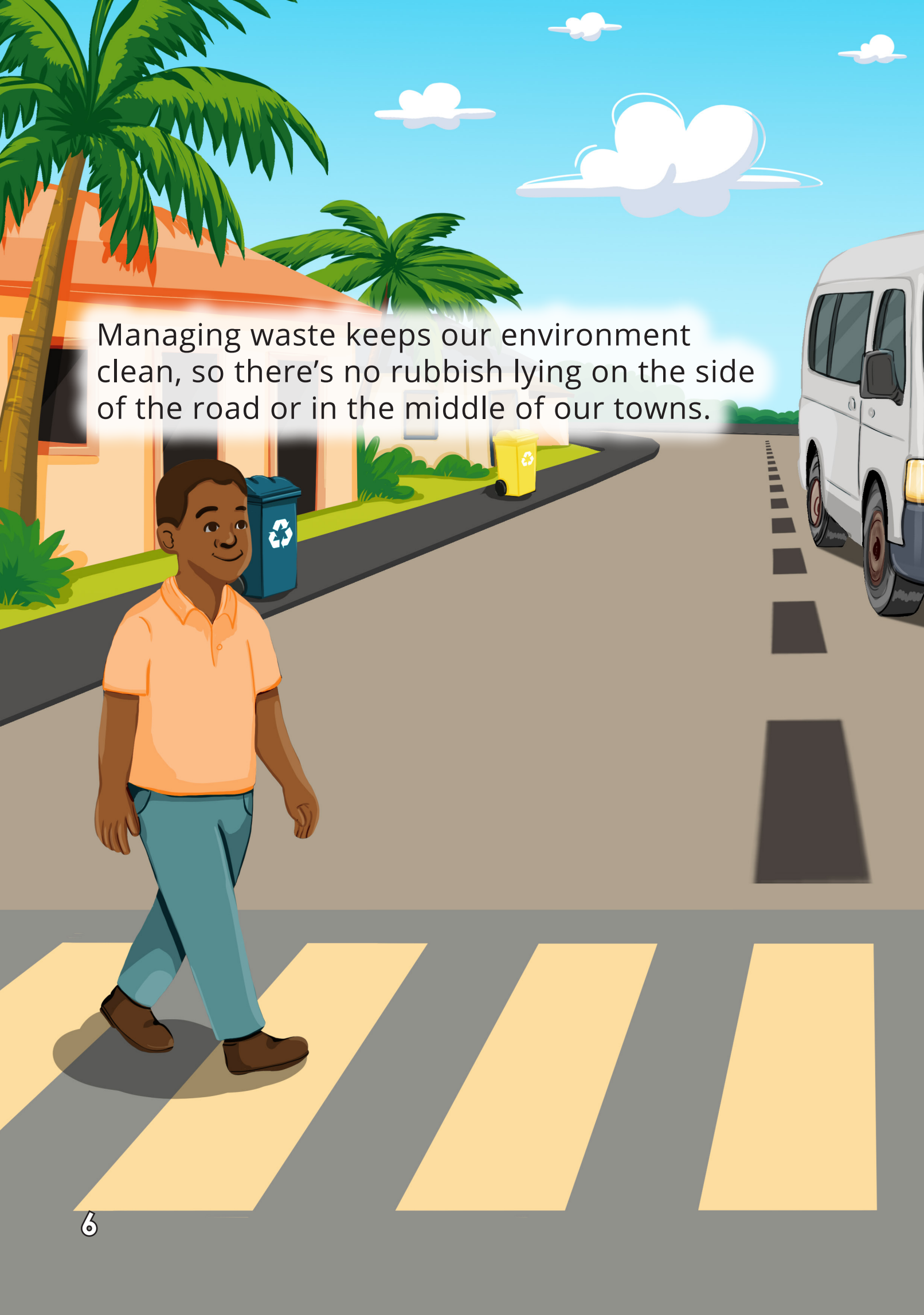
In Vanuatu, we separate rubbish into three categories:

1. A rubbish bag full of plastic.
2. A bin for bottles, such as beer or lemonade.
3. A bin for cans, such as fish and meat cans.



There is a fourth category that would help our environment even more, which is composting food waste and returning their nutrients to the soil.





Managing waste keeps our environment clean, so there's no rubbish lying on the side of the road or in the middle of our towns.



Schools and communities have waste management plans in place to ensure proper disposal of rubbish.

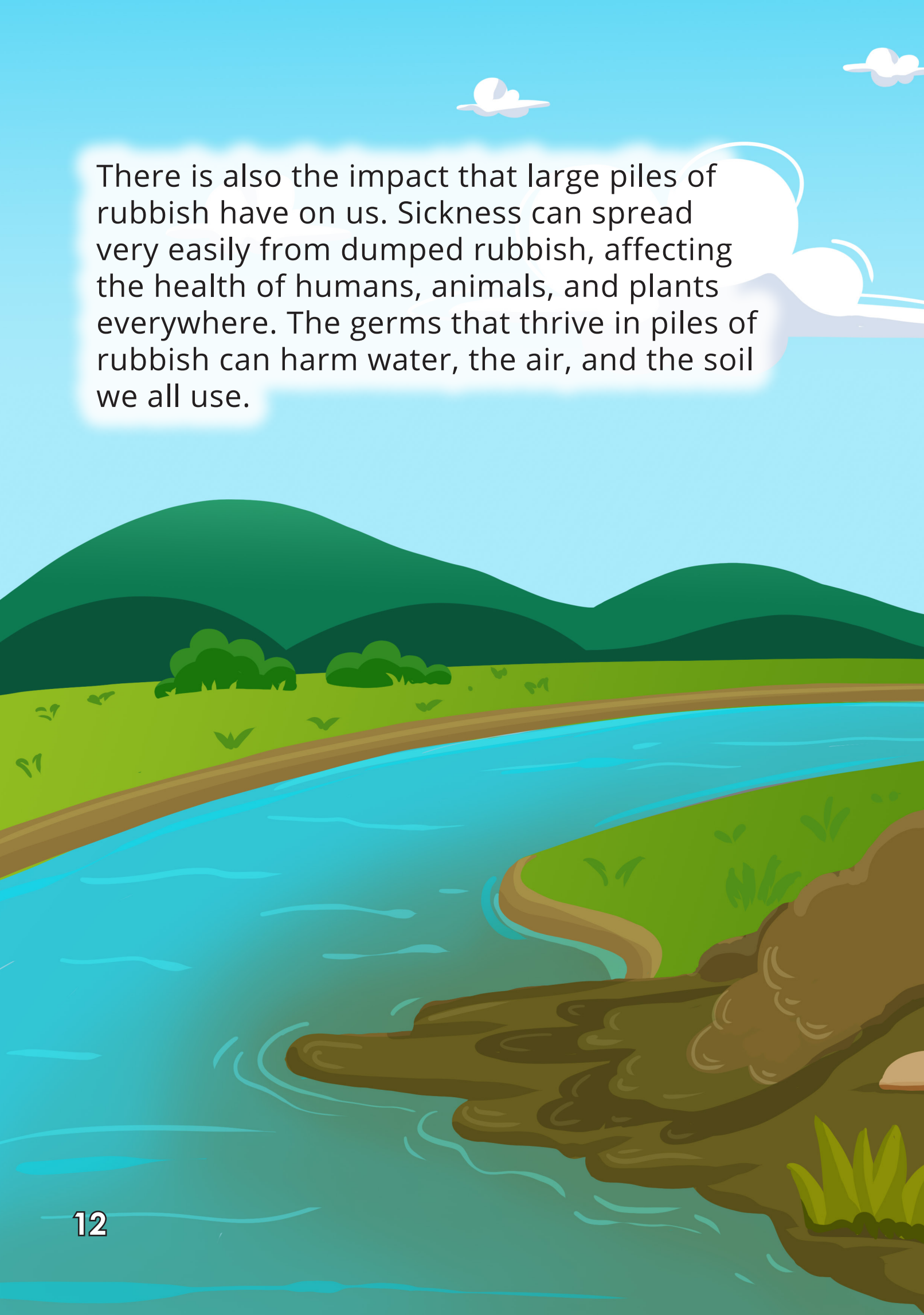
Sometimes, it's really difficult to collect rubbish in towns and streets, especially if it's not disposed of correctly. The municipal sanitation team don't always have enough fuel to reach every street, so a community-wide initiative to put their rubbish in one spot is very helpful in some areas.





Waste management and recycling is not just about collecting rubbish. It's also about changing our approach to what we buy or own and how we plan on disposing of things. We must take responsibility for our actions and their impact on the environment.





There is also the impact that large piles of rubbish have on us. Sickness can spread very easily from dumped rubbish, affecting the health of humans, animals, and plants everywhere. The germs that thrive in piles of rubbish can harm water, the air, and the soil we all use.





By separating the different types of rubbish and compostables, we can manage to reduce, reuse, and recycle. For example, you can grow some plants in bottles of water!



This approach also reduces how much rubbish ends up in the ocean. Keeping the oceans clean around our island homes is important for our health and the health of the animals.









There will be no tourists visiting our country and boosting the economy if our beaches and forests are full of rubbish!

These are all important things to consider next time you want to throw out your rubbish.

**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



What is one part of waste management?



**How does reusing things help
with waste management?**



Why do germs thrive on rubbish piles?

**Have you ever recycled or reused
something?**



**Next time you go to throw something out,
try and find a way to reuse it instead!**

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