

THE GREEN GUARDIANS OF SINGAPORE

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Driven by founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's vision of a green and clean Singapore in the 1960s, which aimed at creating a city that thrives locally and attracts international investment, Singapore has become a bustling metropolis renowned for its cleanliness and commitment to sustainability.

However, the city now faces an unprecedented crisis. Unknown baddies—alien invaders—have invaded, using their hypnotic powers to turn citizens into careless litterbugs!

Litter accumulates in public spaces, waterways become clogged, and pests like rats and mosquitoes thrive, spreading diseases. Citizens fall ill, anxiety spreads, and investors shy away.

Economic growth stagnates, and Singapore's once pristine streets become a distant memory.

Citizens, under the influence of the hypnotic spell, neglect basic public hygiene practices:

They fail to keep public spaces clean and pest-free.



They do not return food trays after meals.



Waterways, drains, and greenery are left unclean.



Food is left or thrown around public spaces.



Litter, including used tissues and improperly disposed of soiled diapers, is rampant in public places.



Toilets are left unclean.



As a result, the city becomes infested with pests, causing a widespread of diseases. Our reservoirs are contaminated, and we are stressed by a lack of fresh water.



In this dire situation, a hero rises to the occasion:



Captain Green!

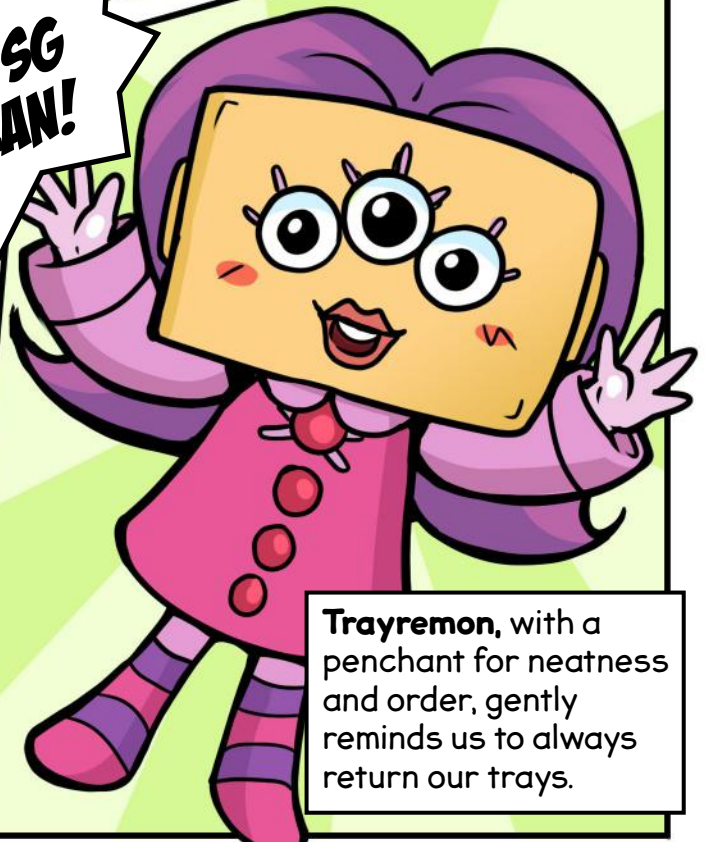


Recognising the gravity of the crisis, Captain Green calls upon three formidable friends, known collectively as the **Keep SG Clean Supermons**.

Trashemon, the friendly ranger, may appear imposing at first glance, but he is a dedicated leader in the mission towards a litter-free Singapore.

Toilemon advocates keeping public toilets clean and hygienic.

KEEP SG CLEAN!



Trayremon, with a penchant for neatness and order, gently reminds us to always return our trays.

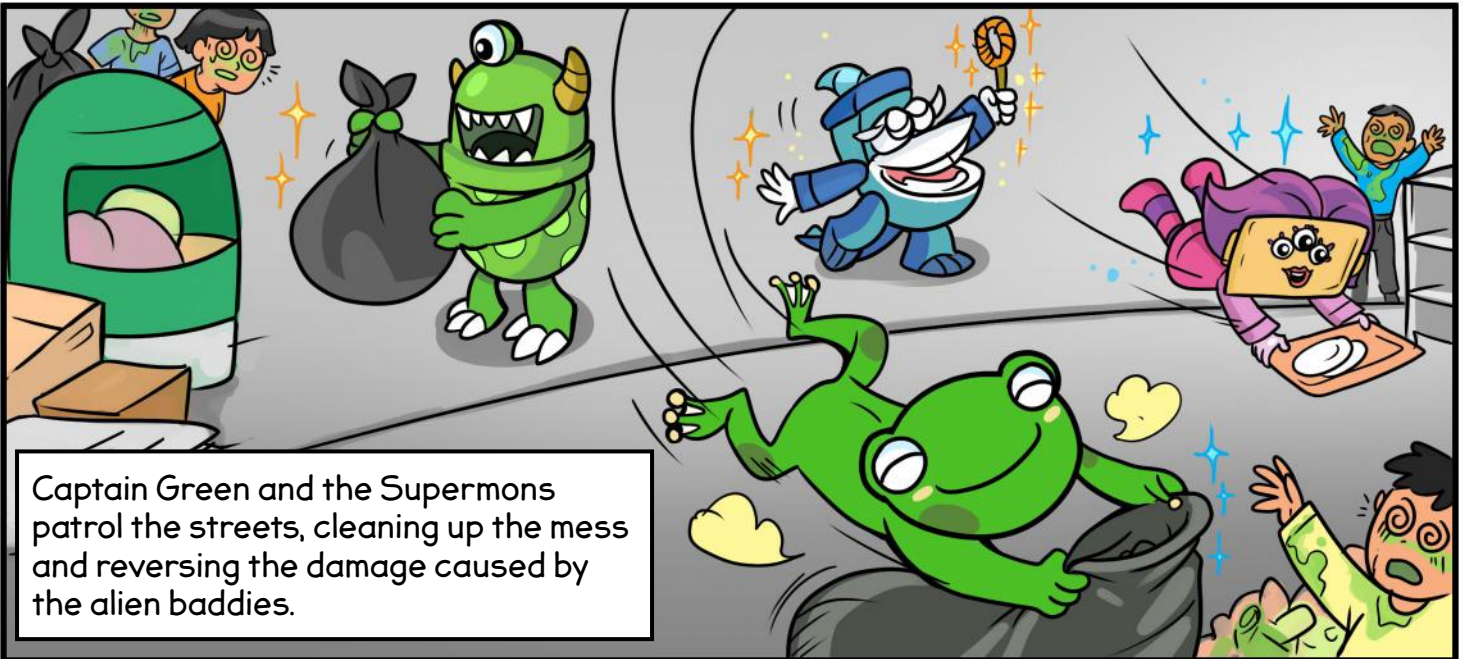
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Areas with significant litter often experience lower property values, as the presence of litter is associated with neglect and reduces the desirability of the location. This messiness can also deter tourists, who generally prefer to visit and stay in clean, well-maintained areas. Additionally, certain types of litter on roads, especially larger debris, can create hazardous driving conditions and potentially contribute to car accidents.

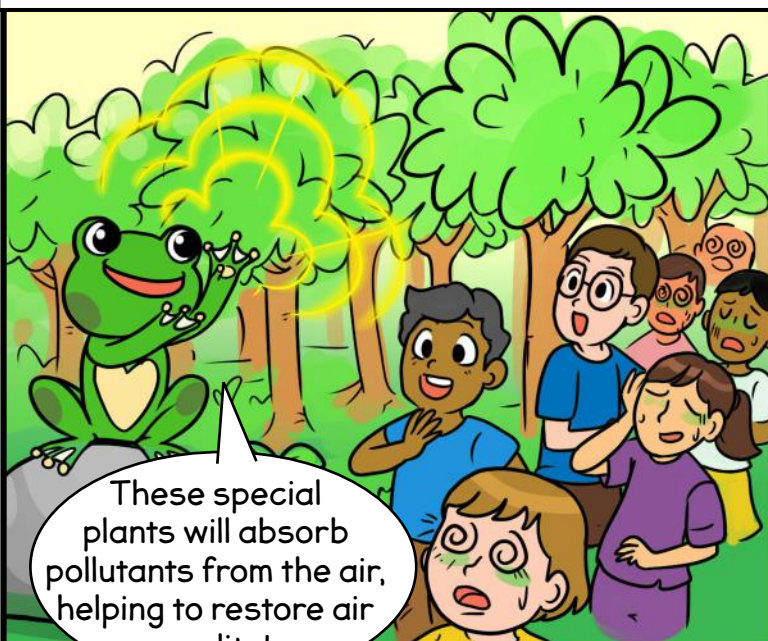
Moreover, litter such as cigarette butts contains harmful pollutants, including toxic chemicals, that can contaminate surface and groundwater, harm aquatic species like fish, and degrade soil quality.

The invasion began subtly, with small pockets of litter and pollution appearing in various parts of the city. As the hypnotised citizens continue their destructive behaviour, the situation quickly escalated.



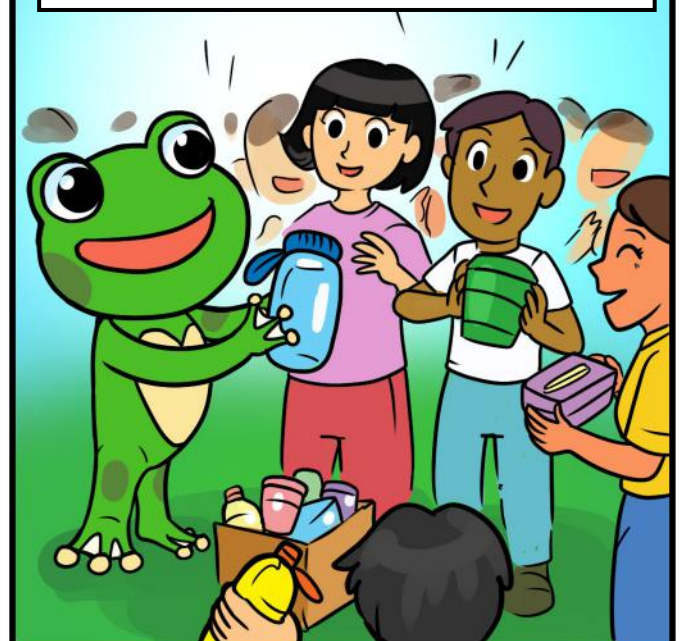
Captain Green and the Supermons patrol the streets, cleaning up the mess and reversing the damage caused by the alien baddies.

Captain Green uses his powers to regrow trees and plants at the littered parks, absorbing harmful chemicals and purifying the air. His environmental-friendly gadgets convert waste into energy, powering the city's grid sustainably.



These special plants will absorb pollutants from the air, helping to restore air quality!

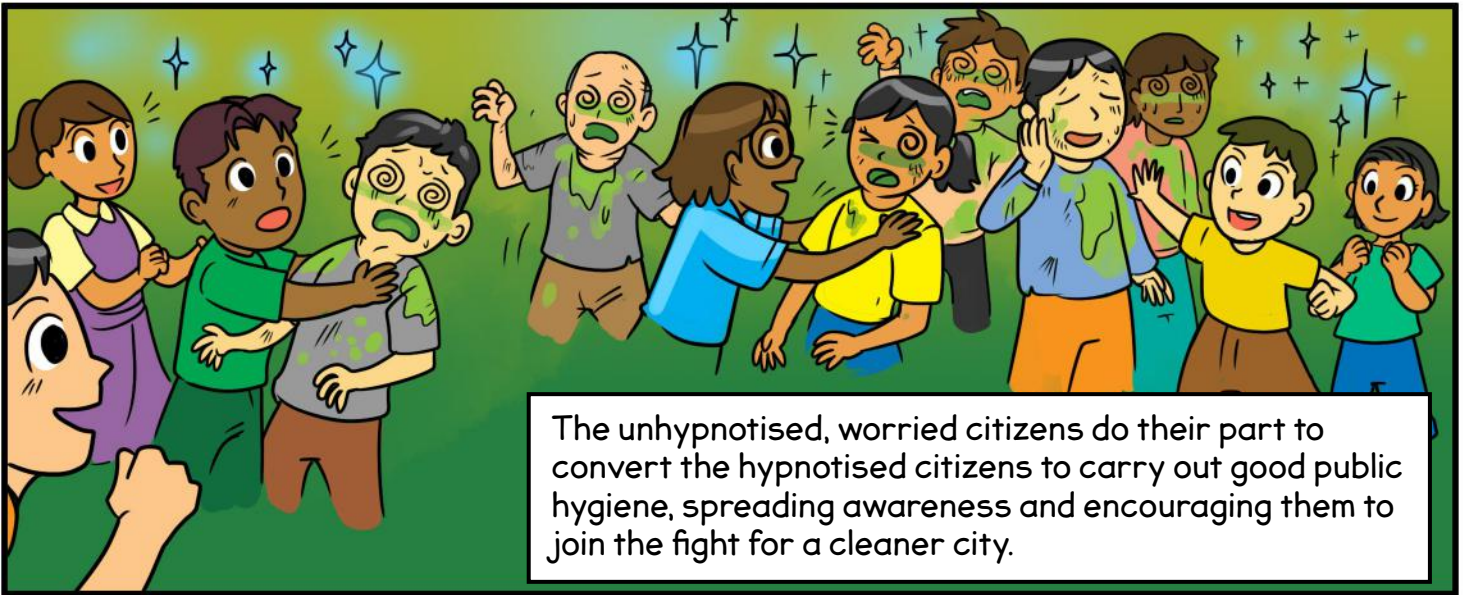
Additionally, Captain Green educates citizens on the dangers of harmful substances, encouraging them to use eco-friendly materials to promote a healthier environment.



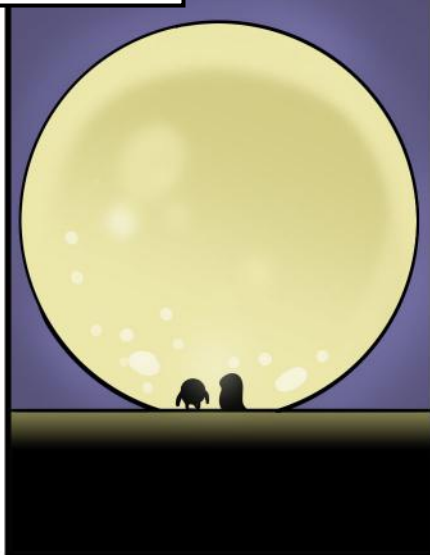
Despite their best efforts, the heroes struggle against the overwhelming tide of pollution and illness.



The unhypnotised, worried citizens do their part to convert the hypnotised citizens to carry out good public hygiene, spreading awareness and encouraging them to join the fight for a cleaner city.



However, the city seems to edge closer to disaster with each passing day.



DO YOU KNOW?



Urban green spaces are important for making cities healthier and more liveable. They absorb gases like carbon dioxide and other pollutants, which helps clean the air we breathe. These green areas also keep cities cooler, especially during hot weather, and reduce the chances of flooding by soaking up rainwater. Plus, they create homes for different plants and animals, helping to support nature even in busy urban areas.

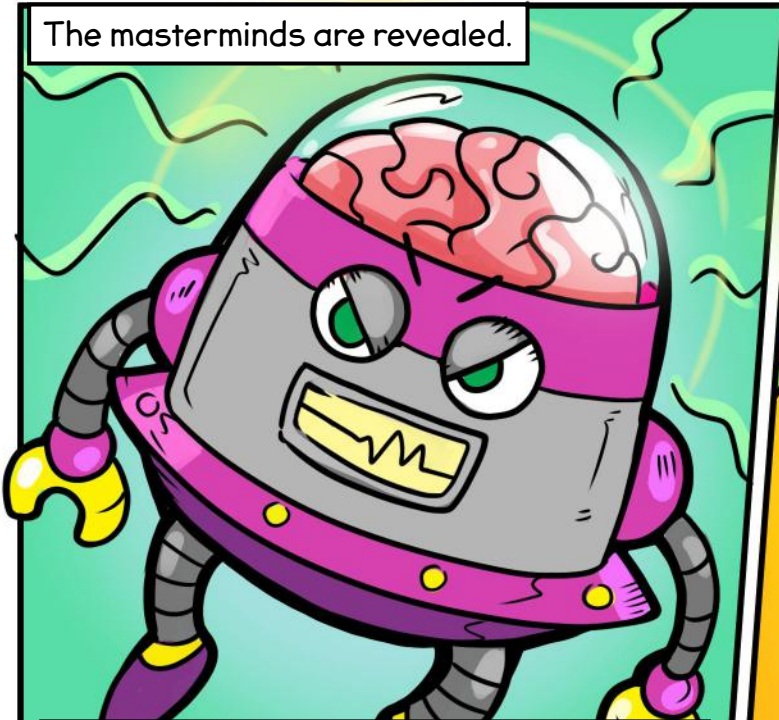
As they fight to restore Singapore, Captain Green and the Supermons discover the true nature of their enemies.



The alien baddies are not just random invaders; they are part of a larger scheme to cripple the city's economic growth and create chaos.



The masterminds are revealed.

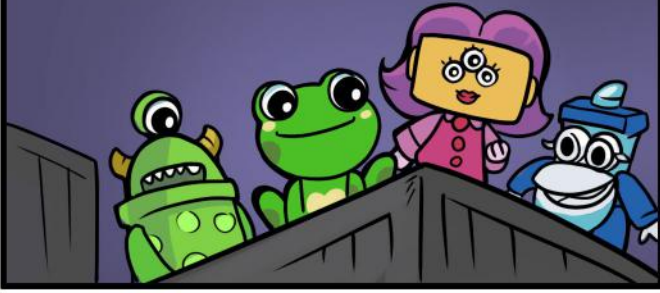


Hypnohex, a cunning alien with the power to control minds, uses his hypnotic powers to turn citizens into unwitting saboteurs.

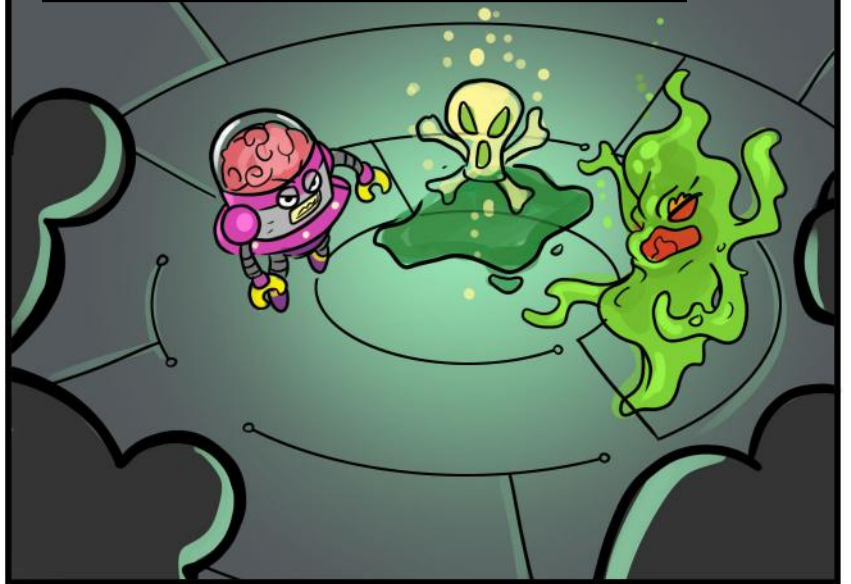


Sludgeon, a monstrous creature made of toxic sludge, spreads filth and toxins wherever he goes, delighting in the chaos he creates.

In a daring night-time reconnaissance mission, Captain Green and the Supermons infiltrate the villains' lair, hidden in an abandoned warehouse.



They uncover Hypnohex's sinister plan:



I will turn Singapore into a wasteland, uninhabitable and devoid of prosperity!

I will destroy the city's reputation and spirit!



DO YOU KNOW?



A city with a strong economy integrates environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles while embracing the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It goes beyond just offering jobs and financial stability, promoting innovation, creativity, and sustainable growth.

Captain Green and the Supermons prepare for the ultimate battle against them.

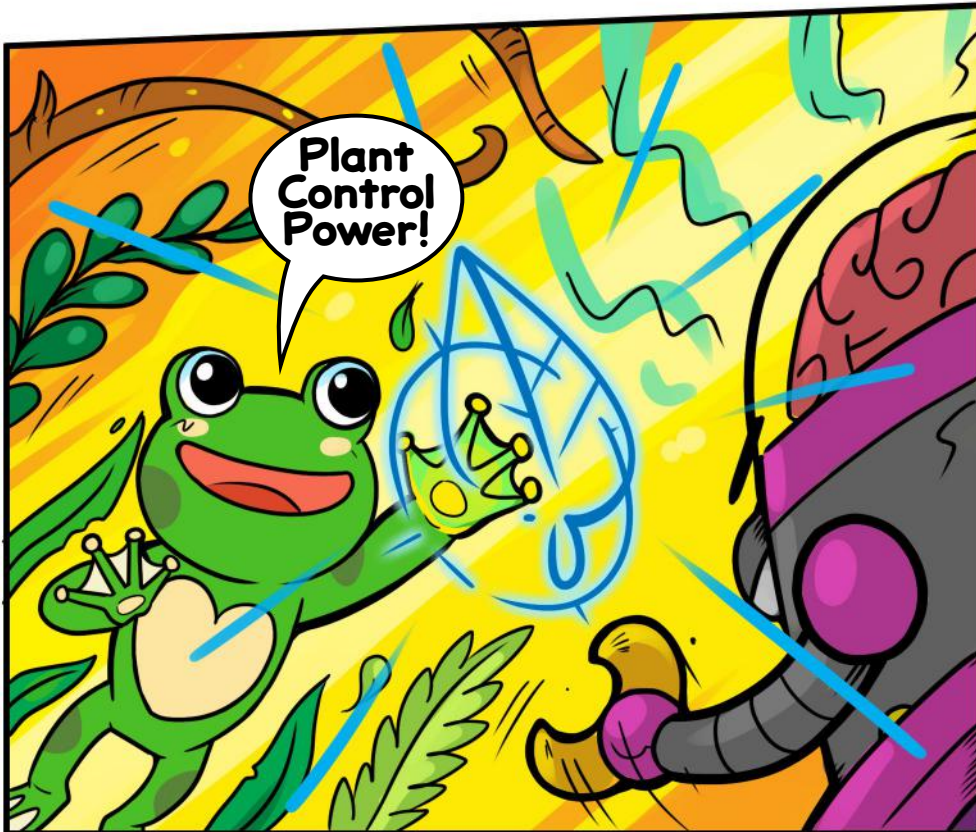
They rally the un-hypnotised citizens, educating them about the importance of sustainability and cleanliness.



Together, they launch a massive clean-up campaign, reversing the damage done by the villains



Plant Control Power!



URGH!!



Trashemon leads a team of volunteers to pick up litter and dispose of it properly.

Toilemon ensures that public toilets are clean and free of germs, promoting good hygiene practices.

Trayremon urges citizens to return trays and clean up dining areas, showing that small actions can have a big impact.

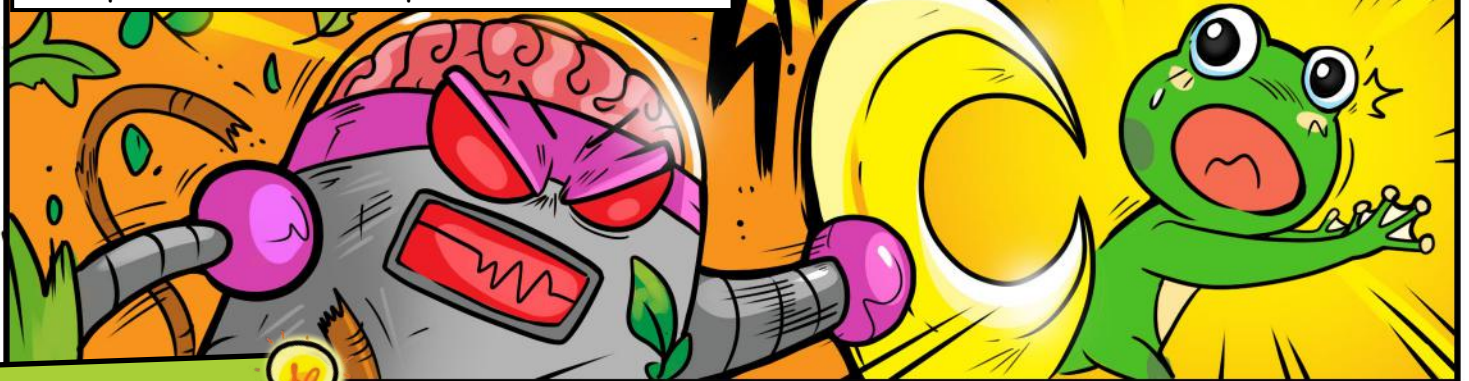


Together with Captain Green, the Supermons guide the citizens with kindness, love and care. They unleash waves of purification energy, neutralising Sludgeon's toxins and cleansing the city.

The air clears, the water sparkles, and the streets become pristine once more. The citizens, inspired by their heroes' bravery, join in the fight, using their newfound awareness to combat the villains' influence.



As the battle reaches its peak, Hypnohex manages to break free momentarily, launching a desperate attack on Captain Green.



DO YOU KNOW?



The World Health Organization (WHO) defines a healthy city as one that continually enhances its physical and social environments, allowing people to support each other in leading full lives and reaching their maximum potential. This concept goes beyond merely addressing basic health concerns such as clean water, waste management, and hazard reduction.

But with a surge of determination, Captain Green channels the energy of the entire city, that deflects Hypnohex's power. The Supermons, working together as one, seize the opportunity and deliver a powerful blow!

Hypnohex, stripped of his power, is captured and imprisoned, ensuring he can no longer do harm.

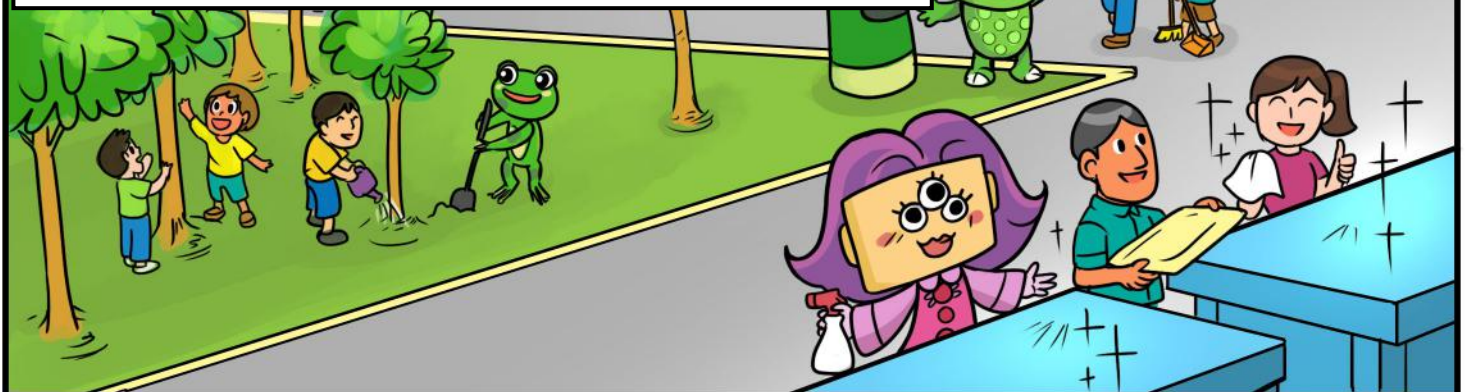


With Hypnohex and Sludgeon defeated, the citizens of Singapore break free from their hypnotic trance and rally together to restore their city to its former glory.



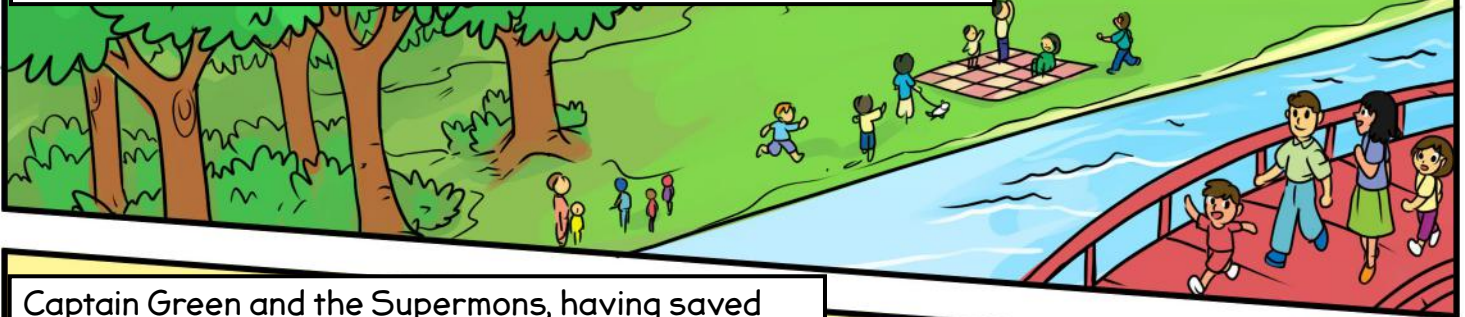
Empowered and united, they actively participate in community clean-up drives, plant new trees, and maintain the cleanliness of public spaces.

Their collective effort and determination are instrumental in the city's rejuvenation, reinforcing the message of community resilience and the power of unity in overcoming adversity.

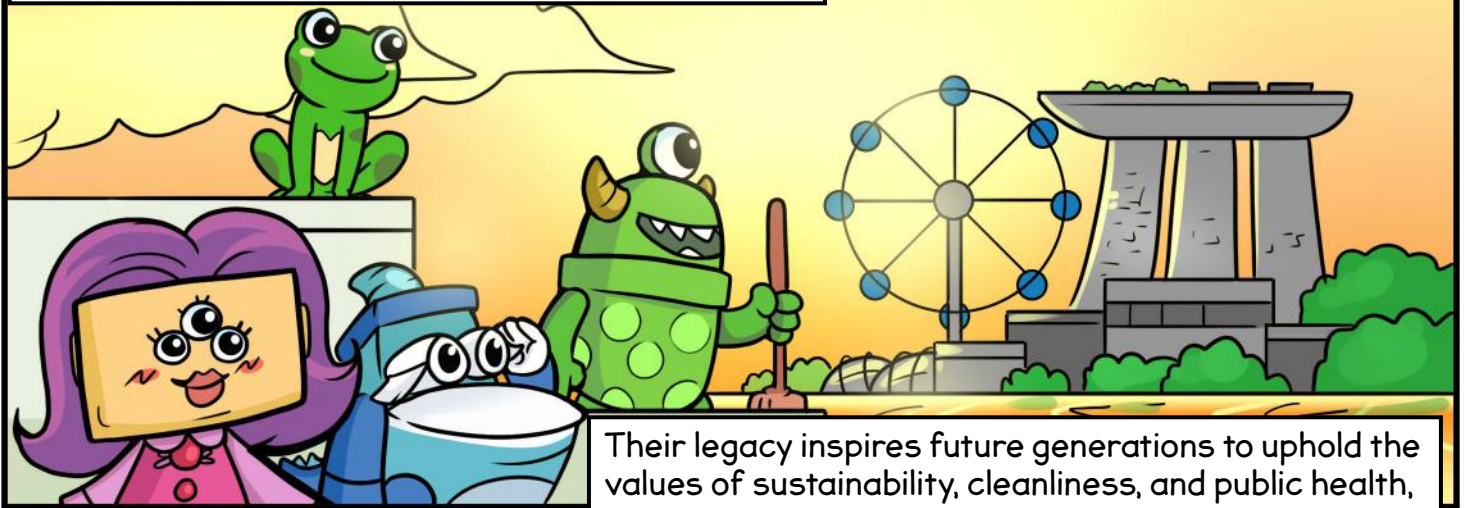


Joining forces with Captain Green and the Supermons, the citizens replant parks, purify rivers, and clean public spaces. The heroes inspire a renewed commitment to sustainability and cleanliness among the people.

Businesses and investors, impressed by the resilience and dedication of Singapore's community, return, leading to an economic boom. Public health improves, and anxiety levels drop as the city becomes a symbol of hope and renewal.



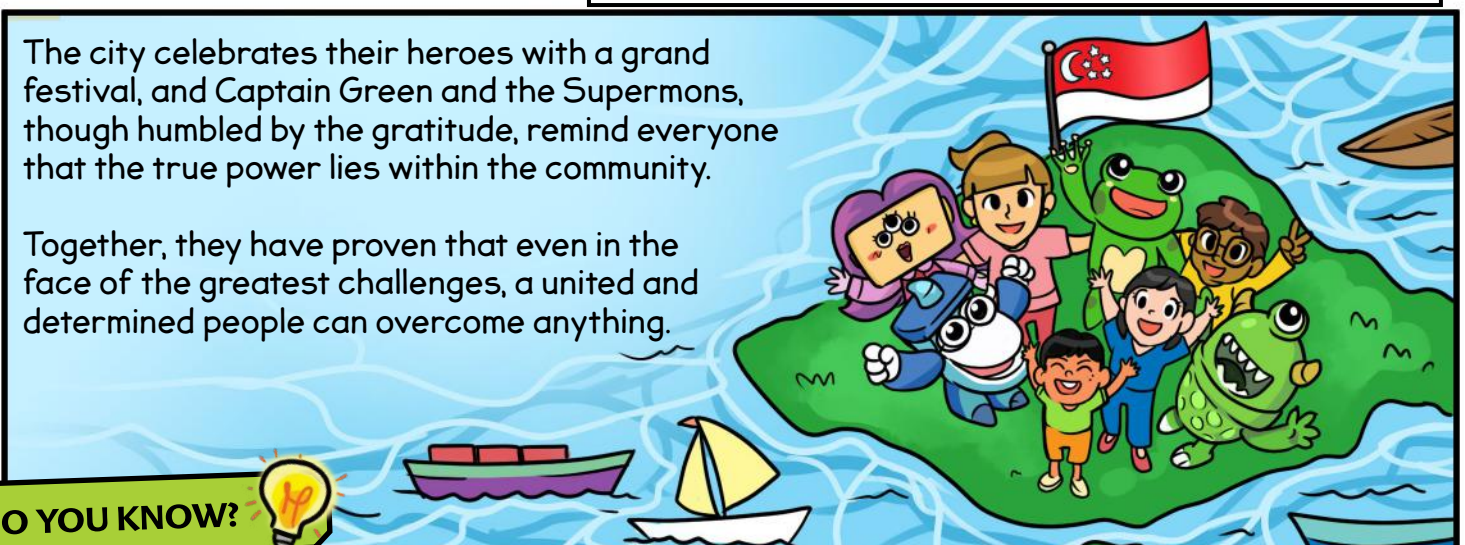
Captain Green and the Supermons, having saved Singapore, continue to watch over the city, ready to defend it against any future threats.



Their legacy inspires future generations to uphold the values of sustainability, cleanliness, and public health, ensuring a prosperous and healthy Singapore for all.

The city celebrates their heroes with a grand festival, and Captain Green and the Supermons, though humbled by the gratitude, remind everyone that the true power lies within the community.

Together, they have proven that even in the face of the greatest challenges, a united and determined people can overcome anything.



DO YOU KNOW?



Community resilience is essential for responding to stressful events and ensuring the health and well-being of all citizens. It relies on strong physical and social infrastructure, enabling communities to recover and emerge stronger. Solid connections within a community and between different communities are key to effective responses during crises. For example, during a crisis, these connections help direct aid to those most in need, like the elderly and vulnerable. Additionally, strong links between communities, businesses, and government agencies enhance the implementation of new policies and projects.

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- Captain Green is a character from the National Environment Agency (NEA), representing their commitment to environmental sustainability and Public Health. Through the years, Captain Green has become a symbol for the “Clean and Green” movement, which aims to inspire Singaporeans to care for and protect our environment by adopting a clean, green, and sustainable lifestyle. He remains steadfast in his belief that the smallest gesture today can have a lasting impact on the environment tomorrow.
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