

HYGIENE with
**CHHOTA
BHEEM**
BOOK 3



The Army of Flies



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Jaggu is swinging through the forest when he discovers the Germ Wizard leaning over a cauldron casting spells.

Jaggu hides and watches.

The Germ Wizard, knowing that people in Dholakpur still do not use latrines, creates some powerful evil magic.



He casts a spell to summon a massive swarm of flies to attack Dholakpur.



The flies land on poop.

They have many legs and they rub their feet in the poop.



A fly lands on the laddoos that Dholu and Bholu are eating.

Jaggu is disgusted that Dholu and Bholu are eating food with poop on it!

When people don't use toilets, flies bring poop to everyone's food!



Then, the Germ Wizard becomes even more evil. He casts a spell for rain to pour on Dholakpur.



The rain water washes germs from the poop into nearby groundwater, lakes, rivers, and streams.

These germs get into our drinking water!

Even when water looks clean, it can have germs in it.

When people don't use toilets, poop ends up in everyone's water and makes people sick.

Jaggu is disgusted.

Jaggu swings back to Dholakpur to tell his friends about what he saw.



Bheem, Kalia, Chutki, and Raju are talking about how everyone in Dholakpur has been sick with diarrhea.

They agree they must find the cause of the disease before they get sick too.



Jaggu arrives and swats the laddoo out of Bheem's hand.

He explains to his friends how the Germ Wizard is using his magic to spread disease.



They summon the Clean Wizard by doing the handwashing spell.

They tell him the Germ Wizard is using flies to carry poop from fields into their food, and using rain to carry poop into their water.

The Clean Wizard says he cannot protect the village with his power alone because every time someone poops outside, the Germ Wizard's power grows.



“We need to let everyone know,” says Chutki.

Bheem explains how the Germ Wizard is spreading disease.

People are disgusted. “But we would never touch food or water with poop in it,” they say.



Someone yells, "We should kill all the flies!" Another yells, "I hope it never rains again!"

Chutki explains it is not the fault of flies or rain. It is everyone's fault for not using toilets. This is what makes the Germ Wizard's magic so powerful.

Chutki makes a map with sticks and stones. She draws where people eat and drink.

She uses rangoli powder to show where people poop outside, and covers one pile with a large rock. This rock marks where there is a toilet in their village.

Chutki shows how to act like a fly, and everyone buzzes all over the map.

Then, she shows everyone how to act like rain, clapping their hands to make sounds like thunder.



The rangoli powder has spread all over the map.

Chutki shows how the rangoli powder that was left in the open spread through their village easily, but the powder under the rock did not spread.

It is the same for poop. If it is in a latrine, it will not spread. If it is in the open, it will spread easily from flies, rain, and other things.

Chutki adds that building toilets at home is even safe for girls because they don't have to travel far or wait until dark to relieve themselves.

Bheem makes a plan. Everyone has to use toilets. It's the only way to defeat the Germ Wizard!

