

HYGIENE with

CHHOTA BHEEM

BOOK 4



The Spell of
Community



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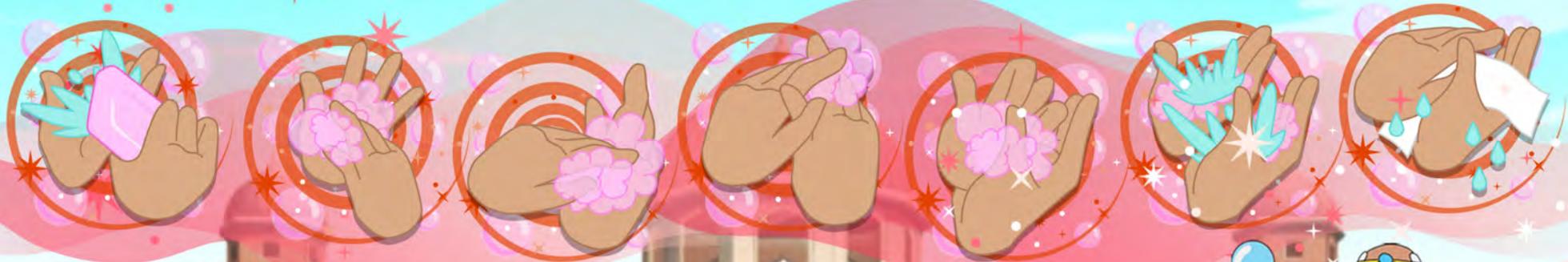




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The King of Dholakpur invites Bheem, Chutki, Dholu, Bholu, Kalia, and Jaggu to his palace.

He asks them to find out why the Germ Wizard keeps returning, and to rid him from Dholakpur for good.



They do the handwashing steps spell to summon the Clean Wizard and ask why the Germ Wizard keeps getting stronger even when they defeat him.

The Germ Wizard is not using magic to gain his power! It is people who do not use a toilet and do not wash their hands with soap who make him strong.

The King asks how people will use toilets if they do not have them at home.

The Clean Wizard says there are toilets that are affordable for families and easy to maintain.

The only way to defeat the Germ Wizard is if everyone uses toilets and washes their hands with soap.



"You must convince everyone to use toilets and wash their hands with soap," the Germ Wizard explains.

He shows them a magical crystal ball which shows people in Dholakpur giving excuses why they cannot use toilets and handwash with soap.

One man says toilets and soap are too expensive!



A woman says she doesn't like the smell.

She says toilets seem like they are dirty places.



A child says toilets are dark and scary.

He would rather go outside.



A girl says all of her friends poop outside and she wants to be like them.

She likes talking to them on the way to the field in the morning and at night.



A boy says he is too strong to get sick from germs.

Everyone in Dholakpur has an excuse. He says they must convince everyone that this is too important to ignore.

Bheem, Chutki, and their friends go to the center of the village to convince others.



A man says toilets are too expensive. Bheem reminds him that he spends lots of money on festivals, and loses money when he is sick from germs and misses work. If he saves for soap and a toilet, he would get more work done, and eventually the toilet would pay for itself!

Dholu and Bholu respond to the woman who says toilets are dirty and smelly. The whole village gets dirty when people poop outside. Toilets keep the dirtiness in one place and out of our food and water.

Washing hands with soap after going into the toilet gets rid of any germs that are in there.



A boy says toilets are too dark and scary.

Jaggu explains it's safer to go in a toilet than outside where snakes and scorpions can bite you. If the toilet is too dark, you can talk with your elders about letting light in through a window or having someone accompany you.



A girl says she wants to be like her friends who poop outside and spend time with them.

Chutki has a toilet at home and can go whenever she wants. She doesn't have to hold it for the morning and night. Using a toilet saves her time from walking to the field. With a toilet at home, Chutki has more time to play with friends!



Kalia picks up the boy who says he is too strong for germs.

Kalia is much stronger, and he uses soap. All the really strong people, like cricket players and movie stars, use soap to wash their hands.



The people in Dholakpur seem convinced by these arguments.

One man says he will save his money this month for building a toilet instead of buying a new phone.

A boy says that until he can convince his family to build one at home, he's going to use the toilet at his aunt's house.

A girl says her mom is the strongest person she knows, but even she isn't invincible against germs when she doesn't wash her hands with soap. She is going to talk to her mom about using soap for handwashing at home.



Working together, Bheem, Chutki, and their friends convinced everyone in Dholakpur to use latrines and wash their hands with soap.

Less people became ill and everyone was happy with how clean the village looked.

The Germ Wizard stands in a field but there is no poop there. He tries to cast a spell but it fizzles out and does nothing.



The Germ Wizard says even though they have beaten him in Dholakpur, he will just go to another village in India where people do not use toilets.

Bheem grabs the Germ Wizard's staff and breaks it over the wizard's head.

The Germ Wizard disappears, on his way to another village.



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Don't worry about the Germ Wizard. You can defeat him the same way Bheem and Chutki did!

Just tell your friends and family why using toilets and handwashing with soap keeps the community clean and free of disease.

