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Some of us have the luxury of labeling poorelated discussions as 'yucky', 'juvenile', 'crass' or even a 'waste' of time.

The fact is that there needs to be a discussion on sanitation. One larger than ever before. Because there are billions without access to basic sanitation facilities. And that's no toilet humour.

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A note for the 'End' User'-

This material would love to be modified to suit the purpose.

This could be a colouring book, a dossier of stinky bedtime stories, graphic material to conduct discussions on sanitation or even toilet paper if needed (paper cuts alert!).

Do feel free to play around with it.



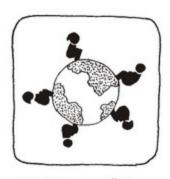
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Why Sanitation?

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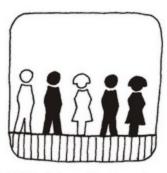
PeePoo we all do..



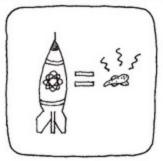
We can contain most diseases by sanitation



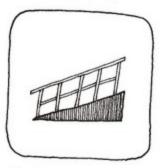
Sanitation promotes gender equality



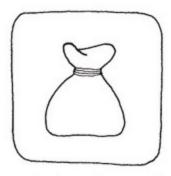
Yet 2/5 people do not have access to basic sanitation



And save more lives than lost to war!



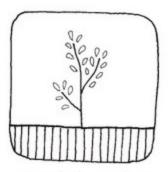
And encourages access to education and livelihoods



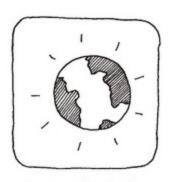
Sanitation helps create wealth..



Sanitation is dignity



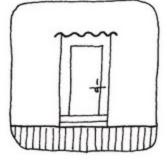
Sanitation returns nutrients to the cycle



And protects the environment



Sanitation is convenience



Sanitation is more than just a toilet!

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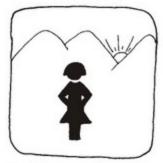
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A case against Open Defecation

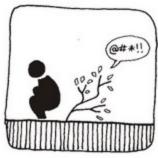
O.D. is Odious!



A brisk morning walk with fresh air



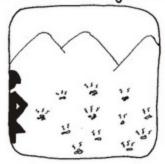
Picturesque locations



Direct delivery of fertilisers



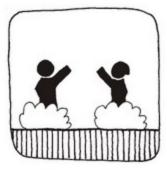
The brisk walk may be in the middle of the night too..



The picturesqueness decreases with every use.



There are better and safer ways of doing so



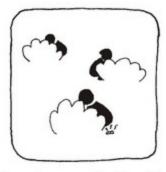
Socialise with like minded individuals



Get intimate with nature



Poo disposed far away from dwellings



Everyone needs time for introspection



Err.. Not such a great idea after all



The distance is a problem for the vulnerable

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Paradigms..

From lines to loops



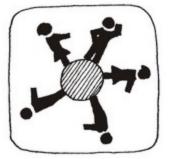
We are taught to live on a flat world



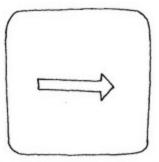
And to pass the buck!



But the real world is round



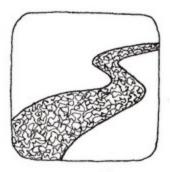
And the buck just came back!



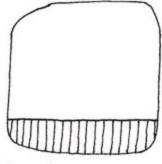
Linear solutions will simply not suffice



We must learn to close the loop



Our rivers bloom due to dumped nutrients



While our lands die due to lack of the same!



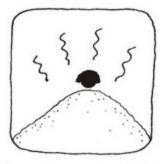
a global food crisis looms



We spends billions on end-of-thepipe solutions



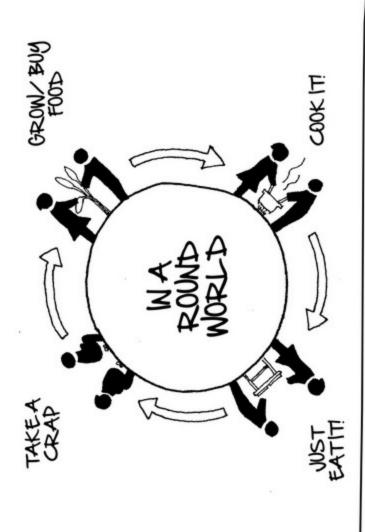
But wont mend our wasteful ways



No wonder we are in deep shif!

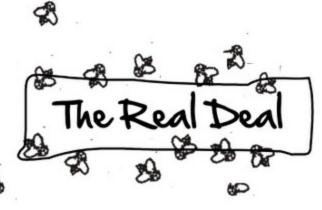
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LIFE ON A FLAT WORLD...



And can you guess where exactly does sanitation's role lie in this loop? Answer: Everywhere!

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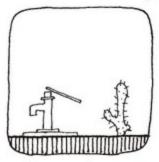




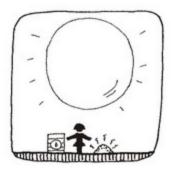
Each of us produces 50 L poo and 500 L pee every year!



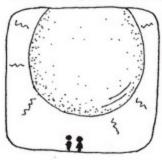
Along with an equal amount of water for washing etc.



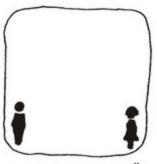
When people are dying due to lack of clean water



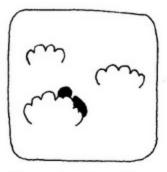
But uses 15000 L of pure water to flush it away!



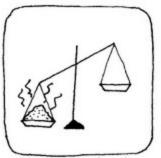
So we end up polluting incredible amounts of water!!



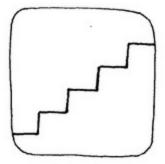
Isnt it time we all came together to act?



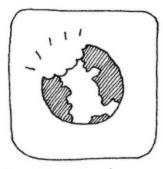
On one hand we face a resource crunch..



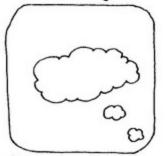
Theres absolutely no balance



Some need to step down so that others can step up



On the other, people consume more than they should



We need to rethink our ways. Fast!



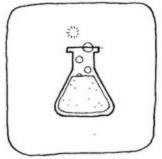
Reflect on this the next time you flush..

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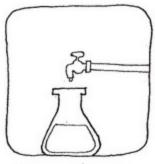
Pee & Poo...



One of lifes greatest joys: to Peel



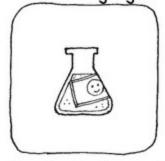
Pee is a complex concoction



It is mostly water



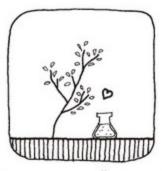
We pee more than a litre everyday!



Usually sterile, harmless!



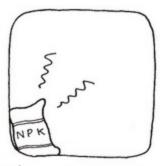
But contains a host of other chemicals!



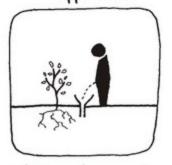
Pee is an excellent fertiliser



Which has to be diluted before application



Who needs those chemical fertilisers anyways?



With regular use of pee,



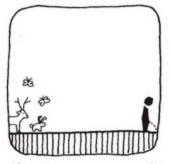
We can get fantastic results!!



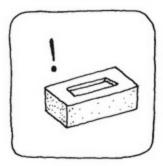
Pee is versatile..



Animals use pee to mark territories



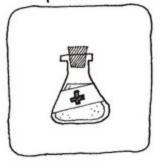
Hunters use pee salts to attract animals!



Adding pee to mud helps build stronger walls!



Some people drink their own pee for health



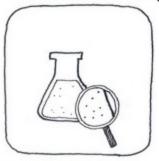
Its first aid for wounds too



Life is truly Peentiful!



Adult pee has more nutrients than child pee



But just to be extra careful..



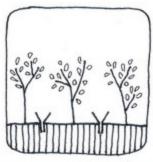
And ta-daa! Its completely safe for use!



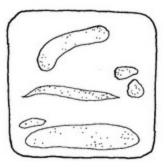
A healthy persons pee will contain no scary pathogens



We can store the peefor a few months



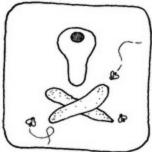
It can now be applied for all crops



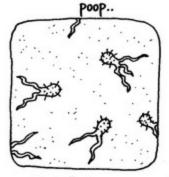
Poo comes in a variety of shapes and sizes!



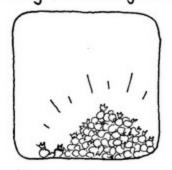
Come rain, come shine, we all



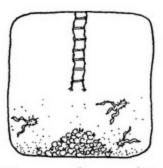
But poo is the one to be wary of. Its Dangerous!



Since its full of scary pathogens



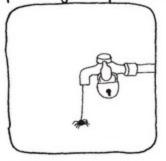
But it contains precious nutrients too.



To rescue those nutrients, we need to sanitise poo



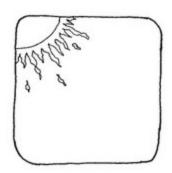
We can do so by exposing poo to high temperatures



Keeping it dry also helps



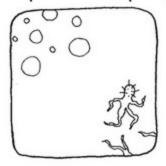
Many pathogens also find air unsuitable for living



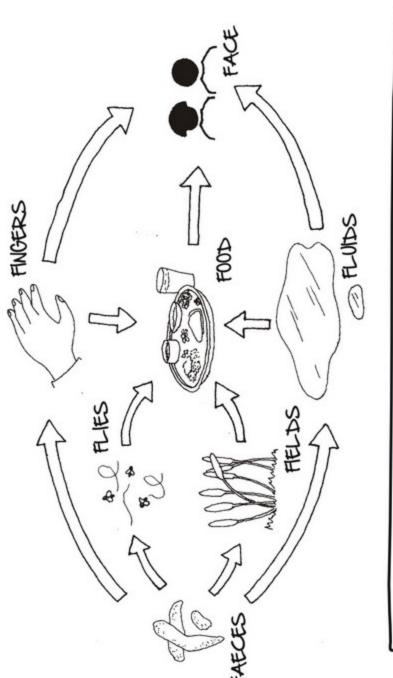
or to Ultraviolet radiation from the sun



Introduce microorganisms to compete with the pathogens



Increasing alkalinity also helps drive them away!



The 'F' Diagram: The routes pathogens take to reach us



A toilet is not enough to ensure health



We must wash our hands with soap and water

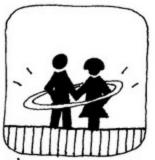


or eating

Our behaviour should be hygienic



After we poo poo



We can reduce chances of disease drastically!

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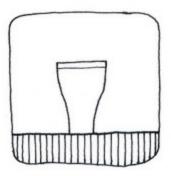
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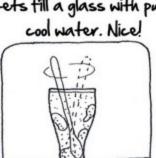
Technology &

Miracles

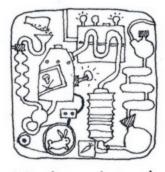
Why not mend ways instead?



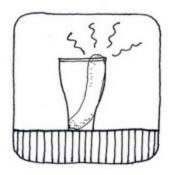
Lets fill a glass with pure,



Stir gently. Do not spill!

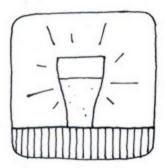


Tan taran ta raa! Technology comes to the rescuell

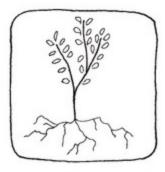


Now add a scoop of poop

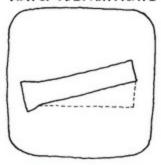




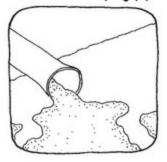
We now have a glass nearly full of nearly pure water! Yay..



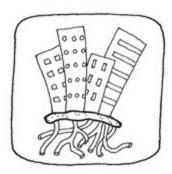
Plant-roots search for water and nutrients



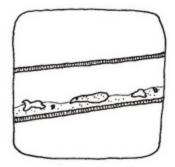
A sophisticated network of sloping pipes



All the way down to the river or ocean



City-roots spew out the same!



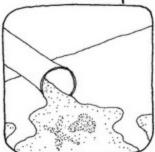
So that our poo slides, and doesnt stick



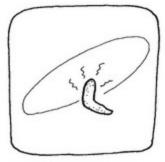
NIMBY as can be eh?



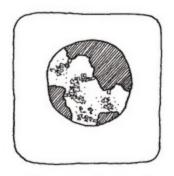
Imagine the amount of waste we dump



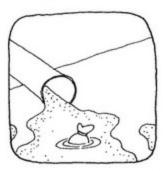
We throw out toxic chemicals



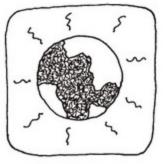
But what goes around comes around.



All around the world



And precious nutrients \$ resources too!



Need I say more ..

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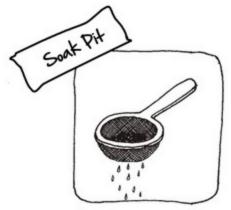
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Hardware

First Process.
Then Product.



All of us have seen a sieve



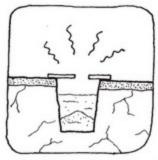
A soak pit is where the ground acts like a sieve



poo collects in the pit and must be removed



Hence its more convenient to have an alternate pit



Soak pits don't work with hard, rocky ground



And shouldnt be used in high groundwater areas



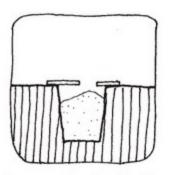
Soak pits can also be abandoned when full



Simply dig one close by



Now the second pit can be used regularly



So when the first pit is full of poo,



And plant a tree in the first!



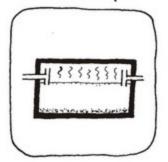
So while you poo, fruits grow beautifully in front of you!



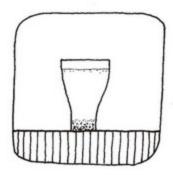
Place a glass of muddy water on a table



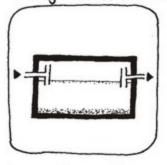
lmagine taking out the clearer middle portion



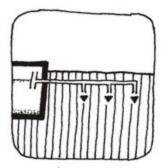
Inside it. bacteria digest the poo in airless conditions



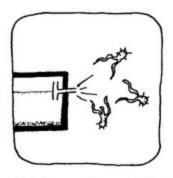
The heavy mud settles, while the light stuff floats.



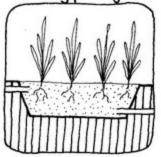
Thats pretty much how a septic tank works!



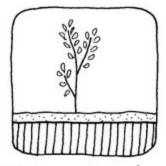
The middle portion is percolated into the ground



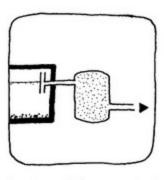
But even this is full of scary pathogens!



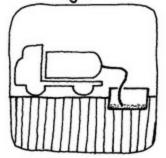
Like a constructed wetland or a filter



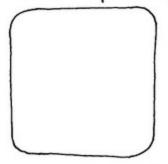
This is a good fertiliser when sanitised!



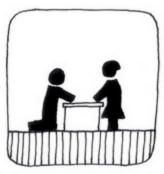
And must be provided secondary treatment



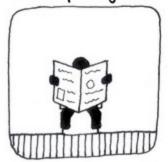
The sludge in the tank must be removed periodically



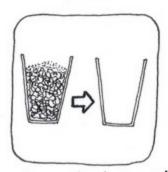
Space deliberately left empty for contemplation..



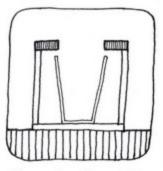
Anyone can build their own composting toilet



We can sit or squat over it



Once a bucket is full, simply replace it with an empty one!



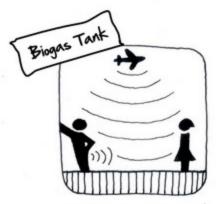
Its just a box with a hole, and a bucket



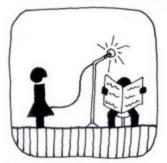
Throw in a handful of cover material when done



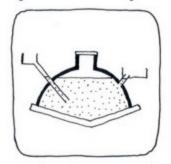
Empty the first in a composting heap. This does not stink!



Its fun to whizzpop loudly when theres noise around



How about using our own gases for some good?



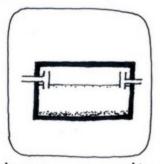
Like in a biogas plant



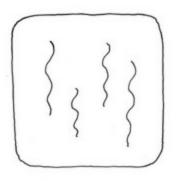
Its the silent ones that are deadly!



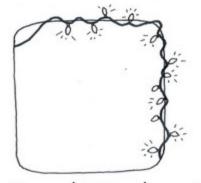
Some bacteria digest poo in airless conditions and produce gas!



Which is very much like a septic tank



The bacteria produce gas



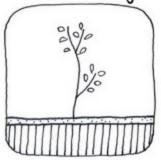
Or even light the place up!



Now thats a real win-win situation



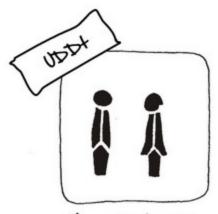
Which can be piped to fuel our cooking!



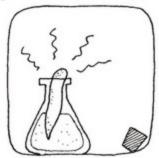
The biogas plant sludge is a fertiliser too!



YAY!!



Mummy nature has given us separate pipes



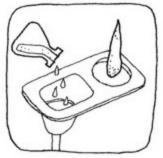
So why mix it up in the toilet?



We sit/squat as usual. The pan separates!



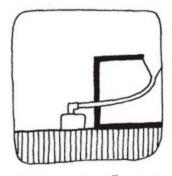
With good reason too: Pee is safe. Poo isnt!



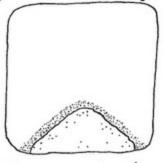
Keep things simple and separate!



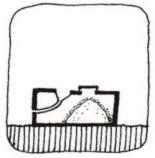
Satisfied, we throw in a handful of cover material



The pee is collected or percolated into the ground



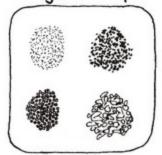
The cover material avoids odours and helps dry the poo



When the tank is full, the poo is isolated for a year



And we can wash/wipe away from the poo



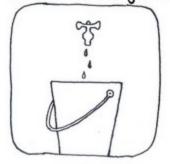
Ash, dry leaves, mud, husk are all good cover materials



After which it is safe to be removed manually



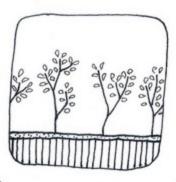
It doesn't stink one bit, and doesn't look gross!



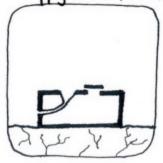
Such a toilet also saves oodles of water!



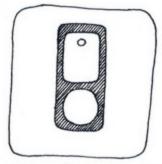
Since it isolates the poo, its ideal for flood prone areas



We can compost the same and apply on the fields!



And can be built even in rocky areas



It is called a Urine Diversion Dehydration Toilet. A UDDH



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It's over
guys, you
can breath
now!!