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The students of High Schools in Central Java are known for having good morals and values. But not all students are very diligent. At SMA N 2 Demak, there were three friends named Jaka, Sam, and Edo who didn't really care about the subjects that they learned at school. But actually they really cared about the nature and environment around them.



One day, Jaka was returning home from school, he saw a goat chewing a plastic bag. Just then, another garbage bag fell in front of the building. Jaka, who saw this, felt very concerned and couldn't stop thinking about it.





After that , he researched on Google , and saw that plastic was taking over the world.  
And plastic became his number one concern .

Now, think about daily life from the moment we wake up until the time we sleep, we are surrounded by plastic, like our toothbrush, lunch box, water bottle and plastic bags. We use it and then throw it away.

Hey, you know, nowadays Indonesia uses more than 7 million pieces of plastic EVERYDAY..

WHAT  
7 Million ?!

Then, we must  
do something  
about it !

And then, Edo  
looked so shocked  
and said ...

Yes,  
why don't we make  
a project on it?  
Maybe that will help  
us.

The next day, Jaka was speaking to his close friends,  
Sam and Edo, at the canteen.



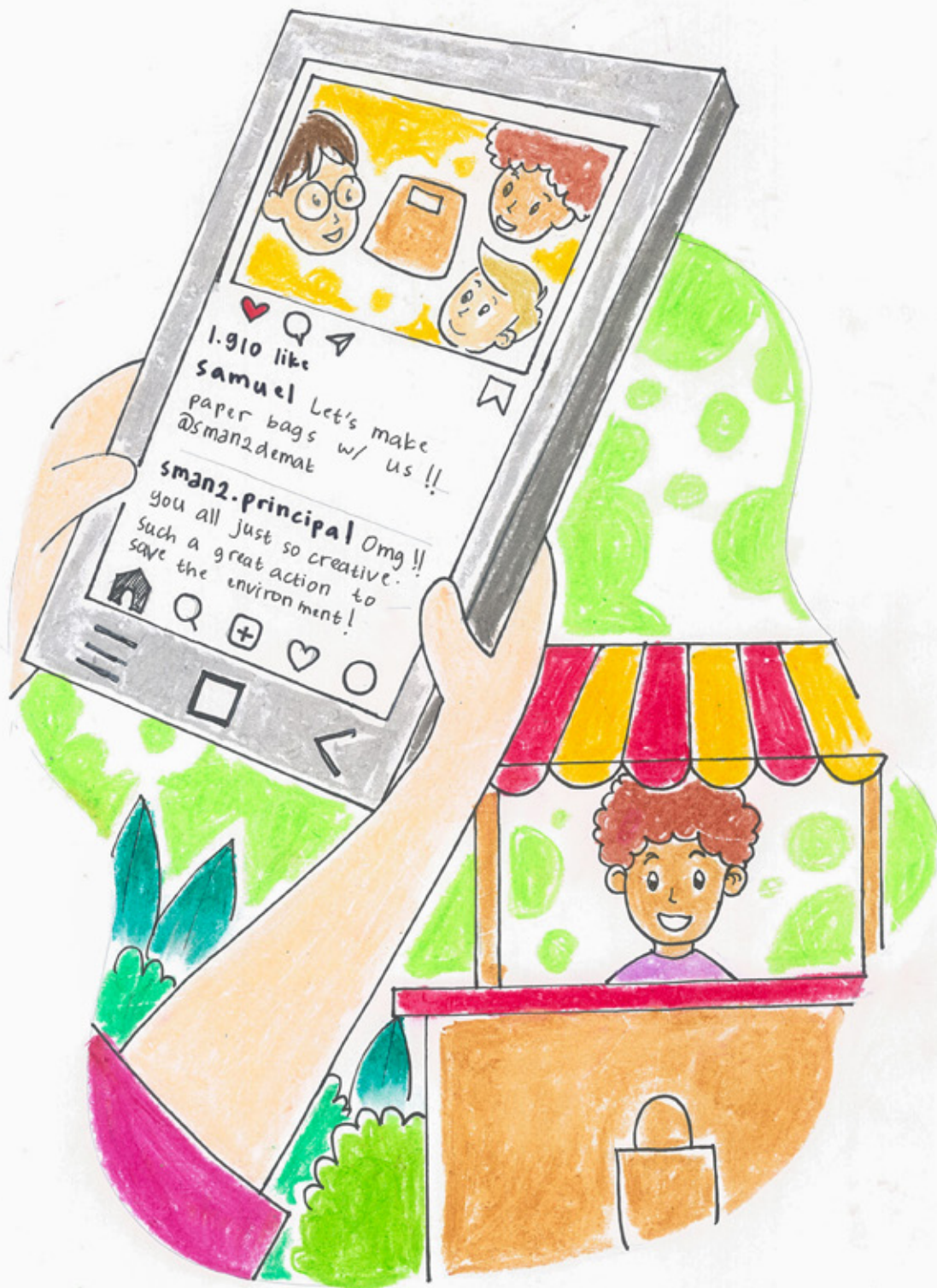


**Together, we need to think about  
the future and our actions today.**

Together they realized they needed to take quick action. So after school, they wrote a report and presented it to their class later that week. As they were explaining it to the other kids they said, "Every day we use more than 7 million plastic bags and plastic straws. But the real question is do we even need plastic bags to carry things or do we even need plastic straws to drink?"

And then Jata said, "The good news is we have found a solution for this pressing crisis! And we need your help to achieve the solution!"





As days went by, the kids began making paper bags at school, and making a video on Instagram. And... Boom! The video went viral and gathered more attention, even from the principal.

Soon, in a few weeks they opened a store right next to the school canteen to sell paper bags. The students needed to exchange the paper bags with worn-out clothes.

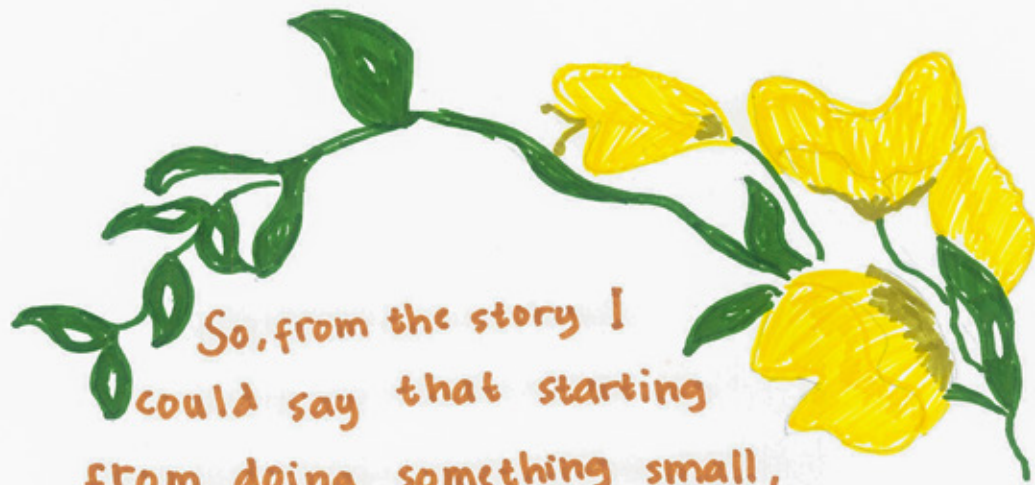


Creatively , students made colorful hand-carry bags from the worn-out clothes. It's like magic. The use of plastic was changed. We don't need plastic , do we ?  
What about you ?





Gradually, the school became a plastic-free zone, and the three friends, Jaka, Sam and Edo, became inspirational youth for the other kids. They turned their hobby into a business, and started a new small company. The boys started giving interviews on radio stations talking about their positive movement.



So, from the story I  
could say that starting  
from doing something small,  
we could create a ripple to change  
society.

And we could be hero  
for nature.





# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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