



The only world worth passing to our children is toxics-free

NAUGHTY MARTY

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Marty is a nine year old boy who loves to play all day. He loves to play in the school, in the house, anywhere and everywhere.



He plays with anything and always gets into trouble.

His mother always tells him, "Marty dear, it's okay to play. But, be sure to listen to adults when they say which toys are okay and which things are dangerous".



One day, in their house, Marty came across a cabinet marked, "Caution: Highly Toxic". He looked around, to the left, to the right, and found no one in sight.



Marty's eyes sparkled and he said, "I have to see what's inside!"



He opened the cabinet gently and saw things that do not seem toxic at all.



He found thermometers, a blood pressure meter, boxes that contain lamps or lights, button-like batteries and some skin whitening creams and daddy's old tooth with a silver filling.

Marty scratched his head and said, "There is nothing toxic in this cabinet I say, I better play with them, Yey! My mother was wrong for putting the sign, so the things in here are all mine".



He got one thermometer, and flicked it like a wand. Out came a pretty fairy, with a command.

“Marty, Marty, you’ve been very naughty. The mark in this cabinet says you’re not allowed to play with these things, but you did not obey.”



The fairy added “These materials contain mercury that is toxic to our health and to the environment.”

Marty scratched his head again and said, “How come? It is so pretty to look at! It is sparkly like my brother’s robot, but it is water in form.”

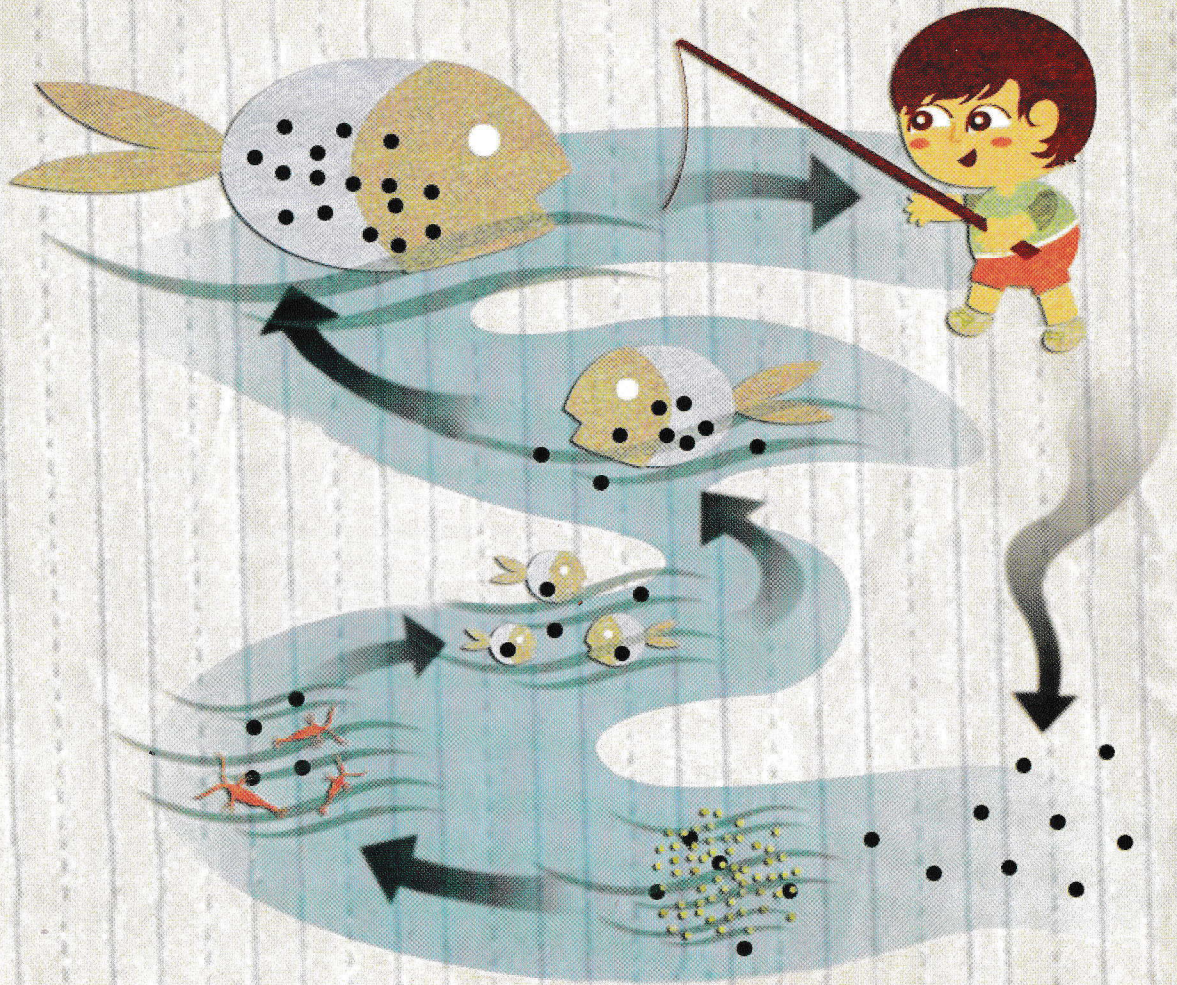
“Yes it does, Marty. But, if you play with these things, you may be exposed to the mercury they bring. For example, if this thermometer breaks, the mercury it contains will go to the air we breathe,” the fairy cautioned.



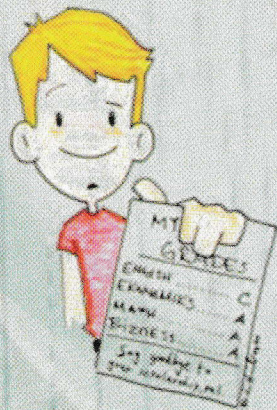
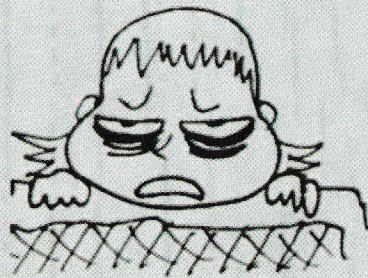
“When it rains, mercury goes to the lakes, rivers and seas. Then it is absorbed by the fishes we eat.”



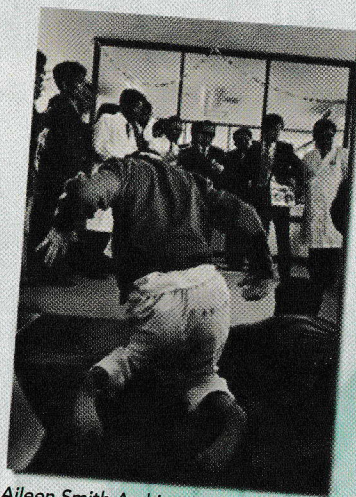
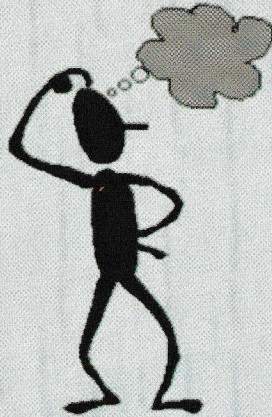
When we eat the poisoned fishes, we are exposed to the deathly effects of mercury!



Mercury can cause diseases in the brain, heart, lungs and kidneys", she added.



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Marty scratched his head for the third time and said, "Aaahh. That's why my mother is not using these anymore. I don't want to get sick because of mercury. What can I do to help?"



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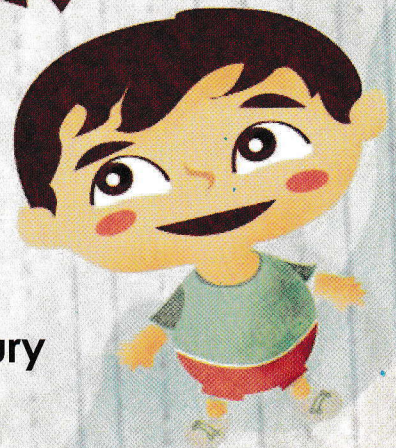


The fairy flicked her wand and said, "Well Marty, just be SAFE."



SECURE

S- Secure all things with mercury





ARRANGE



A- Arrange them in containers



Find



F- Find a stable and secure cabinet

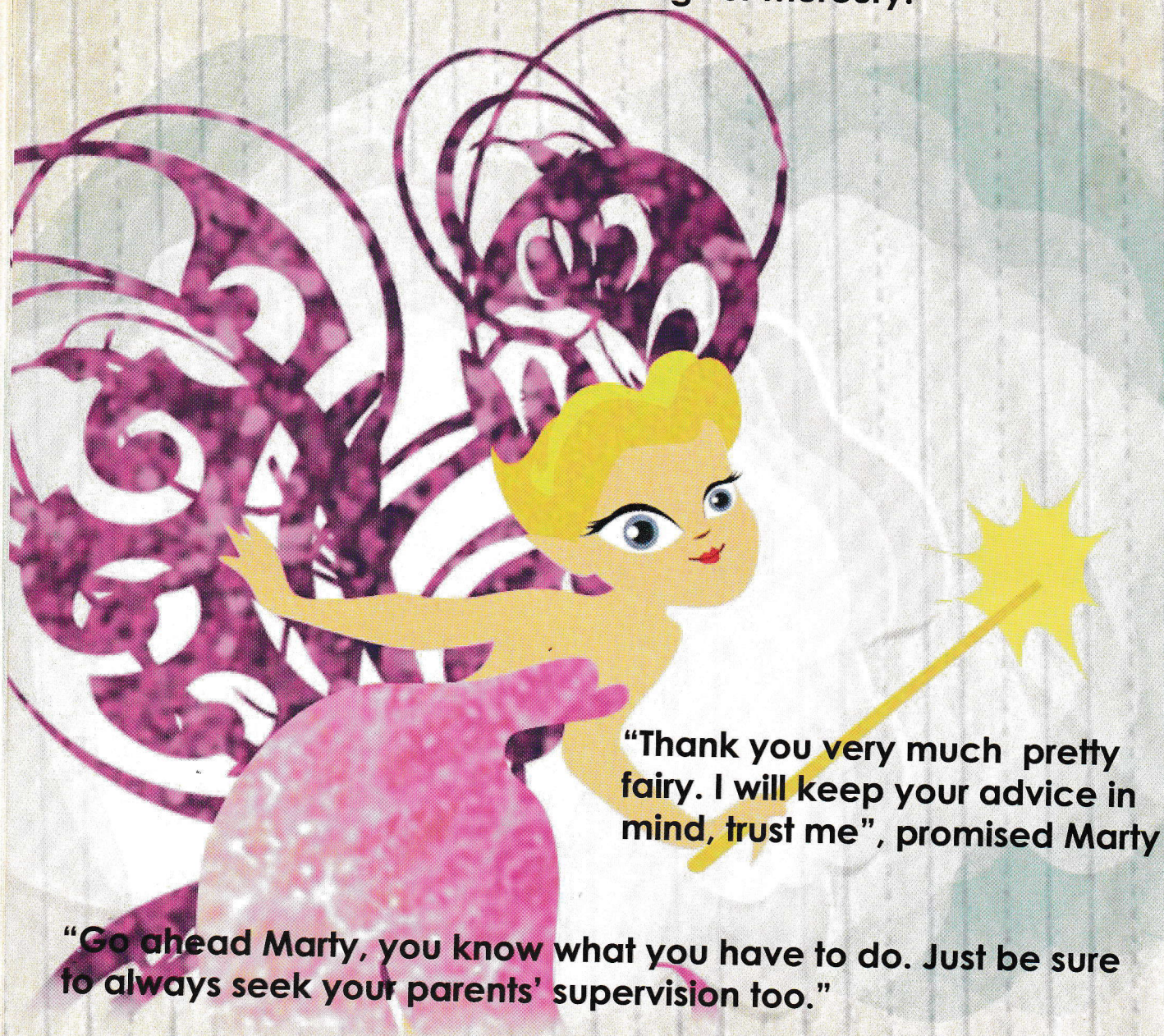


ECHO



E- Echo the information to your classmates and friends

You can also use other products that are much safer. Read the label and avoid those that have "Hg" or mercury."



"Thank you very much pretty fairy. I will keep your advice in mind, trust me", promised Marty

"Go ahead Marty, you know what you have to do. Just be sure to always seek your parents' supervision too."

Marty put his hand on his chest and sighed, thanking God that the pretty fairy came by. Marty told his mother at last that, he will follow what she will ask. He thanked his mom for storing the toxic things away, and keeping the danger at bay.






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