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Group: Junior Secondary

Name of the piece: Save Money! Save the Earth!

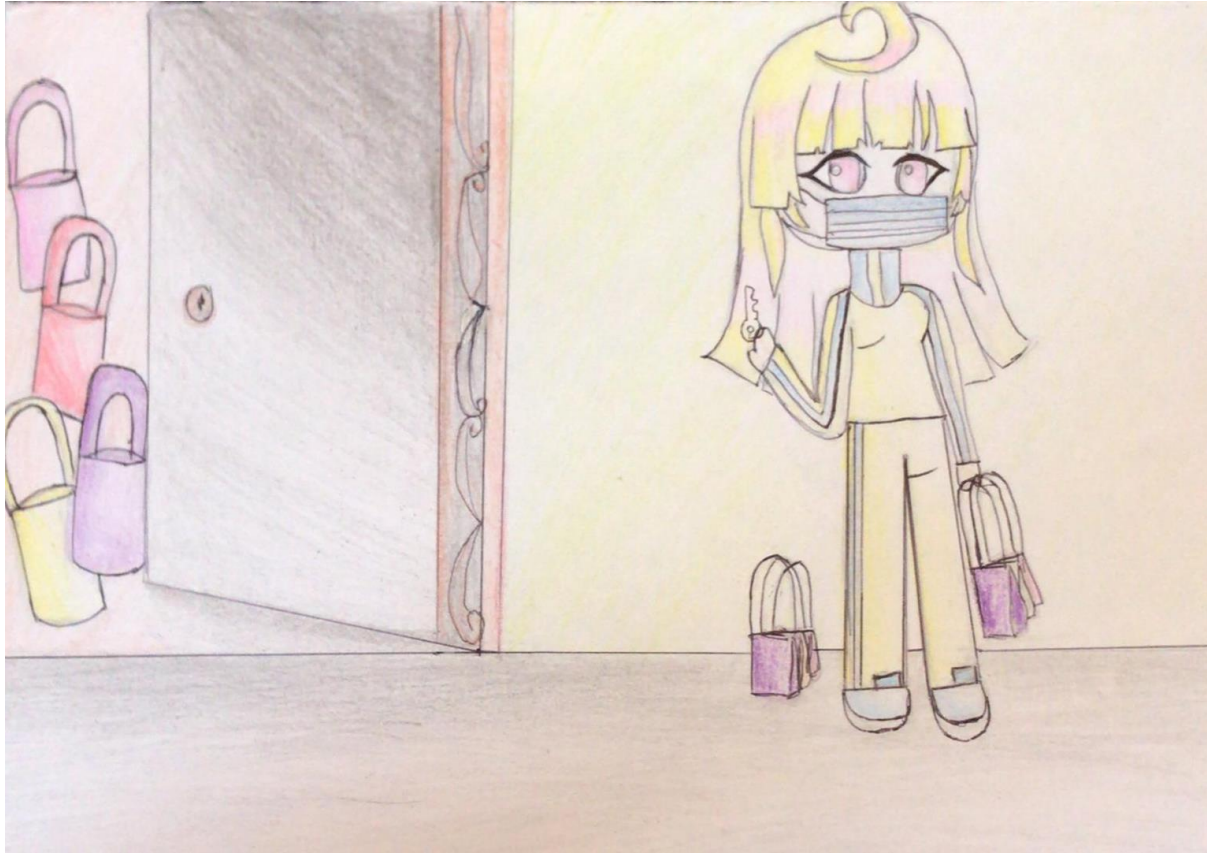
Topic of the piece: Be a smart and green consumer

Save Money!
Save the Earth!





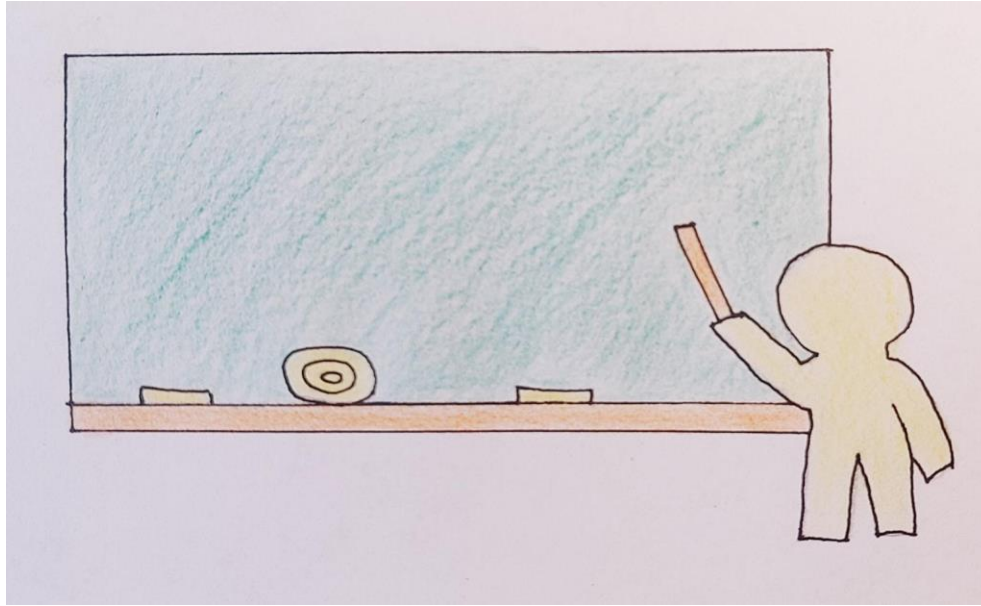
Narrator: Bimie loves buying clothes whenever she passes by Beautiful Clothes or any other shops



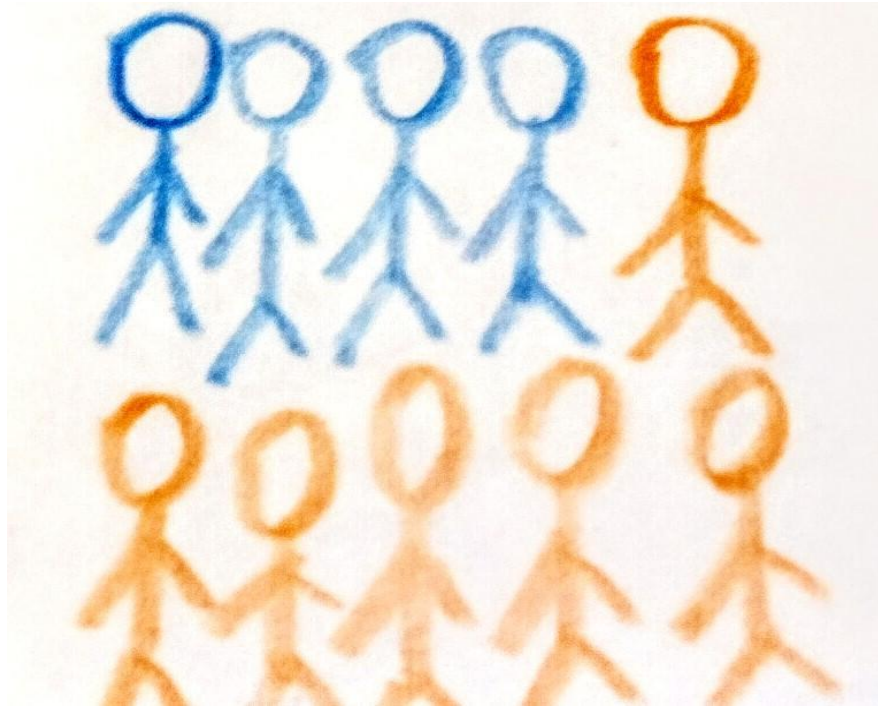
Narrator: She buys many clothes and brings plastic shopping bags home



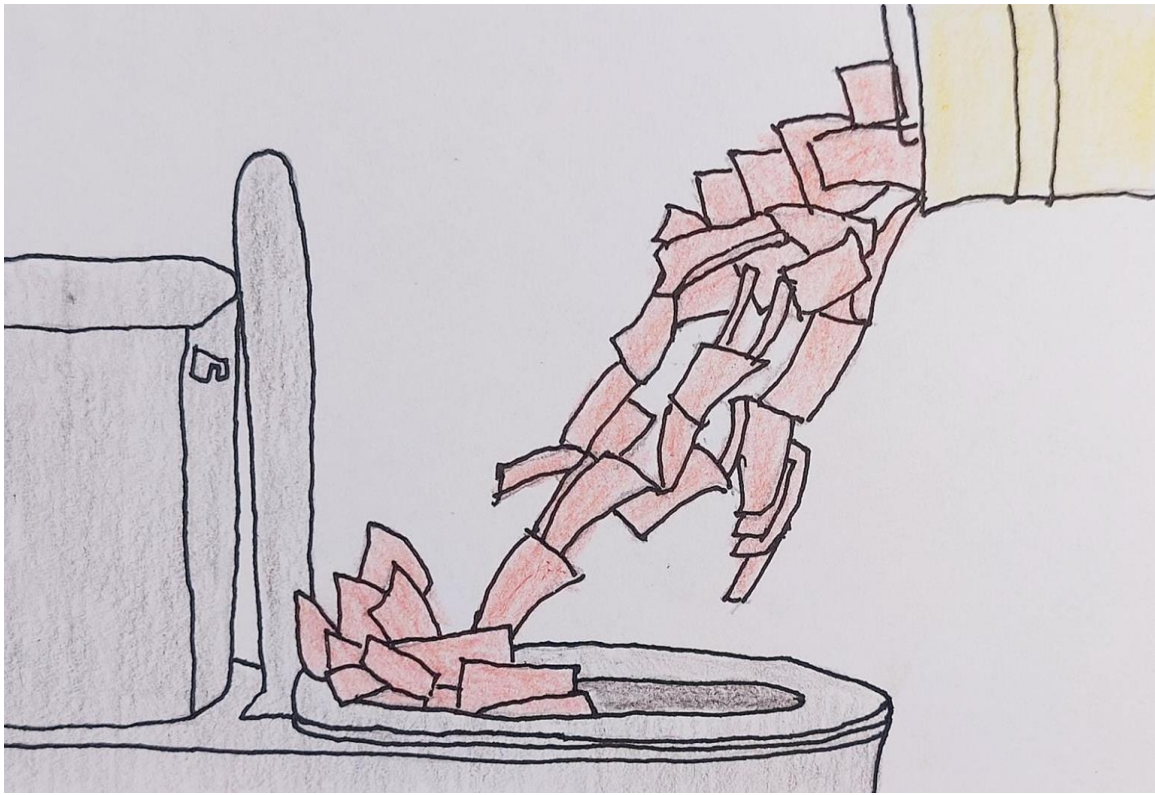
Smartie: Wow~ Mom, are you buying clothes again? See, we got too many clothes and plastic bags in our home!
I've got to share with you my recent learning at school!



Smartie: You know, the problem of Textile Waste in Hong Kong is very serious. According to the Environmental Protection Department, on average, more than **340 tonnes of discarded clothes** and textiles are landfilled daily, which is equivalent to approximately **700,000 sweaters**.



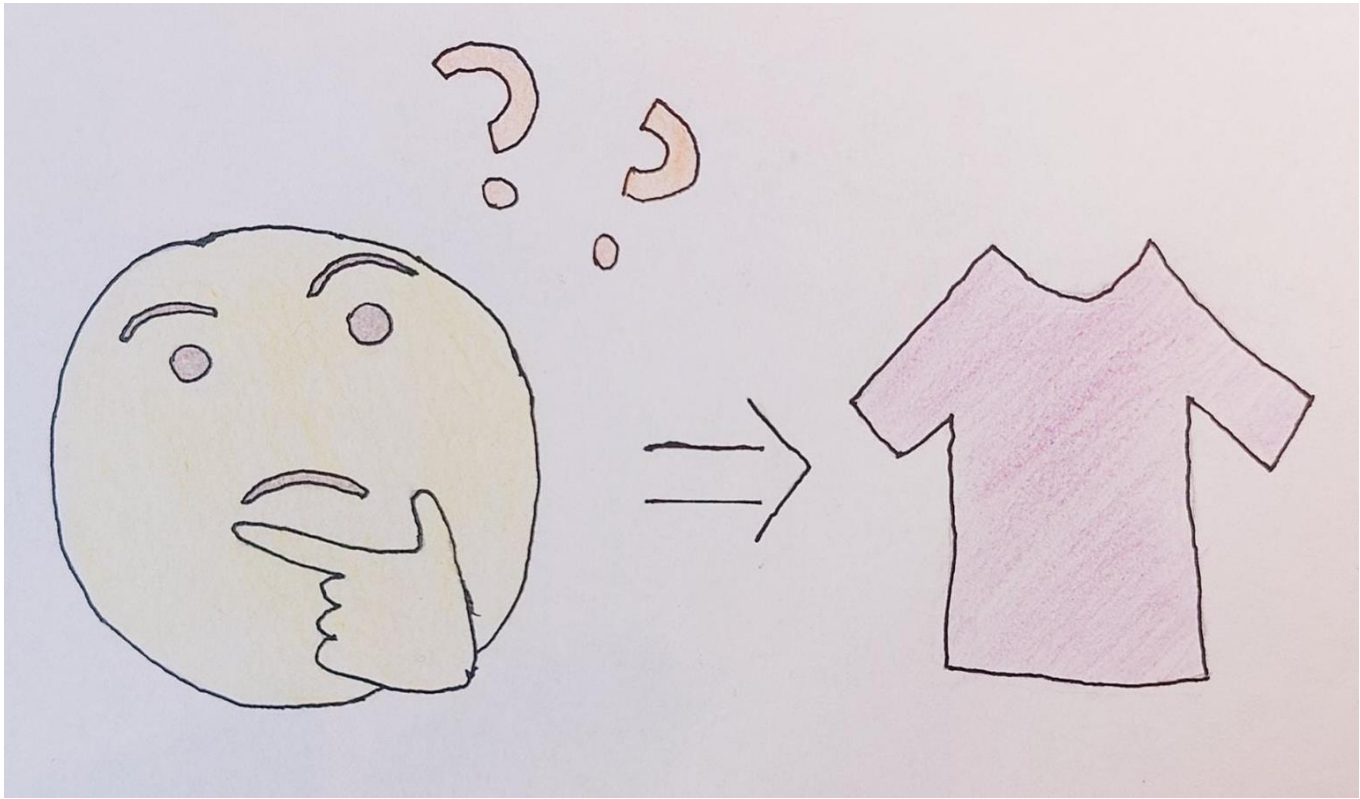
Smartie: It is also estimated that 4 in 10 Hongkongers have thrown clothes away after having only worn once



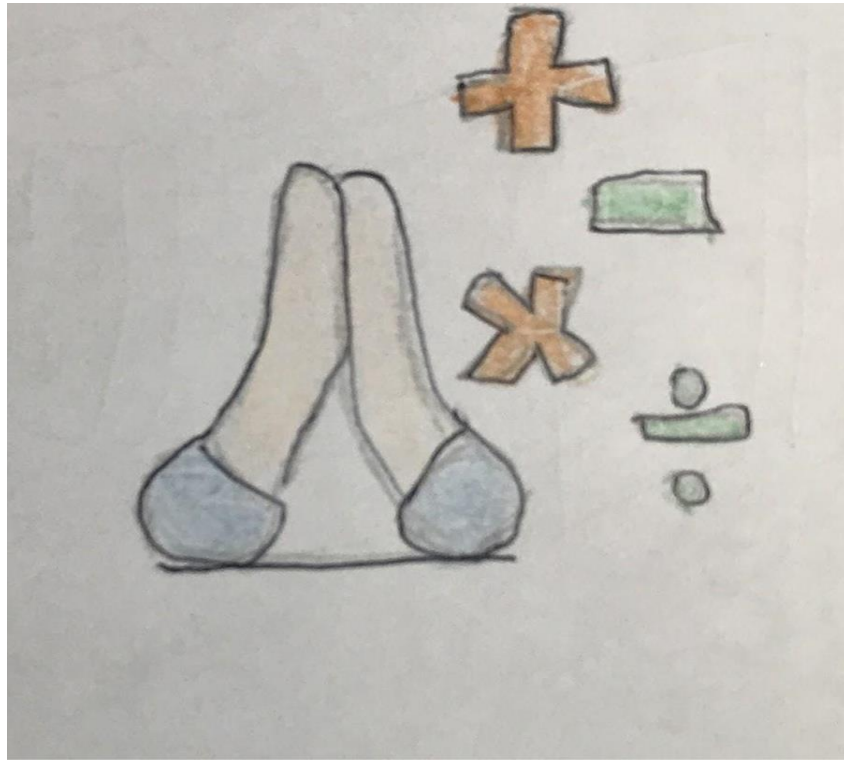
Smartie: Moreover, nearly $\frac{1}{5}$ of new clothing purchases in HK are never or hardly worn, which is equivalent to HKD 3.9 billion
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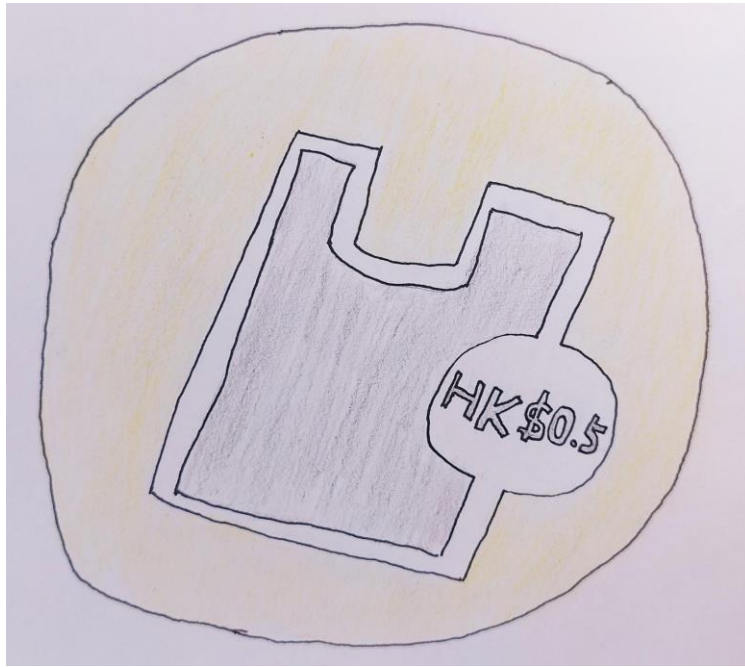
Bimie: Oh! I haven't realized how the clothes and money are wasted!



Smartie: Yes, we've got to think twice before buying any clothes to avoid unnecessary consumption. Save Money! Save the Earth!



Bimie: You're right. I shouldn't buy for the sake of buying. Could you hold me accountable on this?

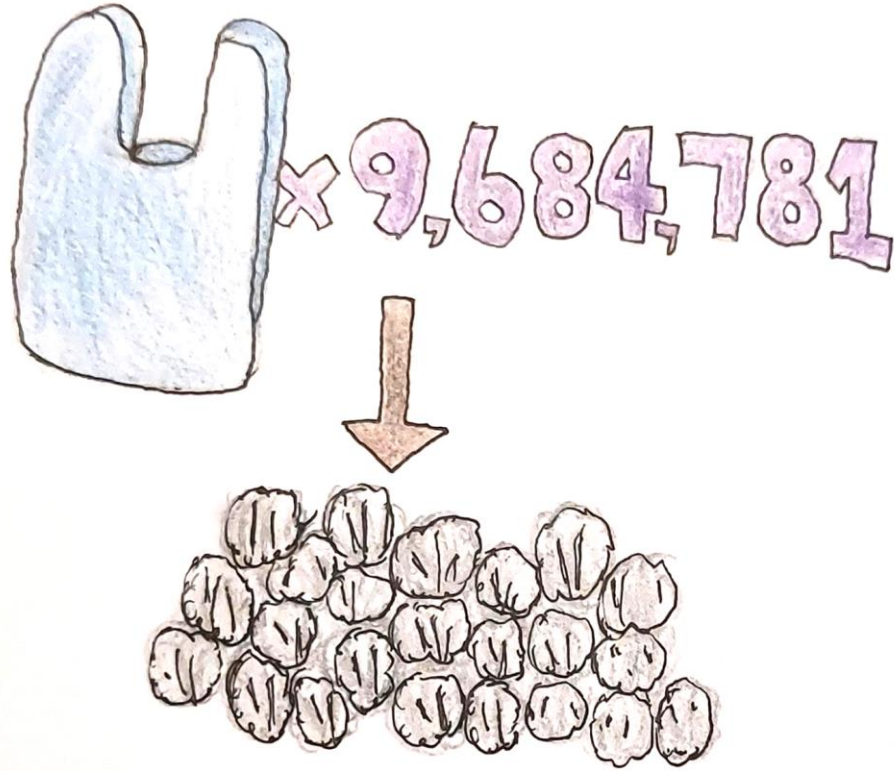


Smartie: Sure! I would love to help~

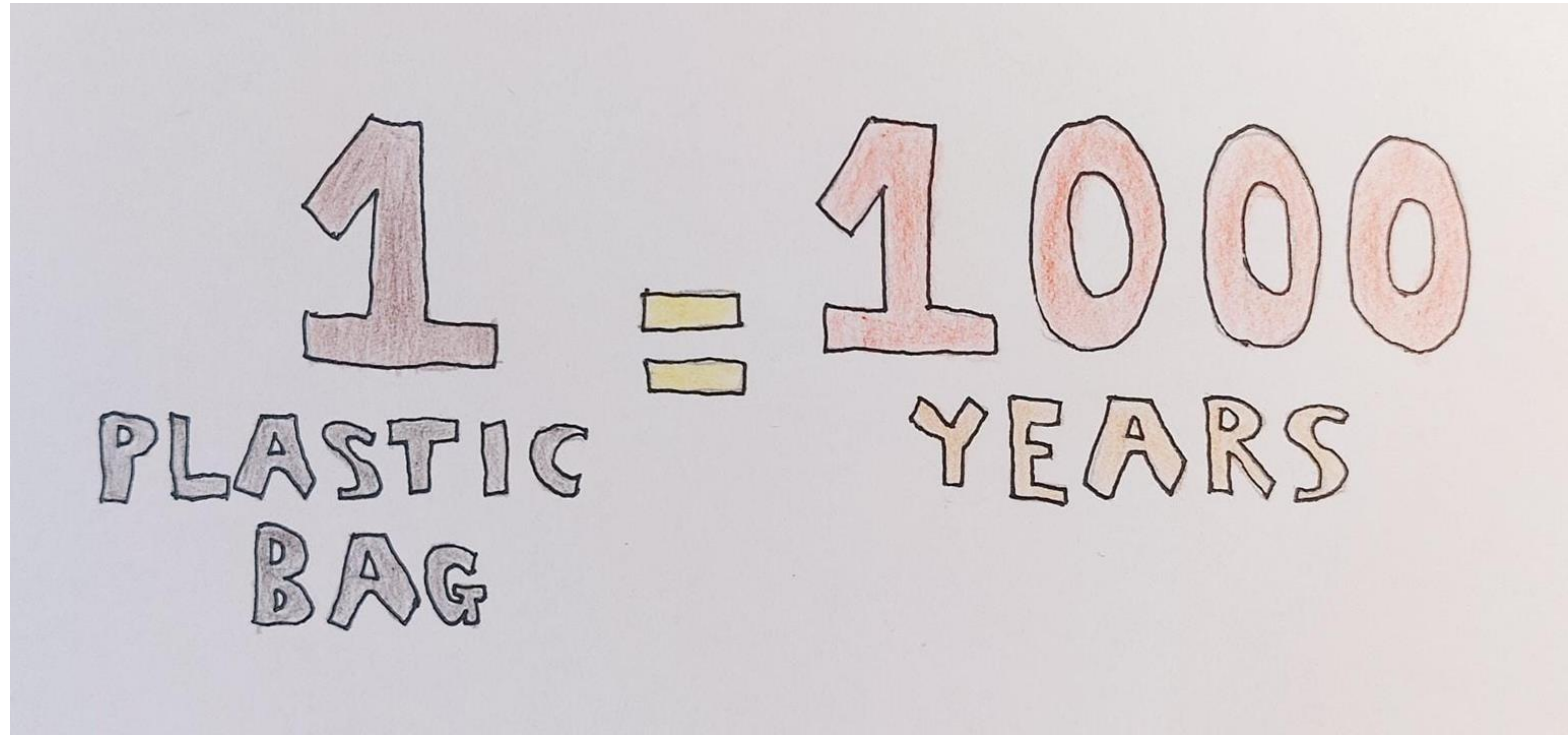
But we would need to sort out the plastic bags in our home!
Do you realize that shops charge you HK\$0.5 for each plastic bag?



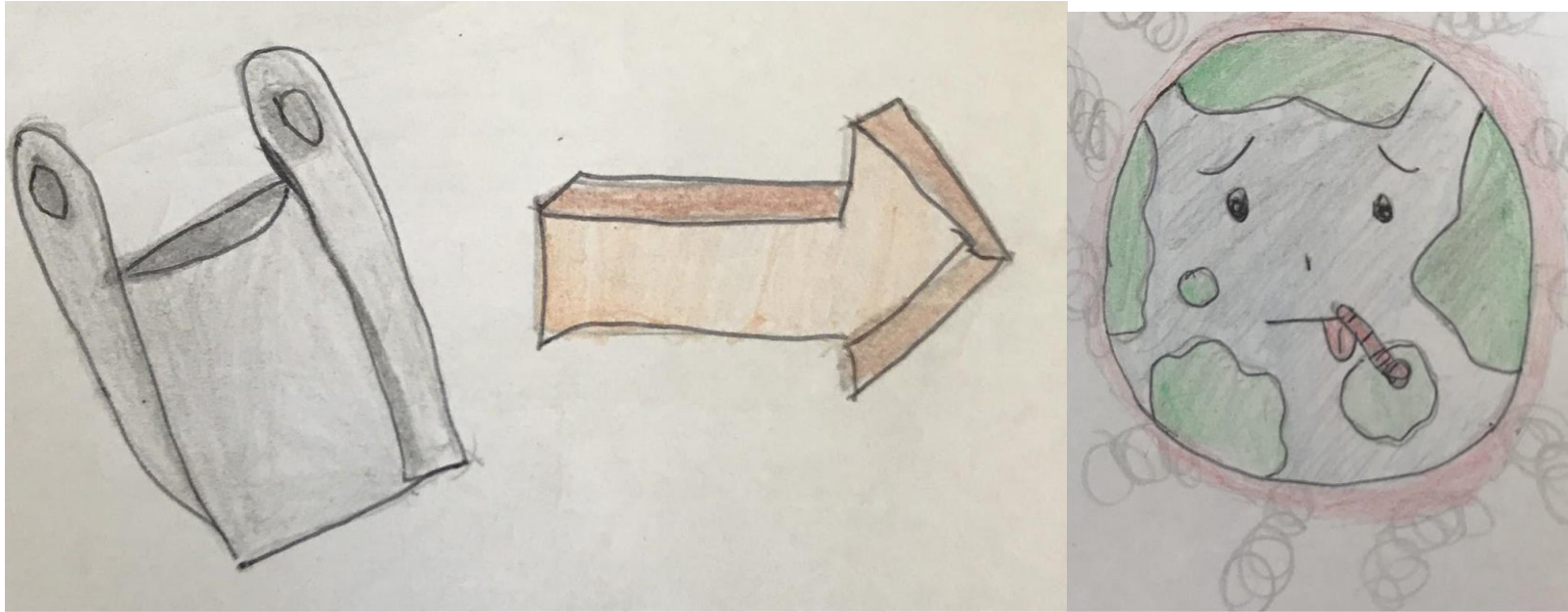
Bimie:um... yea? But each plastic bag just cost HK\$0.5!
It's not a big deal...



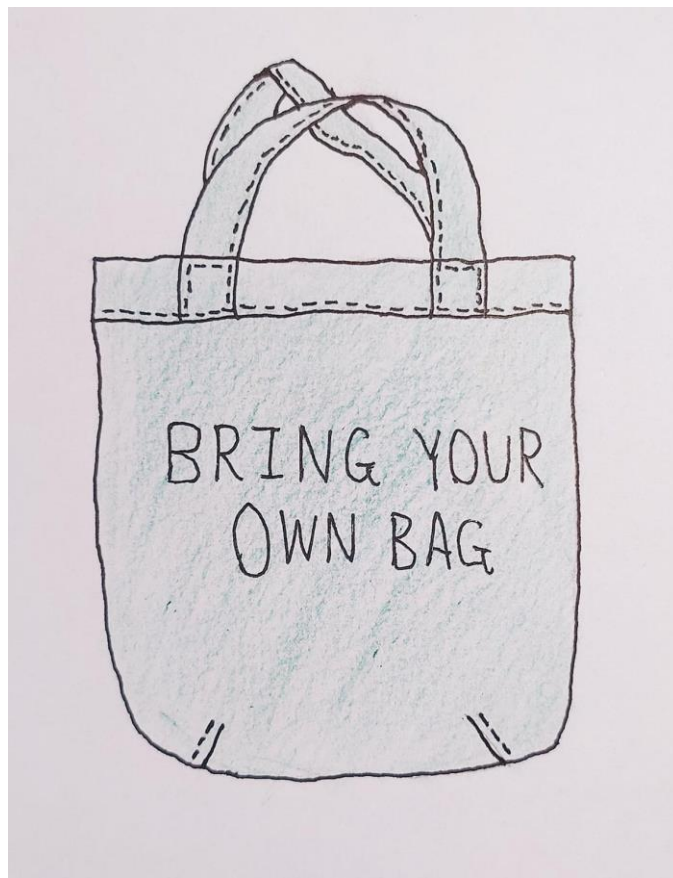
Smartie: Indeed, it's a big deal. Did you know that an average of over 9,684,741 of plastic bags are disposed of in Hong Kong every day?



Smartie: It takes 1000 years for a plastic bag to degrade in a landfill and most of the plastic waste is in our oceans now!



Smartie: Therefore, if we don't reduce the plastic waste now, we and our future generations are going to suffer



Bimie: Oh no!!! That is really horrible! I think I should bring my own shopping bag from now on in order to reduce the plastic waste!



Smartie:Yes, we need to act now!

Smartie & Bimie: Save Money! Save the Earth!