

## Masky's Night of Adventure Neehal Khatri Ropate Kama





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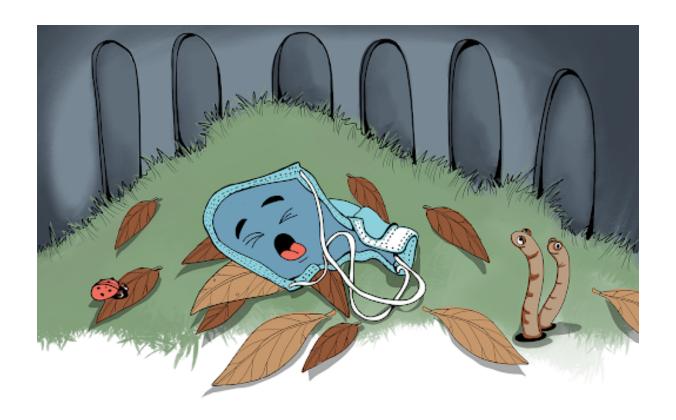


"I've had enough adventure for the day," says Masky.

He has spent all day playing at the beach.

Along with Geeta and her scruffy dog, Ruffy.

He can barely keep his eyes open.



"It's time for a nice, long nap," Masky mumbles sleepily.

He wraps his two cords around himself and curls up.

It's warm and cozy in his trash can.



Clank! "What's that?" shouts Masky.

He sees that the lid of his trash can has blown off.

Seems like forgetful Geeta didn't close it properly.

He wonders what to do now.



Whoosh! A gust of wind picks up Masky. He twirls and swirls in the air. Higher and higher and higher.



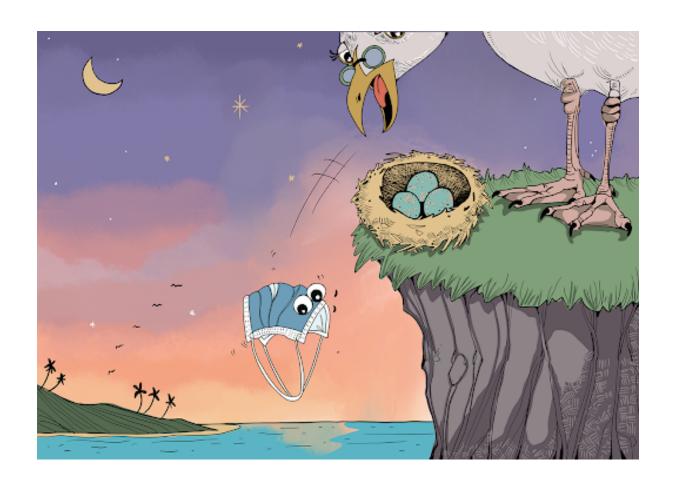
Masky lands on something soft and warm. It's a nest.

Hmm...maybe he can take a nap here.

"Go away," squawks Seagull.

"Or you will get tangled up in my feet."

She picks him up with her beak and tosses him out of the nest.



Luckily, Masky is a clever little mask. He pulls his two cords together to make a parachute.

Wheee! He glides down gently.



Masky lands on something smooth and cool. It's a whale.

Hmm...maybe he can take a nap here.

"Go away," bellows Whale.

"Or I will swallow you whole."

He spouts water all over Masky.



Masky dives deep into the ocean to escape. He finds a family of sleeping fish.

Hmm...maybe he can take a nap here.

"Go away," says an awake Father Fish.

"If you stay here too long, you will break into little pieces.

Then my family will eat you." He shoos Masky away.



Masky swims up to the surface and drifts aimlessly.

He is wet and cold.

He just wants a nap.

Masky wonders if he will ever find his way back home.



Suddenly, Masky spots a floating twig.

Aha! He has a super-duper idea.

He swims over to the twig and hooks himself on to it.

Then he twists his body to make a sail.

Hooray! He's speeding off to the beach now.

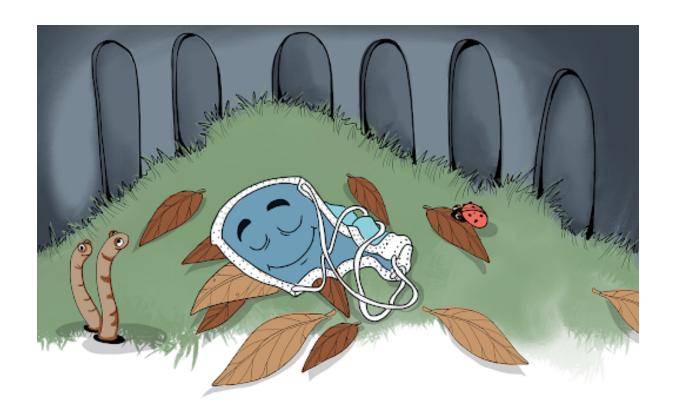


Geeta and Ruffy walk on the beach the next morning.

Ruffy spots Masky.

He runs over to give him a wet, slimy lick. Geeta picks up Masky.

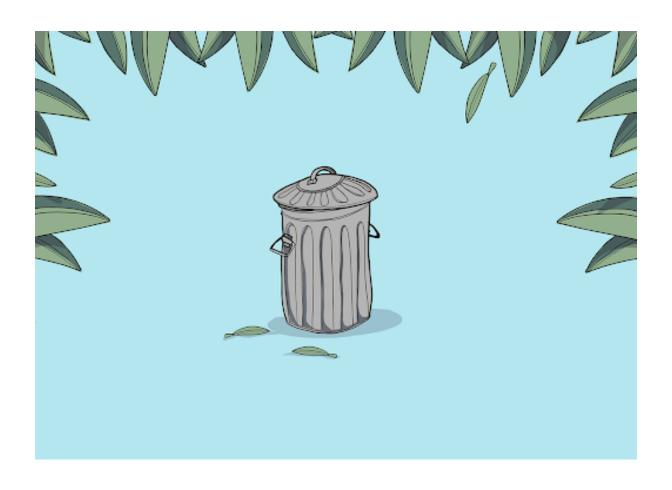
She gently puts him back into the trash can. This time, she remembers to close the lid properly.



"Finally, I can have a nice, long nap," says Masky.

He wraps his two cords around himself and curls up.

"I've had plenty of adventures for now," he mumbles sleepily.



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