

THE GARBAGE GIANT



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There once was a giant who smelled bad. "He stinks!" people said. He had no friends. He was very unhappy.

His house was filled with garbage: plastic, cardboard, pieces of banana, apple skins, candy wrappers, penguin, soda cans, compost and coins.



The giant had money. But no one would give him anything in the shops because he stank.



The father of a princess had a garbage collection company. He was called King Kiksa Suss Clean. The princess was named Blah Blu-Blu.



One day the princess was driving her father's garbage truck. The giant was taking a walk. He saw the princess in the truck.



His heart beat so strongly that pieces of garbage fell to the ground.



The princess wanted to clean the streets of Schmutzling. The giant wished he could help her.

She said, "You do not smell very good!"

He said, "Princess, look at me! This is a job for me to do because I am so dirty! Can I please help you clean up all the garbage?"

The princess held her nose and responded, "I have waited a lifetime for a man to ask me that question!"

Then the giant confessed, "I do not know what to do. Can you tell me how to clean the streets and houses?"

The princess explained: "First, you call the Sperrmüll. They will bring a dumpster. You can fill it up and ask them to take it away. It does not cost a lot of money." She gave him the phone number.

The giant said, "I do not have a mobile."

The princess blushed, "I can call them for you." And she did.

"Next," she added, "you have to put all of the garbage in the dumpster. To clean your house, you can use a vacuum cleaner, a mop or a broom. Put everything in paper bags and take it outside. You can clean the hallways with a broom as well. Neighbors can share bags and taken them out to the dumpster. Outside you can use the big garbage bags for trash and cans. The big pieces of wood and garbage can be picked up with a shovel and carried to the dumpster."

The more the princess described how to clean, the happier she became. The giant was pleased to help.

But he said, "I think I need some help."

The wise princess said, "First you have to do this alone."



The giant cleaned. He cleaned all day and he cleaned all night. He cleaned in front of the houses. He cleaned in gardens.

He took away all the papers and wrappers that were on the streets.

When Schmutzling was cleaned, all the children who lived there came out onto the streets. They wanted to help. The giant asked them to help him clean his house.

“It smells too stinky!” remarked the children.

“There is always a solution,” said the princess.

Then, the children who were in pairs or groups – best friends or brothers and sisters – had come up with a plan. A boy named Adam explained that one person could hold their nose with two fingers, and hold someone else’s nose with their other two fingers. That freed the hands of their partner to pick up the trash. In this way, they could clean where the smell was awful. For those who were alone, a boy named Amir suggested that they turn up their collars or roll up their turtlenecks to keep away the stinky smell. When one child bent to gather dirt, the other one had to bend as well. So they invented a dance called the garbage dance that has since become famous in Schmutzling.



Finally, the giant took a bath (because he could see his bathtub again). When he came out spic and span, he was wrapped in a giant bath towel. The children began to sing and clap. The princess beamed with joy.

The people of Schmutzling were so happy that their streets were clean that they built a pool for everyone. They had for so long forgotten how to be happy.

In the swimming pool was a giant slide and a natural playground where all the children could have fun. Every week on Mondays in Schmutzling they had a special clean up day. Then they had a pool party.



The princess fell in love with the giant. They were married in a Laundromat. The princess and the giant had many children. Each one was as big as a table.

The children loved to clean. Instead of dolls and trucks, they played with brooms and sponges. They even made a football from sticky detergent.

There was one giant baby who liked to get dirty, but no one minded. The other children just cleaned him up again and again.
And everyone lived happily and hygienically ever after.



The End

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