

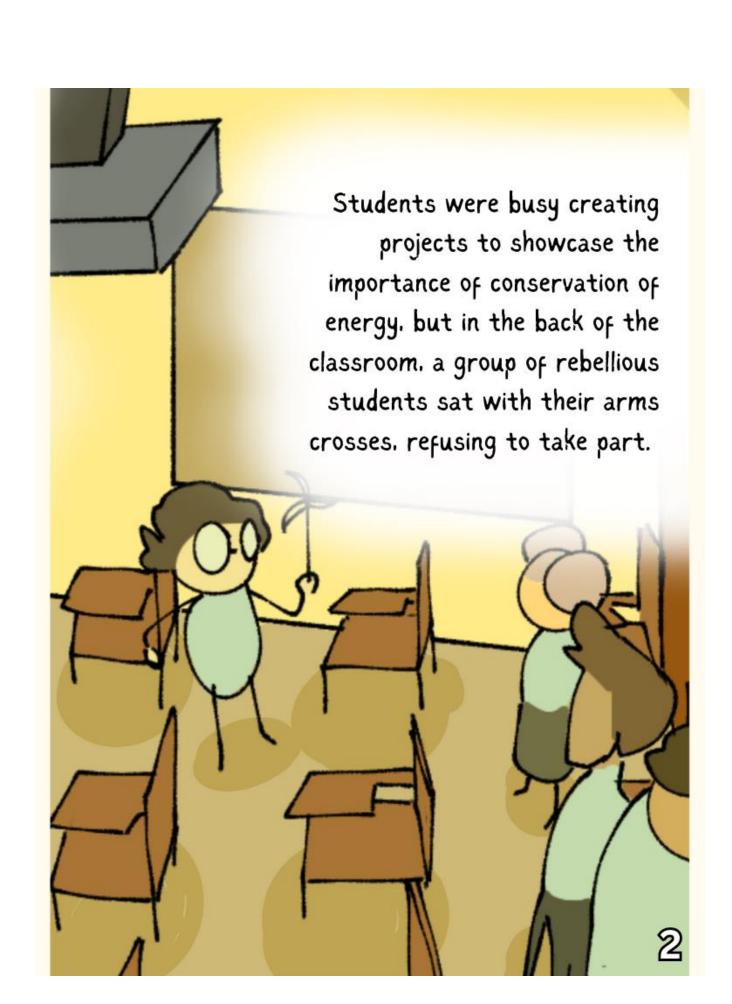
The Eco-Horror of the Carbon Footprint Freak

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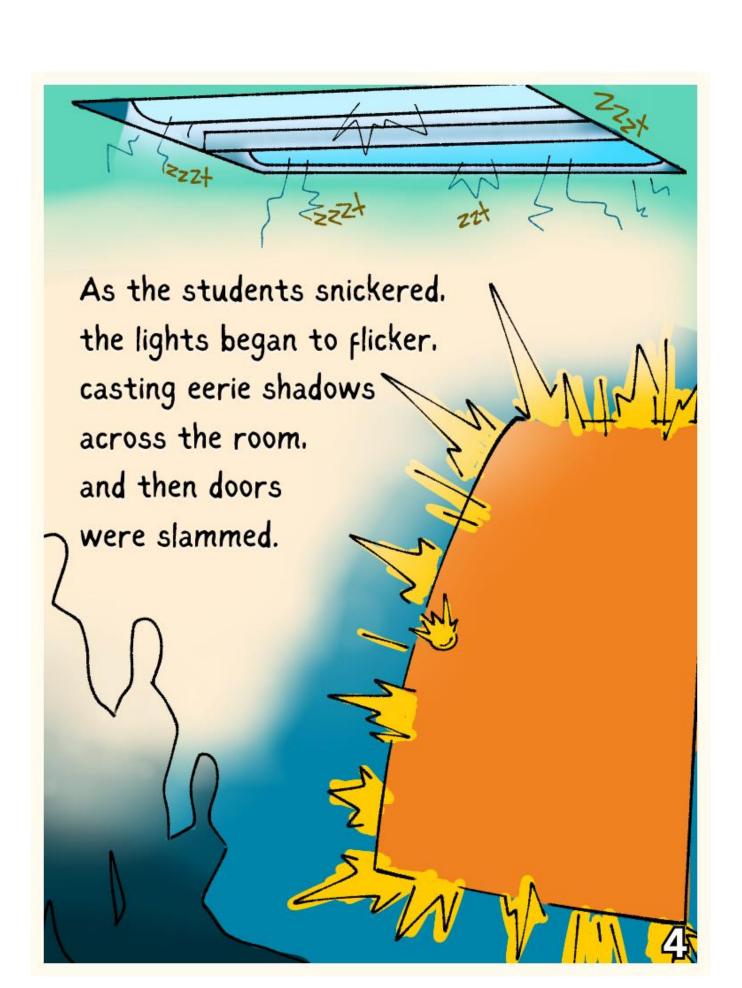
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As Earth Day approached, the school buzzed with excitement.

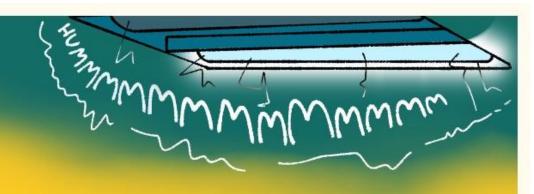










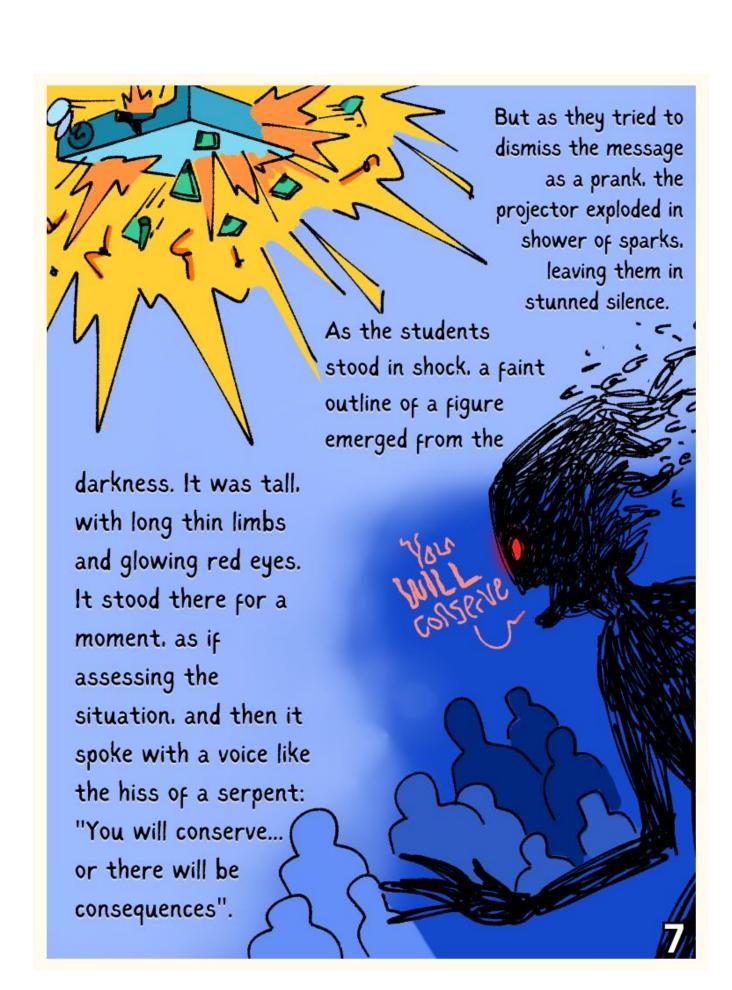


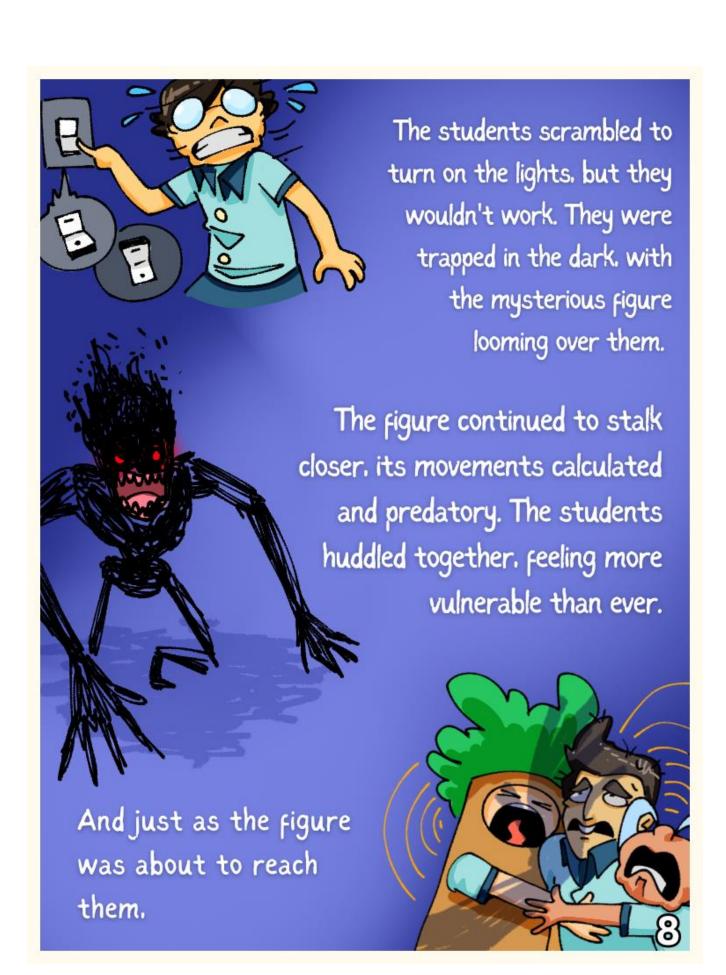
As the minutes ticked by, the lights flickered more erratically, and a low hum filled the room.

Then, without a warning, the projector screen turned on and a message appeared "Conservation is not optional."

The students looked at each other in alarm. wondering if they were all going crazy.









in a puff of smoke.

leaving the

students gasping

for breath.



They ran to their teacher and hugged her. They told the teacher what had happened. but she dismissed it as a collective delusion. Even the incident was never explained, the students emerged from the experience changed. They became

They formed clubs and led initiatives to reduce plastic use and protect natural habitats.

Their brush with the mysterious figure had awakened something within them - a sense of responsibility to the planet they called home.

And so, they carried on, living with the knowledge that even the smallest actions can have big impacts.

