

The Case for Waste



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Randy works with trash.

Dump trucks bring the trash.

Randy pushes the trash with
a bulldozer.

He scoops the trash with a
loader.







One day, Randy looks at all the trash.



“There is too much waste!”
he says.



Randy sees some kids
digging in the trash.



“It is not safe for you here,”
he tells them.



“It is a good place to find treasure.”



“That is not treasure,” says Randy. “That is trash!”

Randy goes to see what they find.

Charlie finds plastic pieces and a big box.

“I will make an airplane,” he says.

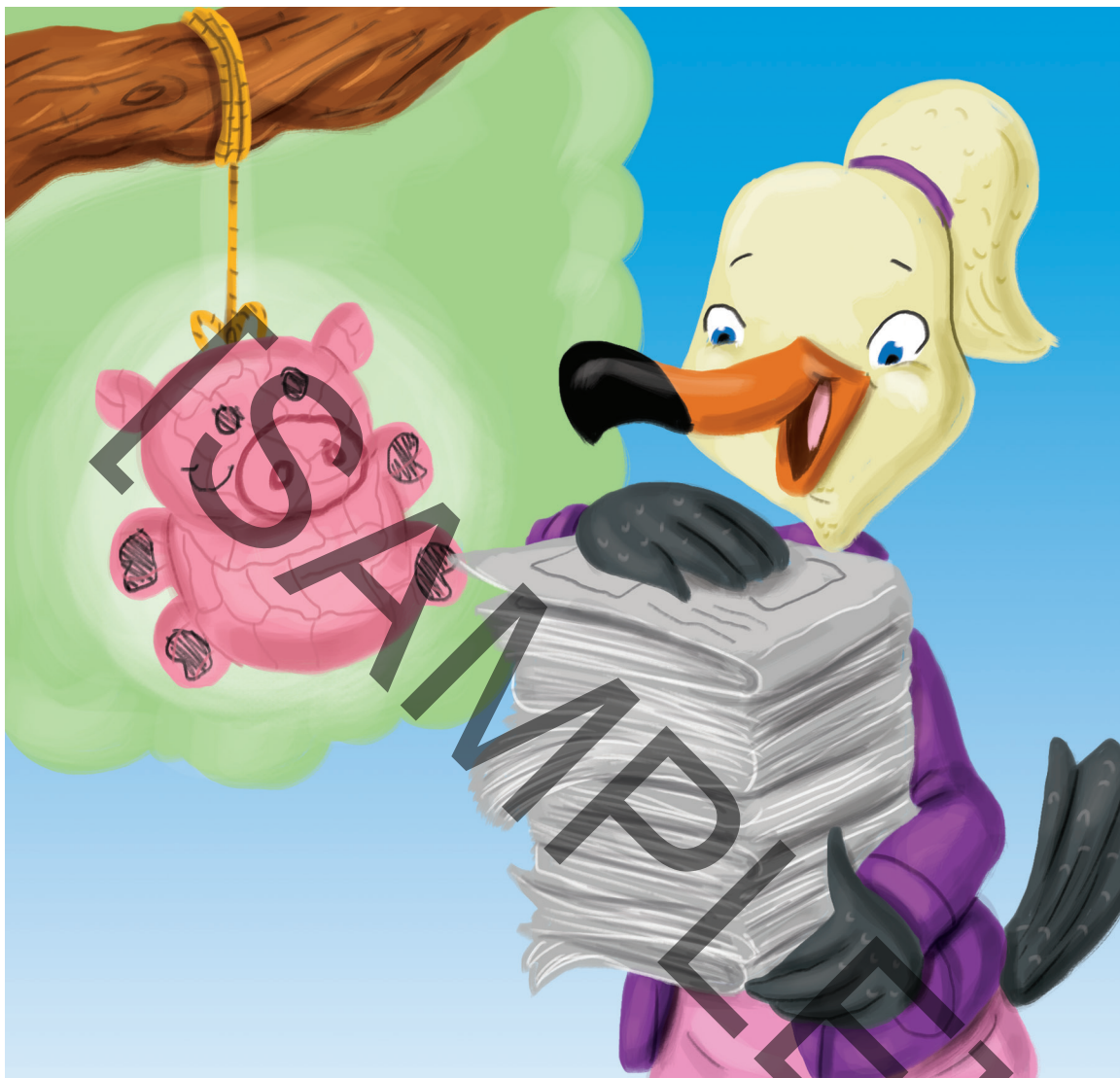






Asha finds a milk carton.

“I will make a birdhouse,”
she says.



Lin finds some newspaper.

“I will make a piñata for my party,” she says.



Randy looks at the trash again.



“I have been moving these things. But they are not waste,” says Randy.

He sees a bookshelf and a shovel.

He sees some tools and a flowerpot.

“I see treasure too!” he says.

“Will you help us save useful things from the trash?” the kids ask.







“I will,” says Randy.



And he does.

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Book Club Questions

- 1.** What happened after Charlie found plastic and a big box?
- 2.** What lesson did Randy learn about trash?
- 3.** How does the last picture show you what Randy does with the trash now?

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Randy pushes and loads trash all day. He sees waste. But what else does he see?

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