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I came home from school and there was a mystery box at the end of my bed.
I couldn't believe what was inside...

The box contained a complicated device with many colourful buttons. As I inspected this strange device, I accidentally accidentally dropped it on my bedroom floor. When I picked it up, my lamp began to flicker, and I felt a breeze on the back of my neck. Suddenly, everything had a green glow; I turned around to find a huge portal that was sucking me in. When the light faded away, I was in an ugly landscape. The beautiful parks I knew were replaced by a lifeless area. The trees were dead and their branches had no leaves. The sky was grey and the ground was littered with plastic and rubbish that crunched under my foot.

"Is this really the future?" I whispered to my self fearfully. I walked further, and saw filthy rivers filled with garbage. I saw people wearing masks, their faces gloomy and tired as they walked through the rubbish.



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As I ran back to the time machine and pressed random buttons, shouting, "Take me home!"

In an instant, I was back in my room. The memories of the future were in my mind like a night~~mare~~^{are} nightmare. I knew I had to warn everyone about the dangers of destroying our planet.

That evening, I gathered my friends and family in the ~~livingroom~~ living room. I told them about my journey through time, describing the dirty rivers, the ugly landscapes and the tired faces of children.

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"I saw what could happen if we don't change our ways!"
I shouted. We need to recycle, reduce waste and protect our environment. If we don't start now we will destroy our planet.
My family listened and were inspired by my words. My parents organized a ~~neto net~~ neighbourhood meeting. They invited neighbours to ~~spread~~^{come} tell them about the consequences of pollution and the ~~is~~ importance of recycling.

