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Asha and Hatash, with their uncle have journeyed all the way from the bustling city of Kathmandu. Now, they have arrived at his serene village, faraway in the countryside.

Unlike in Kathmandu, I didn't see you open any milk packet, aunty.

Yeah, it looks creamier and yellowish too. But no milk for me, please! I don't like drinking milk.

Hatash, milk nourishes us, old and young. It also helps to build our bones and make us stronger.

Do you want to find out where this yummy milk comes from?

This is where the magic happens!

The cosy goth keeps our cows comfy. We feed our cows, prepare straw bed for them to sleep, and we also have a waste disposal area for their manure. You can see our karesa bari over there.

Look at our healthy cows lounging. They give us our delicious milk. The same milk is also used to make yummy creams, cakes, and yogurts.

But Aunty, if we drink cow's milk, what do the cows eat?

Great question, Aasha! Cows are like healthy eaters, just like you! They need a balanced diet of mixture of hearty foods.

This is what most grown-up cows munch on.

FORAGE

CONCENTRATES

SUPPLEMENTS

Awe! She is a baby cow, also known as Heifer, Hatash!

Come take a look at these trees over here, Asha and Hatash. Did you know cows actually enjoy munching on leaves from some types of trees?

These are called fodder trees. They're not only good for the cows, but also for the environment! See how clean the air feels around them? These trees help filter out bad air and keep things fresh.

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Hatash, that strong smell won't be a problem here. Follow me, I want to show you something amazing!

See that big round building? That's our very own biogas plant! Remember how you weren't too keen on the manure smell? Well, this plant puts the cow poop to good use - gas into fuel!

Gas into fuel? How is this fuel used aunty?

Yes, Hatash! Into a special kind of fuel called the 'biogas'! The biogas this plant produces actually powers the gas stove we use for cooking back home!

That's so cool, aunty! Hatash, it turns the smelly cow poop into energy, isn't that cool?

It is, Asha! That's incredible! So, the smelly stuff becomes something useful?

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Hey there, little ones! Want to see where all our village milk goes? Hop on, I'm taking you to the milk collection center.

Come on, Hatash! It'll be fun!

Here we are, folks! The milk collection center!

Wow, Hatash, look! It's a big waterfall of milk!

Whoa there, little fella. Looks like we had a bit of an accident. Don't worry, these things happen sometimes.

I'm so sorry, mister. I didn't mean to

Hey, it's okay, kiddo. We all make mistakes. The important thing is to learn from them, right? Look, some of it dropped to another empty can. We can collect those!

See those women there, Asha and Hatash? They're having their monthly meeting.

What kind of meeting, Uncle?

It's a women's group meeting. They come together to talk about their farms, share tips and lessons, and even save some money they earn from selling milk.

They save money together?

Yep! It's a great way to help each other out. Maybe one day you'll be part of a group like that too!

There you go, Mausami bahini! This little one is all yours now. May she bring you much joy and prosperity.

Thank you so much, Kedma didi! This is the most wonderful gift. I promise to take good care of her.

Morning, everyone! What a lovely celebration we have here today! Would you explain this to these lovely kids?

Happy to do so! Children, we're passing on a little heifer to Mausami's family. It's a tradition in our community. Sharing spreads love and strengthens the bonds between us. Do you wanna give a name to this heifer?

You know what? I think I'll definitely be drinking more milk from now on!

And I can't wait to tell everyone about our trip! They'll be amazed at how a whole village works together – taking care of the cows, the environment, and even those adorable baby heifers – all to bring us that yummy glass of milk on our table!

Indeed, Hatash! I'm so happy we came on this trip. I learned so much too. Remember aunty's cool biogas plant, and the amazing women farmers who pass on the gift!

Do you know where milk comes from? I do!

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OUR TRIP

- HEIFER COWS
- MILK
- COMMUNITY

Maybe in future, I want to be farmer

It takes a village to bring us the delicious milk. And you know what, they take care of the cows, environment, and everyone else together.

Me too

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