

# Mimi Finds a New Home







Mimi sat in Mr. Fox's big yellow car, feeling very scared and worried, as they drove through the forest. "Don't worry, Mimi, you are safe now...I am here for you. And I know just the place to take you," he said.





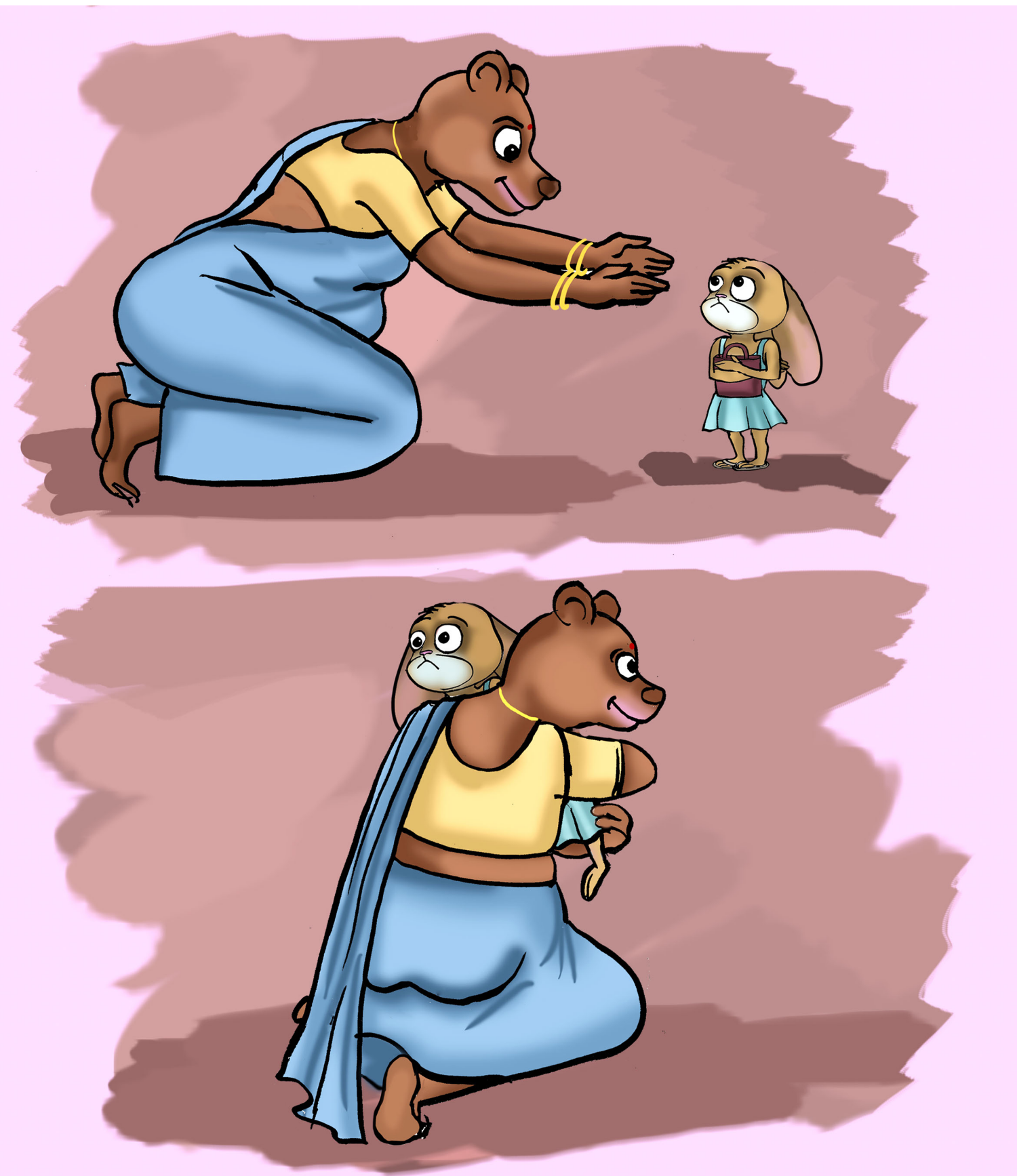
At last they arrived at a large house with a tall green door and with a white fence around it.

Mimi could see the lights in the windows...and a large mango tree outside. She could also hear the voices of other animals who sounded like they were playing games and having fun. What is this place? Who lives here? And who are all these animals I can hear? she wondered.





Mr. Fox knocked on the door.  
It was opened by a round, fat, smiling bear who said, "Hello, I am Mrs. Bear... how may I help you today?"  
Mr. Fox explained to her that Mimi was lost...that her mother had died and her father had not come back for her at the market.



"O poor Mimi," said Mrs. Bear, giving Mimi a hug.  
"You must have been so frightened and so sad...all little animals feel afraid and upset when their mummies and daddies go away or leave them."  
"But I am so glad you found us...you are safe now. First let us get you something to eat and then you can meet all the other little animals before you go to bed," said Mrs. Bear.





After Mr. Fox left Mrs. Bear took Mimi to the kitchen.

"Hello", said Mrs. Deer the cook. "You must be hungry...here is some rice and sambhar. I hope you like it.

It does not taste at all like mummy's food, thought Mimi sadly.

But she was hungry and ate every bit of it.

Actually, it tasted quite nice, thought Mimi later on.



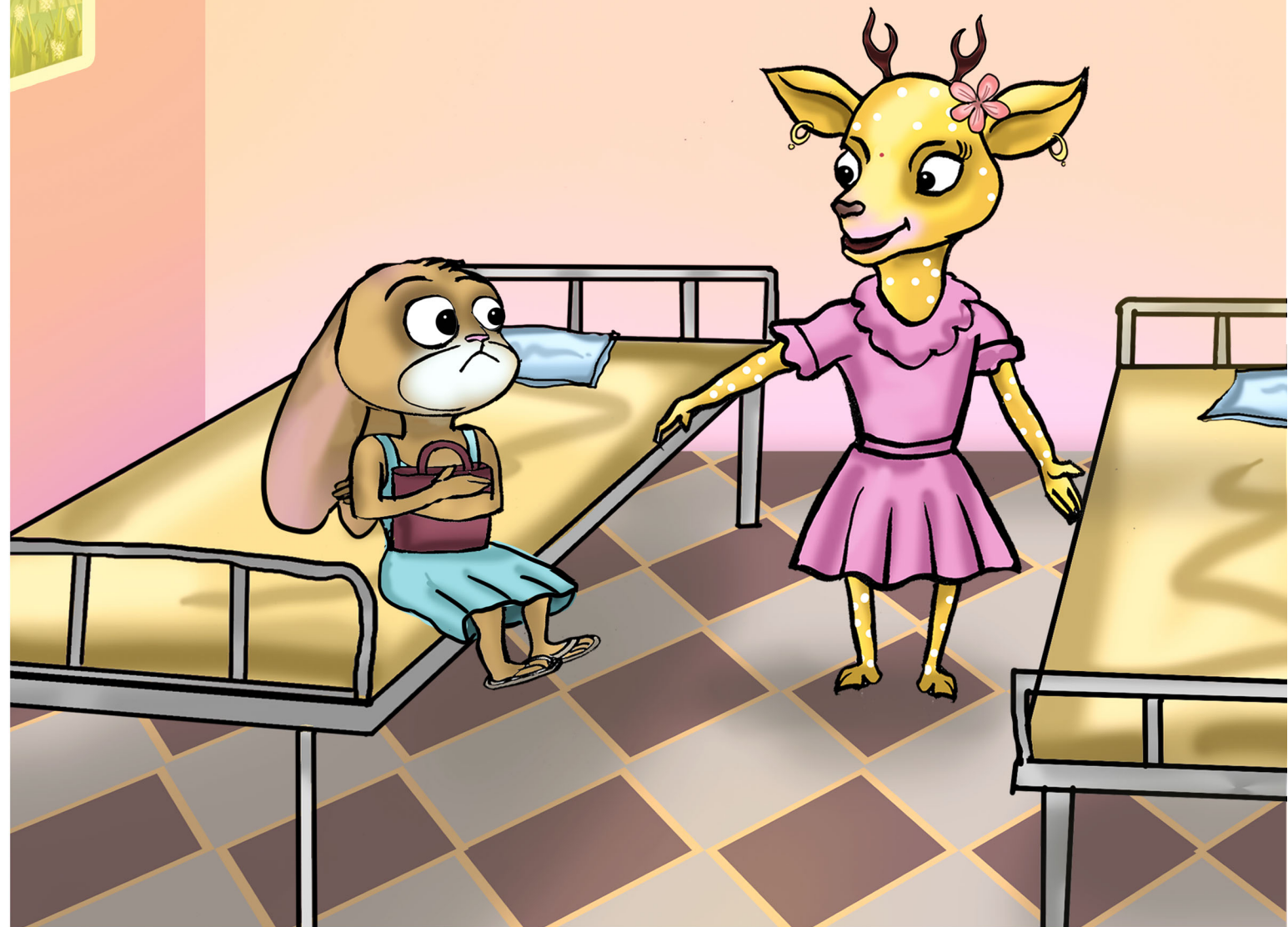


After Mimi had eaten, Mrs. Bear took her to a room filled with other little animals. Mimi had never seen so many of them together before...and she felt a bit nervous!





There was Kiki the parrot, who was a chatterbox and loved to talk to everyone. "Welcome to our home, Mimi", he said.



And Tingu the deer who was very kind, and liked to help everyone... "Let me know if you need anything, Mimi", she said.



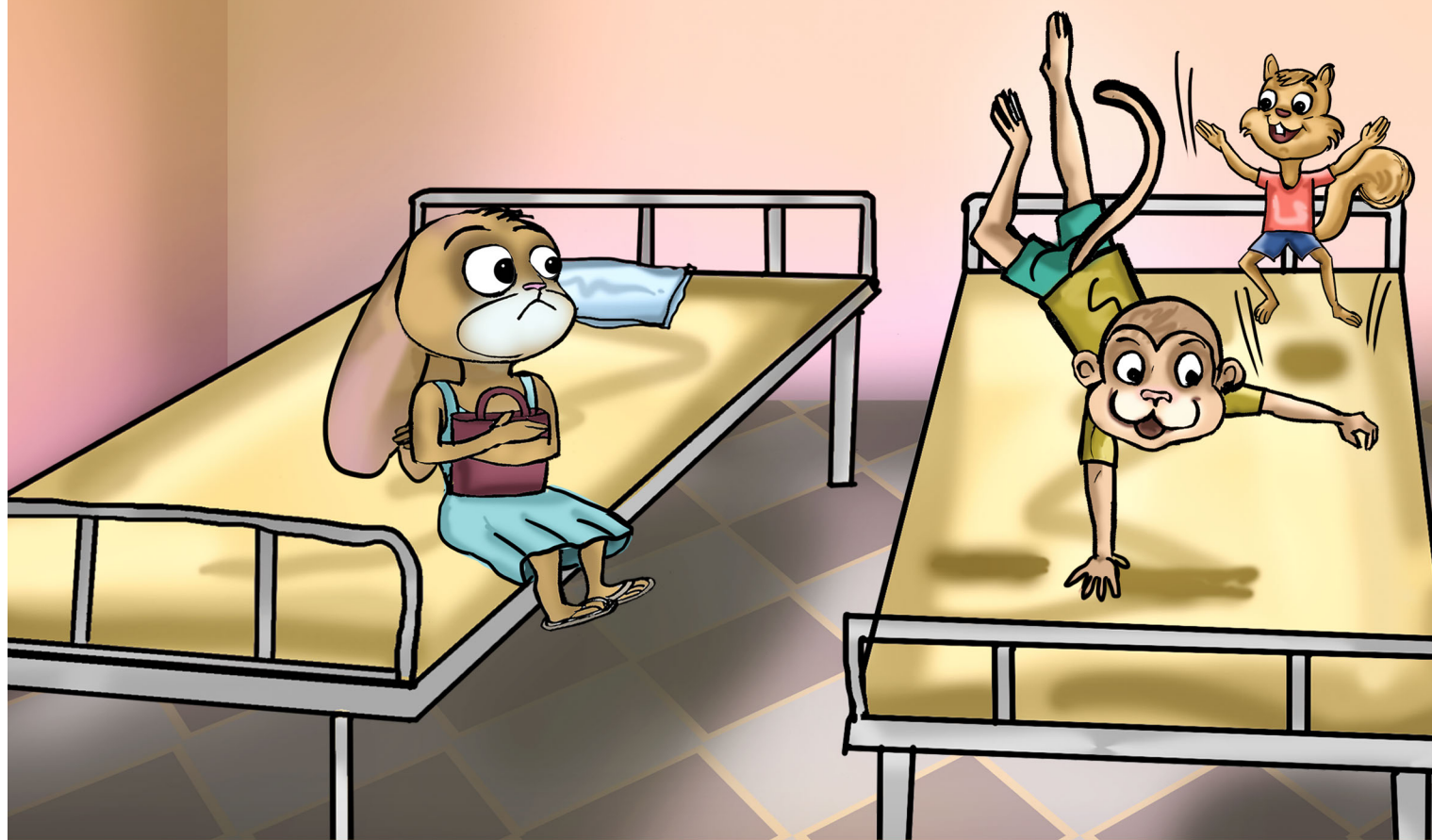


There was Bobo the bear cub who liked to hug everyone.  
"Can I give you a hug, Mimi?" he asked.

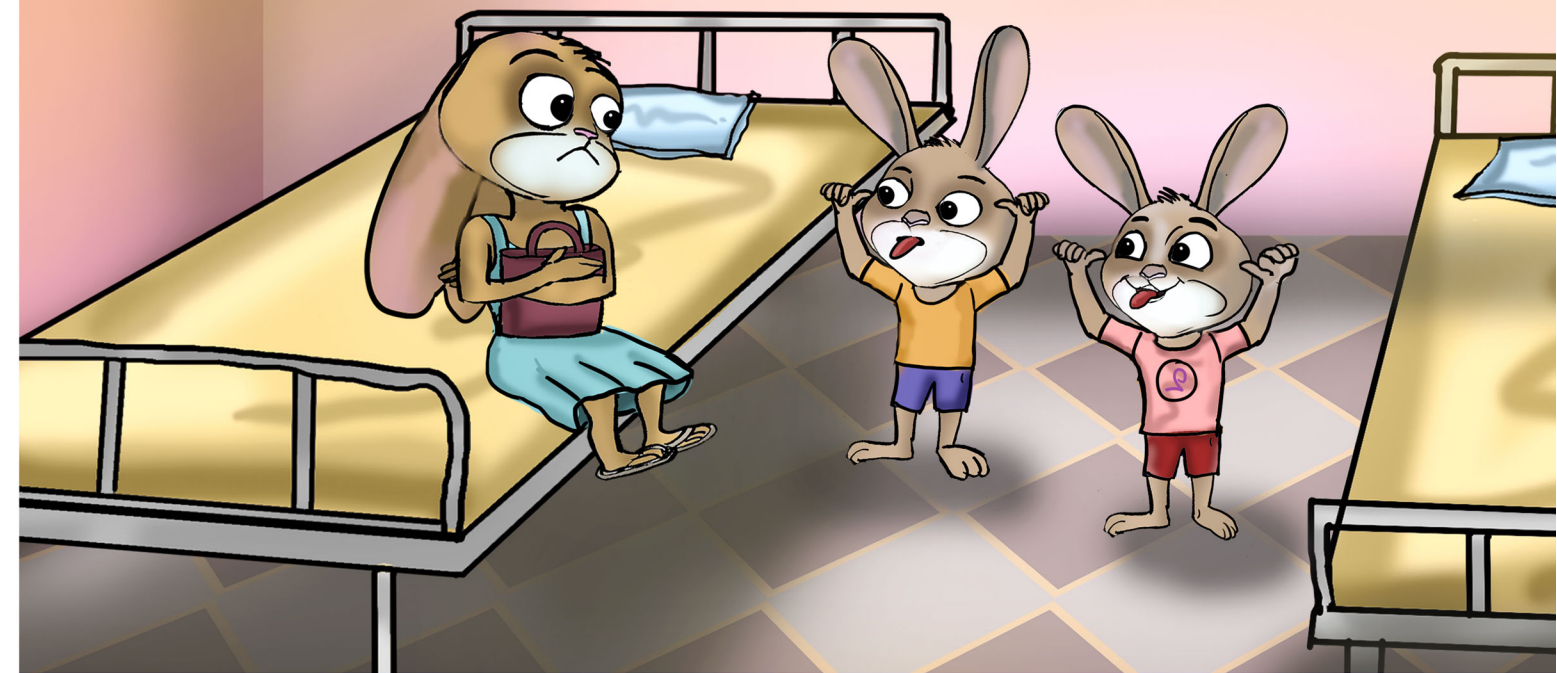


And Sheru the tiger cub, who was naughty, and pulled other animals' tails  
(at least those who had tails!)





There was Nanu the squirrel, who was the best jumper and climber of trees. She was really good friends with Momo, the monkey, who liked doing all the things Nanu did. "We hope you will come and play with us...we can show you how to climb the mango tree outside!" they excitedly told Mimi.



There were two other bunny rabbits, just like Mimi, only they were gray in colour. They were called Monty and Bunty. They liked to make funny faces and get people to laugh. "Nice to have another rabbit with us," they said to Mimi, making funny faces at her.





Mimi found that they all slept in a long room that had many beds. She was glad that she was in the bed next to Tingu the deer and Monty and Bunty, the rabbits. It feels strange to be sleeping in a new place, in a new bed, thought Mimi. She wished she were back home with her mother, whom she missed very much. "Sweet dreams, Mimi", said the rabbits.

"Don't be scared, Mimi, I am right next to you," said Tingu.

"Good-night everyone...sleep well," said Mrs. Bear as she turned off the light.

And so, Mimi, who was very tired after her long day, fell fast asleep.



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