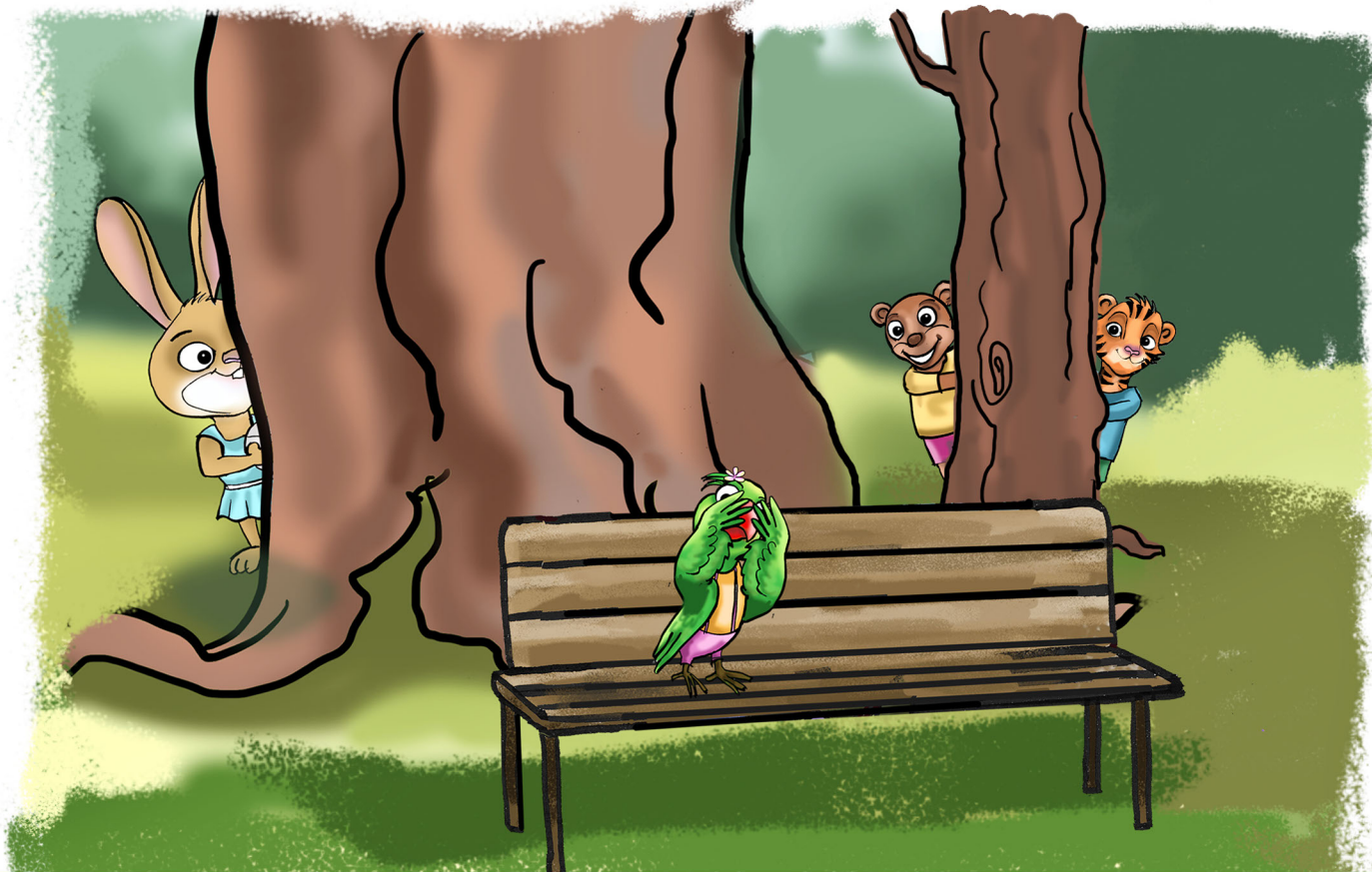
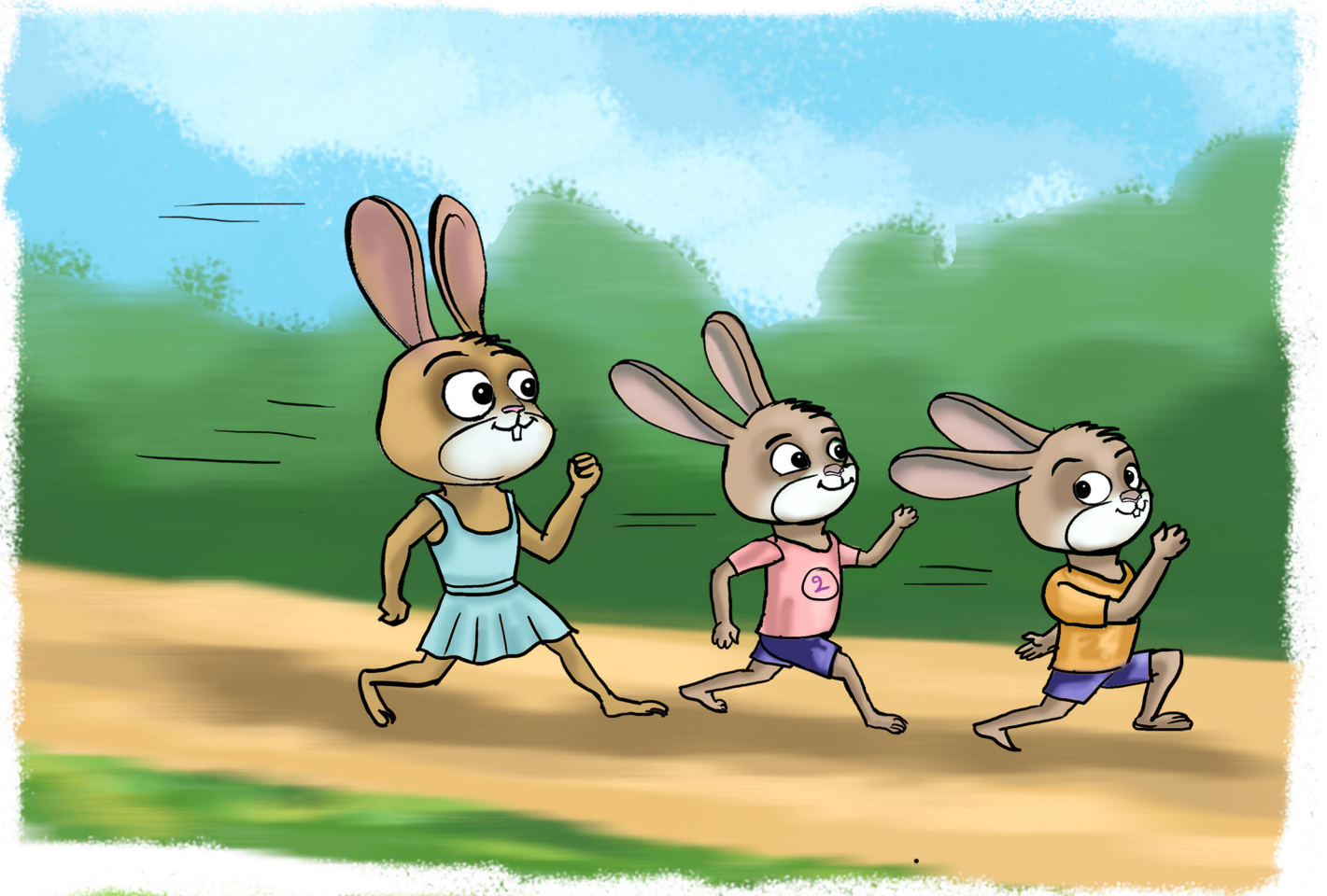
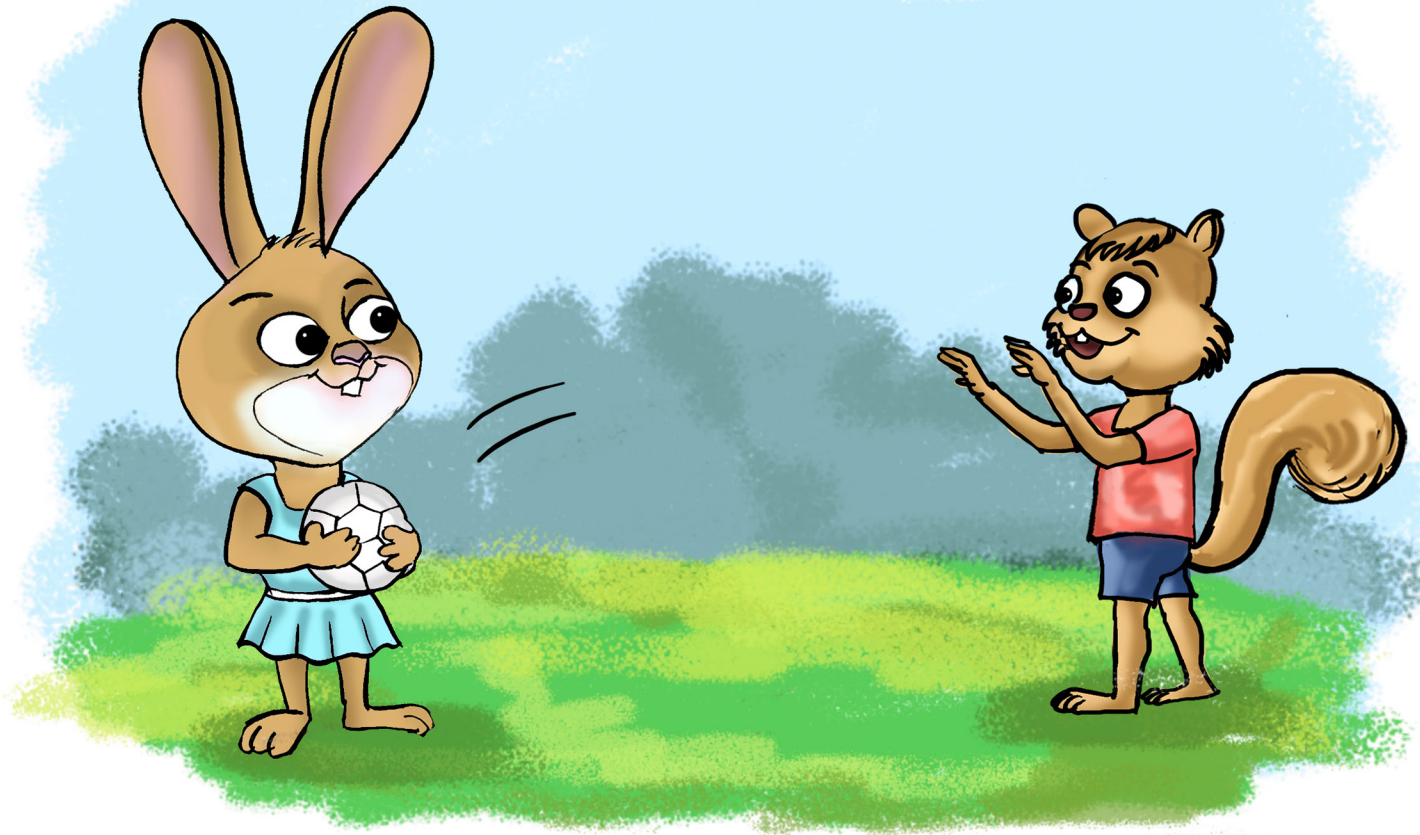
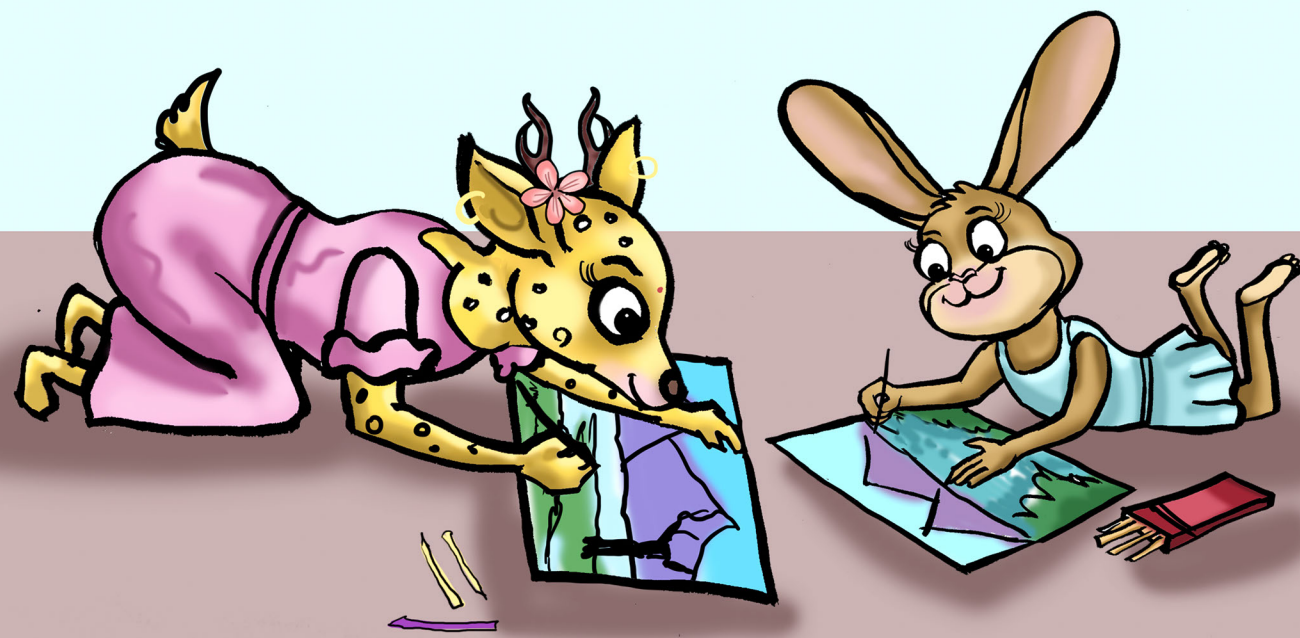
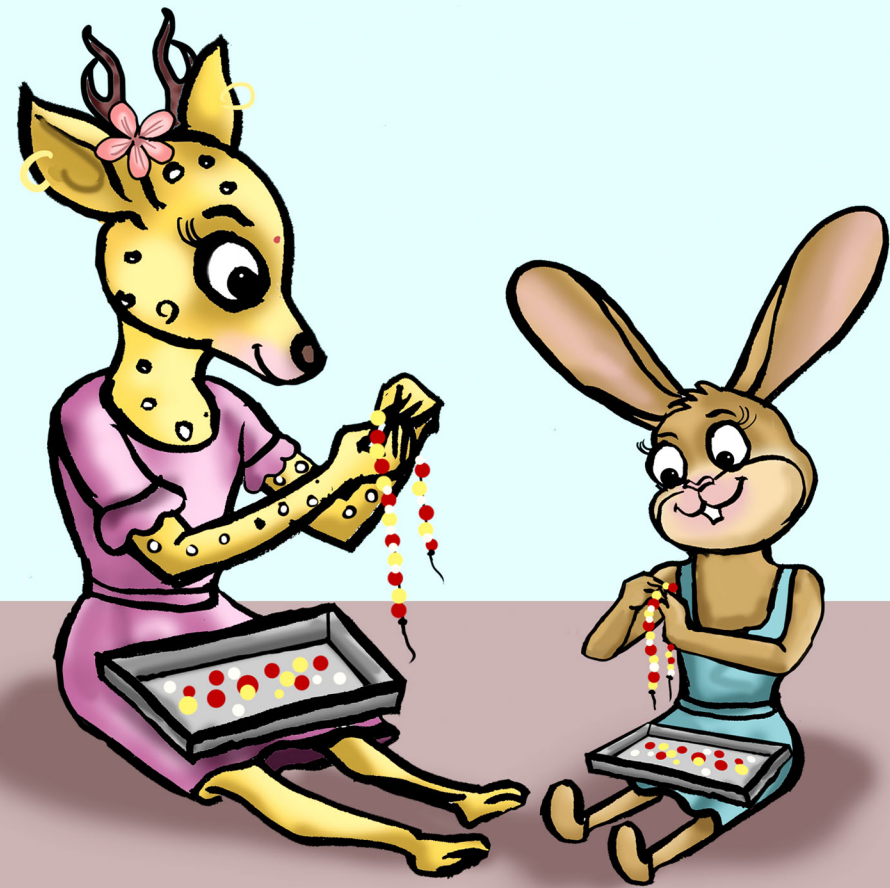


Mimi Settles In

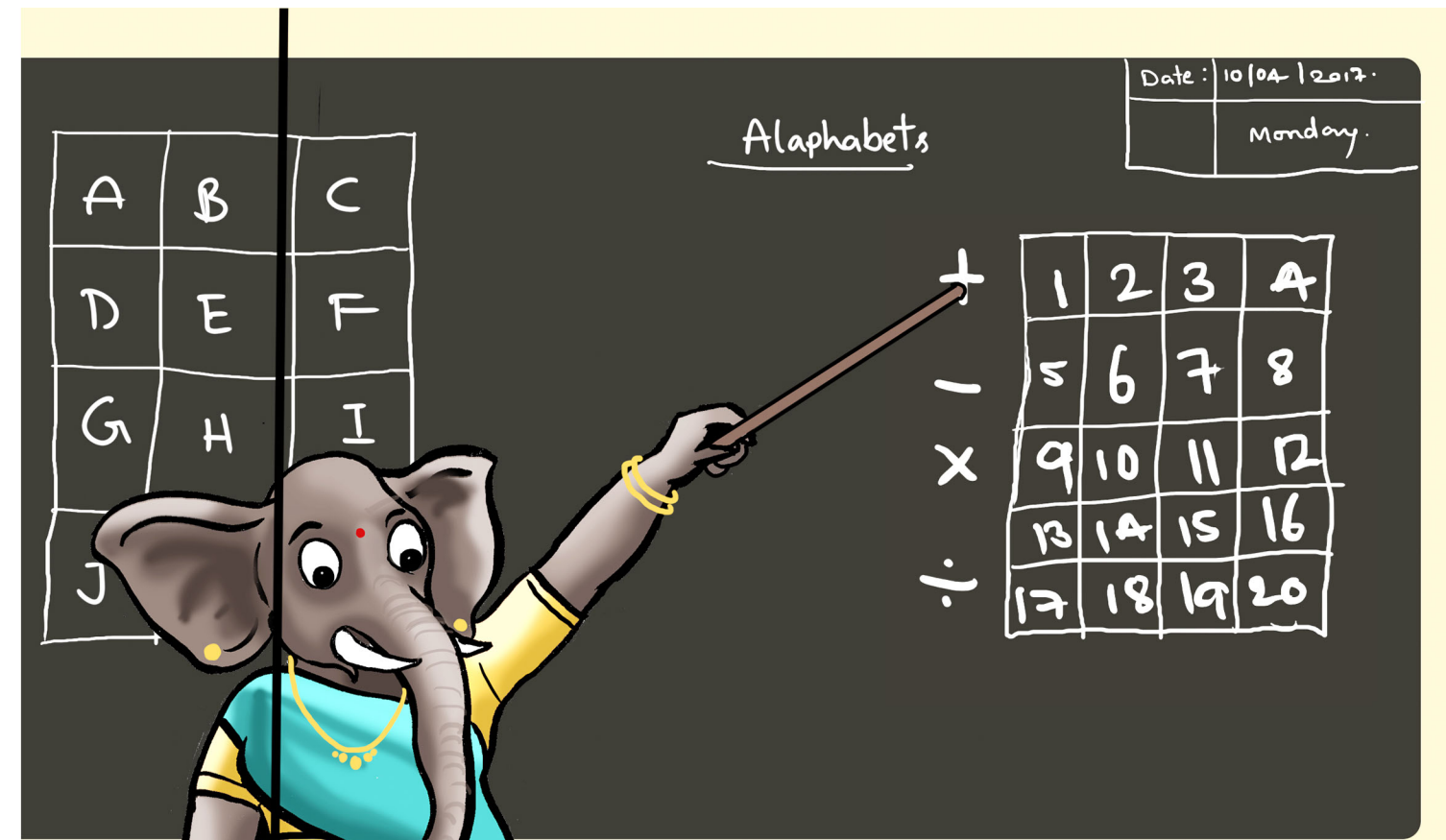




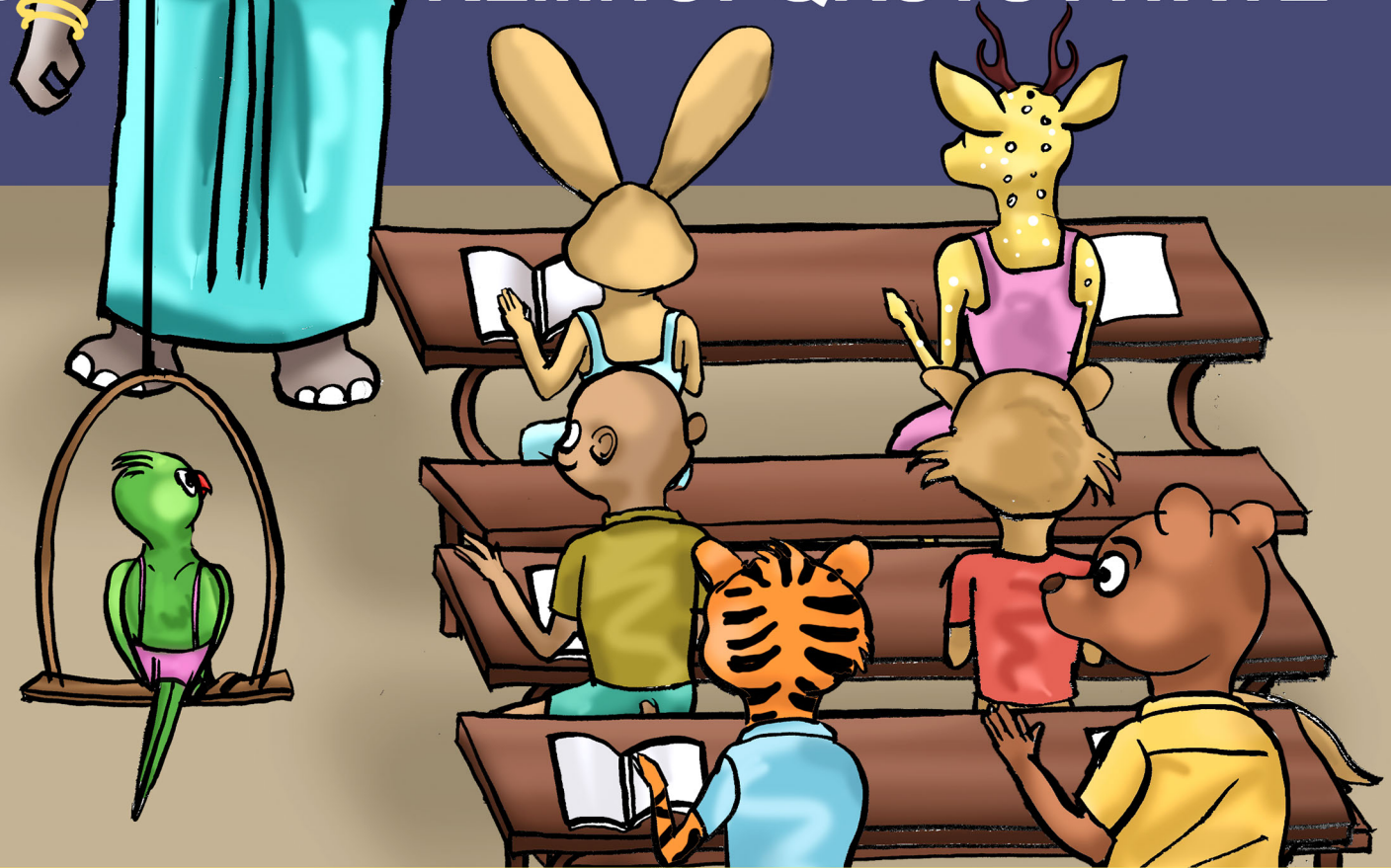
After some days, Mimi slowly became used to her new home. She now knew all the rooms in the house...which one to eat in, where to sleep and where the school room was. She was shy and scared at first but soon joined in the others' games. She played 'catch' with Nanu; hide-and-seek with Kiki, Sheru and Bobo; and running races with Monty and Bunty. She loved to climb the mango tree with Momo to pick mangoes even while they were raw, although Mrs. Deer pleaded with them to allow the fruit to ripen!



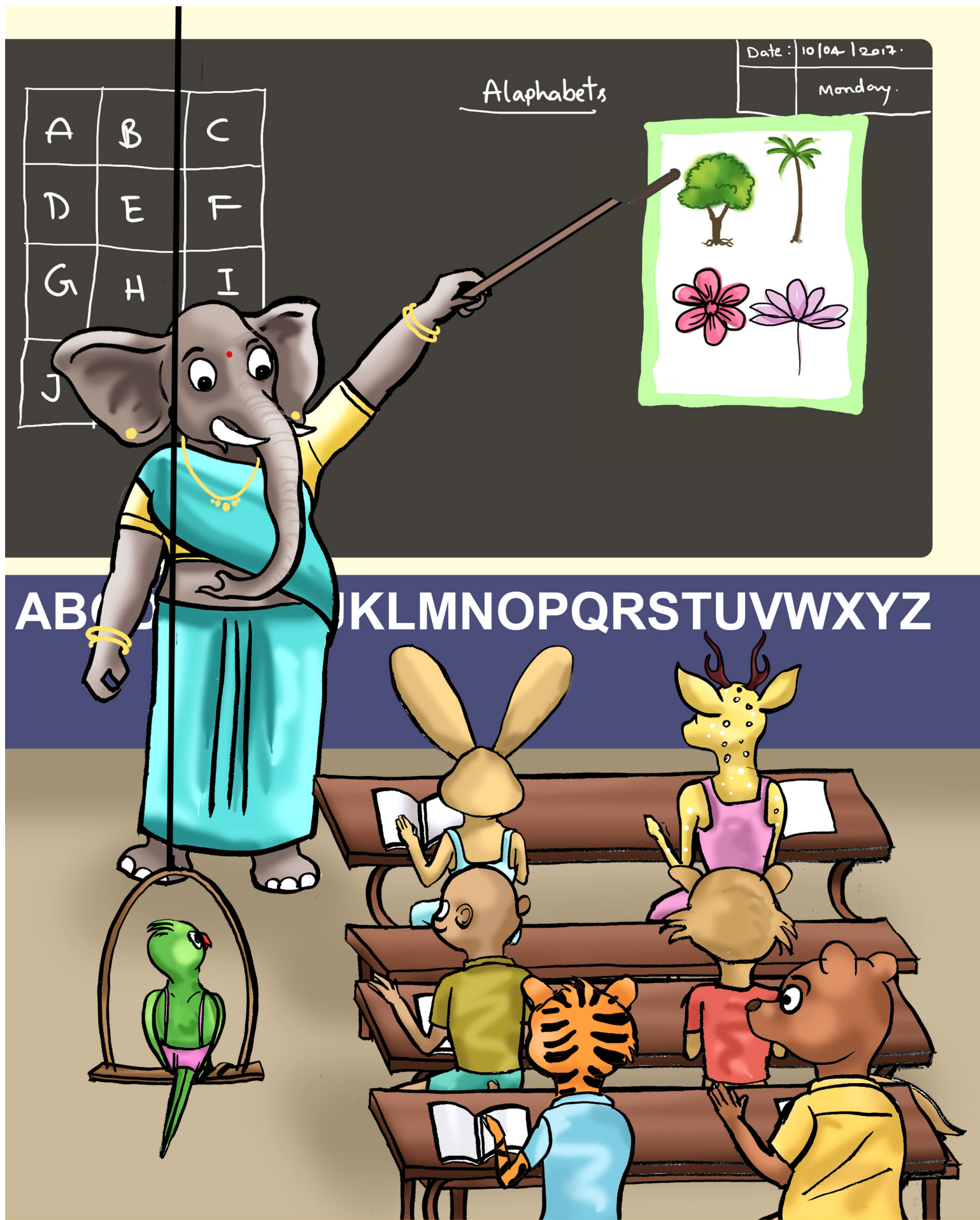
But Tingu, the gentle deer, was Mimi's best friend. Mimi loved making bead necklaces and colouring pictures with Tingu and always sat next to her at meal times.



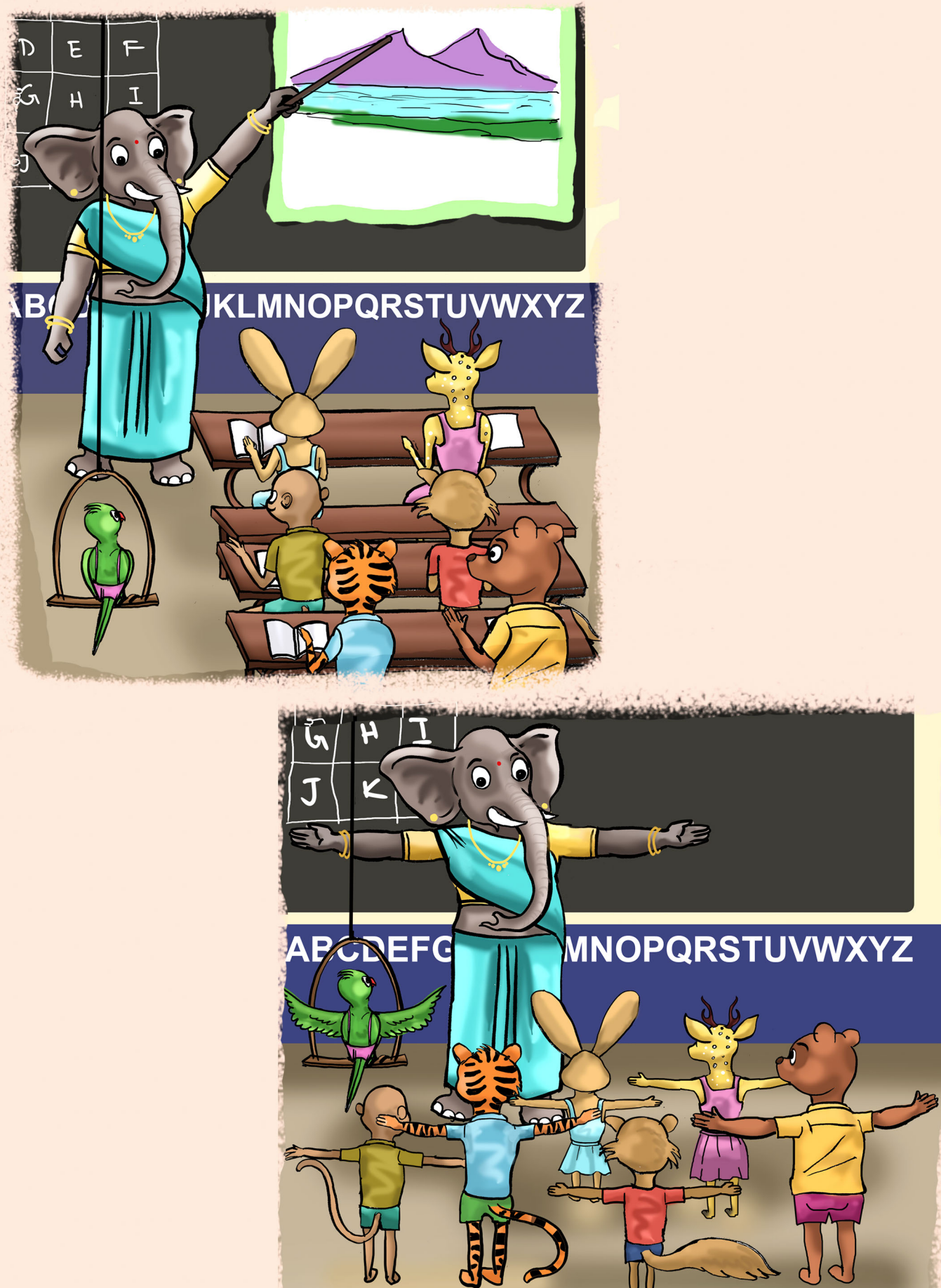
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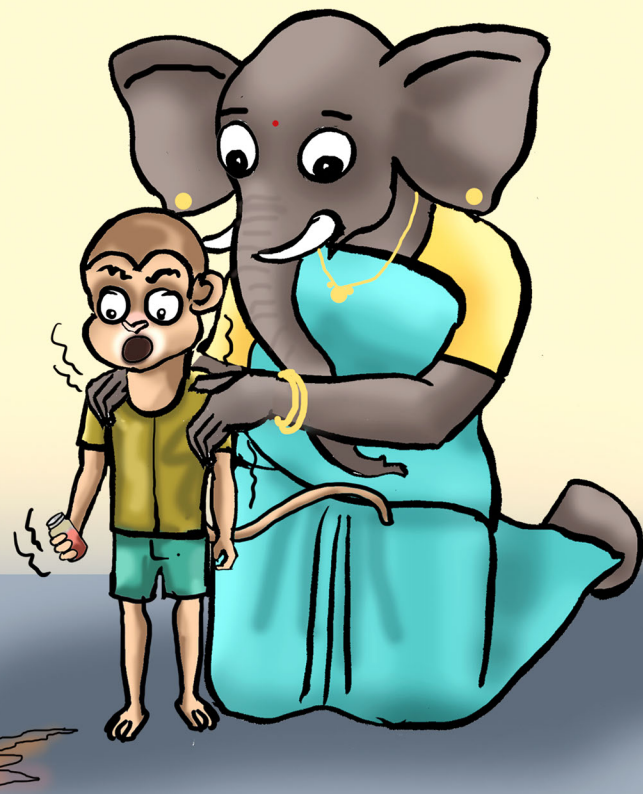
Each morning, after all the animals finished their breakfast and bath, they went to the school room. This was Mimi's favourite time of day. They spent all morning with their teacher Miss Jumbo, who was so clever and wise that she knew everything.



Mimi loved being in Miss Jumbo's school room.
Miss Jumbo taught the animals about trees and flowers in the forest.
And how to count and colour.



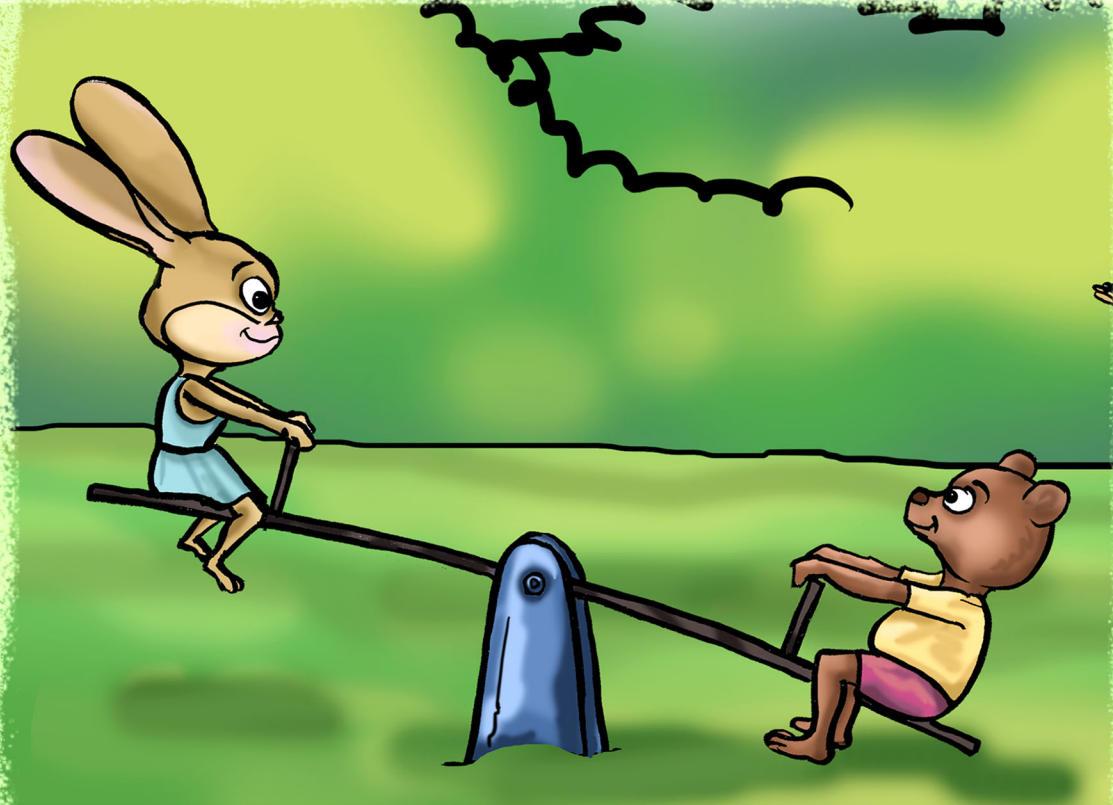
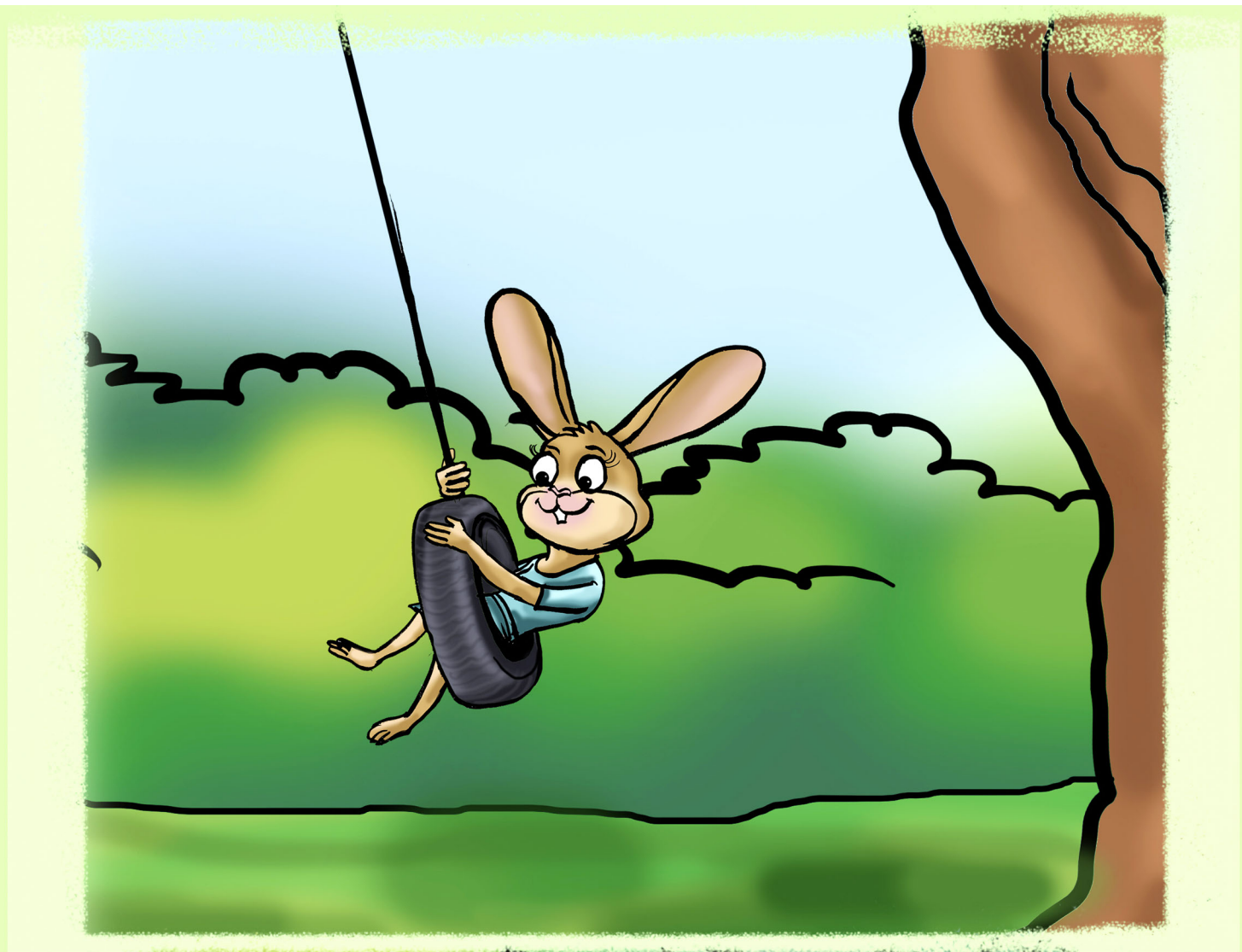
And about animals who lived in the nearby mountains.
She sang songs with them, and told stories.
She showed them how to do excercises every morning, to make them
strong and healthy.



The best thing about her was that she never hit or shouted at anyone, not even at Sheru when he broke a toy or at Momo when he spilled the paint on the floor.
"Accidents happen," Miss Jumbo would say. "Sheru broke the doll by mistake... let us help Momo clean up the floor."



The other place Mimi often went to was the kitchen. She liked to watch Mrs. Deer cook, just like she used to watch her mother do before...especially because Mrs. Deer sang the songs her mother used to sing. She also helped Mrs. Deer to arrange the plates and dishes sometimes.



Another thing Mimi loved about her new home was the play space outside. Each evening all the animals went to play on the swings and see-saws and slides. Sometimes Bobo and Sheru fought for the swing but Mrs. Bear would remind them that everyone has to wait and take turns to play on the swing and slide.



"I never had a school room at my home...and although I miss my home, I love playing on the swing with everyone," Mimi told Mrs. Bear.



" We all live together like one big happy family...and we want you to be happy with us, so I am glad you like being here", said Mrs. Bear.

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