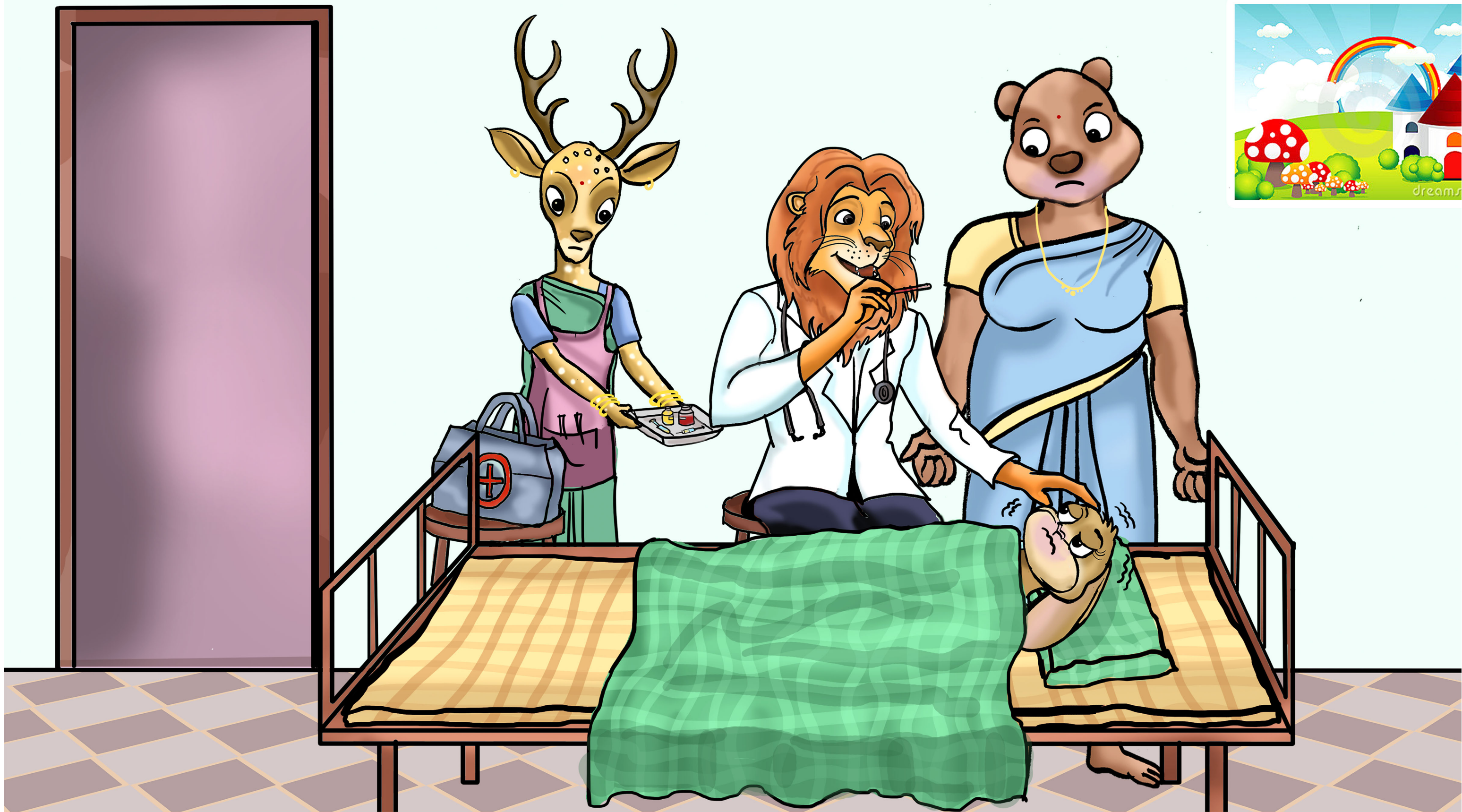
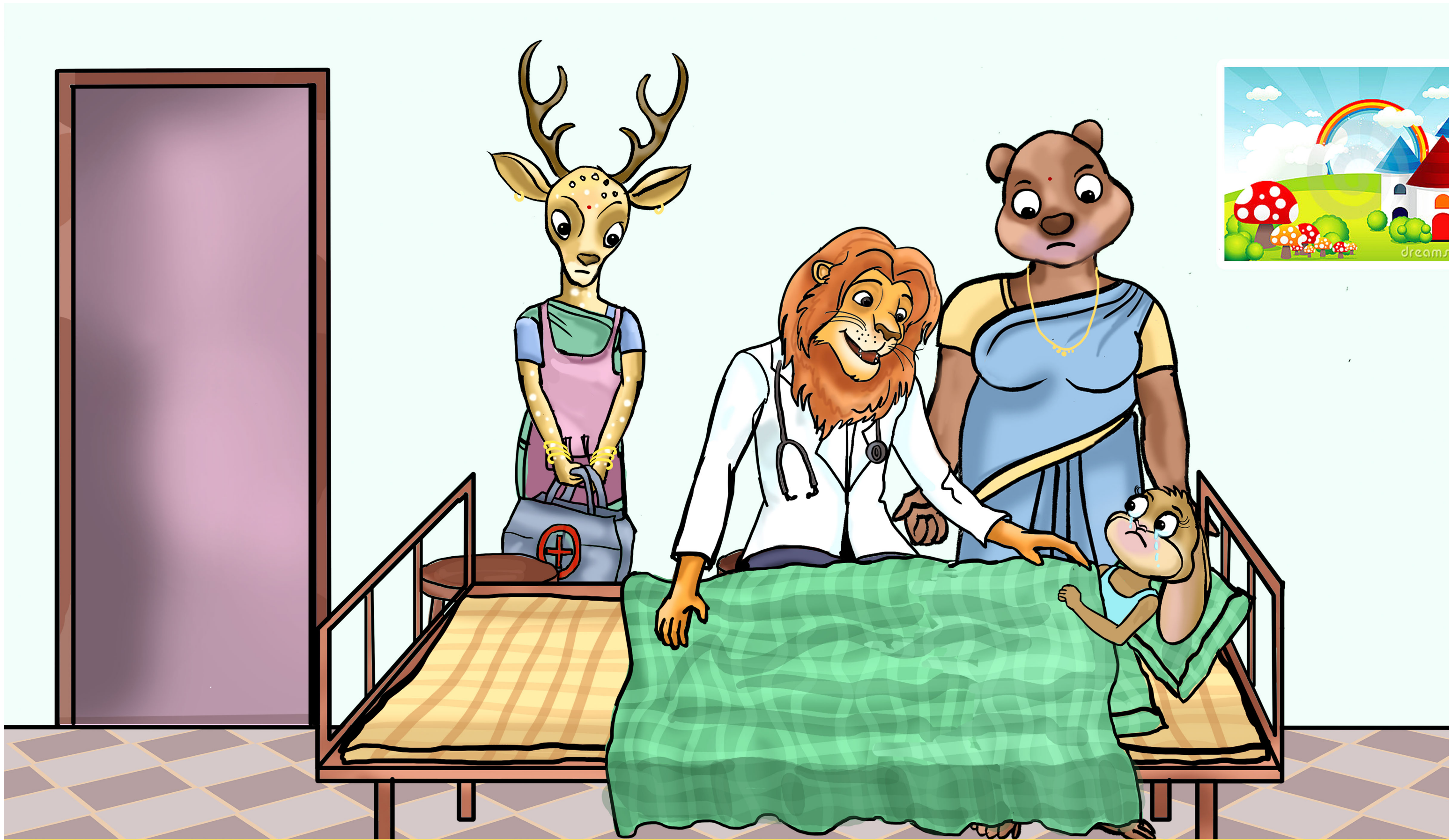


Mimi Gets Sick



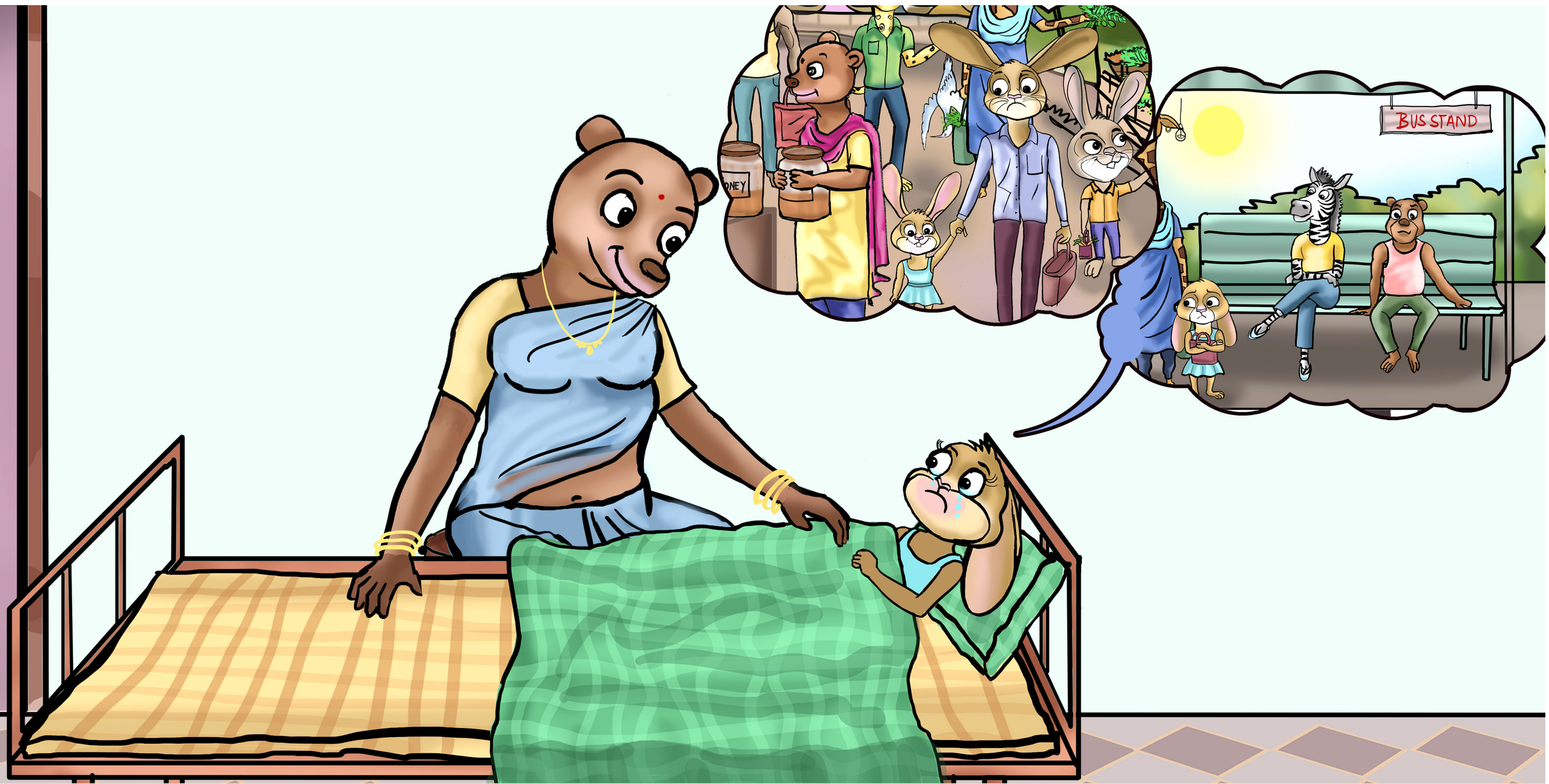


One day, Mimi fell sick. She had a cold and cough and Mrs. Bear said she needed to stay in bed. Dr. Lion, the jolly doctor came to see her. Mimi was afraid of Dr. Lion and started to cry because she did not want him to give her an injection. But Dr. Lion was very kind and after he took her temperature, told Mimi that she should stay in bed and rest for a few days. So, Mimi was not allowed to go to the schoolroom either.



Mimi felt sad and lonely. Her head hurt and she wanted her mummy. Mrs. Bear came in to find her crying. "What is the matter, Mimi," asked Mrs. Bear. "I want my mummy...I miss her," sobbed Mimi.

"I know you miss mummy, Mimi...all the little animals here don't have mummies and daddies and like you, they too miss them. So, it is ok to miss your mummy ...and to feel sad sometimes. I am here to take care of you...and Mrs. Deer and Dr. Lion are also here to look after you."



"Why did daddy leave me in the market place? Why didn't he come back

"I don't really know why he did that. We would have to ask him that to know what happened that day and why he did not come back. But I don't think he should have left you alone in the market place like that...I know how scared and sad you were", said Mrs. Bear.

"Doesn't daddy love me? ...Then why isn't he coming to find me?" asked Mimi.

"I believe daddy loves you...because daddies usually love their babies. But maybe your daddy is unable to come and find you for some reason we don't know yet. May be he has some problems and difficulties of his own," explained Mrs. Bear.

"Will he come back?" asked Mimi.

"I don't know if he will come back. We are trying to see if we find him. If we do and he comes to take you and you want to be with him, of course you can go back to your home with him. But if we cannot find him, you can continue to stay with us...and go to school and have friends. You know we love having you here," answered Mrs. Bear.



Just then Tingu came with a colouring book and crayons.
"Let's colour!", she said. "I know that will help you feel better!"



Kiki brought Mimi a large lollipop.
"Lollipops always help me get better sooner than medicines do!" he said.
"And lollipops taste so much better than medicines, don't they?"
Mimi certainly agreed with that!



Bobo held Mimi's paw so she would feel comforted.
"I will sit on your feet", said Sheru. "...to keep you warm."



"School is no fun without you, Mimi". said Nanu and Momo. "Do get well soon!"
"I miss you in the kitchen, Mimi! No one arranges the plates as neatly as you do!" said Mrs. Deer.



"You see Mimi, everyone loves you...you have many new friends here who all want you to get well soon so you can go out and play with them again," said Mrs. Bear.

"Yes, I love them all too...I feel much better already", said Mimi, smiling.

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