

# Another Home for Mimi?

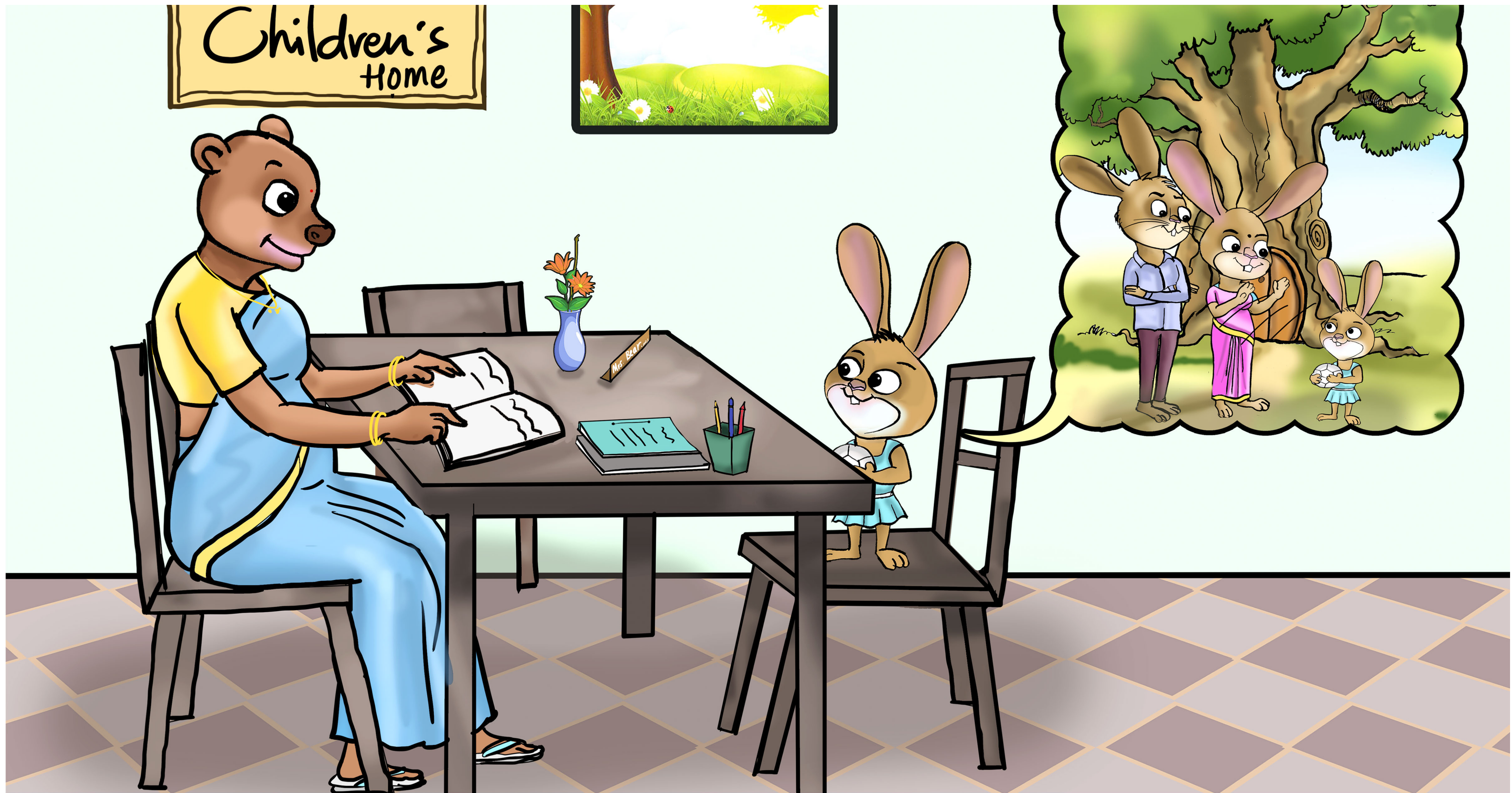






One day, Mimi was playing on the swing when Mrs. Bear called her to come indoors.





"Mimi, how would you like to go to a new home?" she asked.

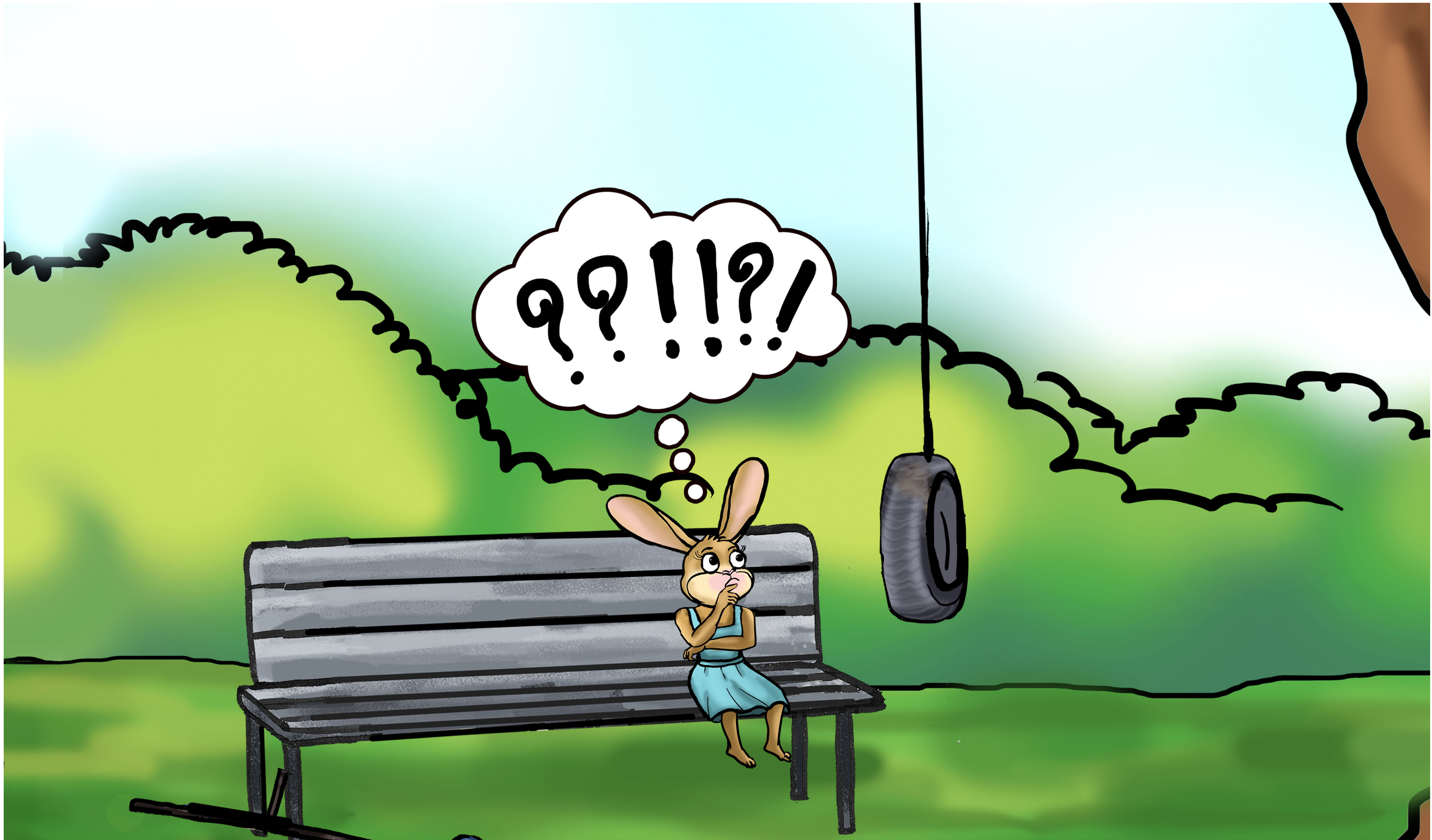
"But I already have a home...this one," said Mimi, very surprised.

"Of course you do...and we love having you here, in this home. But what do you think about going to a home with a family... where you would have a mother and father to take care of you...?" asked Mrs. Bear.

"But I already had a mother and father..." said Mimi. "How can I have another mother and father?"

"Yes, of course you had a mother and father before—and I know you loved them...and that you still think of them and miss them sometimes. Although we tried, we were unable to find your father. I wonder though whether you would like to have another mother and father...who may be different but still love you very much and take care of you...just like your parents did and we do now, in this home."





Mimi felt afraid and unsure. Another home? New parents?  
A mother and father she has never met and does not know? Would she be safe?  
Would they really love and take care of her?  
They may be so different from her own parents...what then?





Mrs. Bear said that it would be best for Mimi to first meet with Mr. and Mrs. Giraffe, the new mother and father. "Only after you have spent some time with them, and you think you would like to go and live with them, will I send you to their home," explained Mrs. Bear.

And so, Mimi met her new parents for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Giraffe were both very, very tall and Mimi was afraid of them. How strange and different they looked! They seemed so unlike the parents she had known.

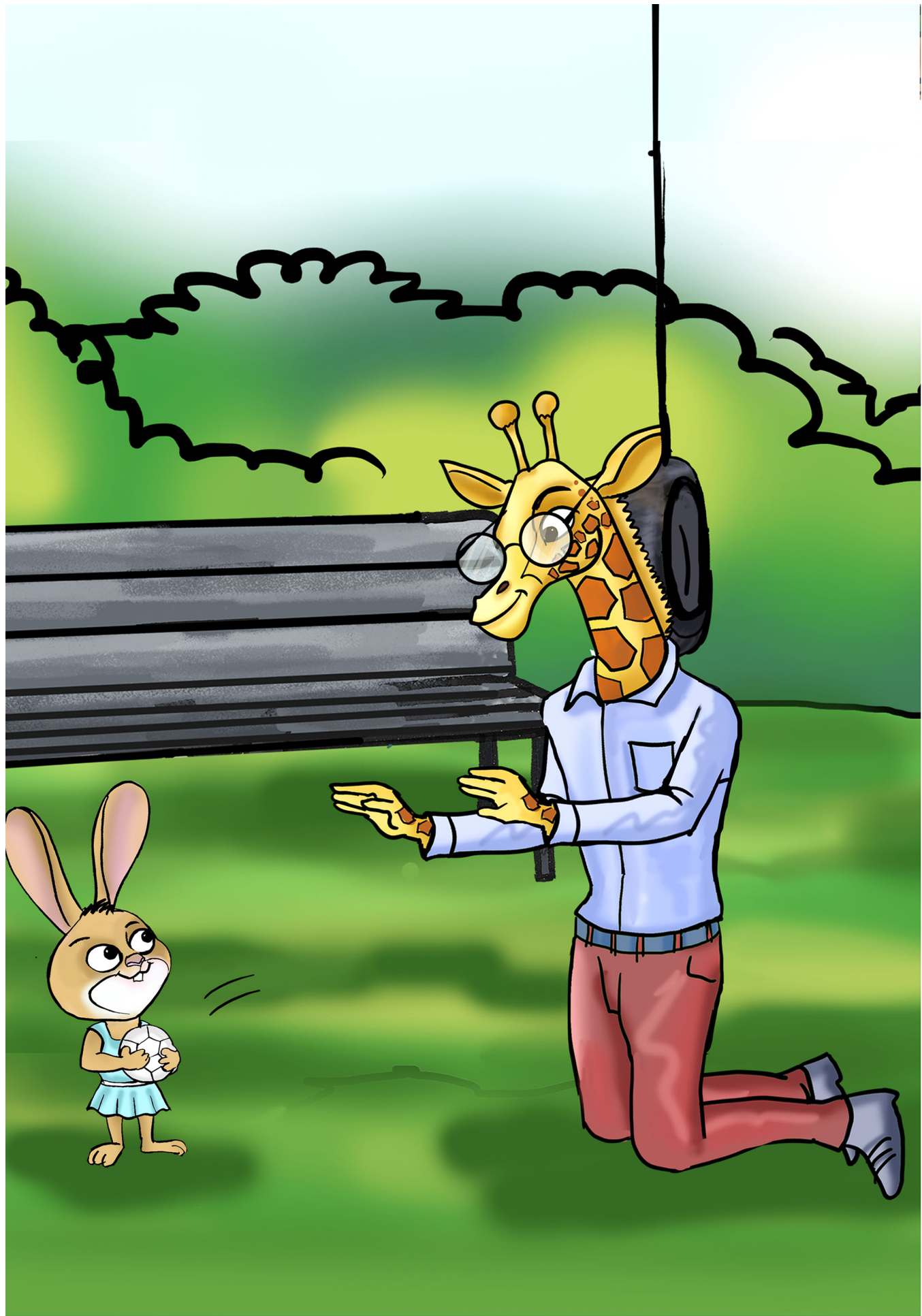


"Hello Mimi, we are very glad to meet you," they said, shaking hands with her. Mimi was silent...and then she began to cry.

"Don't cry, we don't mean to make you feel sad or scared," said Mrs. Giraffe, gently patting her.

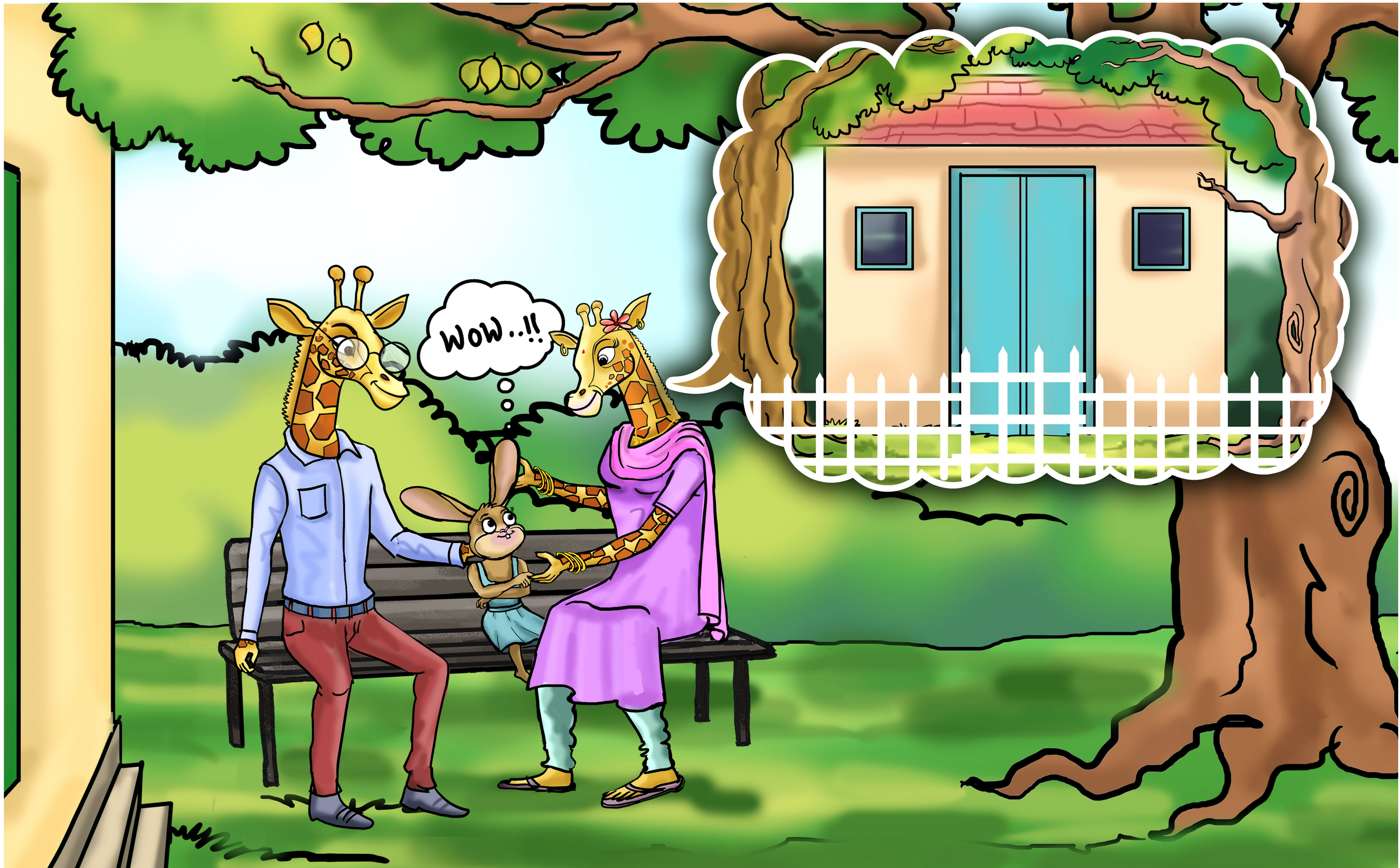
"Why don't we just play a game and get to know each other a little first," suggested Mr. Giraffe.





Over the next few days, Mr. and Mrs. Giraffe came to see Mimi everyday. They played ball with her, took a walk around the garden and met Mimi's friends at the home. They told her how much they enjoyed being with her.

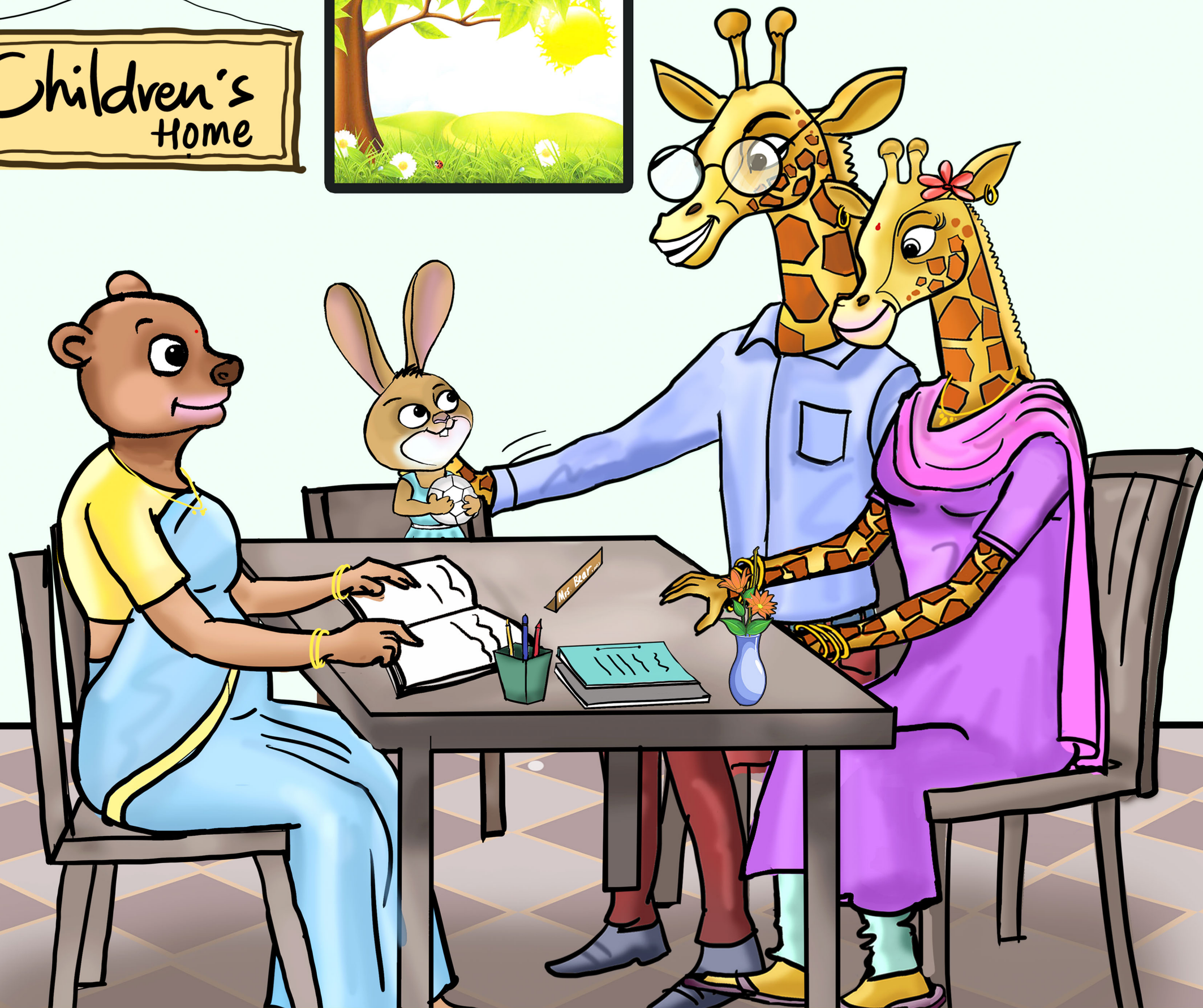
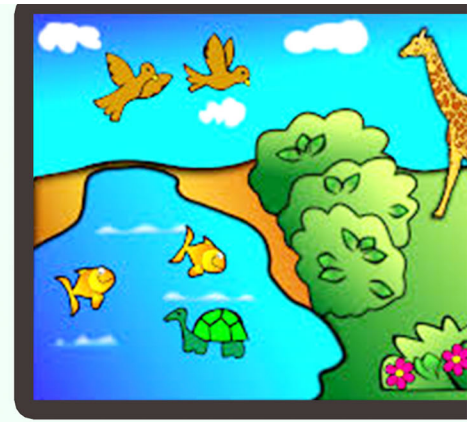
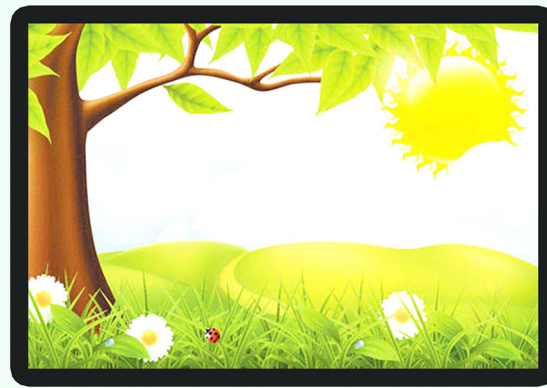




And so, Mr. and Mrs. Giraffe played games with her and told her stories.

They also told her a little about themselves and their home: "We live on the edge of the forest in a tree house, which looks like a tower; we do not have a child but we really want one. So, we are hoping that you will decide to come and live with us, so that we can be a happy family together."





After some weeks, Mrs. Bear asked Mimi if she felt ready to move to a new home.

"Yes", said Mimi. "I think I would like to live with Mr. and Mrs. Giraffe and be their child."

"We are so happy that we get to be Mimi's new mother and father! It is what we have wanted more than anything, ever" said Mr. Giraffe smiling.

"I can't wait to take you to our home...your new home...and introduce you to everyone else in our family!" said Mrs. Giraffe, excitedly.





Everyone was sad that Mimi was leaving but they were happy that she had found a home and a family to live with. Mimi was sad too because she would miss Mrs. Bear and Mrs. Deer, and Mrs. Jumbo...and all her friends, especially Tingu. But she was also excited that she would have parents and a family again. She promised to come back and see Mrs. Bear and all her friends whenever possible.



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