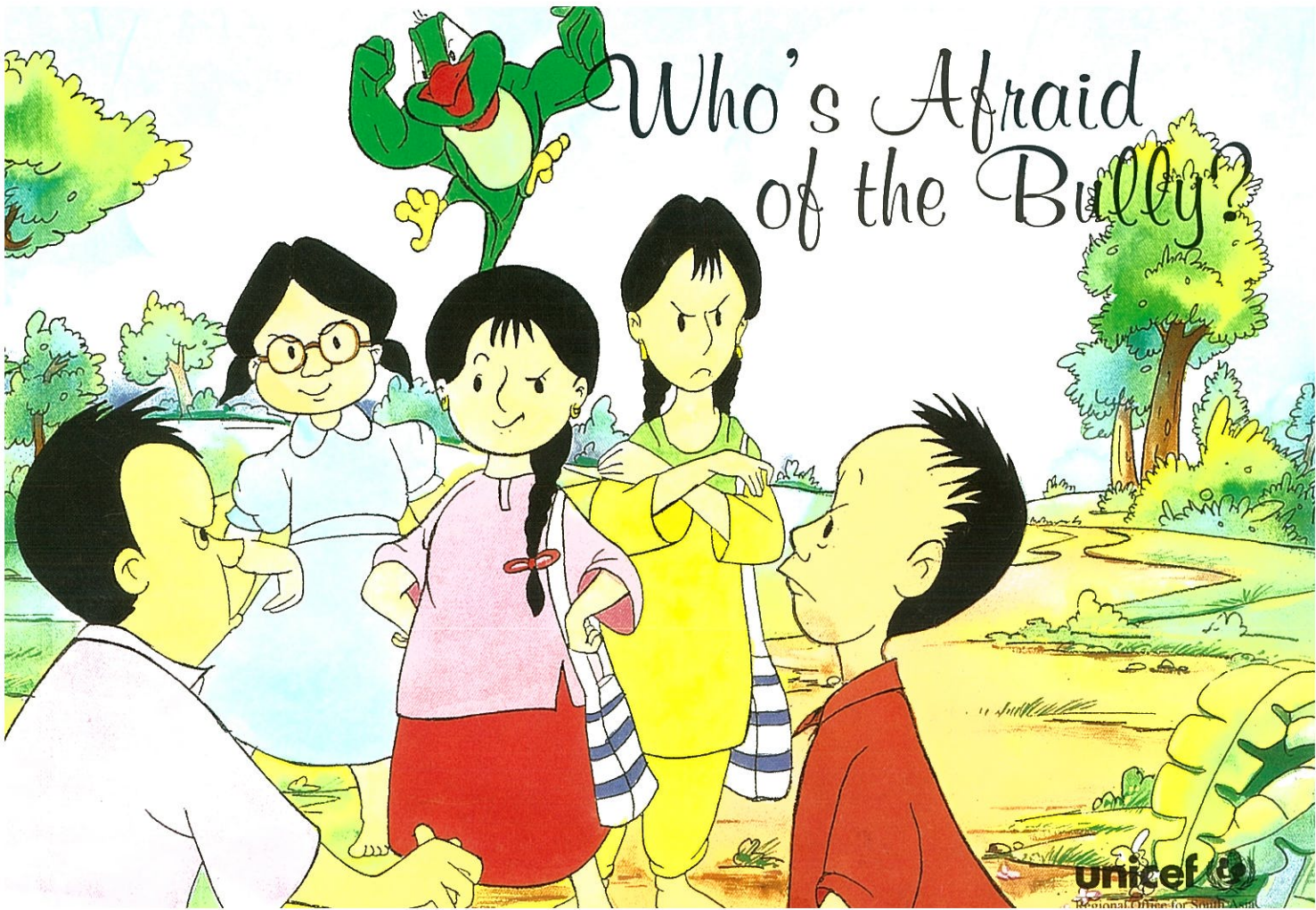
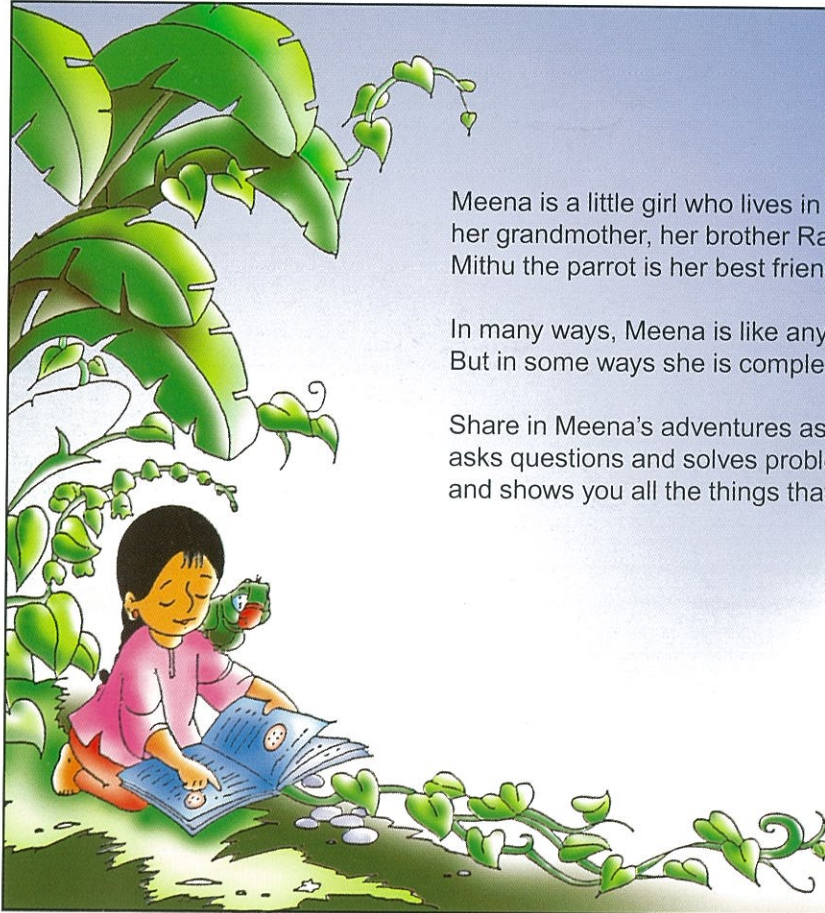


Who's Afraid of the Bully?





Meena is a little girl who lives in a village with her parents, her grandmother, her brother Raju and her baby sister Rani. Mithu the parrot is her best friend.

In many ways, Meena is like any other little girl you know. But in some ways she is completely different.

Share in Meena's adventures as she laughs, climbs trees, asks questions and solves problems, and shows you all the things that a little girl can do.

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One day, Meena and Raju were playing in the garden with Munmun the lamb. Mithu felt jealous at all the attention given to Munmun.

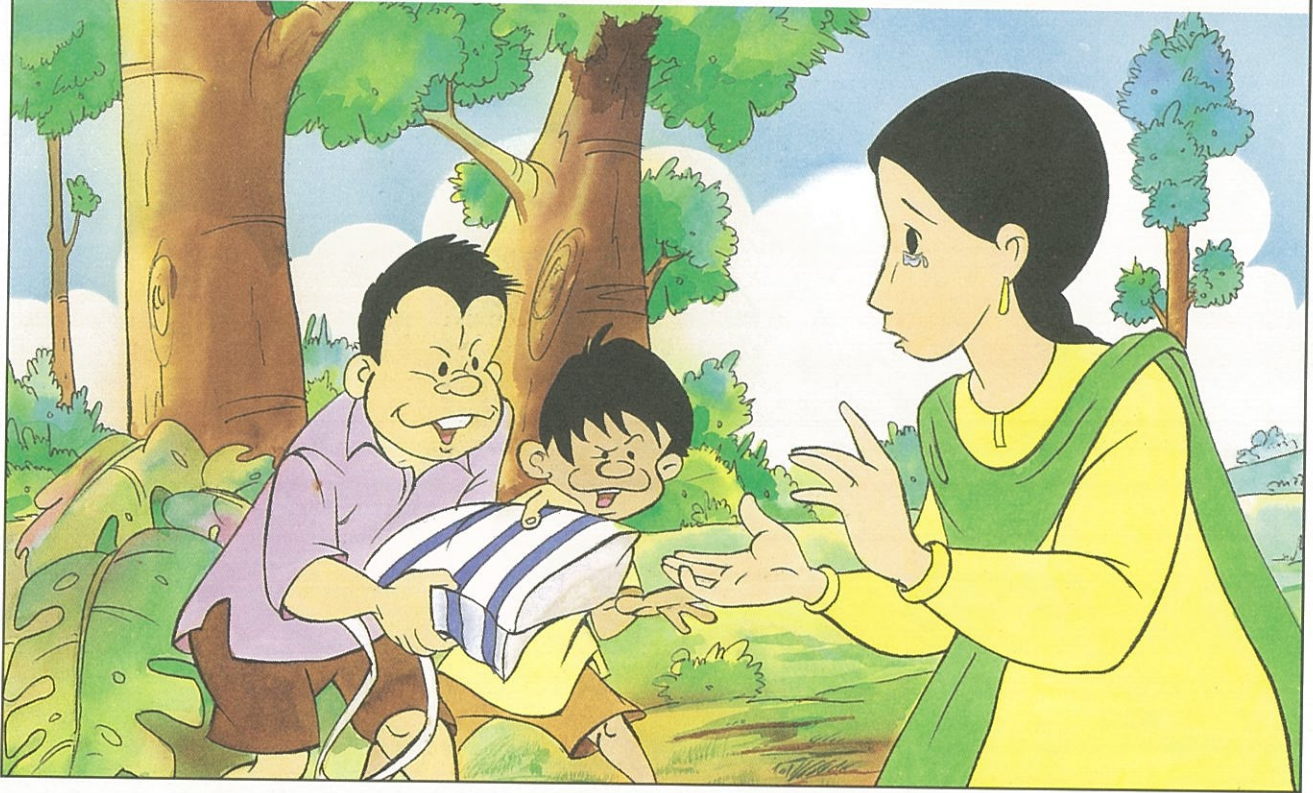
Suddenly, a gang of crows swooped down on Munmun and frightened her. The poor little lamb ran to Meena for protection.



Meena and Raju chased off the crows and scolded Mithu for not helping Munmun. "If both of you stand up together against them, the crows can't hurt you," said Meena to Mithu.



On their way to school the next morning, Meena and Raju saw a group of boys teasing one of their classmates. The boys were tossing Rita's bag around and bullying her.



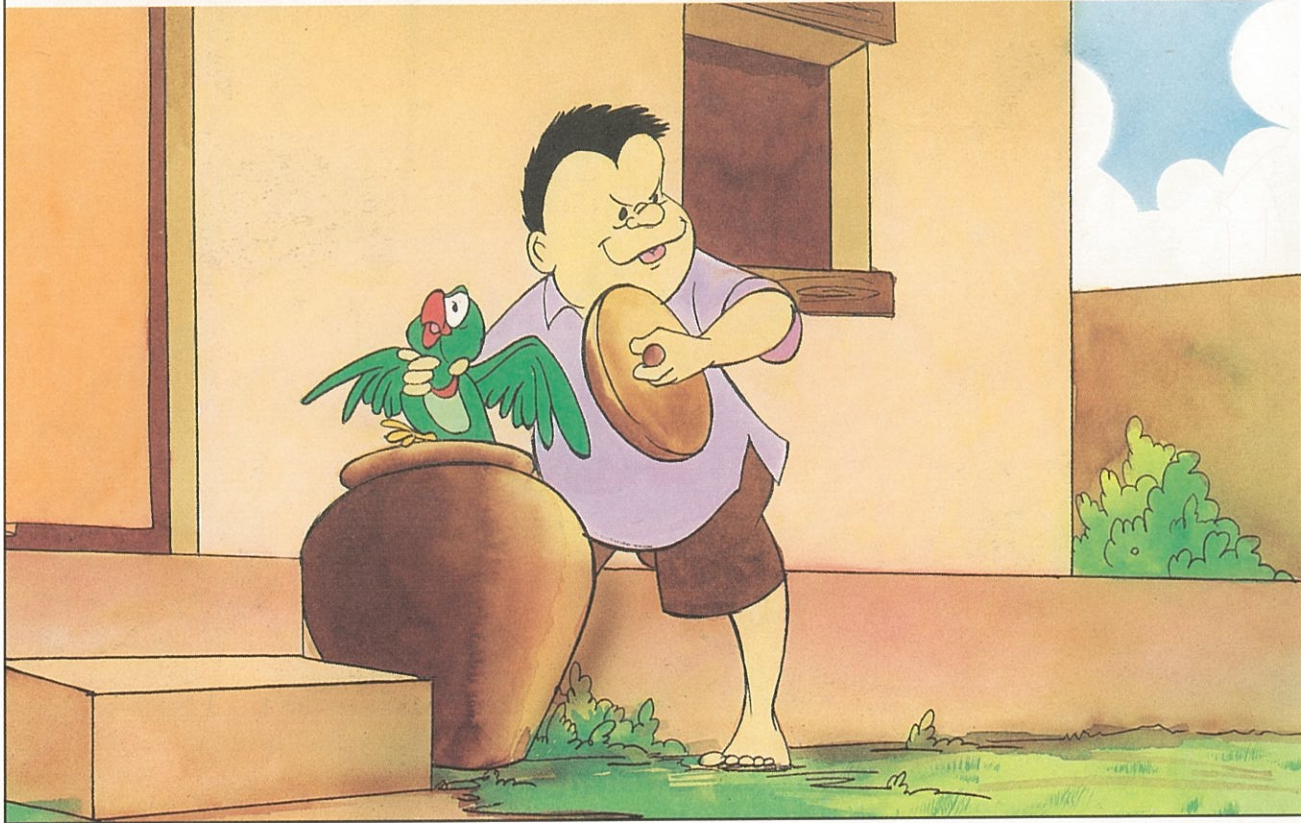
When they saw Raju, the boys tossed the bag to him. Not wanting to be called a sissy, Raju tossed it back to them. Meena was very angry with Raju for being so weak.





Finally, Mithu and Munmun helped to rescue the bag. They gave it to Meena, who returned it to Rita.

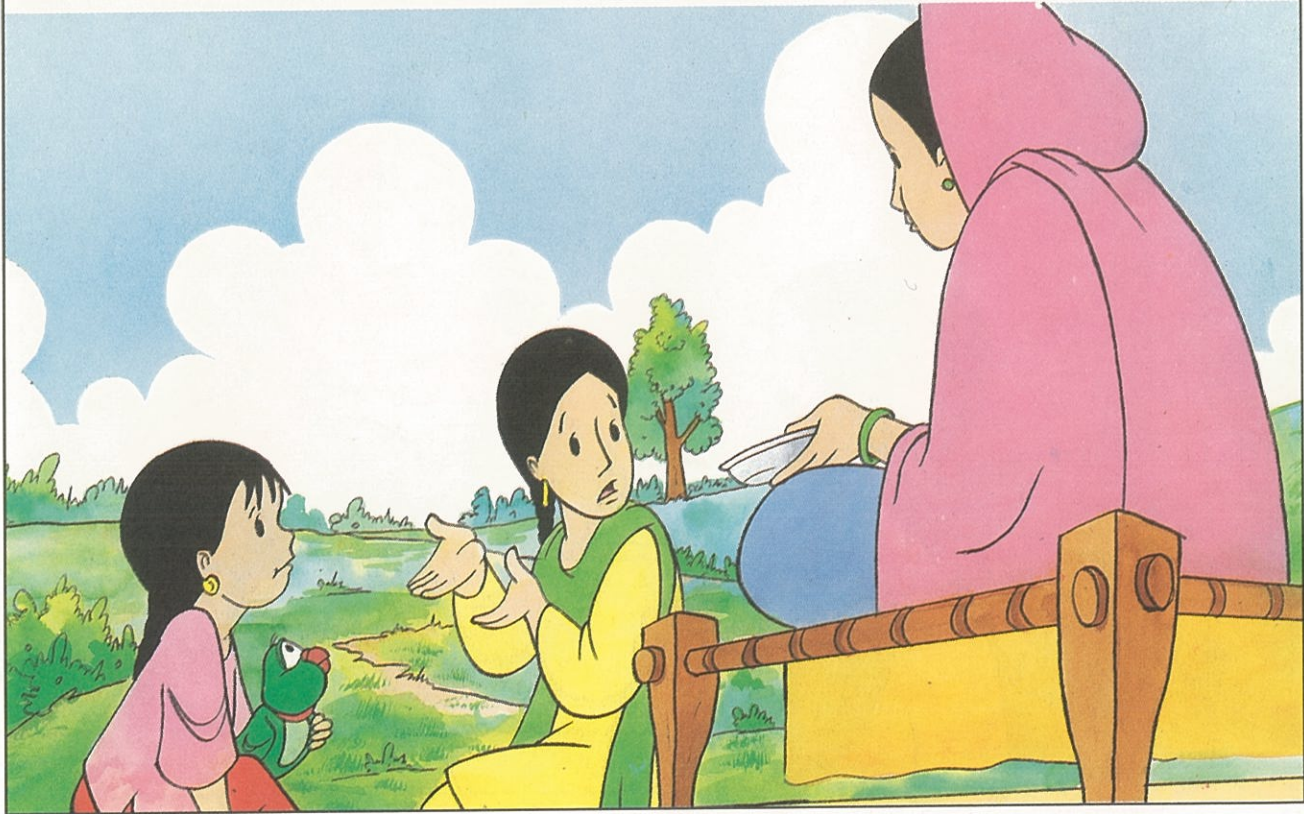
After school was over, the bully captured Mithu and shut him in a pot at Meena's house to teach him a lesson.





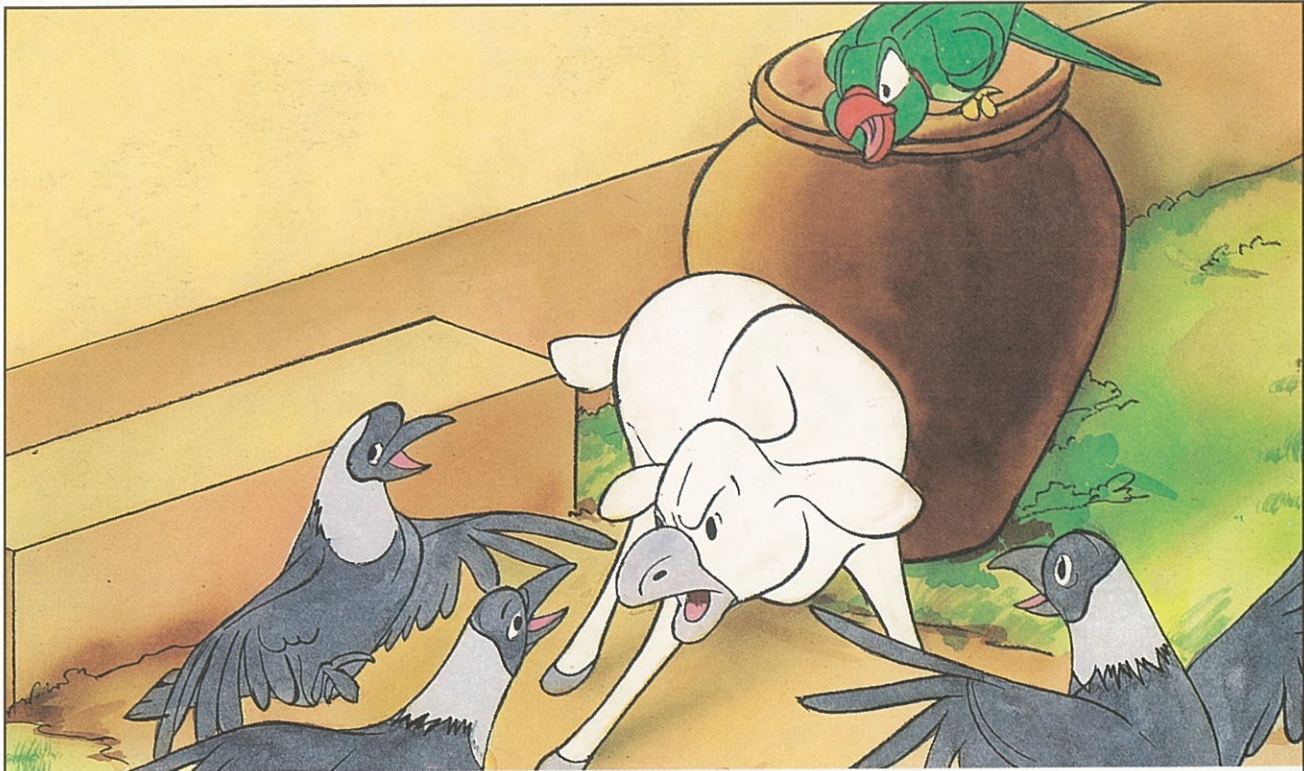
Meena, Raju and Rita searched a long time for Mithu before discovering where he was.

Rita was still upset at what the bullies had done. She told Meena's mother that the bullying was bothering her so much that she was thinking of leaving school.



Meena's mother told Rita that leaving school was not the solution. She said that all the children would have to stand up to the boys together.





Just then, the bullying crows attacked the lamb again. But this time, Munmun and Mithu were ready. They drove the crows off together.
“That’s what we have to do,” said the children.



Meena, her friends, and Raju got together and made a plan...



... and dressed Mithu up as a girl.

They set up an elaborate trap for the bullies.....



As soon as the bullies appeared on the road, the girls challenged them.



Raju refused to join the boys this time. He asked the bullies why they had to tease the girls.



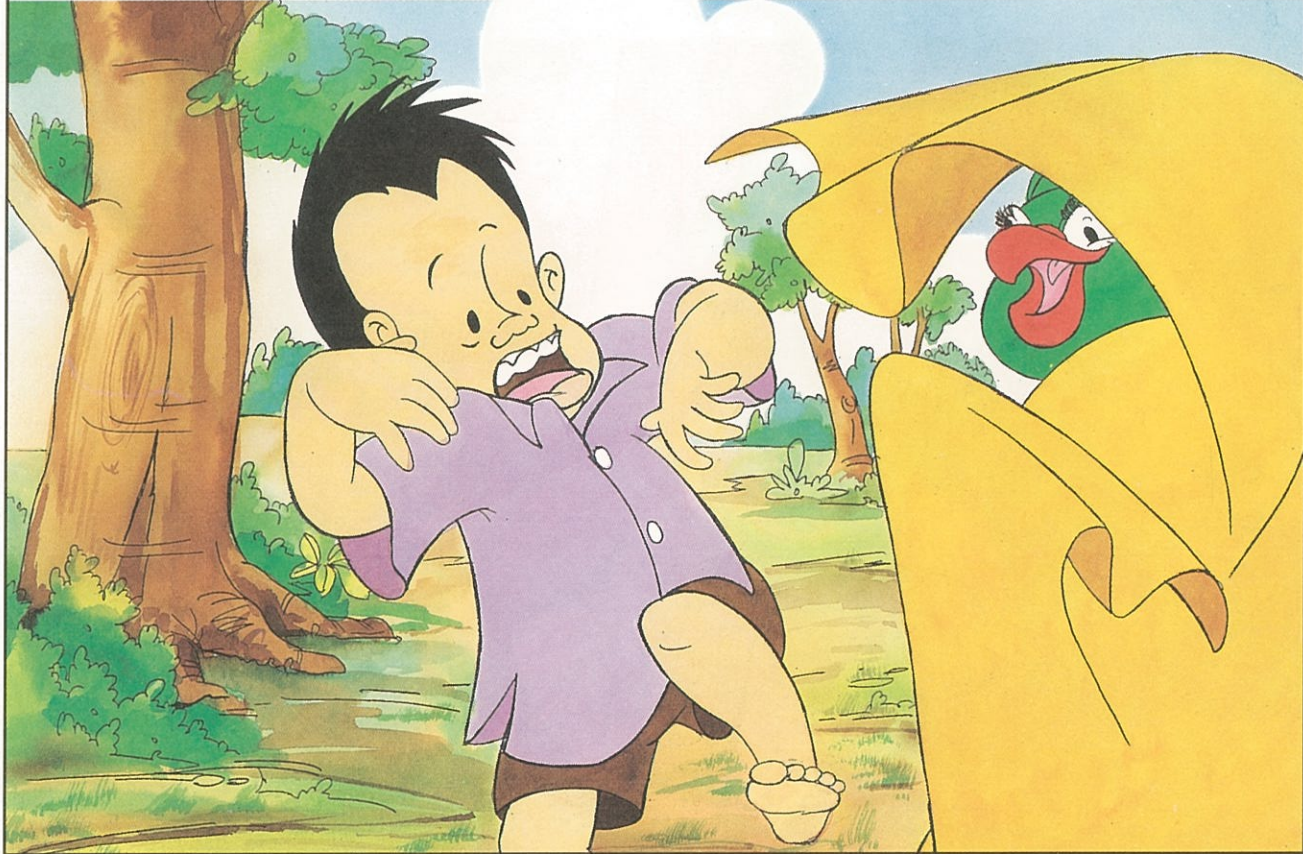


Most of the boys tiptoed quietly away at being faced by so many girls. But Dipu, their leader, walked boldly up.



He saw the new 'girl' and grabbed her bag.

Mithu jumped out and scared Dipu.



Then the trap was released and a bucket of red water came straight down on Dipu's head.





How all the children laughed - the girls as well as the boys!

Dipu was helped up by Raju - he had learnt his lesson.





“Don’t be afraid of bullies.
Get together to deal with them,” Meena and Raju said.



Solve this puzzle by placing the point of your pencil on dot number 1 and drawing a line to dot number 2. Then draw another line to dot number 3 and so on, until you have connected all the dots. After you have done this, you may use your crayons to color this surprise picture.



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