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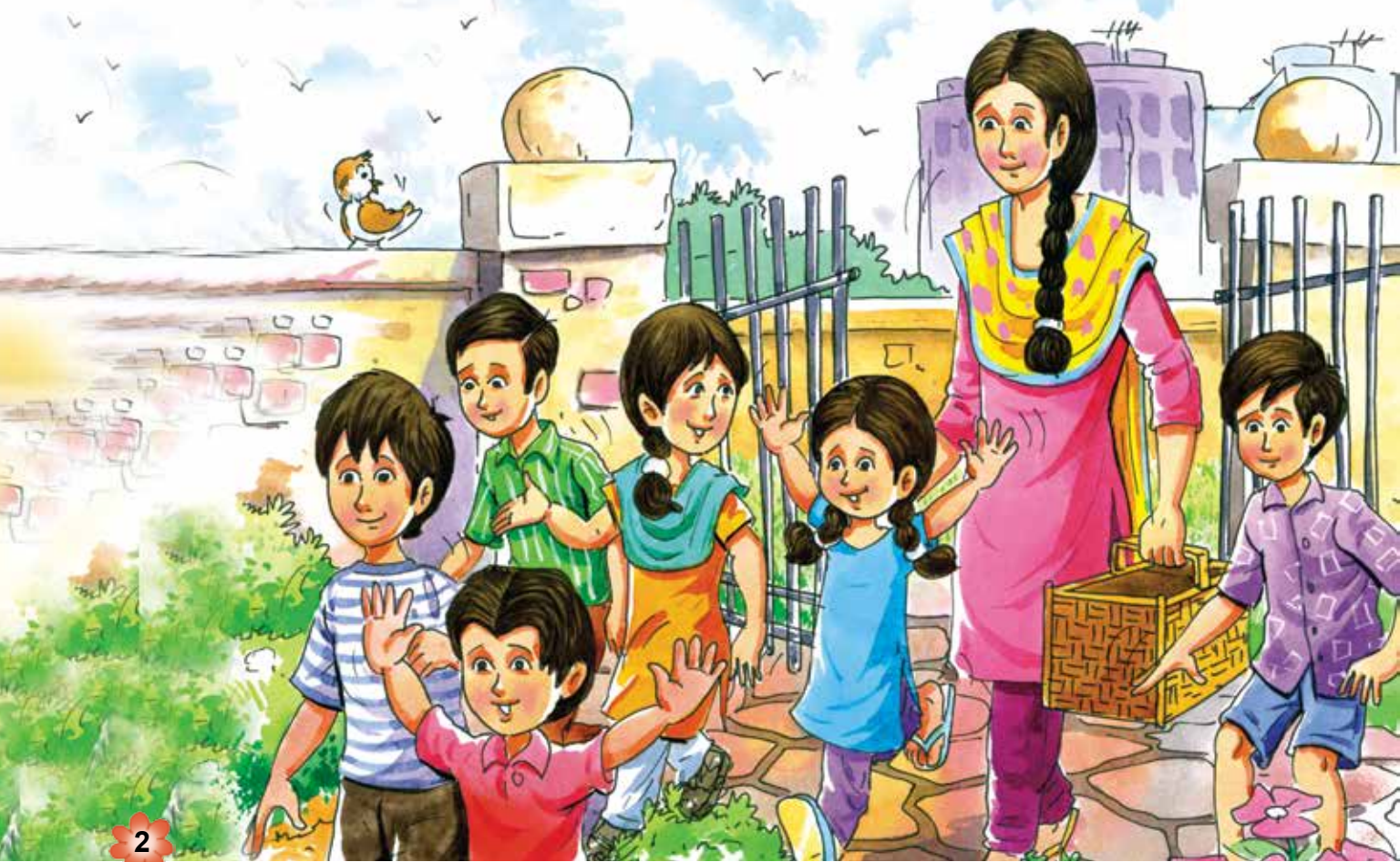
Didi



Jamal



Madan



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One day all the children went for a picnic with Didi. They all went to a park nearby.

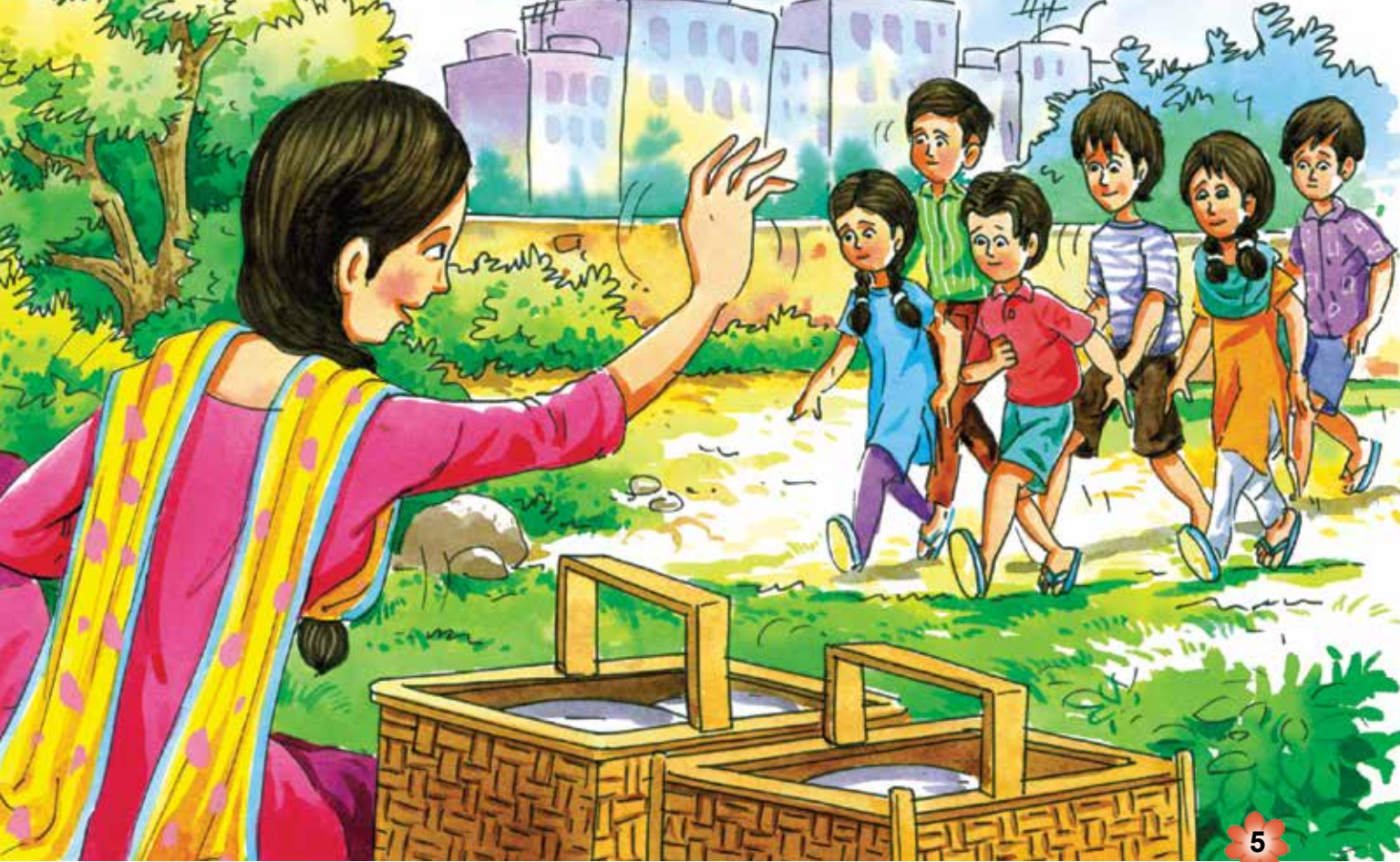


**Everyone ran and jumped a lot in the park.
They all played many games.**



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**They became tired while playing.
All the children felt very hungry.**



**Didi had packed a lot of food.
She called everybody to have food.**

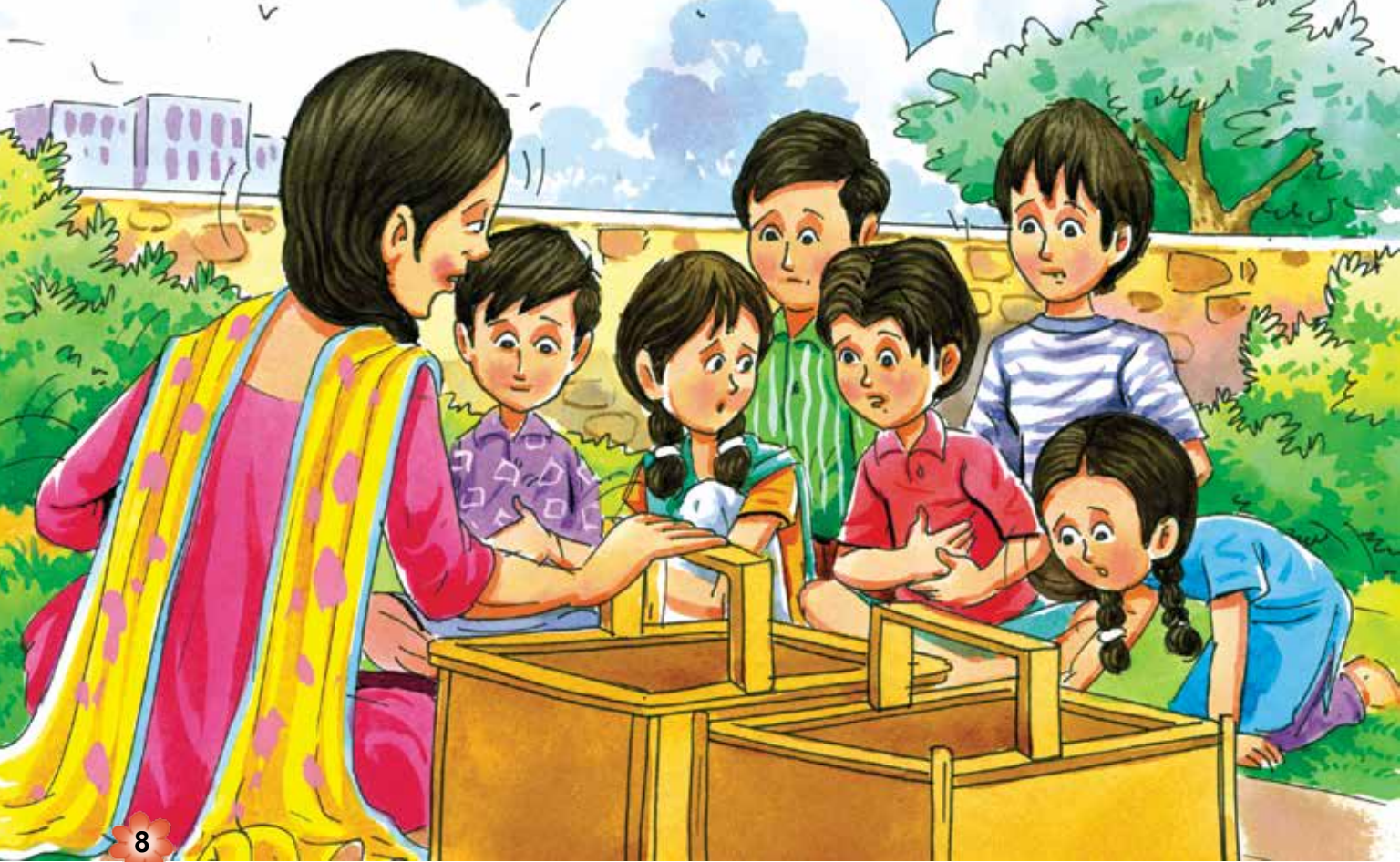


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**Didi arranged large boxes in a row.
Large spoons were kept on the boxes.**

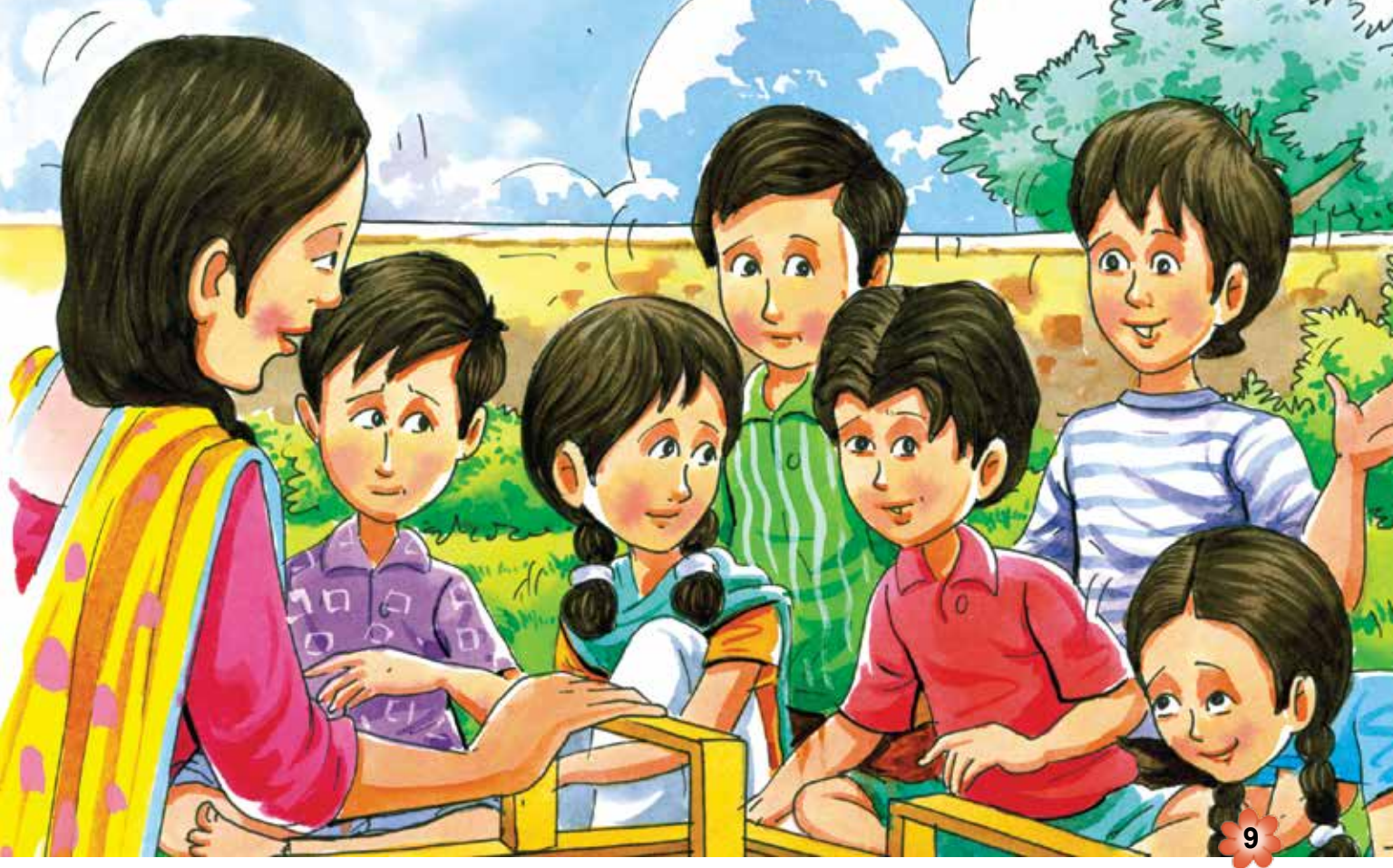


**Didi started searching here and there.
She had forgotten the bag of dishes at home.**



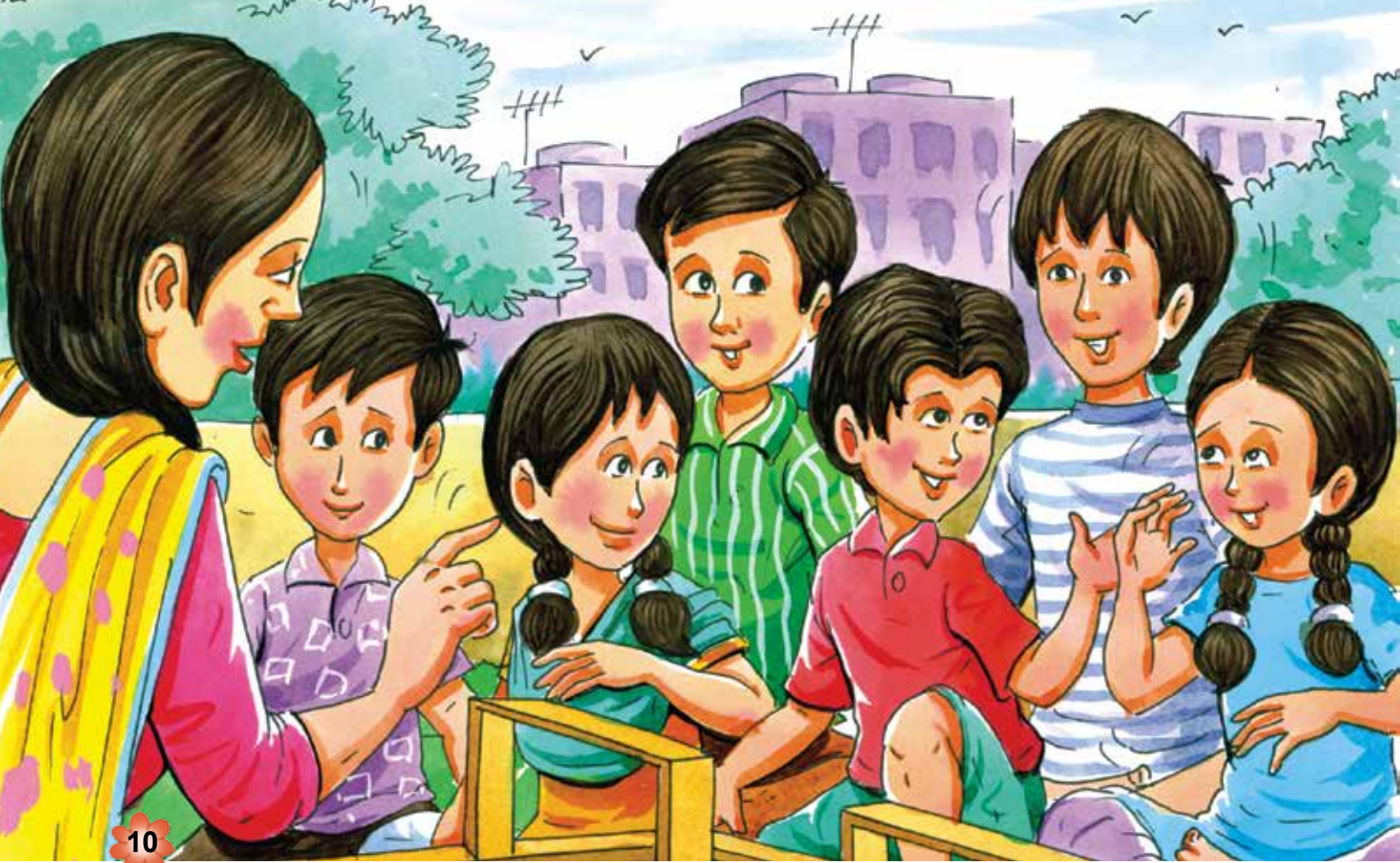
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**There were no dishes to have the food.
Everyone started making a noise.**

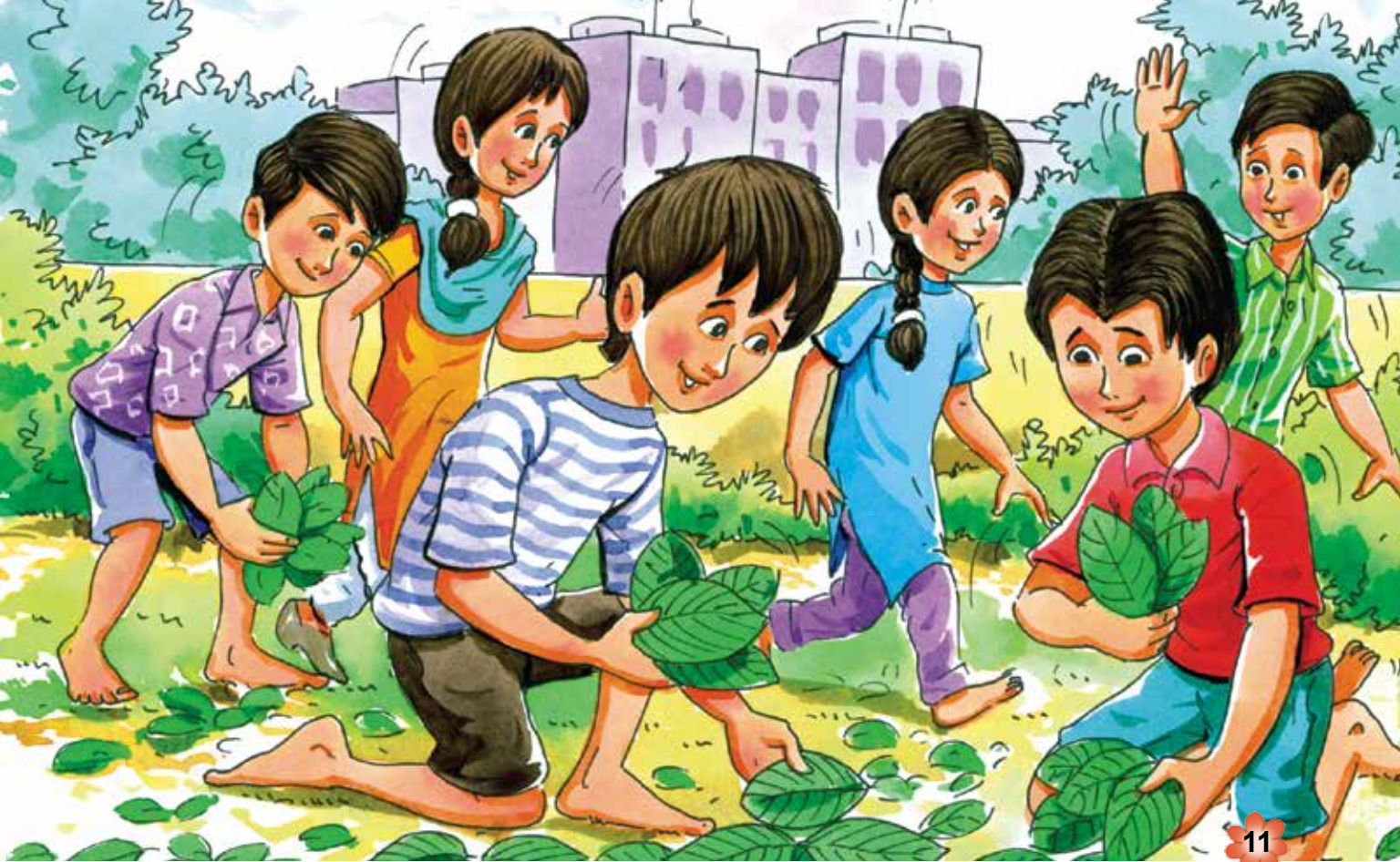


Madan said let's make *pattals.
We will eat food from the *pattals*.**

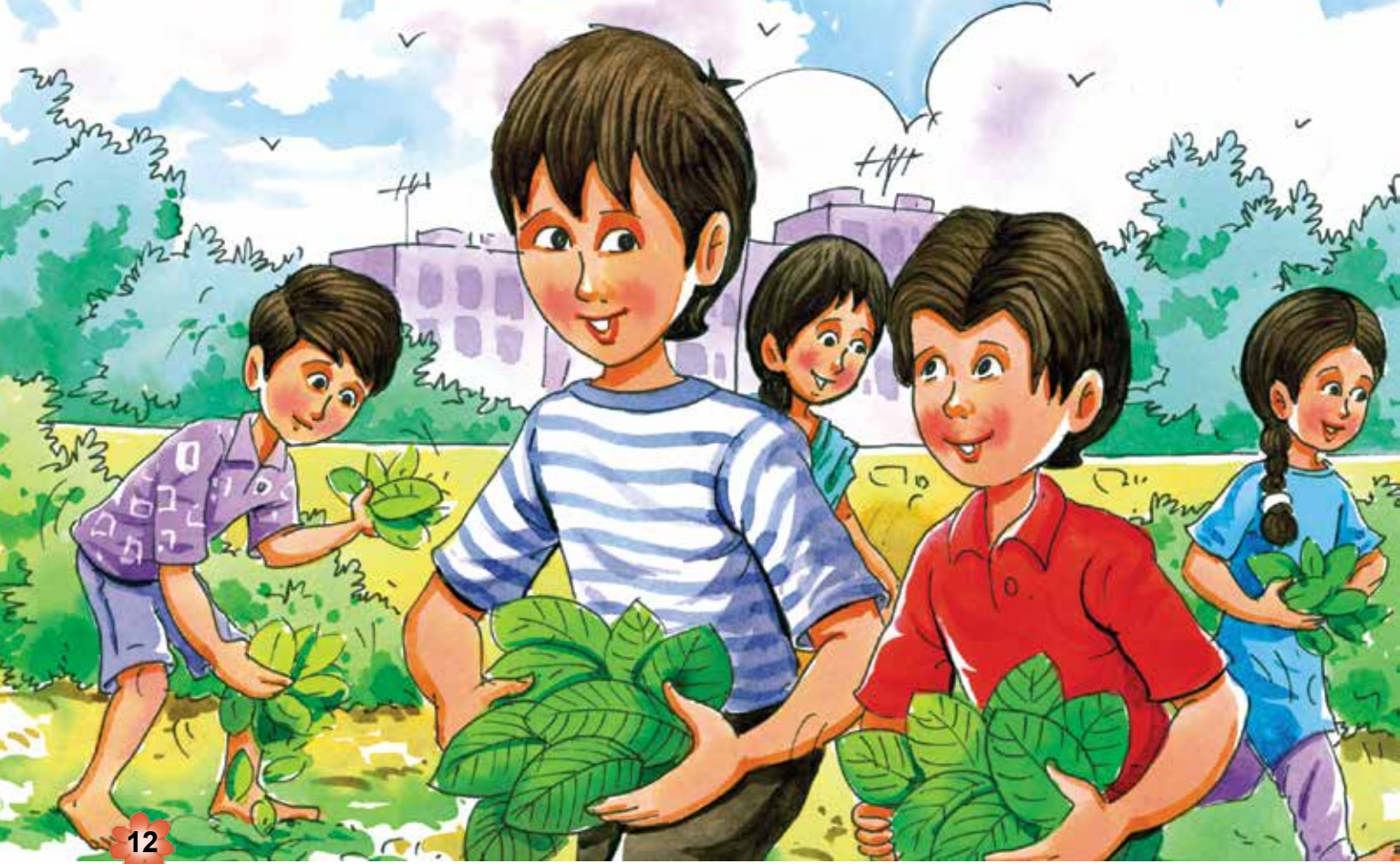
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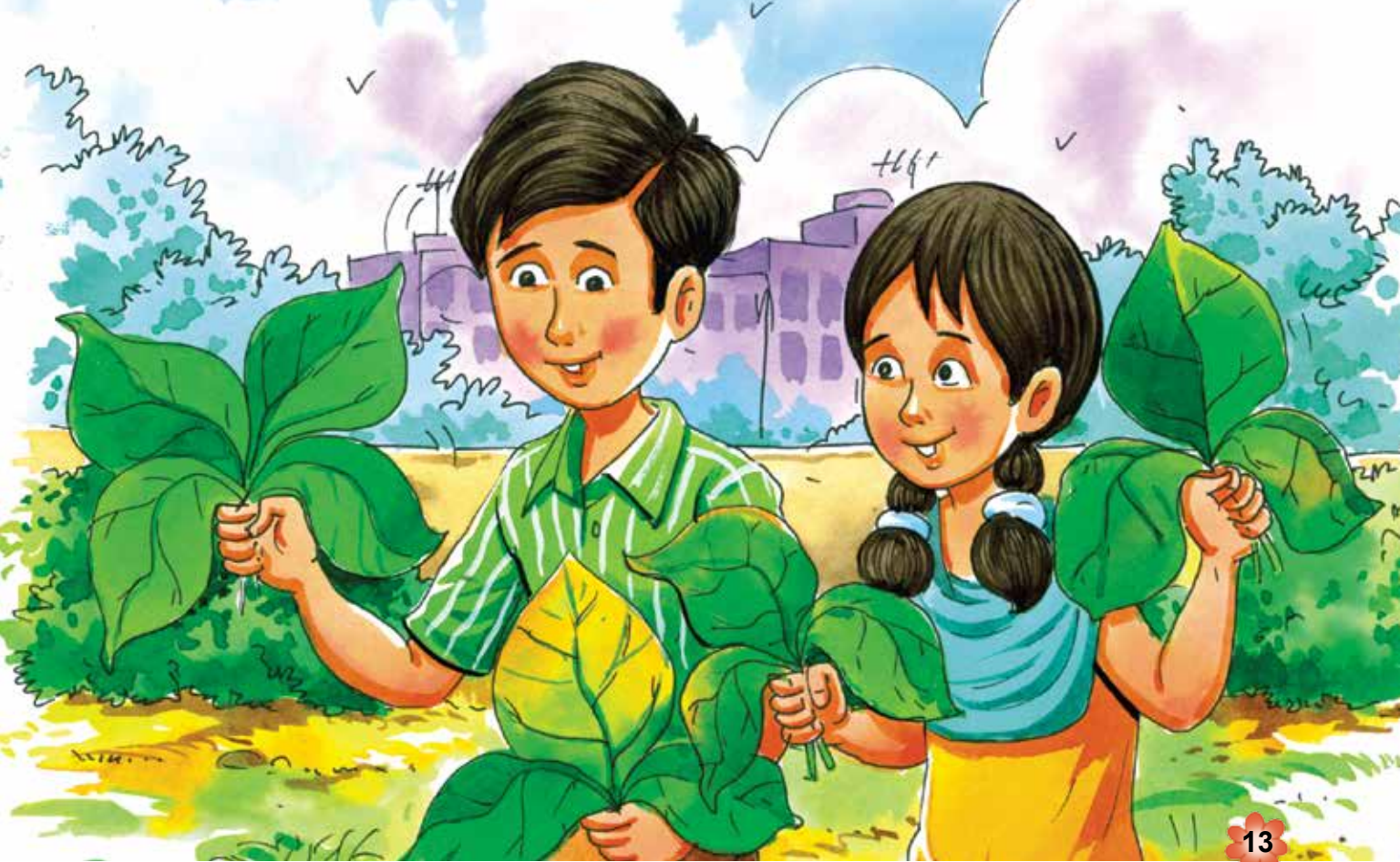
Jamal asked how would *pattals* be made. Madan said they would collect leaves and bring them.



**All the children ran to get leaves.
Everyone picked clean leaves lying on the ground.**

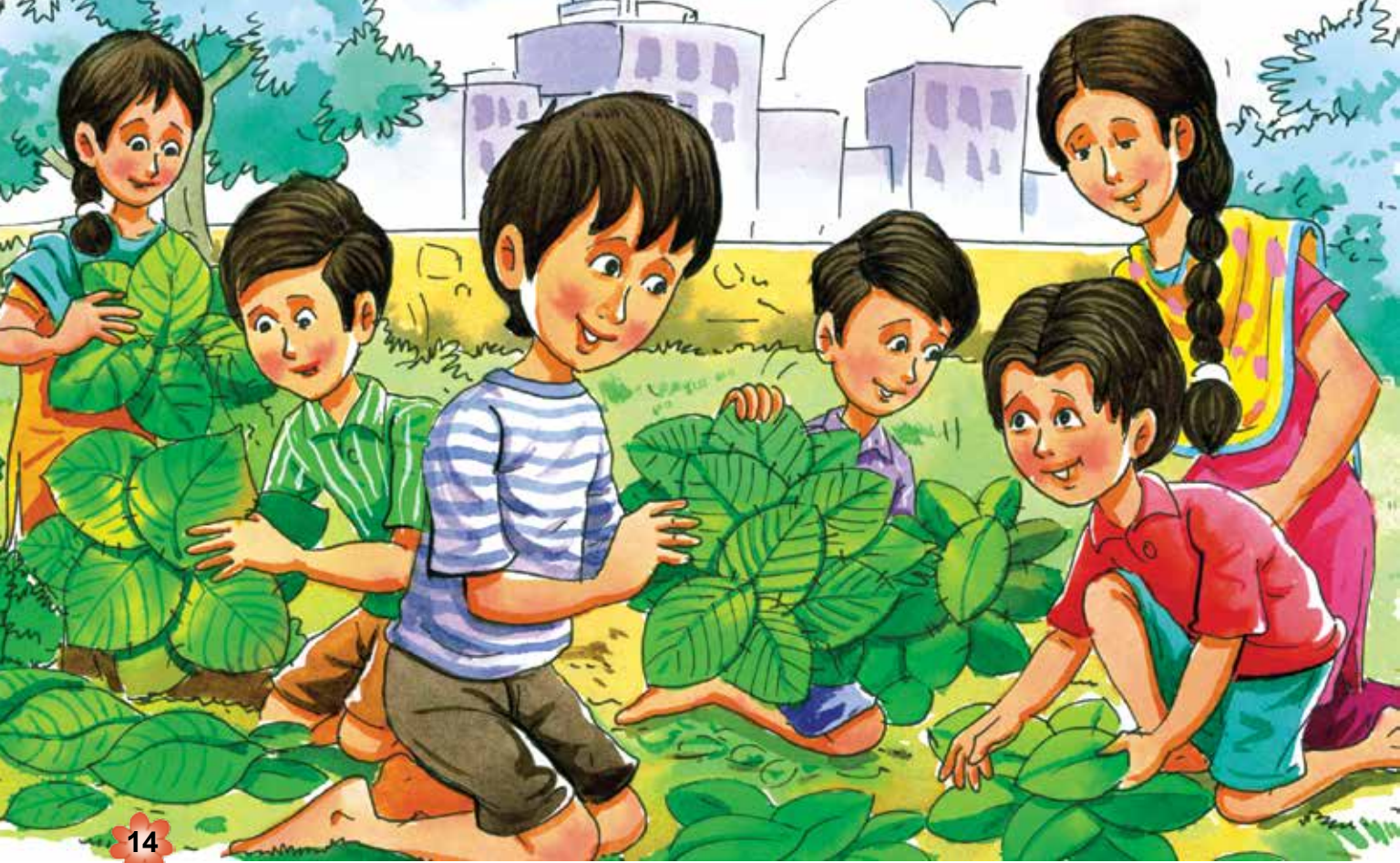


**Jamal collected leaves of the banyan tree.
Madan too collected the banyan leaves.**



Pooja brought the leaves from the *dhaak** tree.
Raja too got *dhaak* leaves.

**dhaak* — name of a tree having flowers named Palash



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Together they washed the leaves.
They made *pattals* by joining the leaves with twigs.

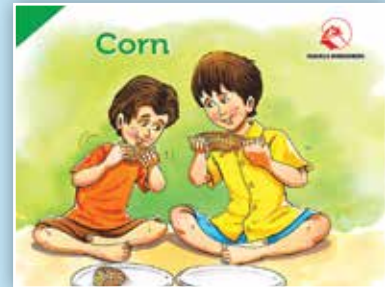
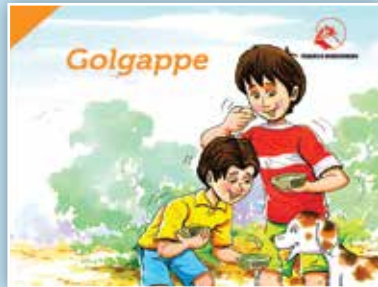
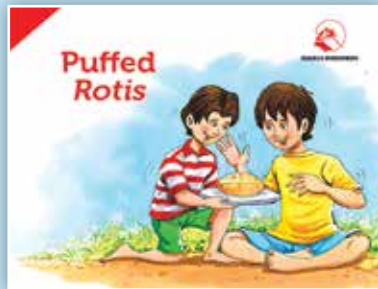
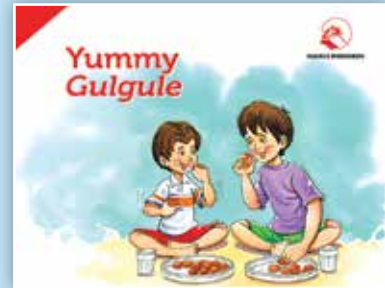


Everyone took the *pattals* and sat down to eat.
Rani was standing with neem leaves in her hands.



Everyone started laughing saying who will eat on neem leaves. Didi said that ants will eat.

Stories of Jamal and Madan



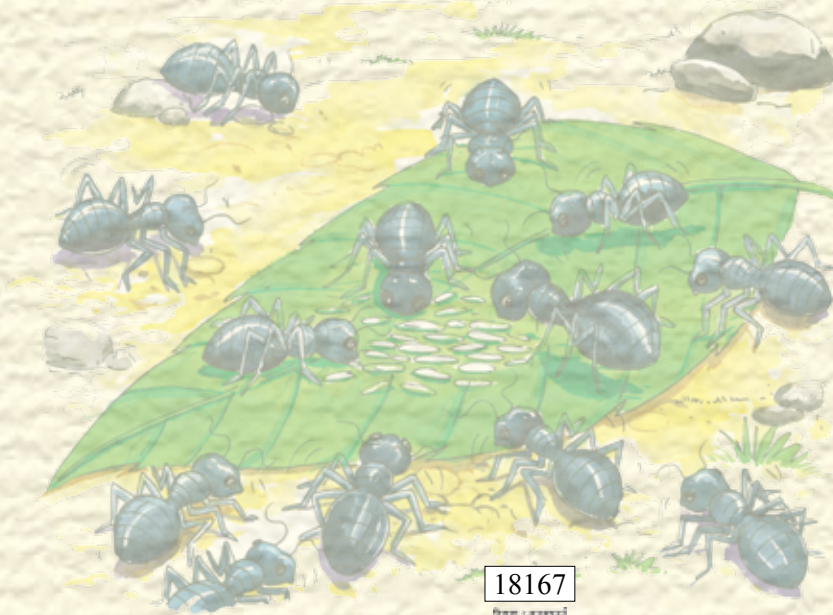
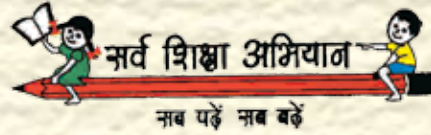


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