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Rice



Jamal



Madan



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**One day, there was no one at Jamal's home.
Madan had come to play with him.**



**Both of them were feeling very hungry.
There was nothing cooked in the kitchen.**



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**Jamal opened and looked in all the utensils.
Madan searched for some food in the boxes.**



**They did not find anything to eat.
They began to think what could be cooked.**



**Madan said – Let us cook rice.
Jamal too liked this idea.**



**Jamal climbed up and took out the rice.
He put a lot of rice into a pot.**



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**Madan peeled and chopped red carrots.
Jamal shelled the green peas.**



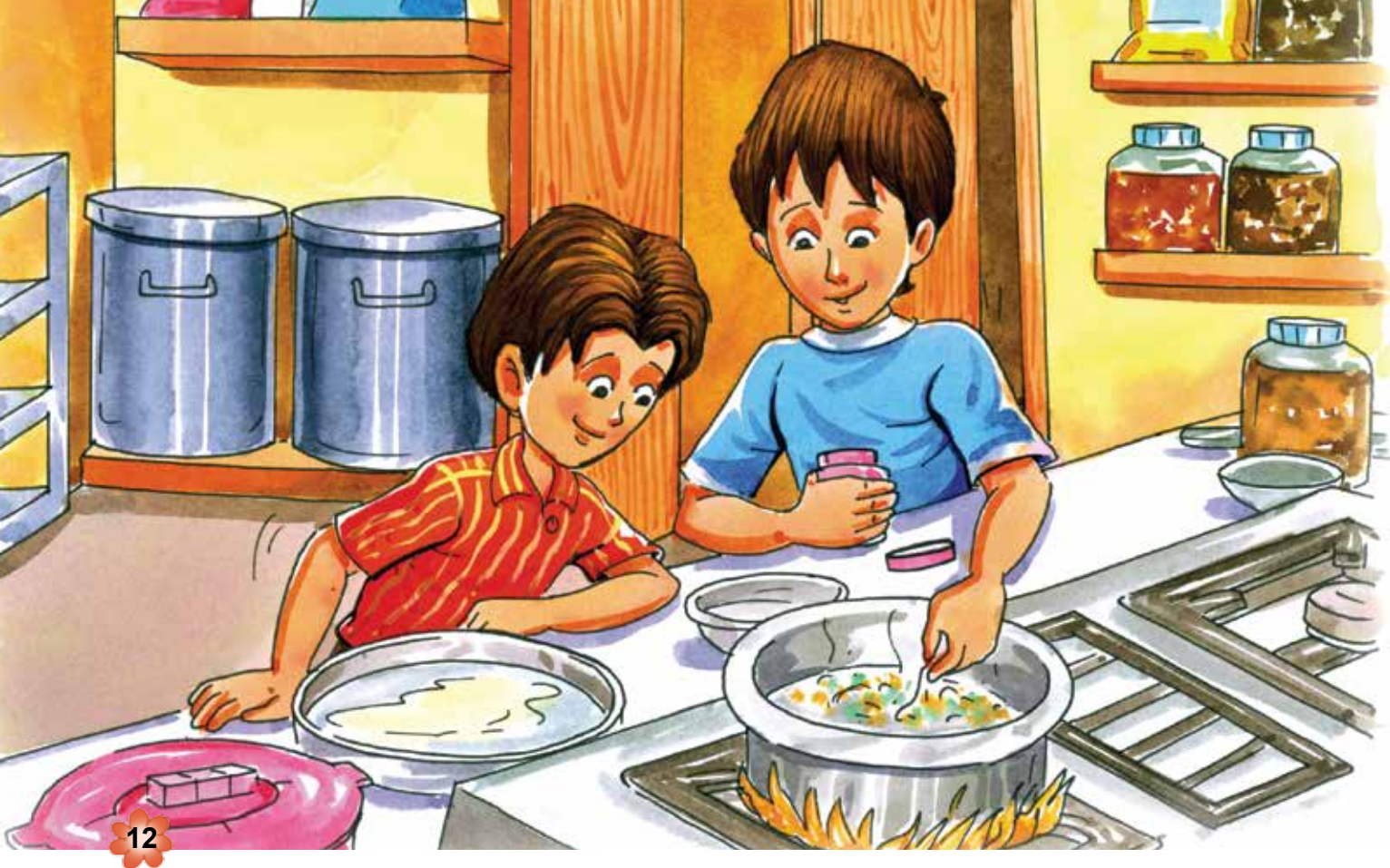
**Madan also chopped potatoes and onions.
Jamal washed the rice and put water in the pot.**



**Jamal placed the pot on the stove.
Madan added chopped carrots to the rice.**

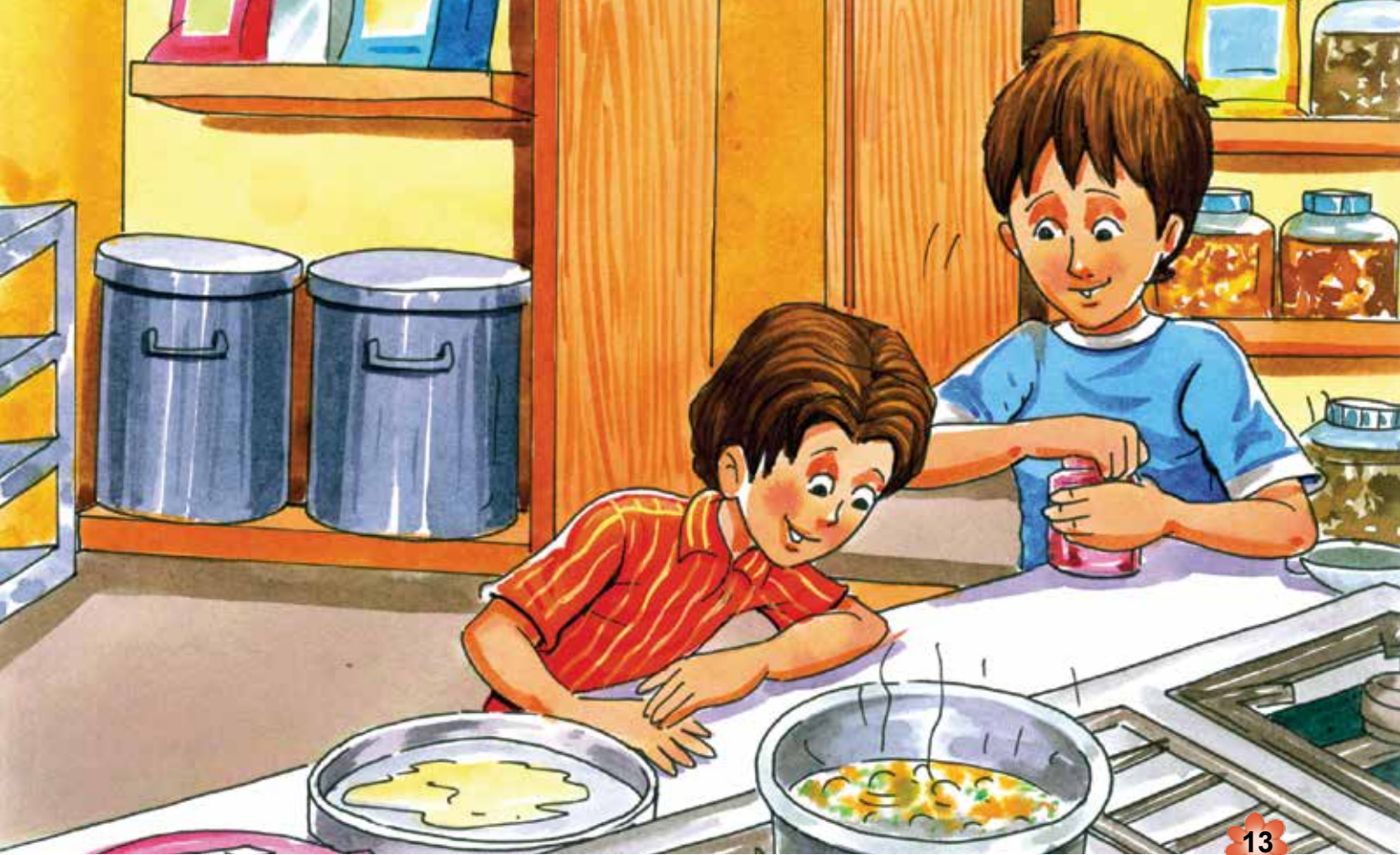


**Jamal added onions to the pot.
He kept looking into the pot.**



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**Madan noticed that the water had begun to boil.
He added some turmeric to the rice.**



**They watched the yellow rice boiling.
Madan took some rice and gave to Jamal to taste.**



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**Jamal found the rice was undercooked.
They boiled the rice a little more.**

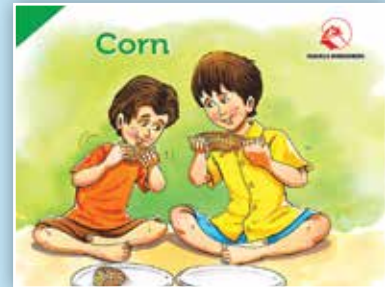
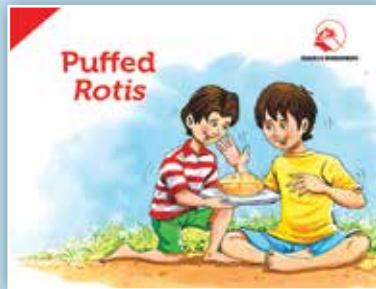
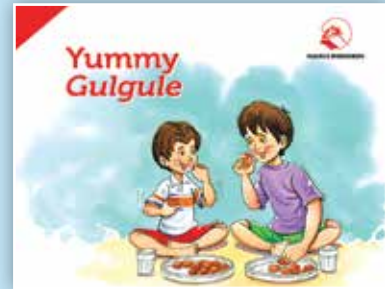


Both sat down to eat the rice. Madan took the rice from the top, Jamal from the bottom.



**The rice on Madan's plate was yellow.
Jamal's rice was blackish yellow.**

Stories of Jamal and Madan



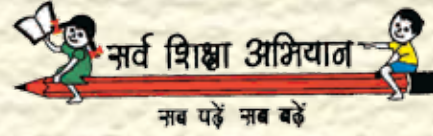


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