



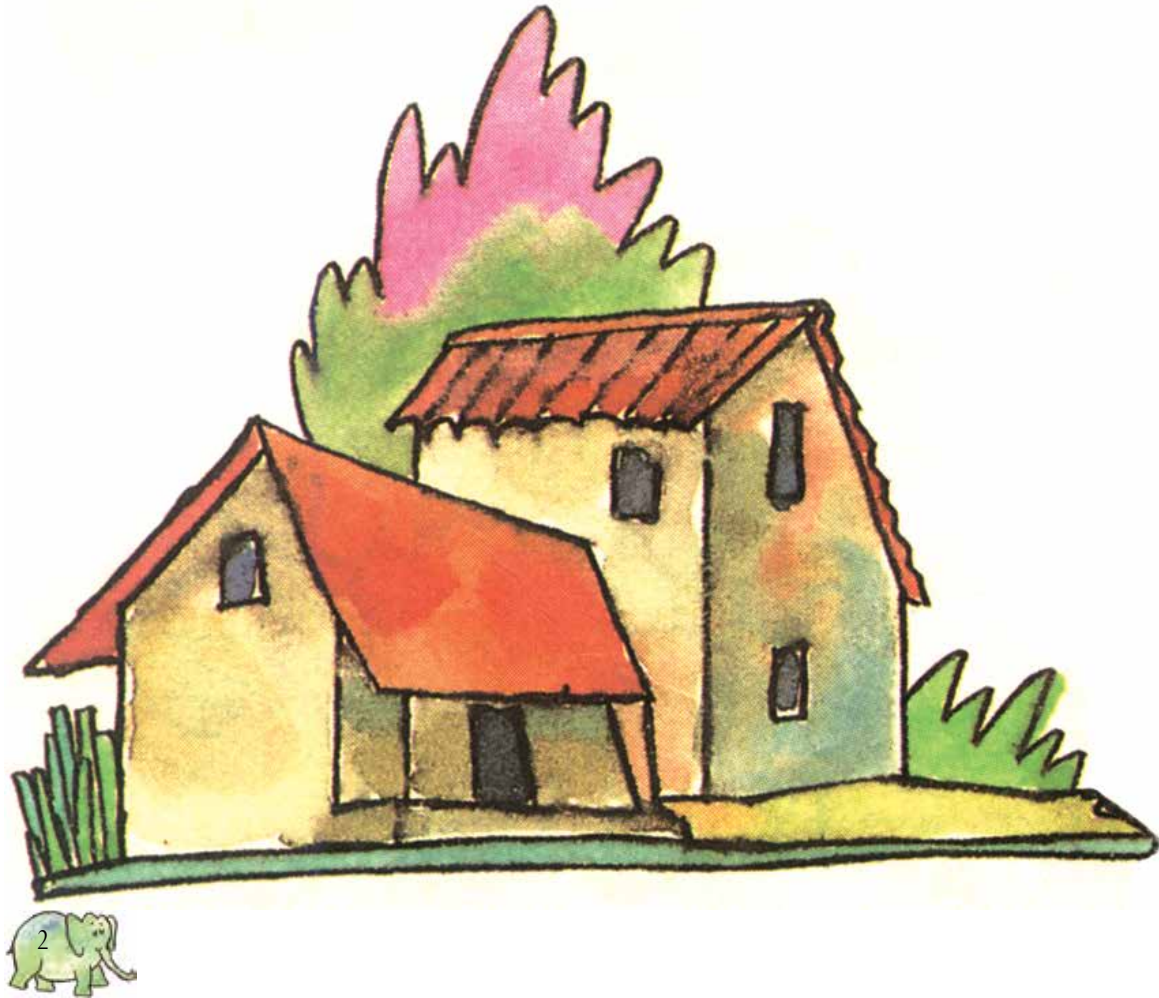
# SHANNO 100 ELEPHANTS

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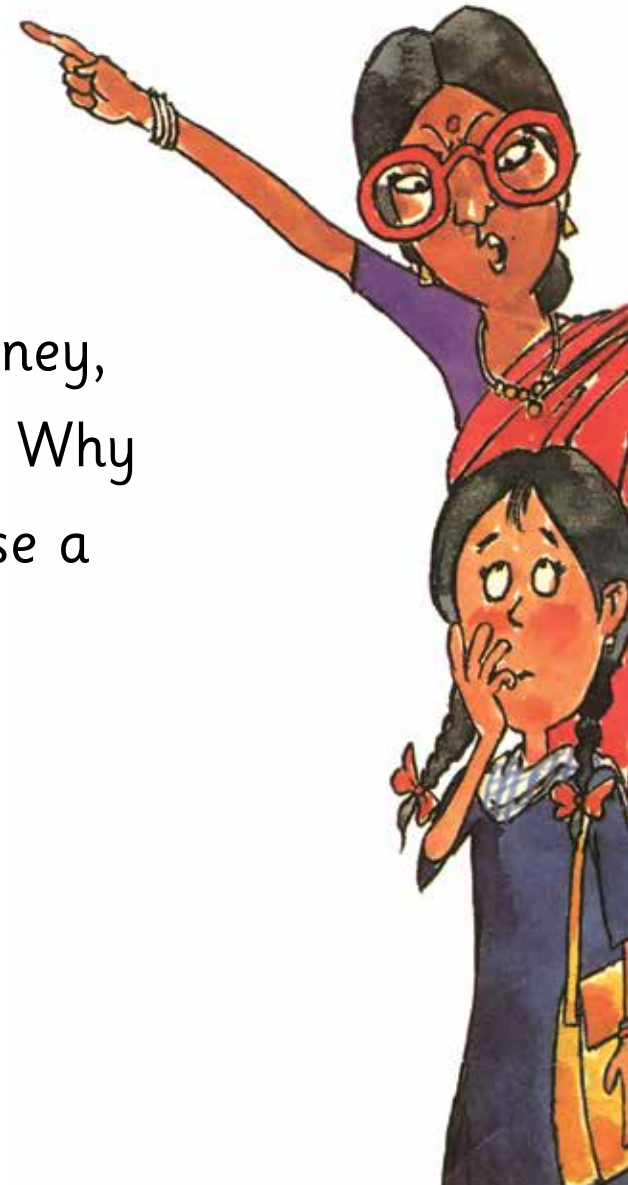


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“The roof of our school is leaking,” Shanno’s teacher said, looking worried.

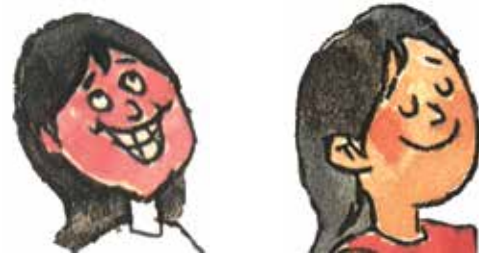


“Let’s collect money, for a new roof!” Why don’t we organise a mela this time?





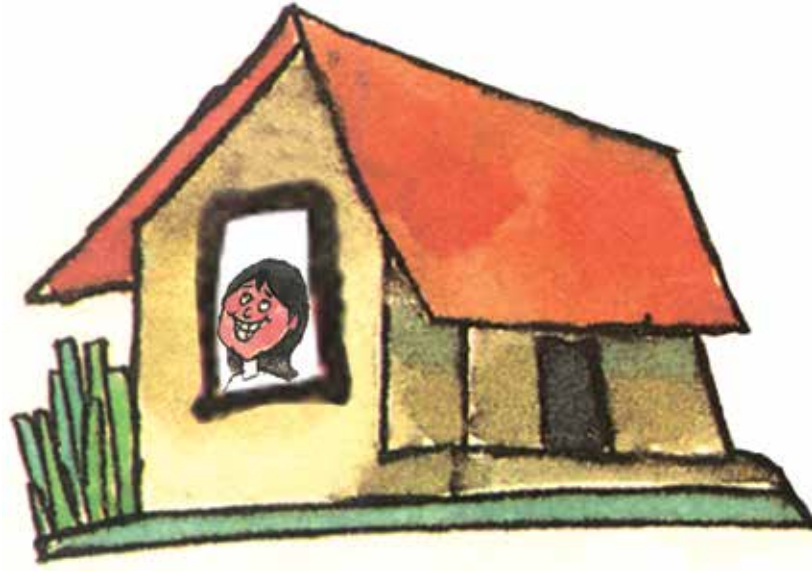
Each one of us can  
bring something to sell.



This way we will all have  
fun and collect money at the  
same time,” Shanno said.

Everyone thought it  
was a great idea!

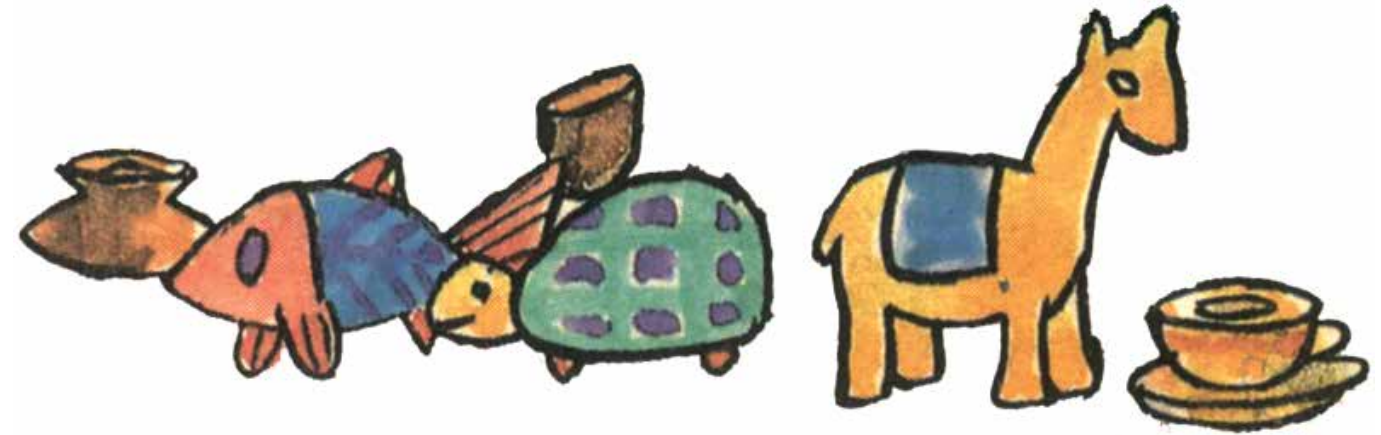




Sita's mother said she would make jalebis for the fair.



Ahmed's Abba, who was a potter, promised to make a lot of earthen toys.





And Shanno?



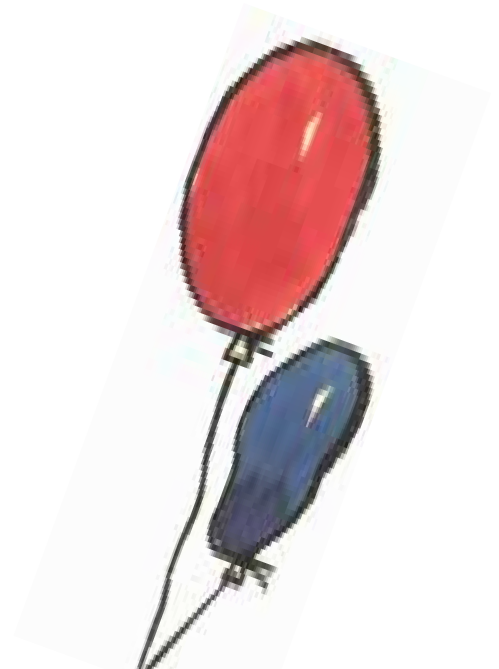
“I have no time to make anything,” said her mother.  
“Can you make something on your own, child?”



Shanno thought  
and thought.



She wondered what she  
could take for the mela.  
Then she had an idea!





And ...

That night, as a thin, friendly moon  
peeped into Shanno's house, it saw her  
sitting on her charpai, cutting paper.





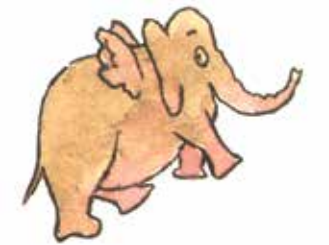
The next morning, with a hundred coloured paper elephants packed into her school bag, Shanno skipped to school.

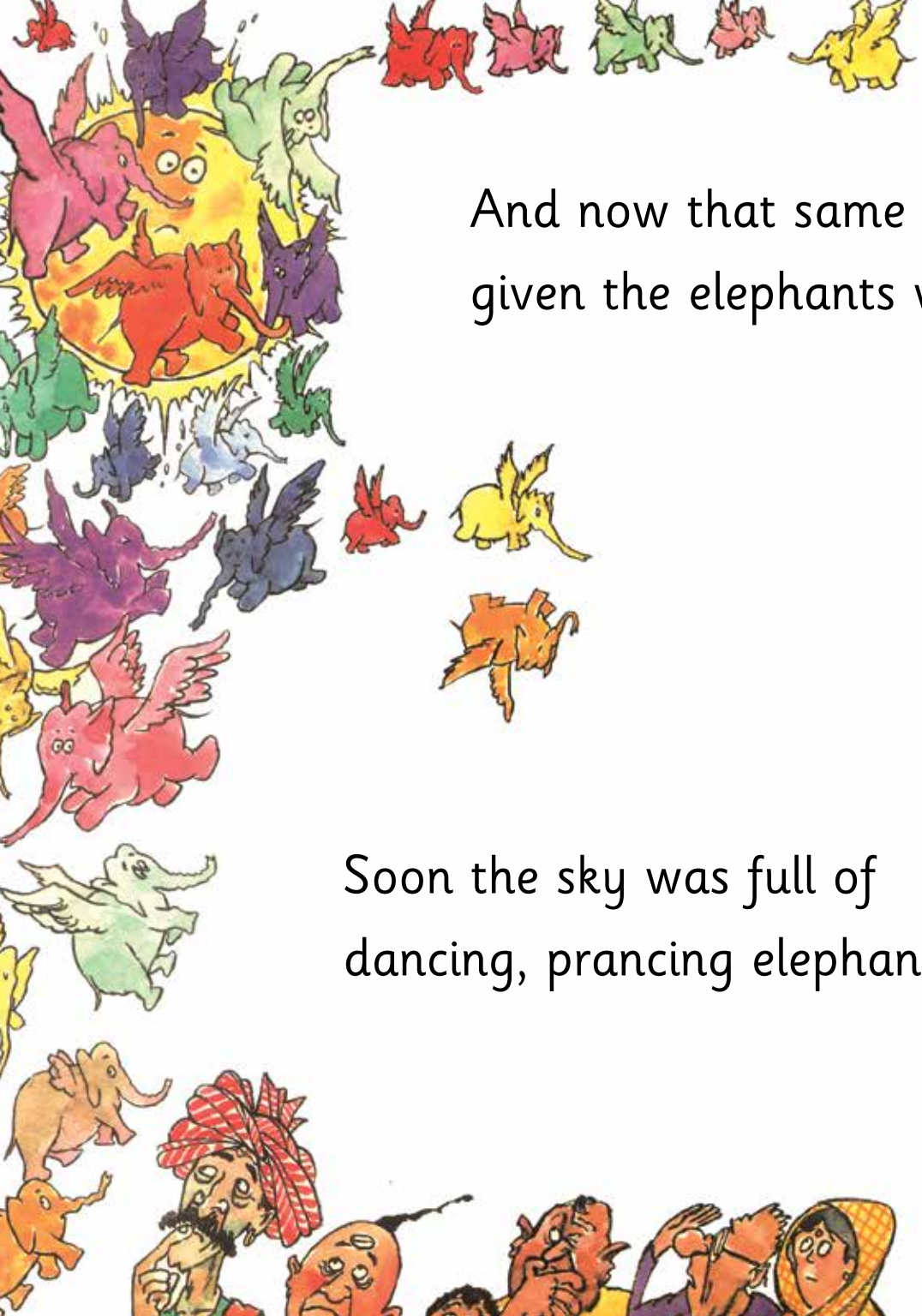


She didn't know this, but the moon that had peeped into her room, had sent in a little magic.



That's what had helped Shanno make a hundred elephants all in one night!





And now that same magic had given the elephants wings.

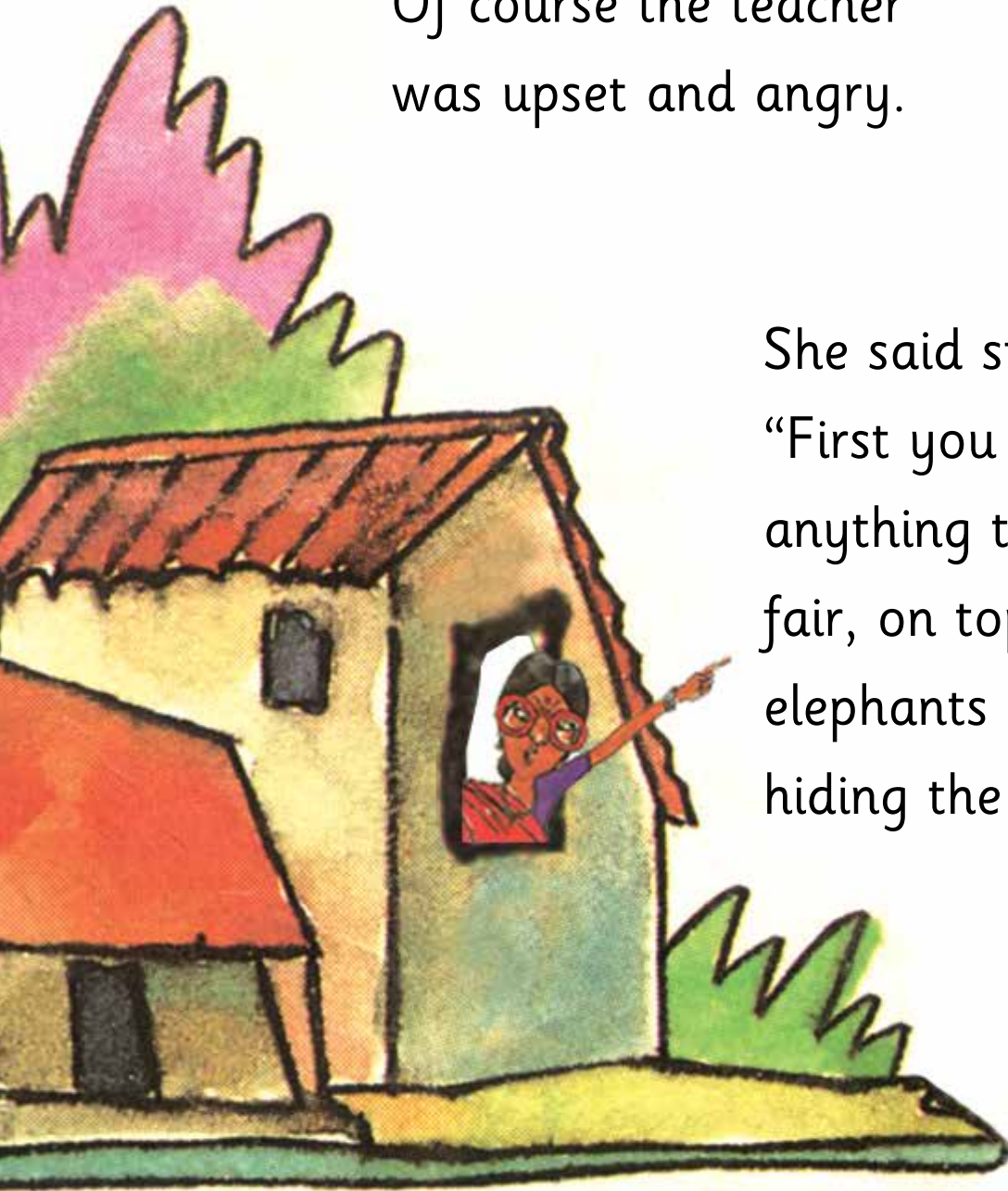
Soon the sky was full of dancing, prancing elephants.

After seeing so many elephants in the air, little Sita said, "Teacher's going to be very angry."

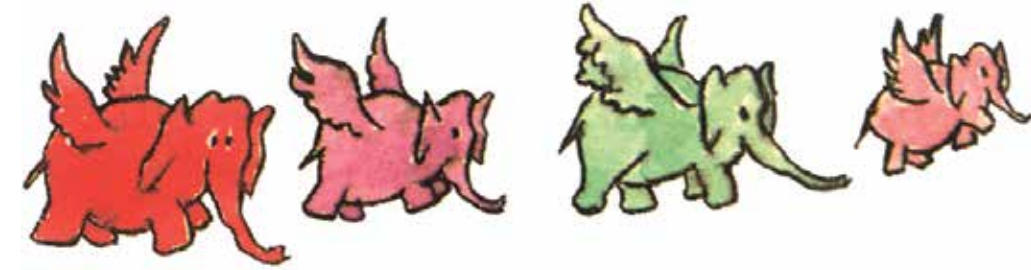




Of course the teacher  
was upset and angry.



She said sternly,  
“First you don’t bring  
anything to sell in the  
fair, on top of it your  
elephants are up there  
hiding the sun!”

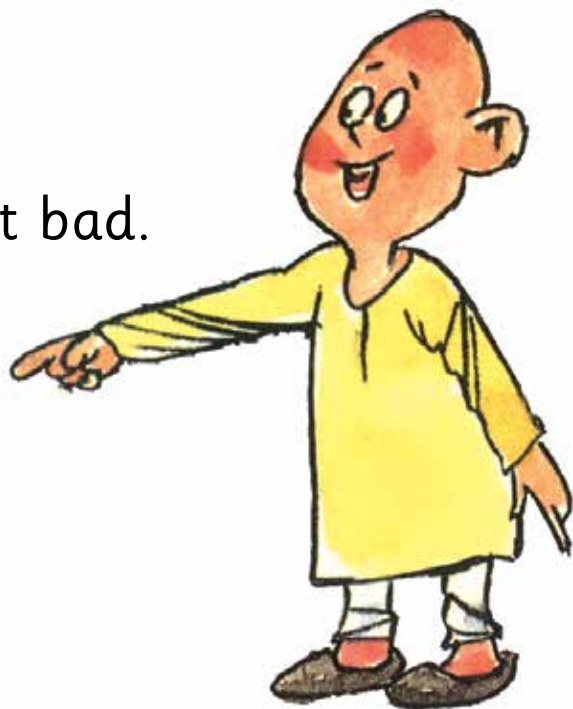


Who’ll come to  
our mela now?”



Two fat tears rolled down  
from Shanno’s eyes.

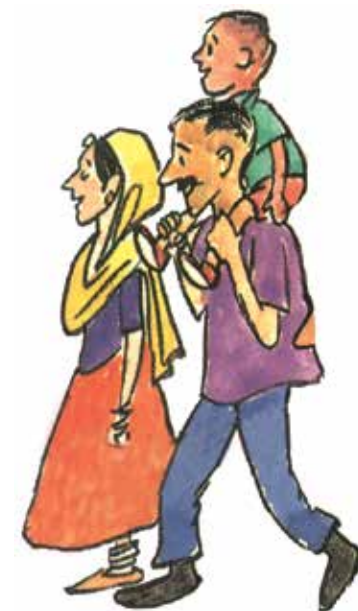
Ahmed felt bad.



He said, "Who would have come to a small mela held by a small school in a small village anyway?"

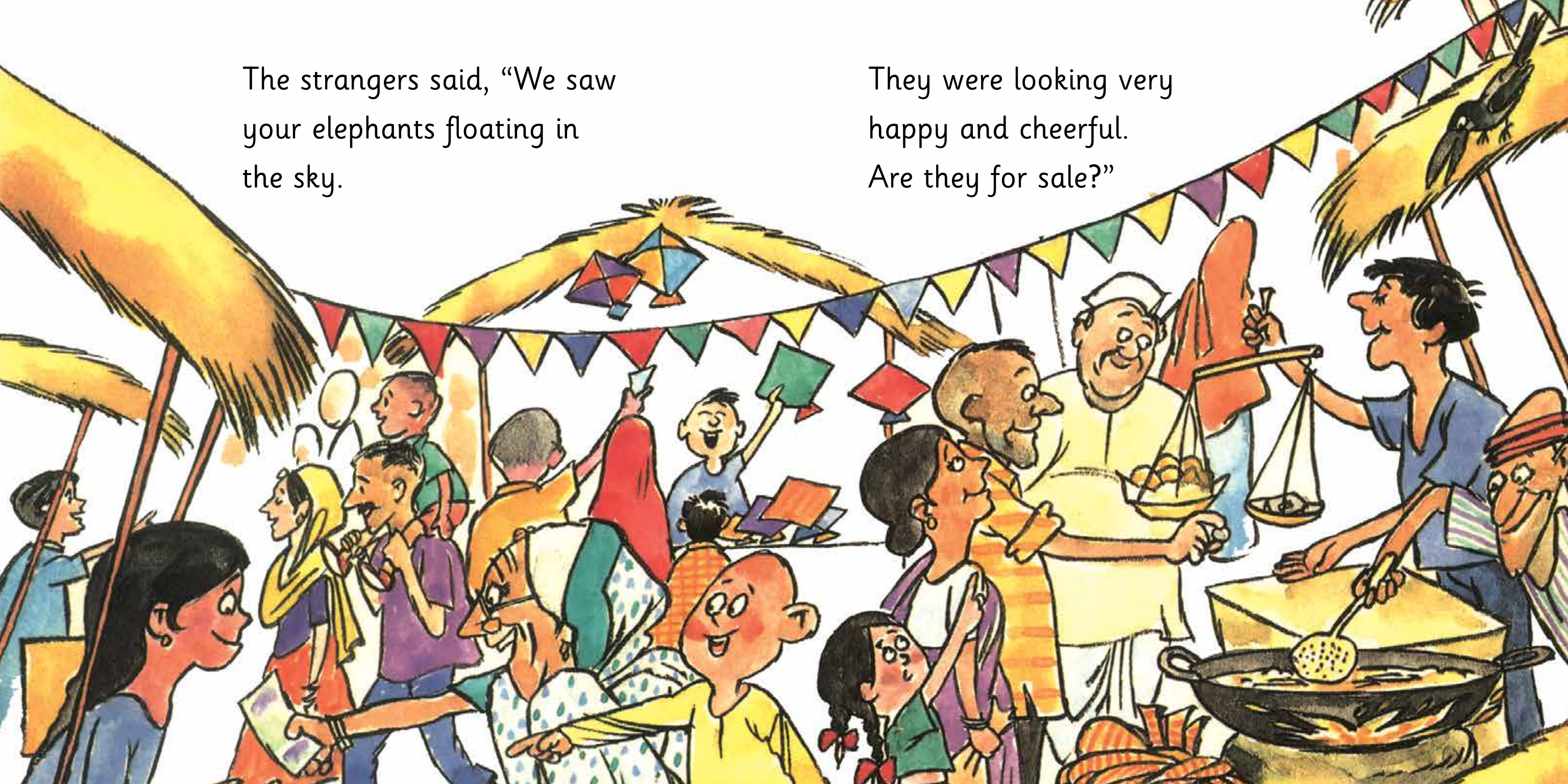


Suddenly, "Look! Look!" shouted Sita "So many people are coming towards our village!"



The strangers said, "We saw your elephants floating in the sky."

They were looking very happy and cheerful. Are they for sale?"

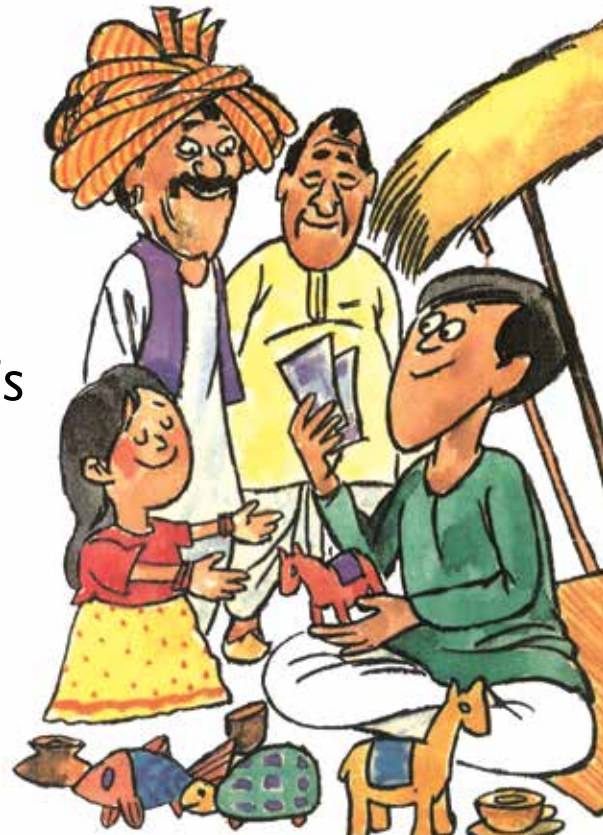




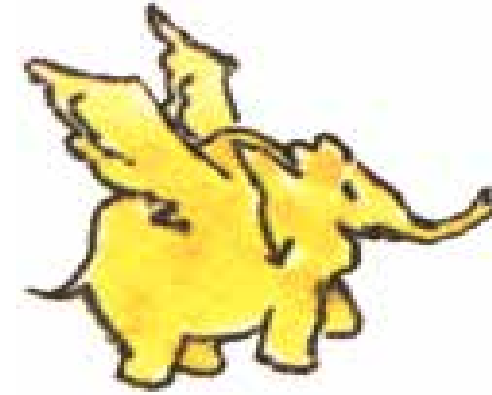
The mela was, of course, a big success!

“Now we can get our new roof.”

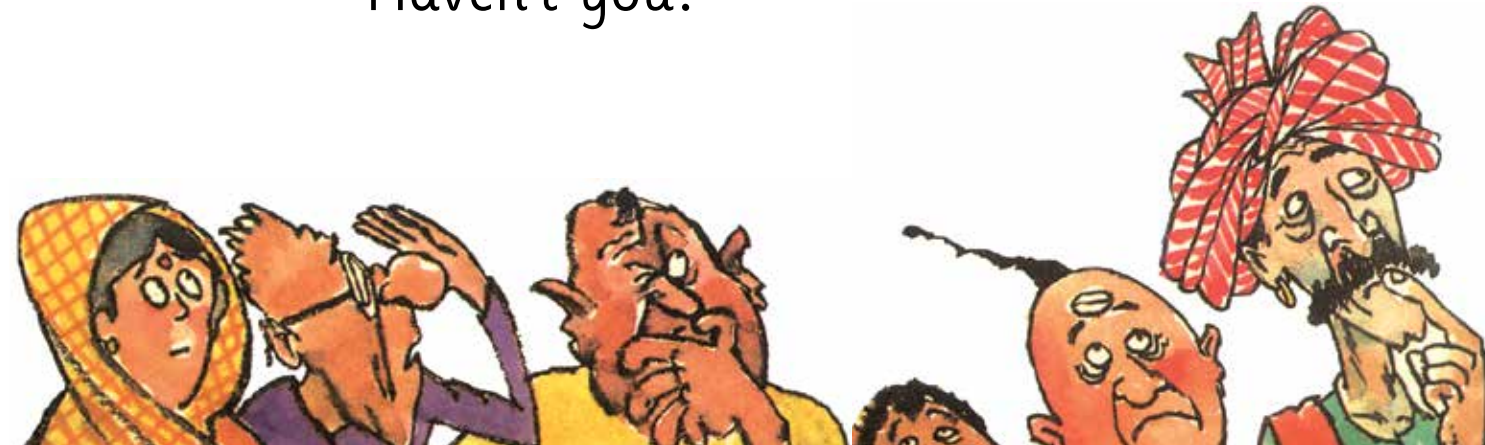
When can you sell us the new tiles?” Teacher asked Ahmed’s Abba, as she tweaked Shanno’s long plaits, smiling at her.



And Shanno’s elephants?




Well, I saw one flying in the sky the other day. Haven’t you?



## Fun Facts!

Shanno's light, coloured paper elephants flew into the sky one by one, but can elephants really fly?

Did you know?



Elephants are the largest known mammals to walk the earth!

An elephant can weigh anywhere between 3-5 tons!



Elephants flap their ears to keep themselves cool.



With their trunks, elephants can lift up huge logs of wood, as well as, the smallest objects, like this small pea!



Join the dots from 1 to 27  
and colour the animal. Then  
fill in the names of the body  
parts of this animal.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27



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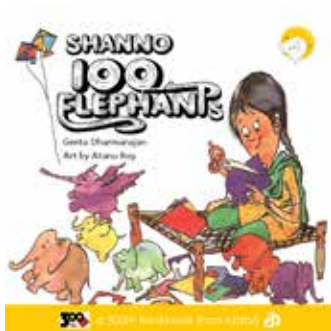
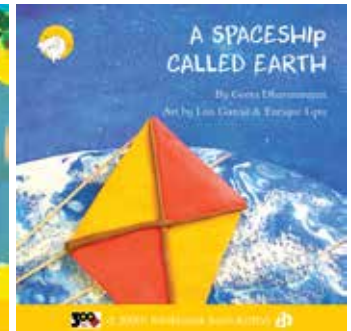
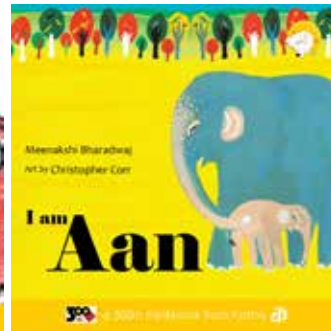
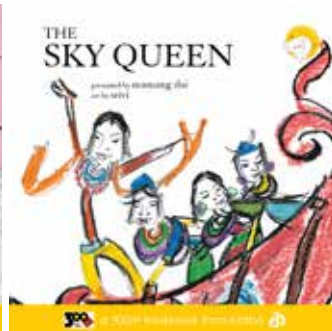
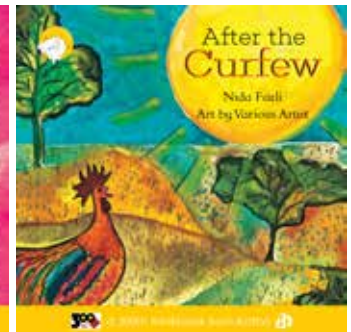
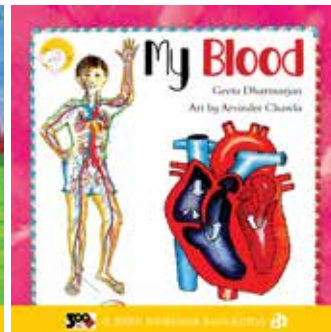
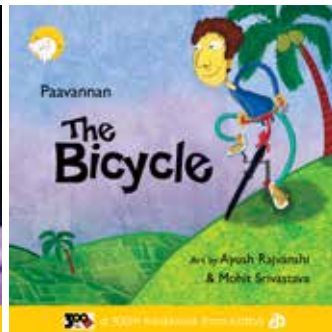
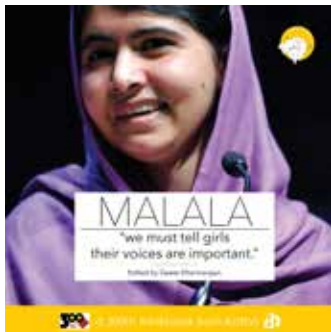
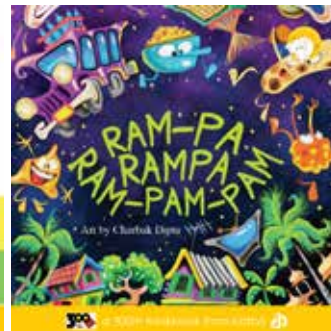
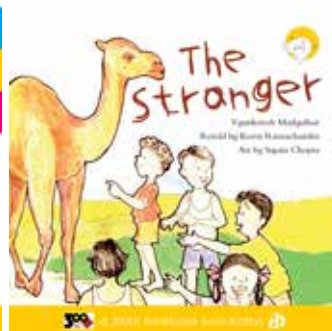
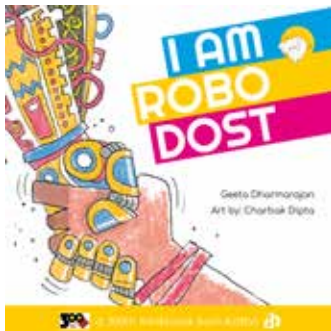
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