



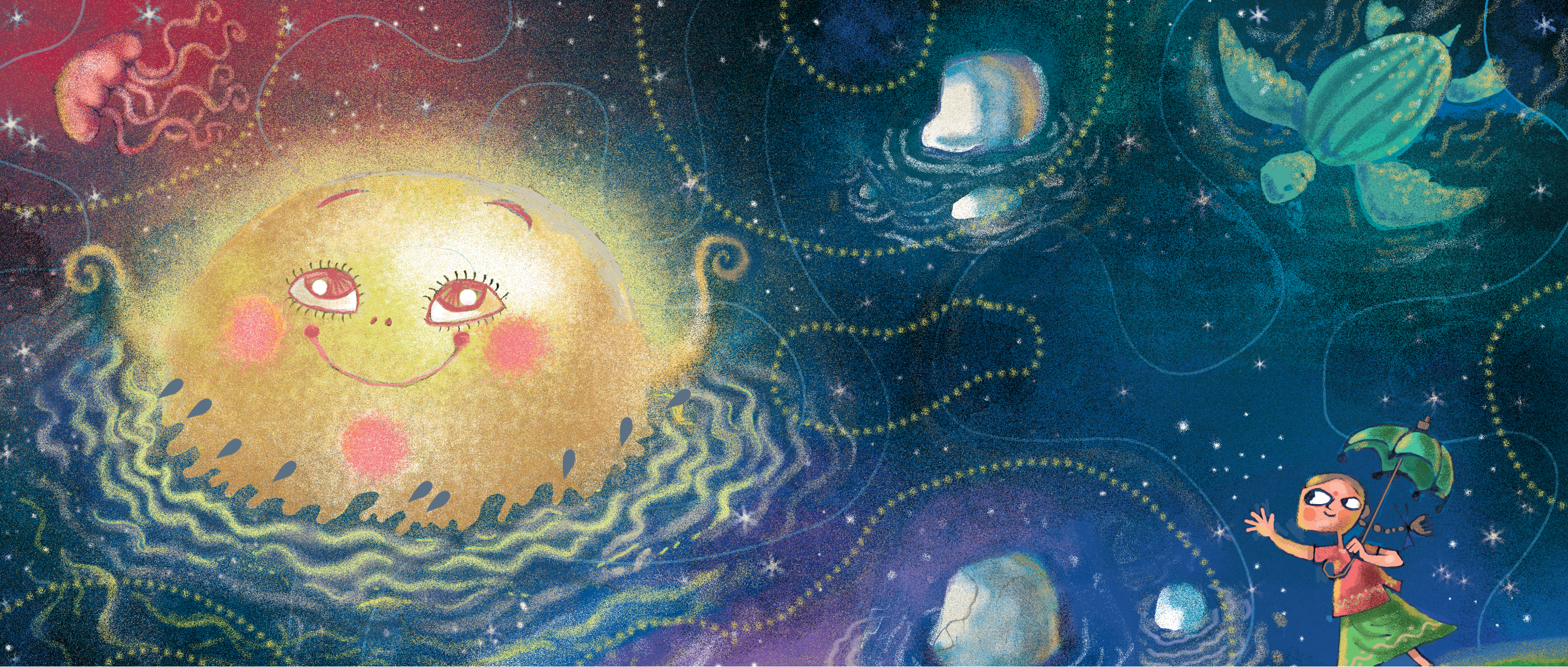
# Chandā māma



ā folk song for children  
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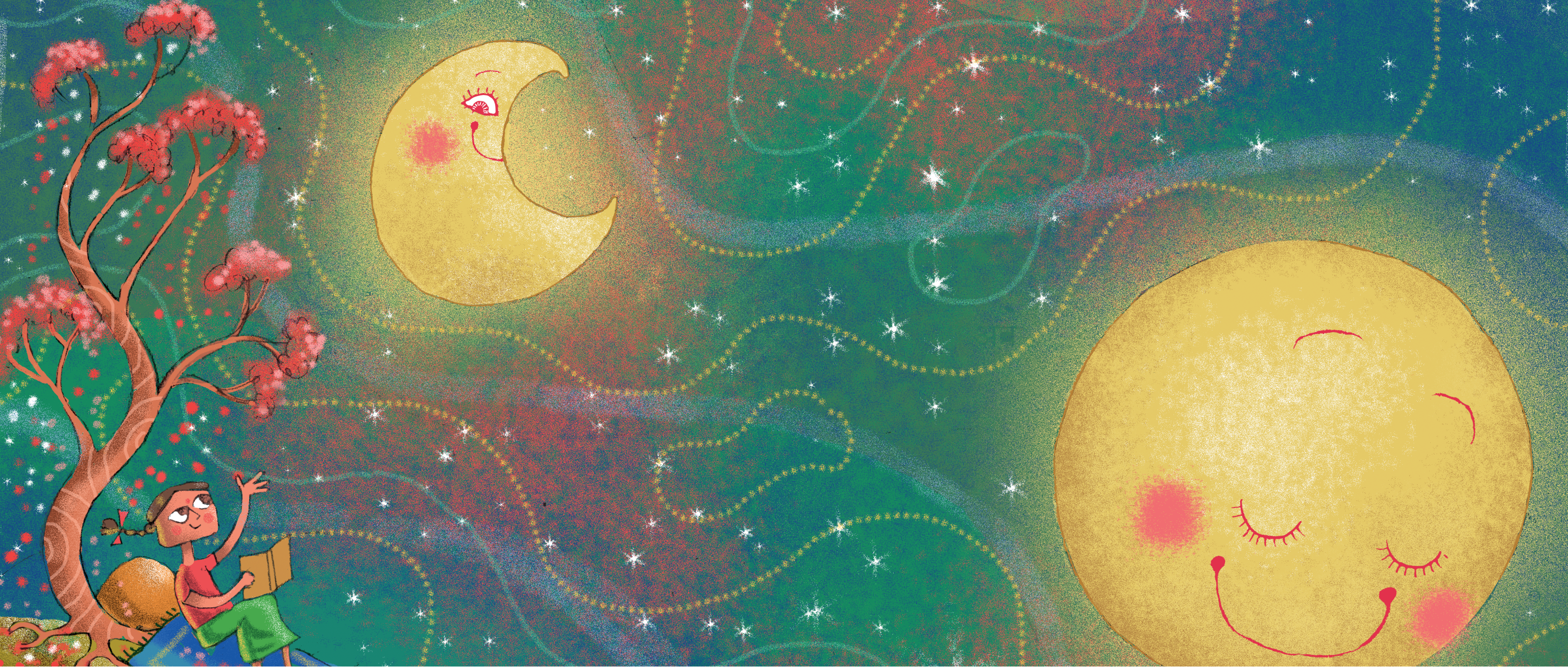


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Chanda Mama, round and fat!

Tell me how you manage that!



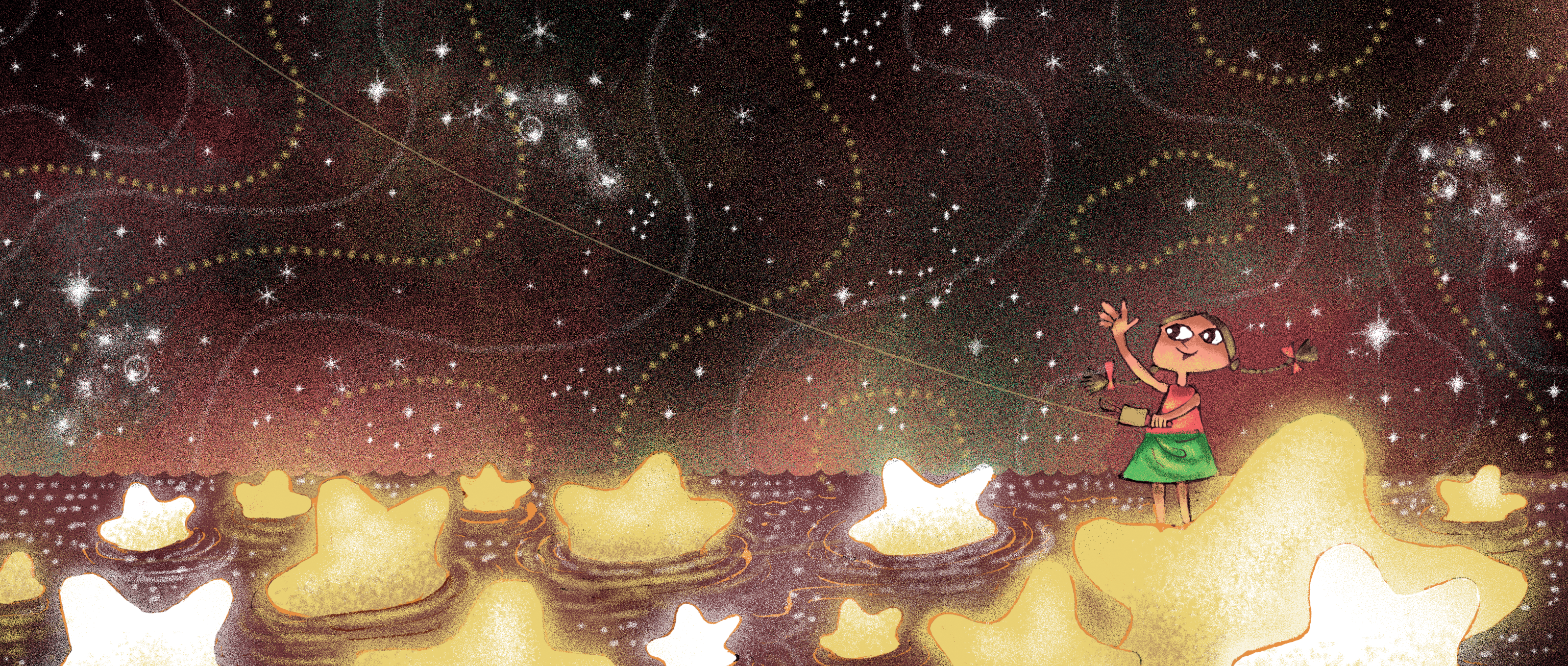
Chanda mama, fat and whole,

But now and then — a half-lit bowl.



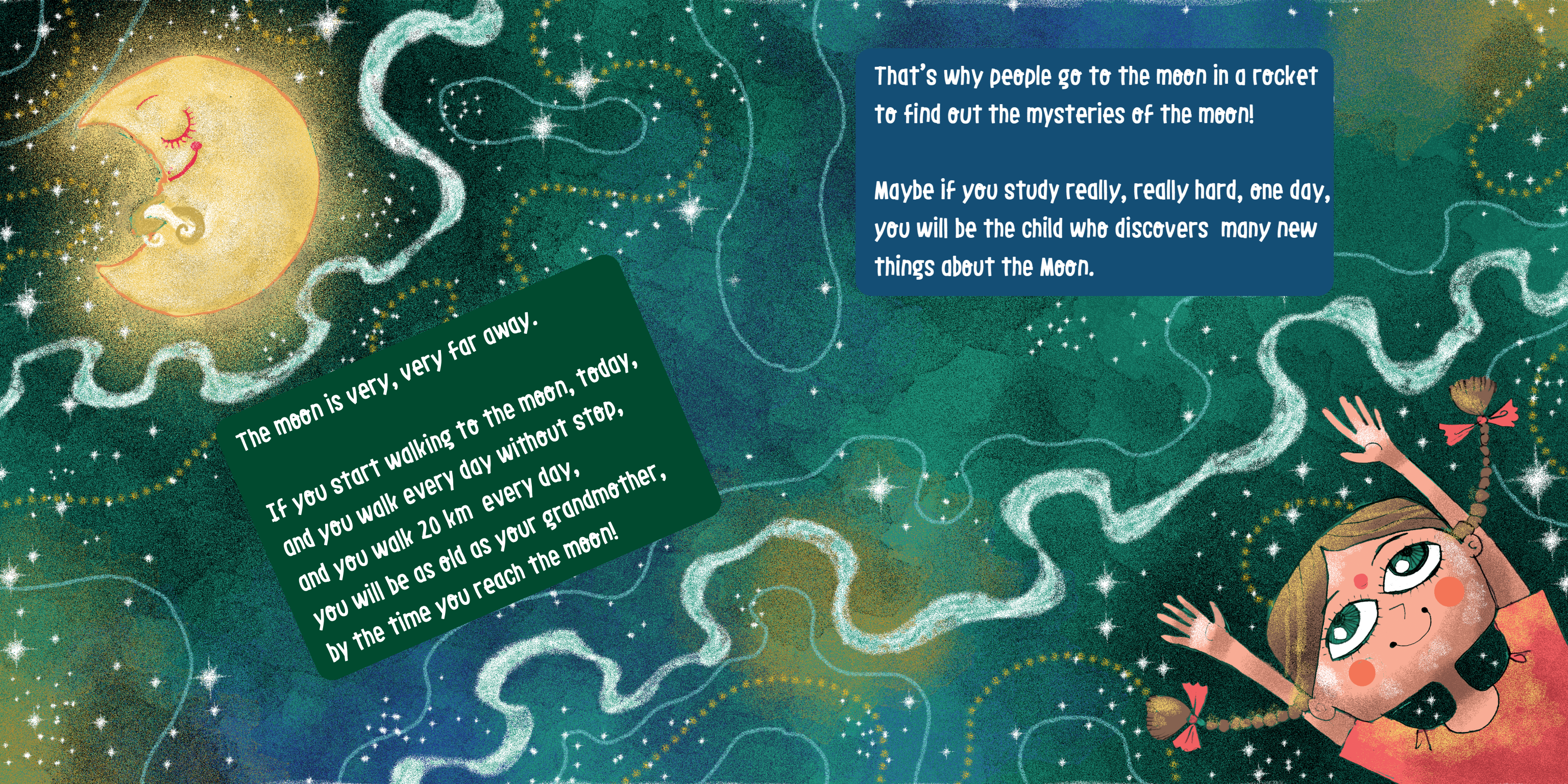
There you are, out at night!

With your friends — stars of light.



Chanda mama, round and bright!

With the day — you're out of sight!

A whimsical illustration of a night sky. In the upper left, a large, smiling crescent moon with closed eyes and a small mouth is surrounded by a soft glow. The sky is filled with stars of various sizes and colors, and wavy, glowing lines that resemble constellations or nebulae. In the bottom right corner, a young girl with large, expressive eyes, wearing a red top and a headband with a pink bow, looks up with her hands raised in wonder. The overall scene is dreamlike and imaginative.

The moon is very, very far away.  
If you start walking to the moon, today,  
and you walk every day without stop,  
and you walk 20 km every day,  
you will be as old as your grandmother,  
by the time you reach the moon!

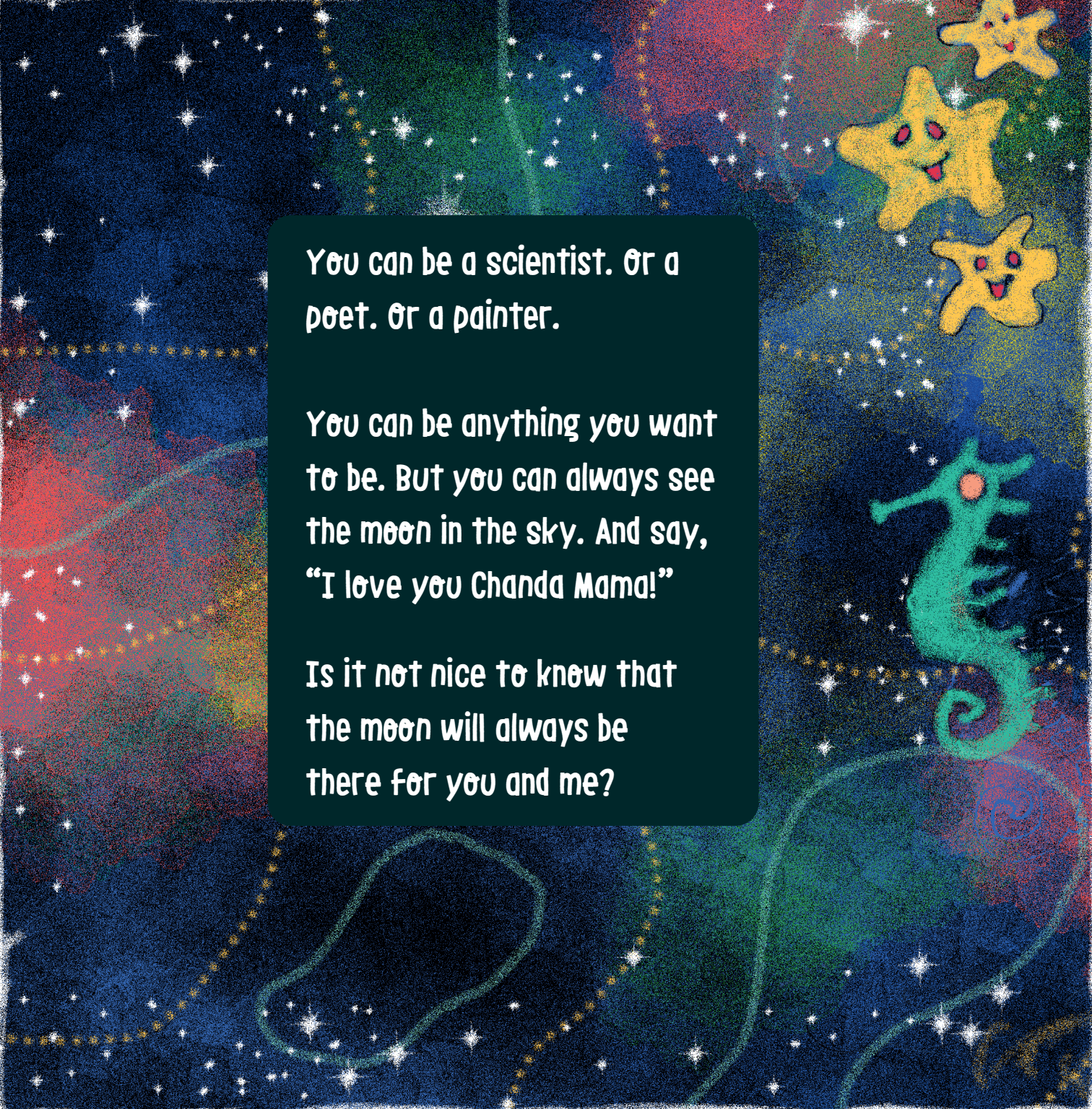
That's why people go to the moon in a rocket to find out the mysteries of the moon!

Maybe if you study really, really hard, one day, you will be the child who discovers many new things about the Moon.

You can be a scientist. Or a poet. Or a painter.

You can be anything you want to be. But you can always see the moon in the sky. And say, "I love you Chanda Mama!"

Is it not nice to know that the moon will always be there for you and me?





## BEFORE YOU READ

### Think

Do you see the Sun and the Moon everyday?

The stars and the clouds? And wondered about them?



### Ask! Discuss!

Kalpana Chawla was the first Indian woman to fly to space. As a child she loved to draw airplanes.

Would you like to go to outer space or the moon one day?

## TAKE ACTION!

Our Earth is a gift from all the people who lived before us. They looked after the Earth, so we can enjoy her gifts to us.

Now it is your turn to tell nature that you love her! And will care for her. What all can you do?

*Tamasha says*

Ask your teacher or principal if you can plant trees in your school.

Once you get permission, you must always look after the little plant till it grows into a tree.

Write to me! Tell me what you and your friends did.

Send your email to [tamasha!@katha.org](mailto:tamasha!@katha.org). Or post it to Tamasha, c/0 Katha, A3, Sarvodaya Enc;ave, New Delhi 110 017.

Your pucca friend,





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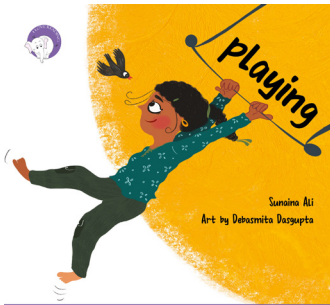
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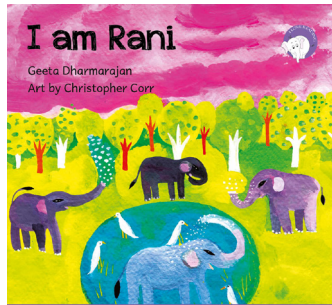
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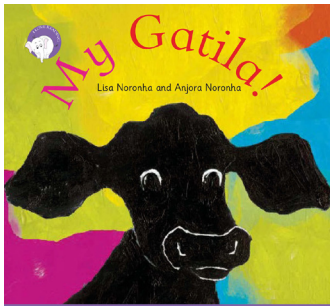
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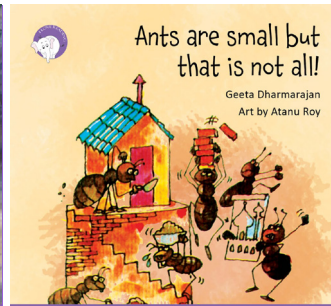
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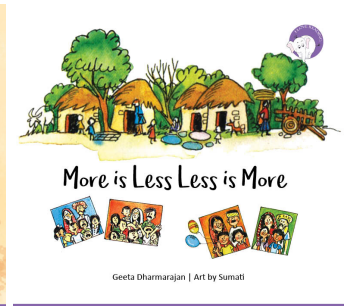
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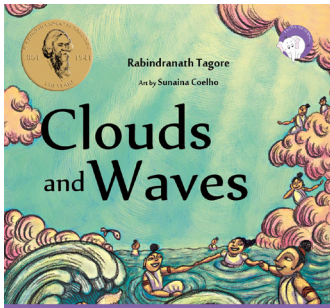
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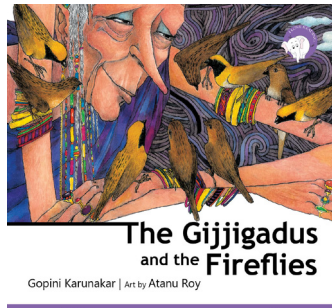
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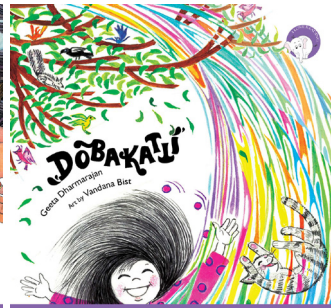
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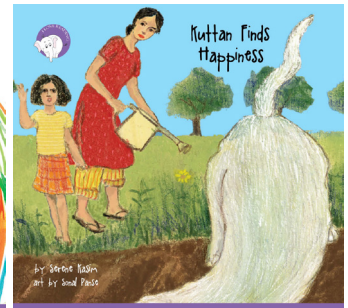
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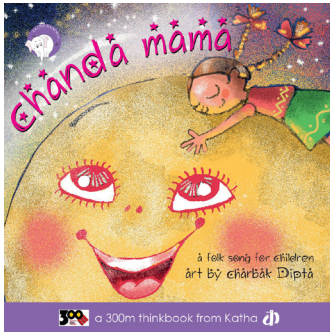
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