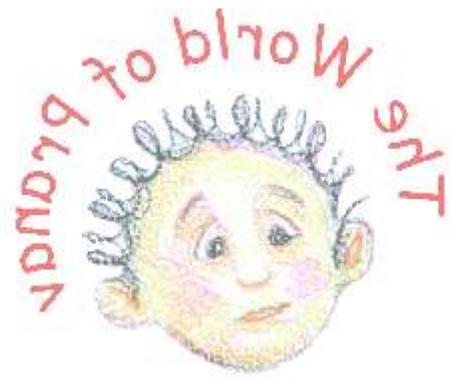


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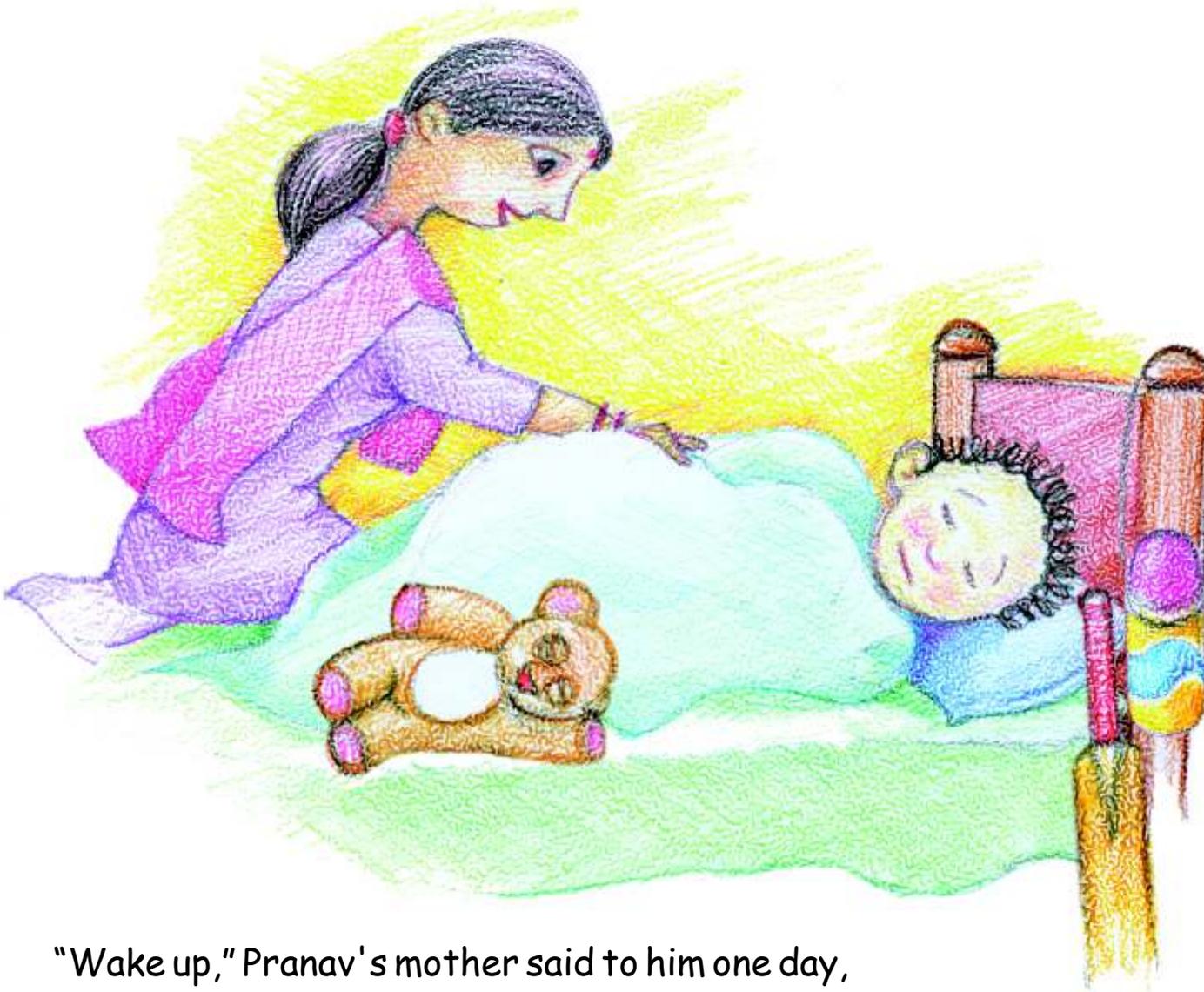
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"Wake up," Pranav's mother said to him one day,  
"Wake up. You are going to school today!"

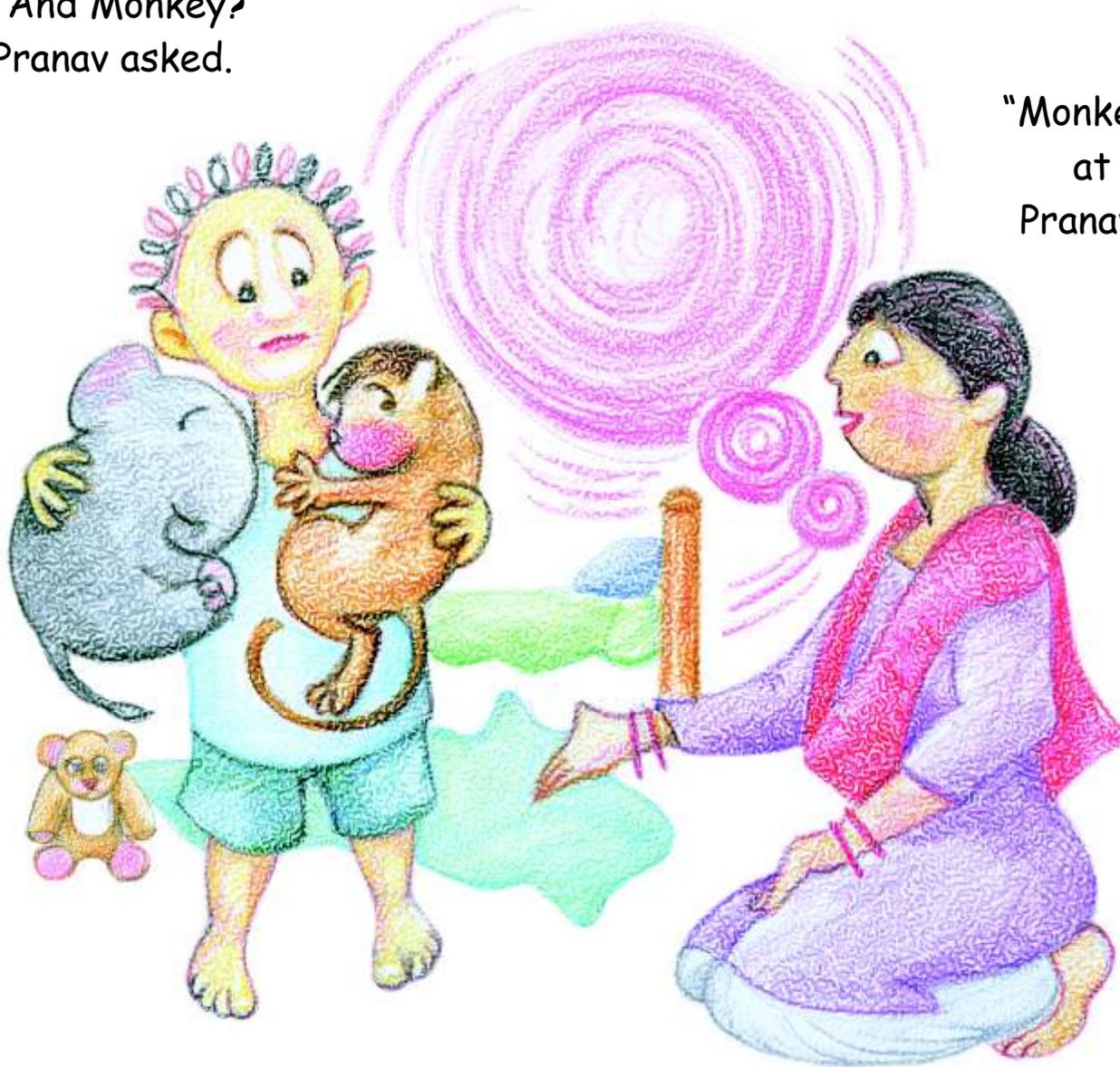


"School?"  
Pranav asked,  
"What will I do  
there?"

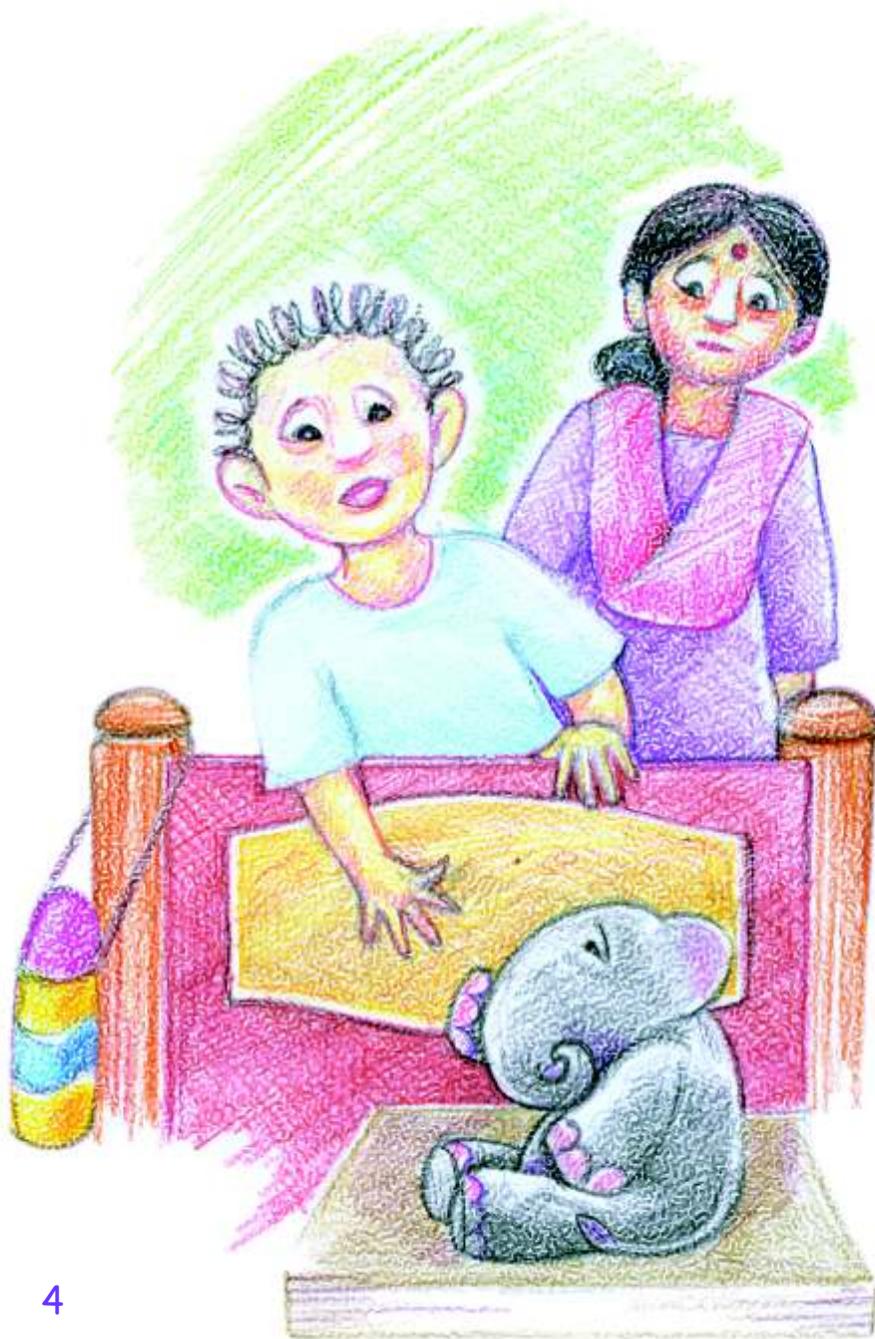
"You will have great fun in school," Pranav's mother told him,  
"You will meet other children and play nice games and sing songs.

2 Then you will eat lunch and then come home in the evening."

"And Monkey?"  
Pranav asked.



"Monkey will stay  
at home too,"  
Pranav's mother  
said.



"Come on Hatti," Pranav  
picked up his elephant,  
"We are going to school!"

"Hatti won't go to school  
with you," Pranav's  
mother told him.

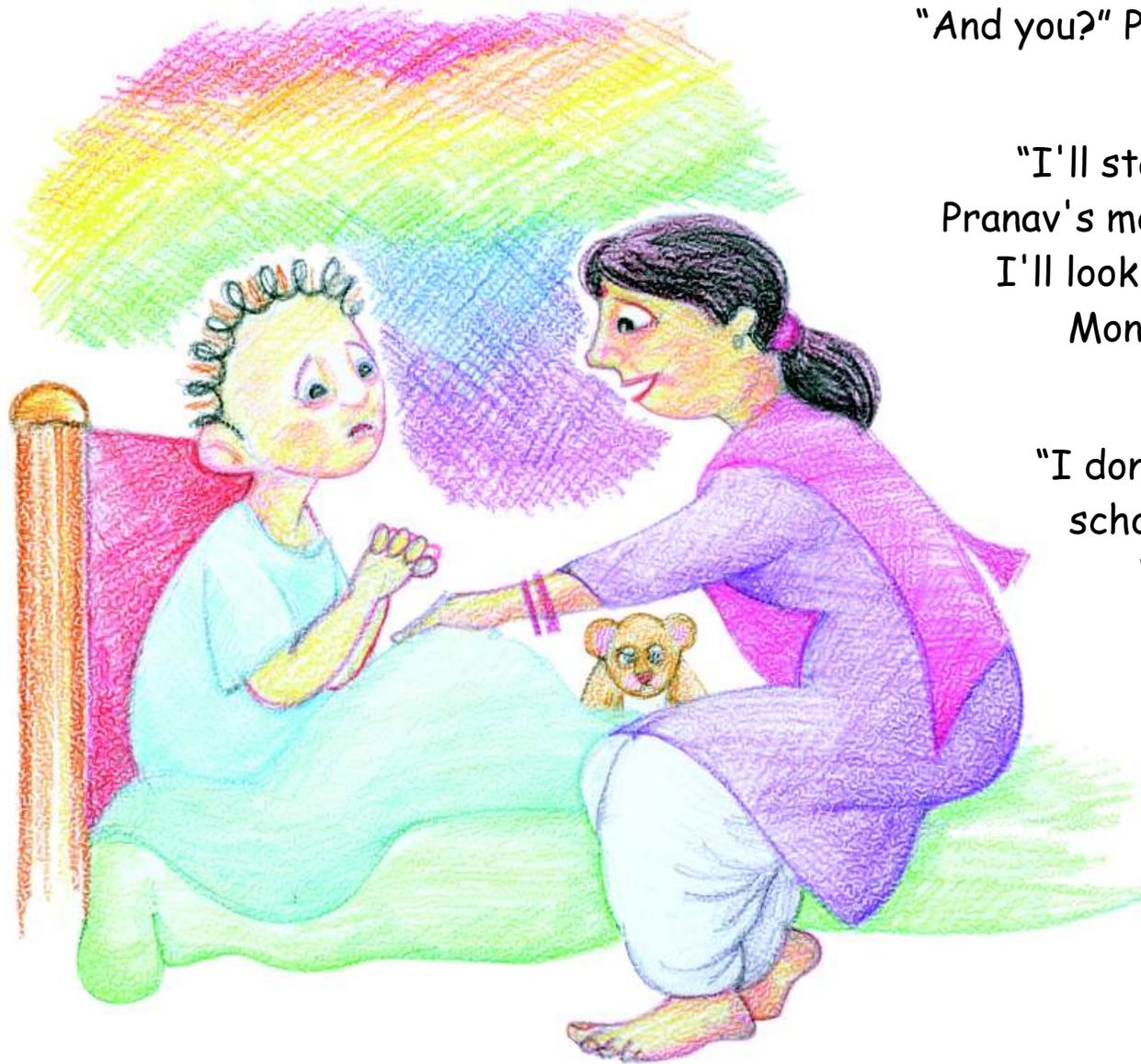
"Why can't he go with  
me?" Pranav asked.

"He will stay here at  
home," Pranav's  
mother said.

"And my doggy and fish and doll.. and my Lion King book?" Pranav asked.

"They will all stay at home," Pranav's mother said.





"And you?" Pranav asked in a small voice.

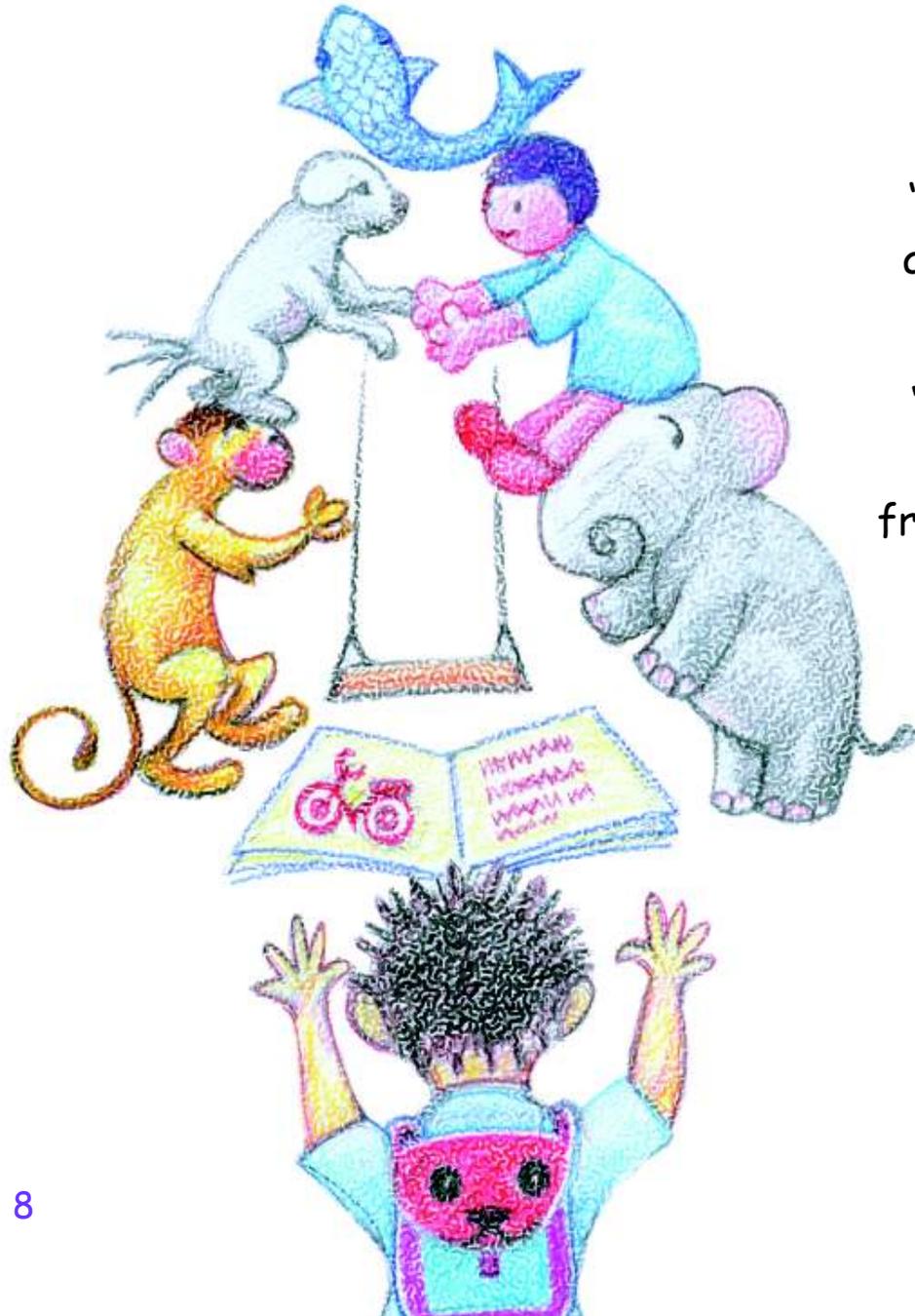
"I'll stay at home too," Pranav's mother said, "And I'll look after Hatti and Monkey and doll and your books!"

"I don't want to go to school!" Pranav said, "I don't want to leave you all at home and go!"

"Please!" Pranav begged, "Please let me stay at home!"



"But you will have fun at school," Pranav's mother said,  
"There will be lots of other children there and new toys and..."

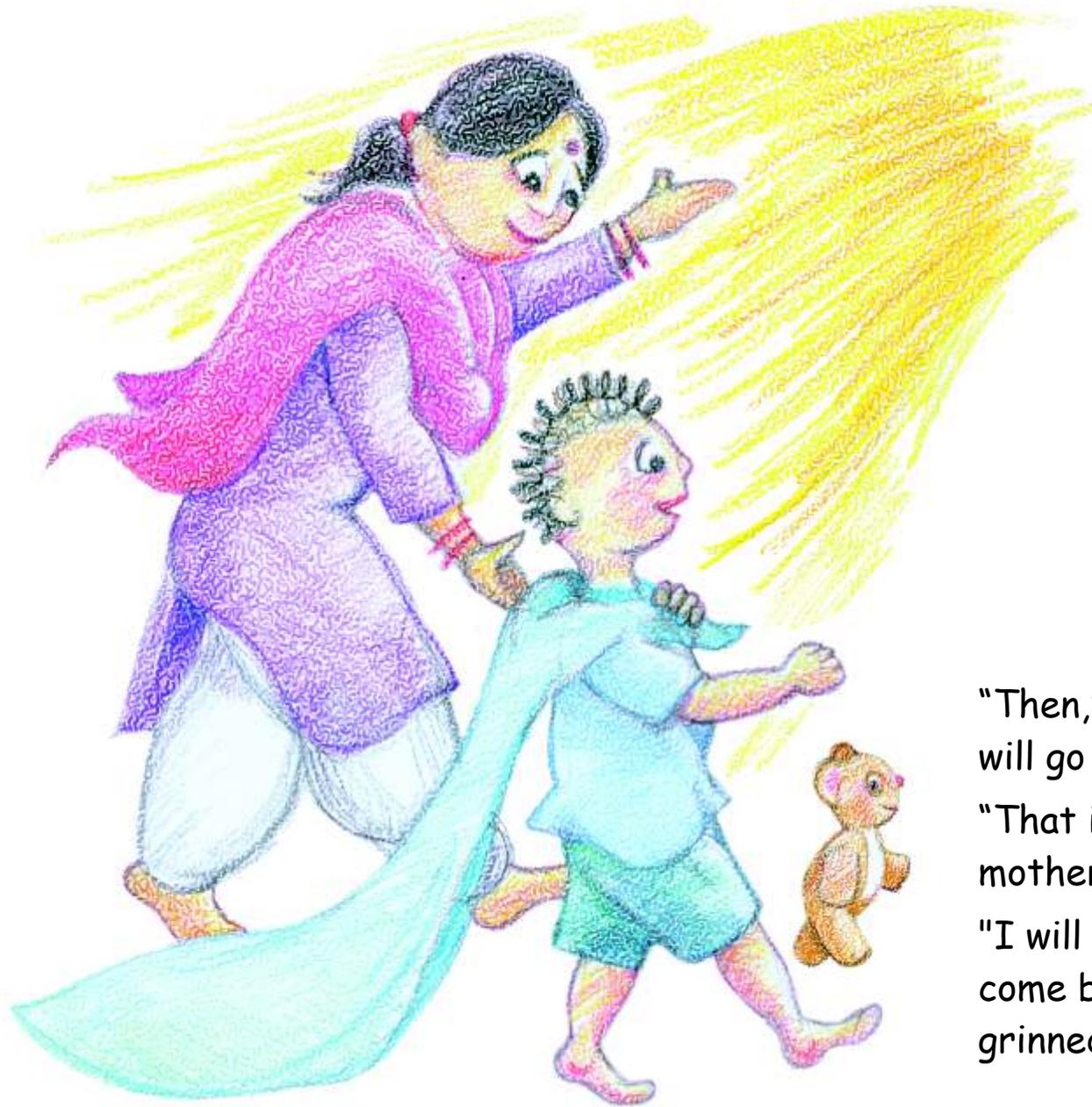


"But I don't want to leave you  
and Hatti and Monkey and go!"  
Pranav wailed.

"But Pranav," Pranav's mother  
said, "When you come back  
from school we will all be here!"

"All of you?" Pranav asked.

"All of us," Pranav's  
mother said, "Hatti and  
Monkey! Me and your  
doggy and your doll and  
all your books! And your  
swing and your red cycle!"



"Then," Pranav said, "I will go to school!"

"That is good!" Pranav's mother smiled.

"I will go, so that I can come back!" Pranav grinned.



## प्रणव की दुनिया



## प्रणव स्कूल कैसे गया

“प्रणव उठो,” प्रणव की माँ ने उससे एक दिन कहा, “उठो, तुम आज स्कूल जा रहे हो।”  
“स्कूल?” प्रणव ने पूछा, “मैं वहाँ क्या करूँगा?”

“तुम वहाँ बहुत मज़े करोगे,” माँ ने कहा, “वहाँ तुम्हें बहुत से दोस्त मिलेंगे, अच्छे-अच्छे खेल खेलोगे, गाना गाओगे, खाना खाओगे और फिर शाम को वापस घर आओगे।”

“हथ्थी आओ,” प्रणव ने अपने हाथी को उठाया, “हम स्कूल जा रहे हैं!”

“हथ्थी तुम्हारे साथ स्कूल नहीं जाएगा,” माँ ने कहा।

“वह मेरे साथ स्कूल क्यों नहीं जा सकता?” प्रणव ने पूछा।

“वह घर पर ही रहेगा,” माँ ने कहा।

“और बन्दर?” प्रणव ने पूछा

“बन्दर भी घर ही रहेगा,” माँ बोली।

“और मेरा कुत्ता, मछली, मेरी गुड़िया और मेरी शेर वाली किताब?” प्रणव ने पूछा।

“वे सब घर में रहेंगे,” प्रणव की माँ ने कहा।

“और तुम,” प्रणव ने धीरे से पूछा।



“मैं भी घर पर रहूँगी,” माँ ने कहा। “मैं तुम्हारे हाथी, बन्दर, गुड़िया और तुम्हारी किताबों का घर पर ख्याल रखूँगी!”

“फिर मैं स्कूल नहीं जाऊँगा!” प्रणव ने कहा, “मैं सबको घर में अकेला छोड़कर स्कूल नहीं जा सकता!”

“माँ! प्ली.....ज़! मुझे घर पर ही रहने दो।”

“पर प्रणव स्कूल में तो तुम्हें बहुत मज़ा आएगा,” माँ ने कहा, “तुम्हें वहाँ बहुत से दोस्त मिलेंगे, खूब सारे खिलौने और....”

“पर माँ मैं तुम्हें, हथ्थी को और बन्दर को छोड़कर नहीं जाऊँगा!” प्रणव ने दुखी होकर कहा।

“पर प्रणव जब तुम स्कूल से आओगे, तो हम सब यहीं मिलेंगे!”

“सब?” प्रणव ने पूछा।

“हाँ, हम सब,” प्रणव की माँ बोलीं।

“तुम्हारा हाथी, बन्दर, मैं, तुम्हारा कुत्ता, तुम्हारी गुड़िया, और तुम्हारी सब किताबें! तुम्हारा झूला और तुम्हारी वह लाल साइकिल!”

“फिर तो मैं स्कूल जाऊँगा!” प्रणव बोला।

“बहुत अच्छे!” प्रणव की माँ मुस्काई।

“मैं स्कूल जाऊँगा, ताकि फिर वापस आ सकूँ!”  
प्रणव ने हँसते हुए कहा।



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