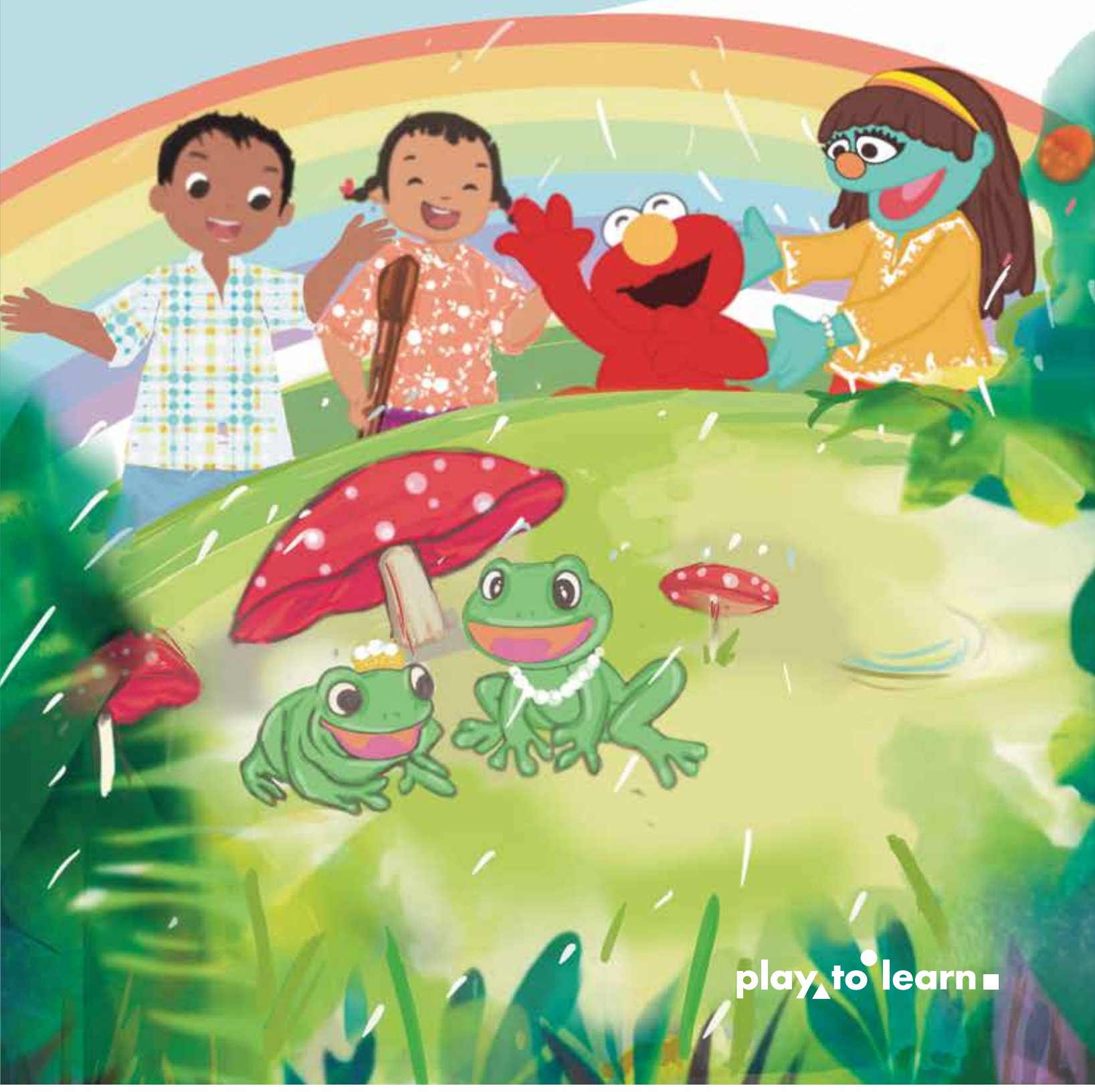
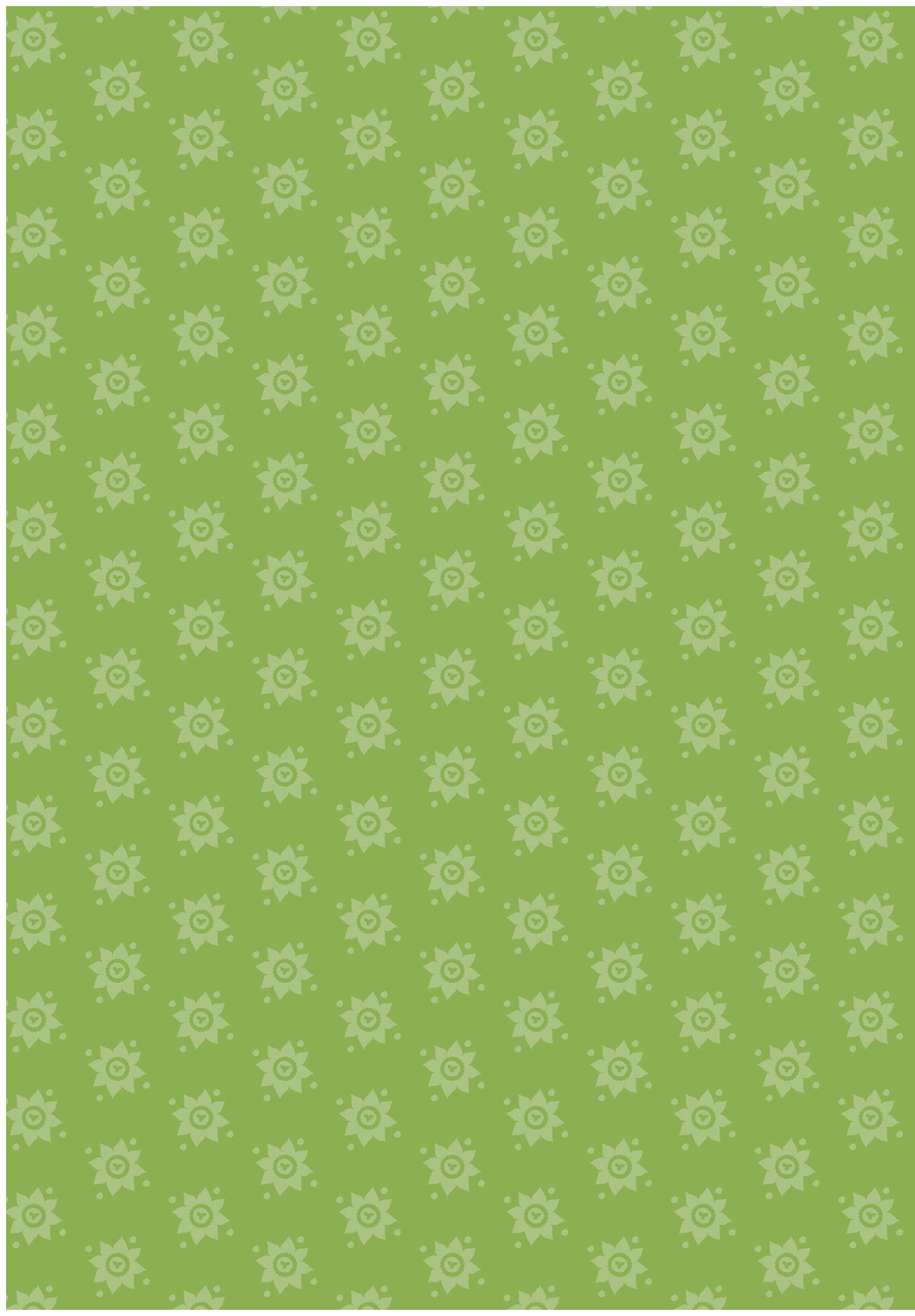


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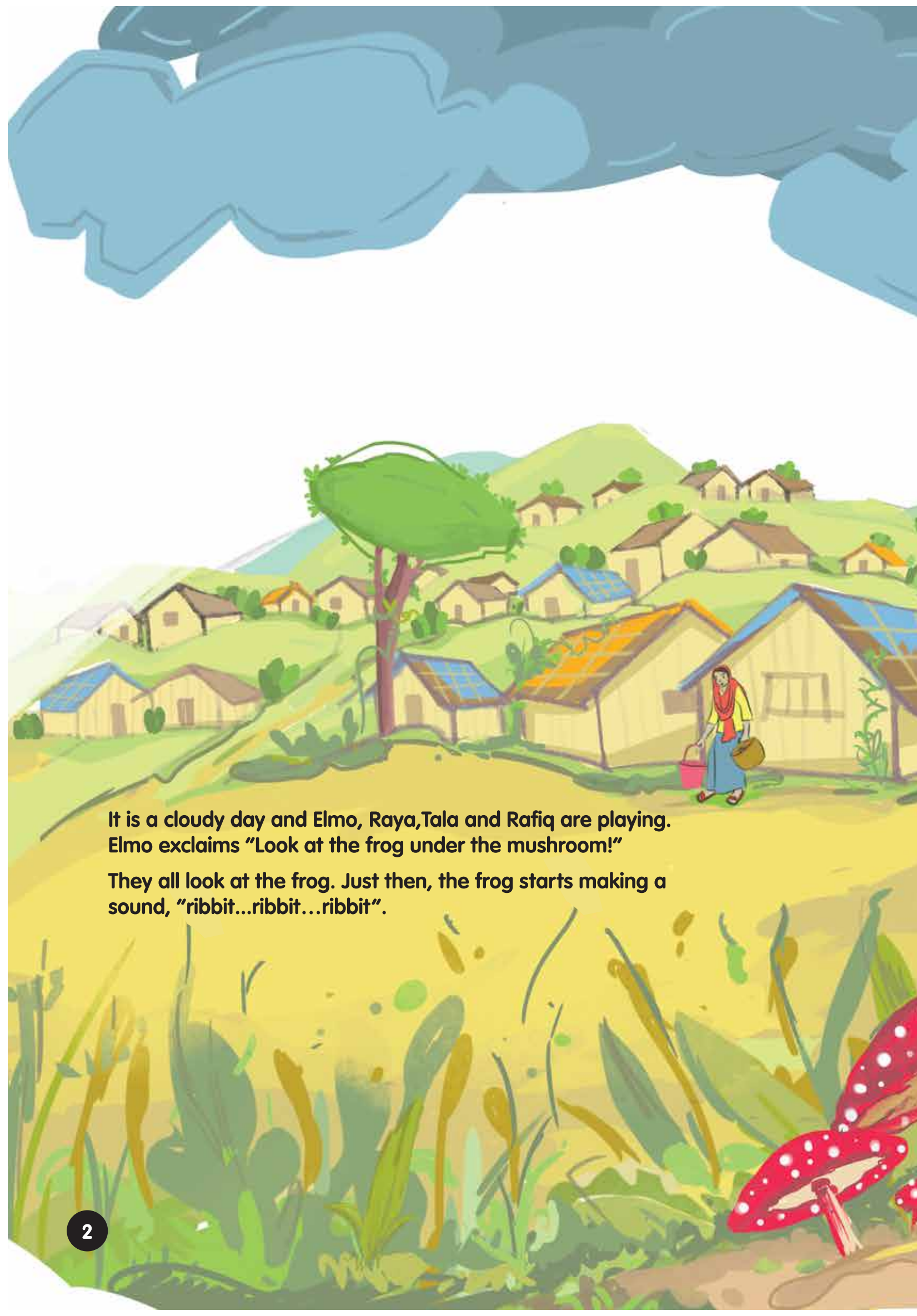
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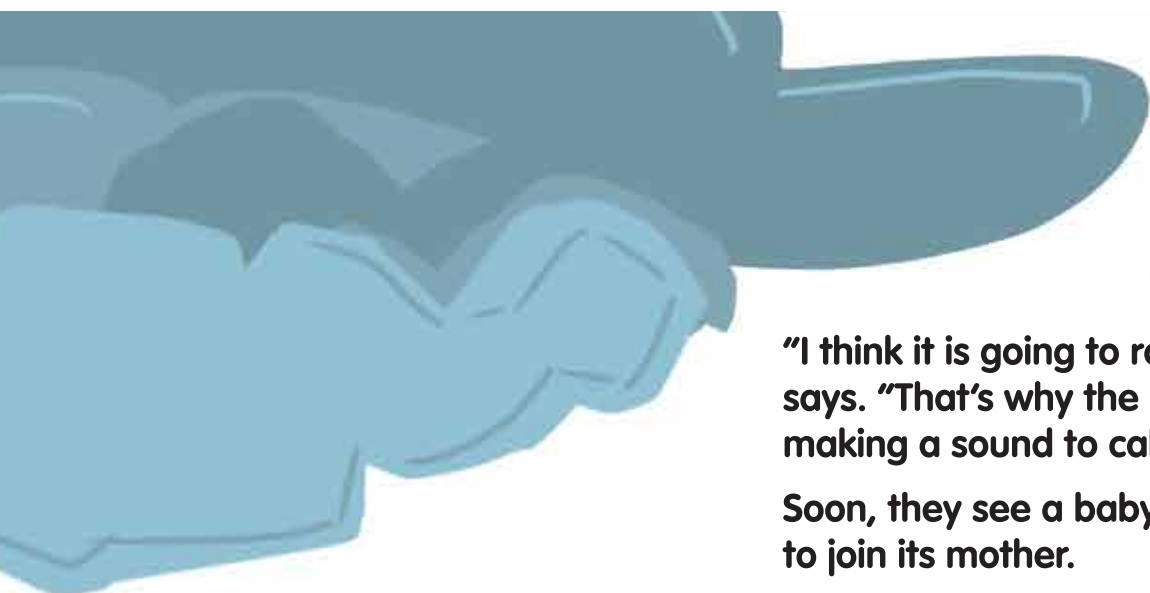
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**It is a cloudy day and Elmo, Raya, Tala and Rafiq are playing. Elmo exclaims "Look at the frog under the mushroom!"**

**They all look at the frog. Just then, the frog starts making a sound, "ribbit...ribbit...ribbit".**

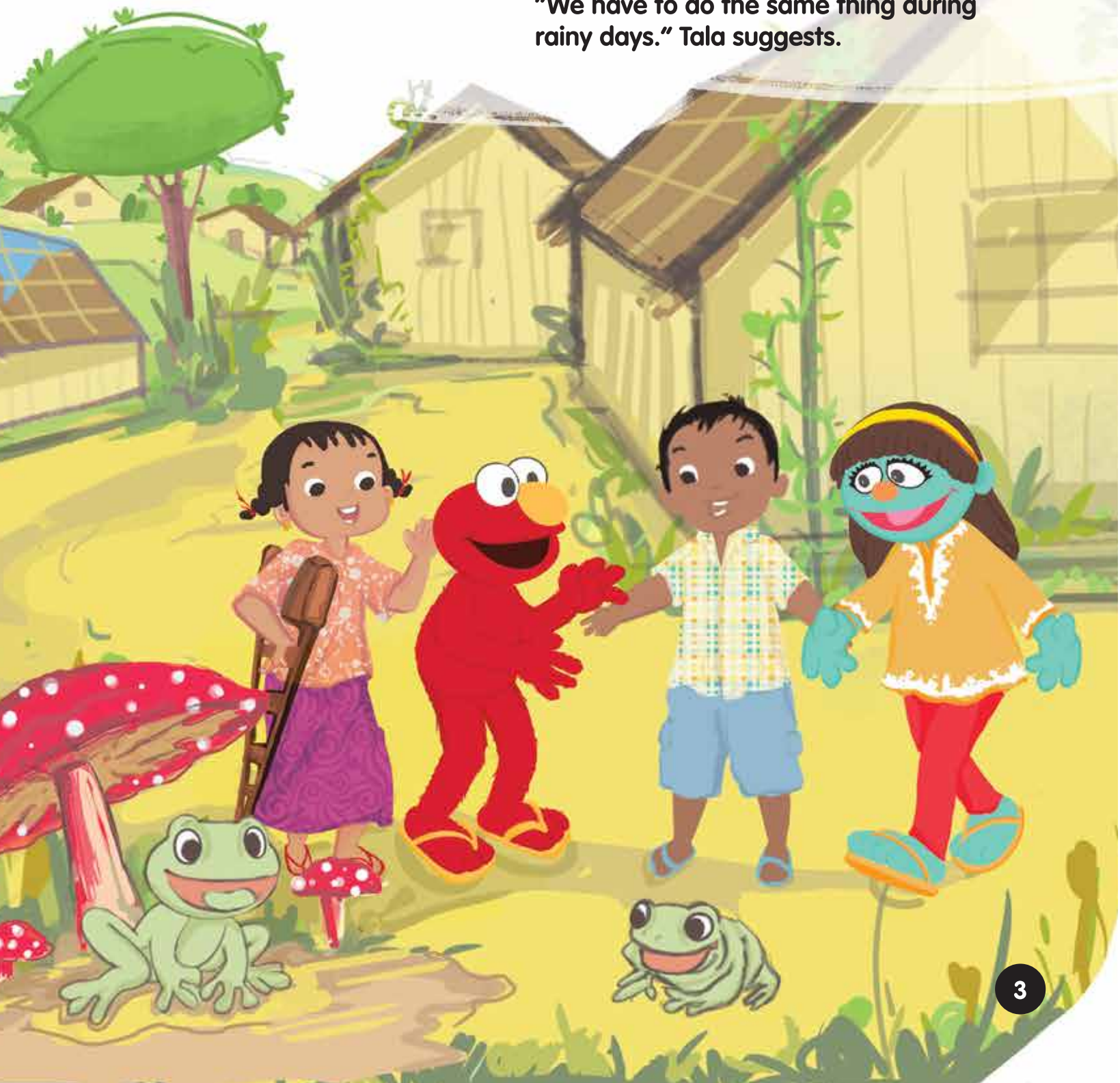


**"I think it is going to rain soon," Tala says. "That's why the mommy frog is making a sound to call her baby."**

**Soon, they see a baby frog hopping by to join its mother.**

**"Wow! The baby frog is so smart! It knows how to protect itself from the rain." Rafiq wonders.**

**"We have to do the same thing during rainy days." Tala suggests.**



**“My Mommy also says to not stay outside in the rain”, Raya says.” And to take shelter near a safe place or come back home as soon as possible.”**

**“It’s better not to take shelter under a tree during a storm”, Tala adds. “Lightning is more likely to hit tall trees and trees may fall.”**





Soon, the frog starts making a loud sound. They all laugh and have fun imitating the frog's call- "ribbit...ribbit --ribbit".

Suddenly, the sky turns dark with grey clouds. The wind starts blowing hard. "I see a raindrop on a leaf," Raya points to a fallen banana leaf. Rafiq picks it up and holds it like an umbrella.

**“Look, my mommy is calling us to go back to our house.” Tala points.**  
**“It’s going to rain so everyone needs to get inside.” Tala’s mother calls out.**  
**They all try to gather under the banana leaf and get inside the house.**  
**“Wow! What fun!”**  
**Elmo says. Raya holds Tala’s hands to help her get inside safely.**



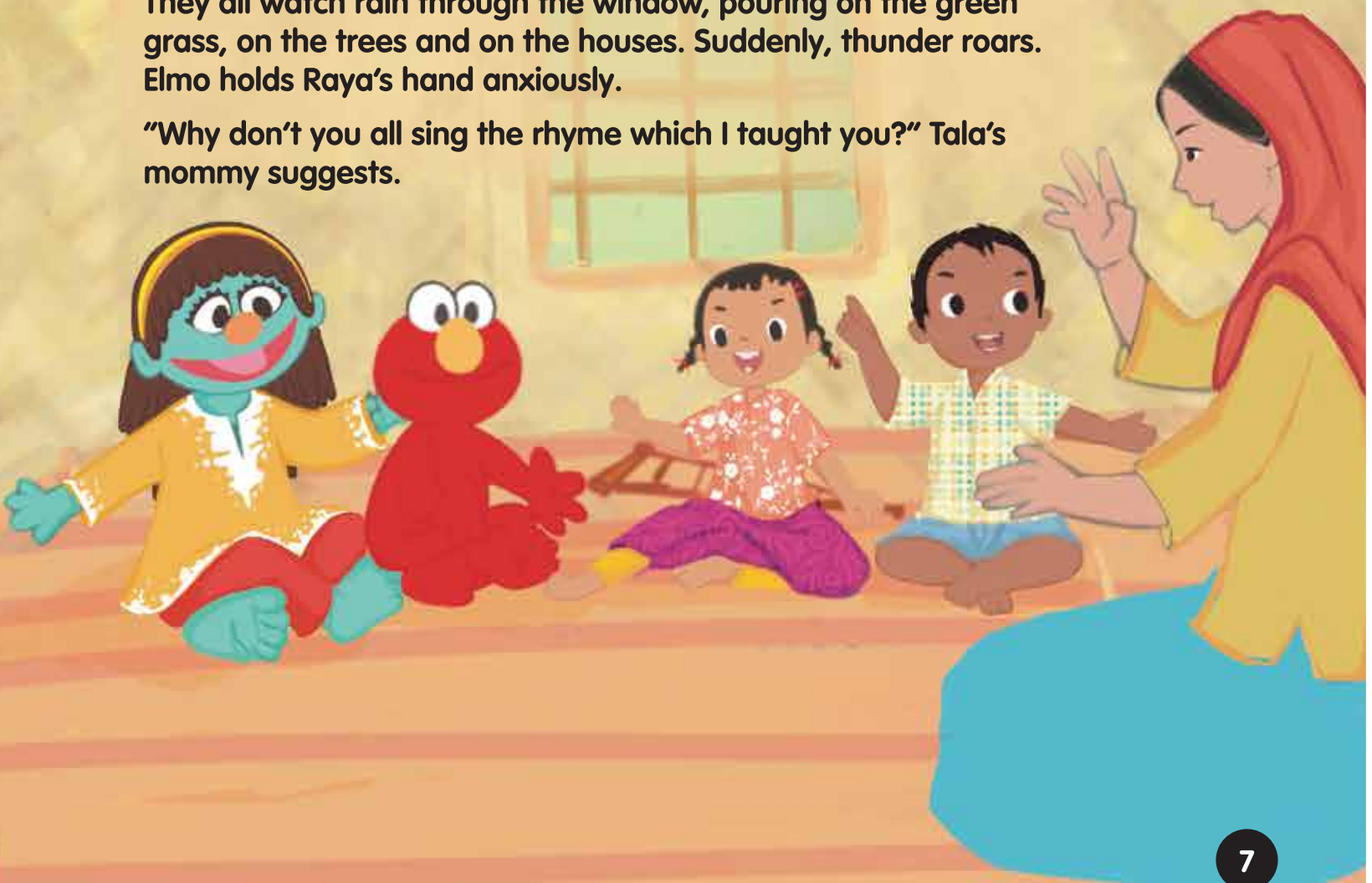


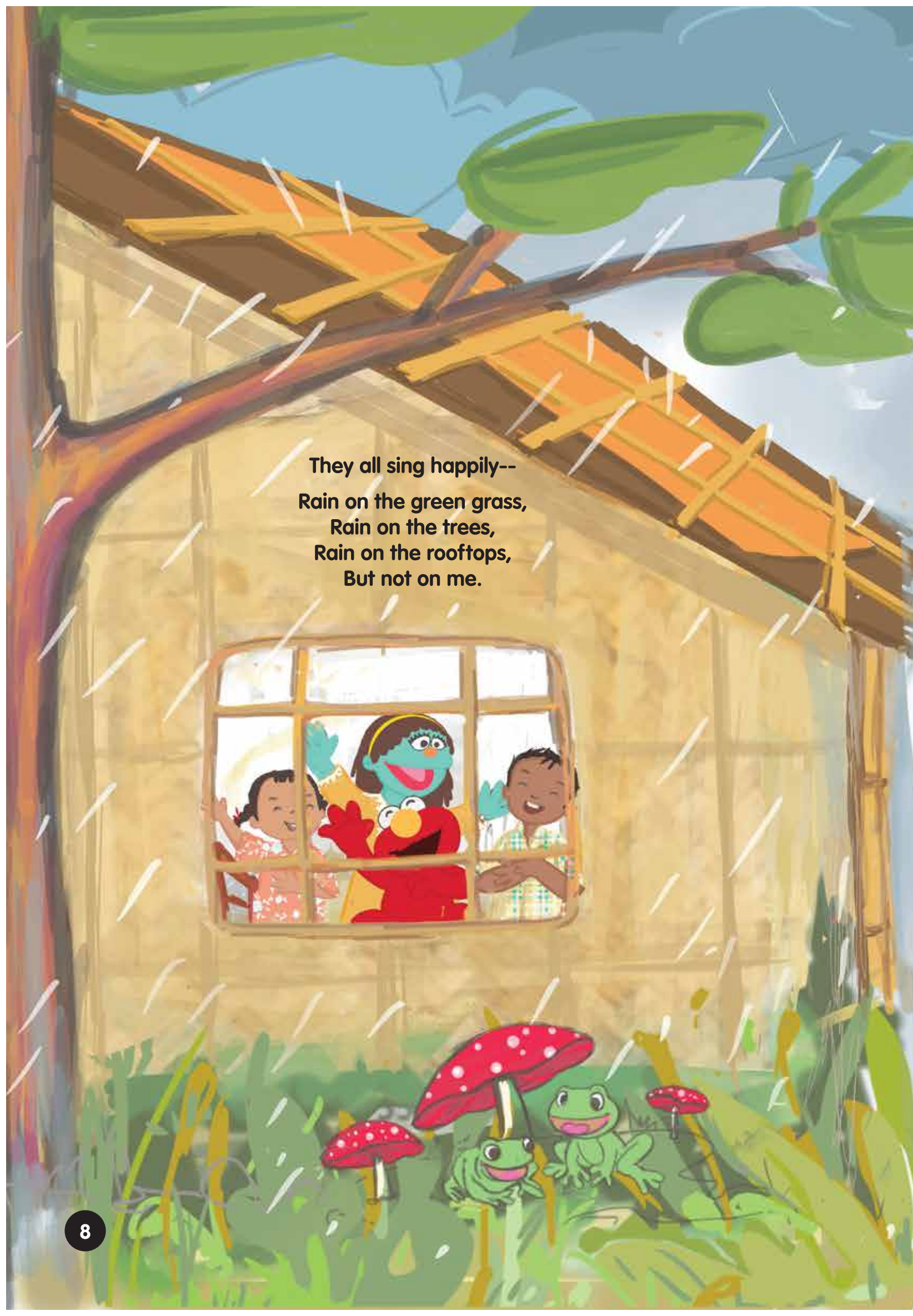


As soon as they enter the house, it starts raining.

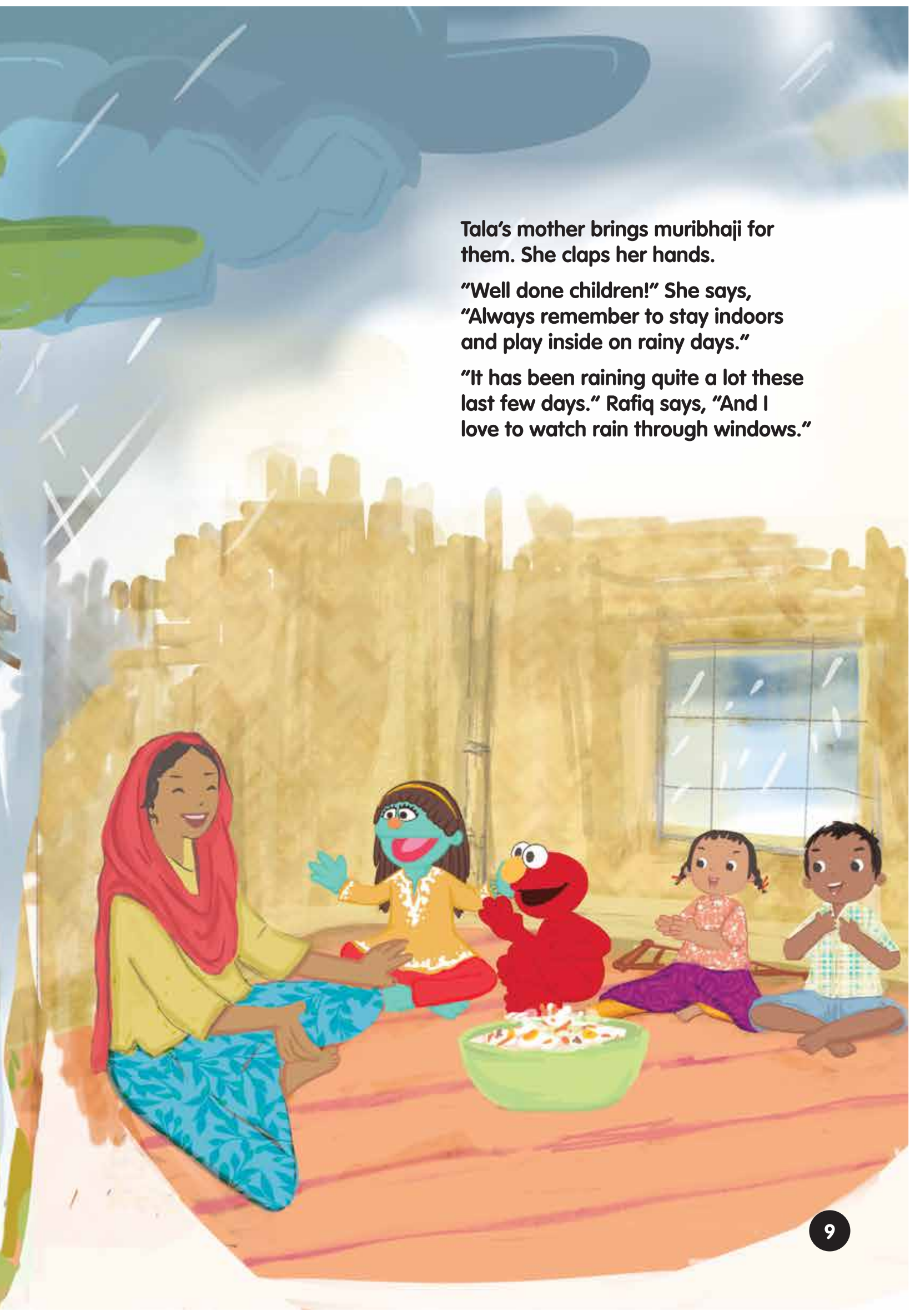
They all watch rain through the window, pouring on the green grass, on the trees and on the houses. Suddenly, thunder roars. Elmo holds Raya's hand anxiously.

"Why don't you all sing the rhyme which I taught you?" Tala's mommy suggests.





**They all sing happily--  
Rain on the green grass,  
Rain on the trees,  
Rain on the rooftops,  
But not on me.**

An illustration of a woman and four children sitting on a red mat on the floor of a room. The woman, on the left, wears a red headscarf and a yellow top with a blue patterned skirt. She is smiling and clapping her hands. To her right are four children: a girl with blue skin and a yellow top, Elmo, a girl with pigtails in a pink top and purple pants, and a boy in a green and white checkered shirt and blue shorts. They are all clapping. In front of them is a large green bowl filled with white rice and colorful vegetables. The room has a window on the right showing rain falling outside. The walls are made of light-colored wood or bamboo. The sky outside is blue with white rain streaks.

Tala's mother brings muribhaji for them. She claps her hands.

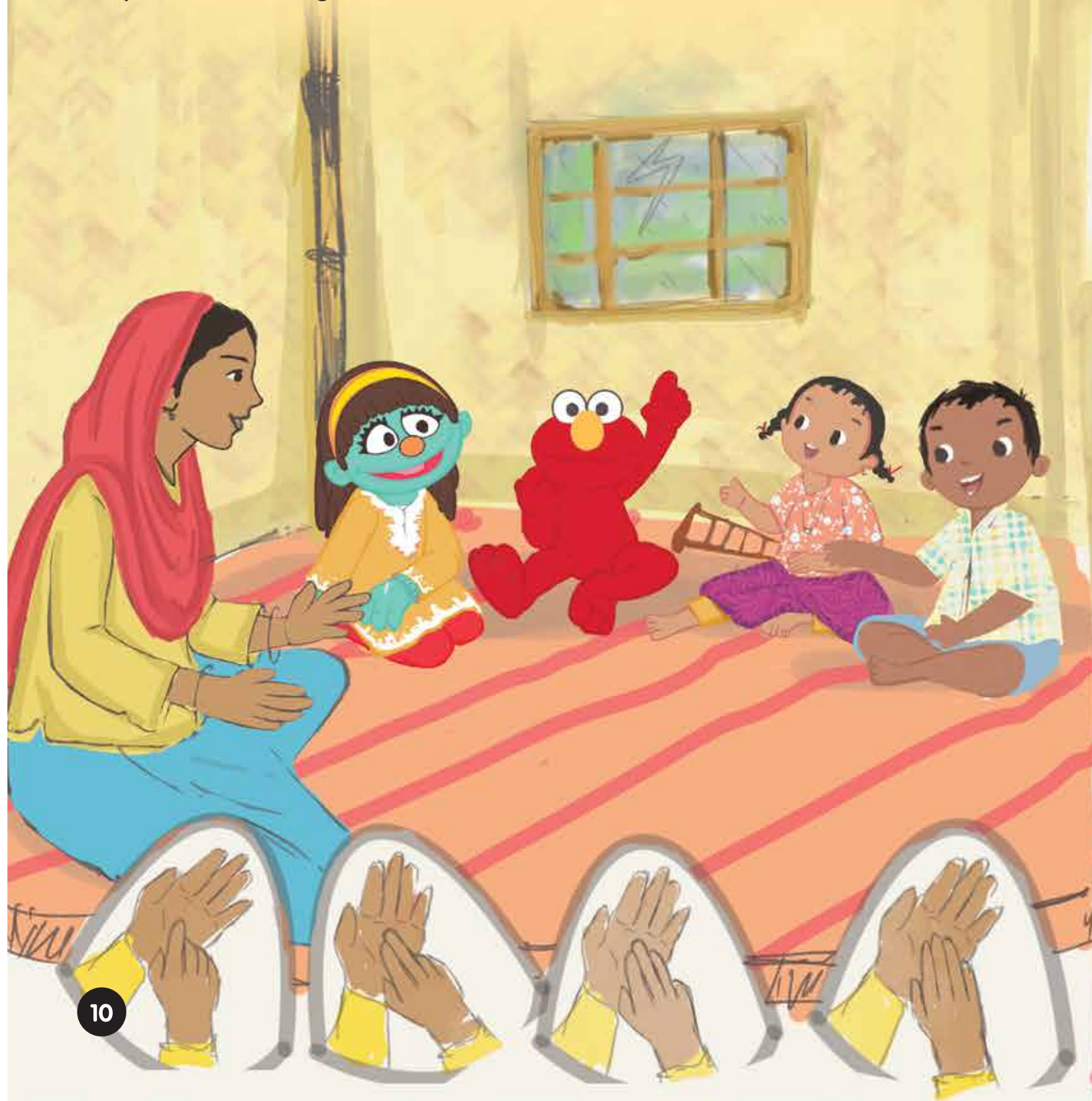
"Well done children!" She says, "Always remember to stay indoors and play inside on rainy days."

"It has been raining quite a lot these last few days." Rafiq says, "And I love to watch rain through windows."

Soon they hear a loud pitter patter sound on the rooftop.

“What’s that?” Elmo looks up anxiously. “It’s just the pitter patter sound of rain.” Tala’s mother assures Elmo, “Let’s make a pitter patter sound ourselves, using our fingers and palms.”

Tala’s mother taps one finger, two fingers, three fingers, four fingers on her palm. The sound gets louder and louder. Oh, what fun!



As soon as the rain stops Mae comes to pick Elmo up.

“There are some puddles along the way”, she says, “And as it is not safe to walk alone

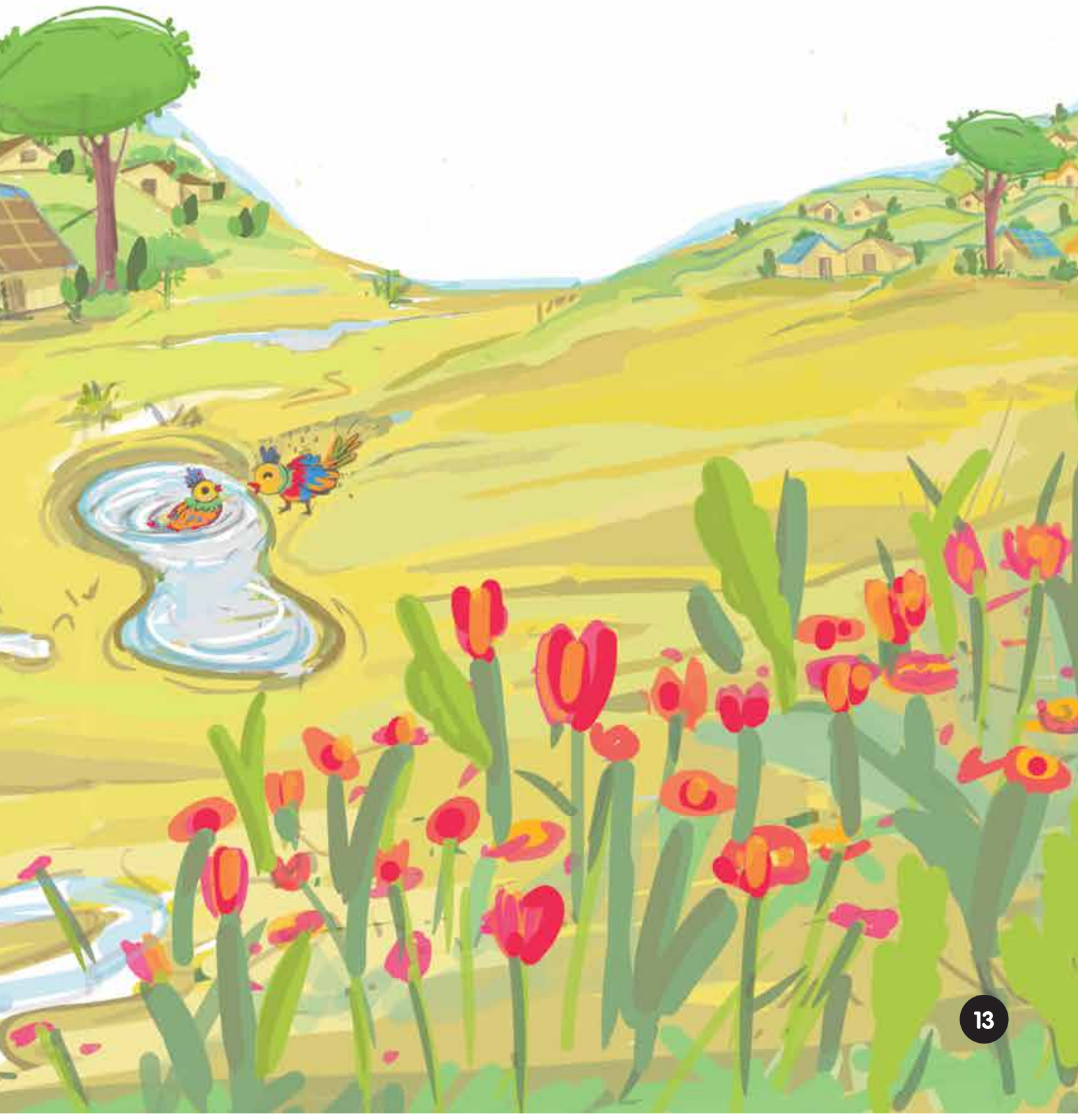
beside puddles, I am going to take Raya and Rafiq with us and drop them home as well.”

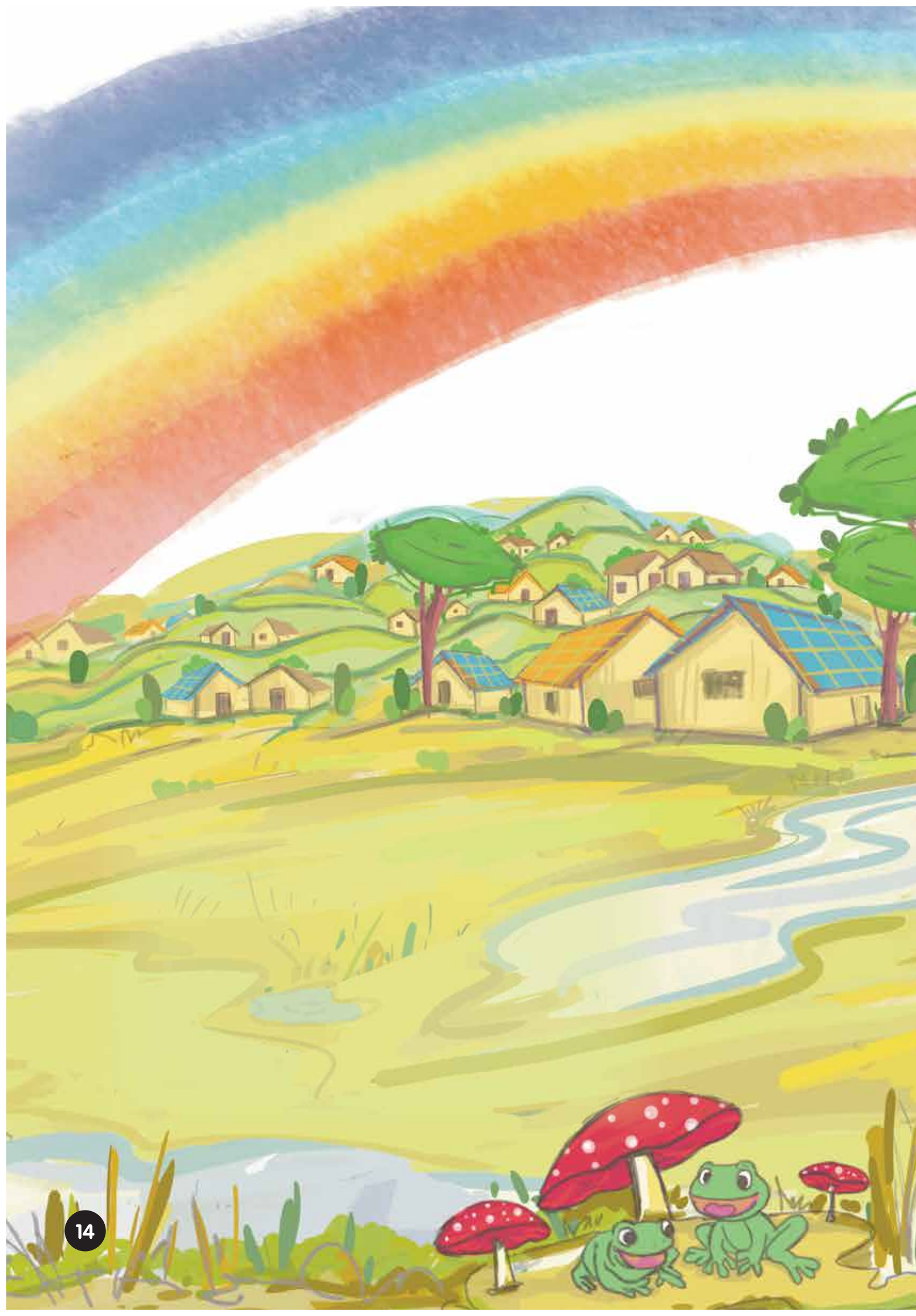




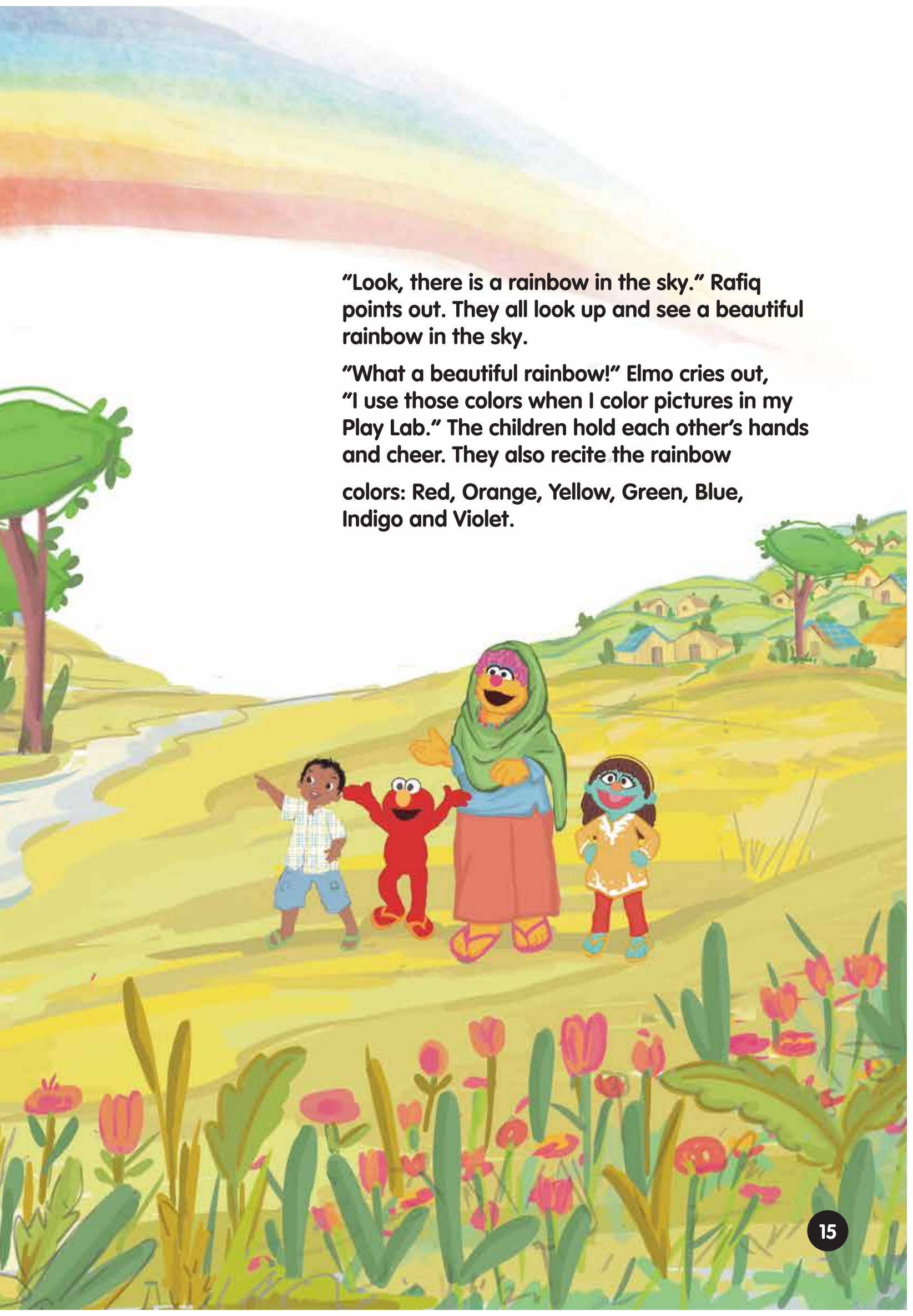
On their way back they see little birds take bath in the puddles. Elmo gets so excited.

“Don’t go near the puddles, my dear.” Mae suggests, “Some of them are very deep and the water is not safe for you as well. So be careful about the puddles.”









**“Look, there is a rainbow in the sky.” Rafiq points out. They all look up and see a beautiful rainbow in the sky.**

**“What a beautiful rainbow!” Elmo cries out, “I use those colors when I color pictures in my Play Lab.” The children hold each other’s hands and cheer. They also recite the rainbow colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet.**





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