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WHERE LEARNING MEETS FUN

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I GUESS I  
CAN PROTECT  
YOU IN  
RETURN FOR  
THE RAKHI,  
BUCHKI.

YOU HAVE  
NO IDEA HOW MUCH  
I'M PROTECTING  
YOU, CYRUS.







Hi Friends,

Let me ask you a question. When you do well at a task, say studies or extracurricular activities, what kind of feedback do you prefer? Do you like it if someone praises you for being smart and talented? Or would you prefer if they praised you for the effort you put into a project or activity?

Let me tell you about a fascinating person called Carol Dweck who found out some interesting things. She found that effort counts for more than just skill. Think about it. And while you think allow me to give you an example... mine! 😊

When I was young, I was often told that I had the skill to learn things quickly. Proud of the ability, I fell into the habit of studying on the day before the exam. I scored average marks and was quite happy being ranked 13th in class, every time.

Now it so happened that when I was around eight, my dad fell ill. I made a promise to score within the first three ranks, if Dad got well soon. From that day, I studied like I'd never done before. I filled 500-page books with answers to questions, repeated over and over, and did all I could to work hard.

Thankfully, Dad soon got well. In the meanwhile, I appeared for my exams and soon after it was time for the results to be announced. The teacher announced the first rank. It was not me. So I waited. The second rank was also not me and I now started getting angry. I had worked so hard, so I should be getting a rank! And then, the teacher announced the name for the third rank. Mine! I was so happy that it felt like bubbles of joy were just filling me up and overflowing!

That day I learnt that skill or no skill, effort counts a lot more in getting the desired results. When we rely only on skill or talent, we tend to take failure hard. Or like me, we fail to reach our full potential. It feels as if we've let ourselves down. But when we're willing to work hard, failure just makes us want to try harder next time.

To us then, failure only tells us that we need to try a different tactic to get what we want.

I hope you all think about this and while you do, I hope you all enjoy this fortnight's celebrations. There's Parsi New Year on the 17th, Raksha Bandhan on the 26th, as well as Eid Al Adha and Onam later this month.

Hugs,  
Rajani

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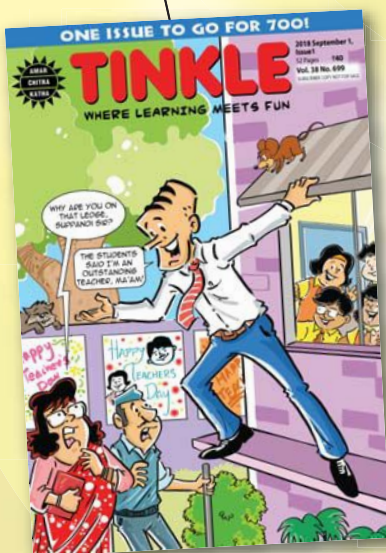
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Meet Buchki, an eight year old who can see ghosts (something no one else knows!). Except... she's scared of them! Thankfully, she has her Meyn Dadu (an ancestor, also a ghost!); her know-it-all brother, Cyrus and her grandma, Didu to help her deal with these hooligans of Boodanga, aka Booligans!

# Buchki & the Booligans

## Double Trouble

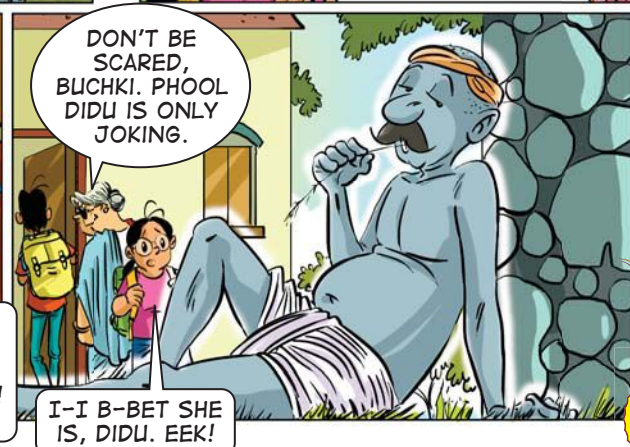
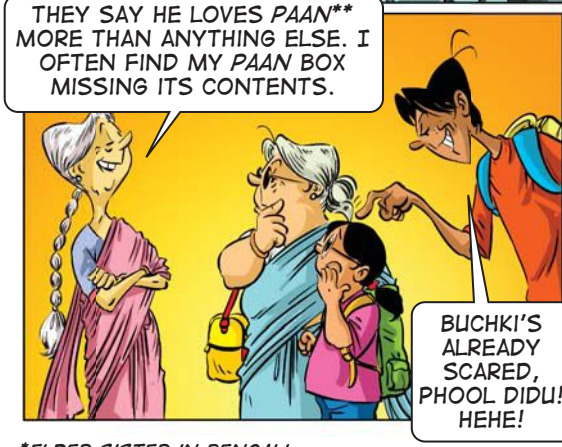
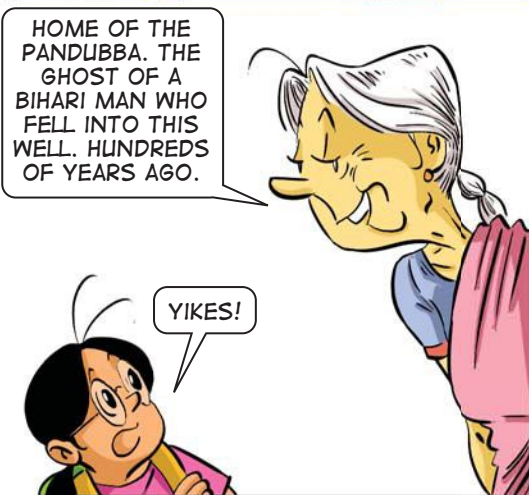
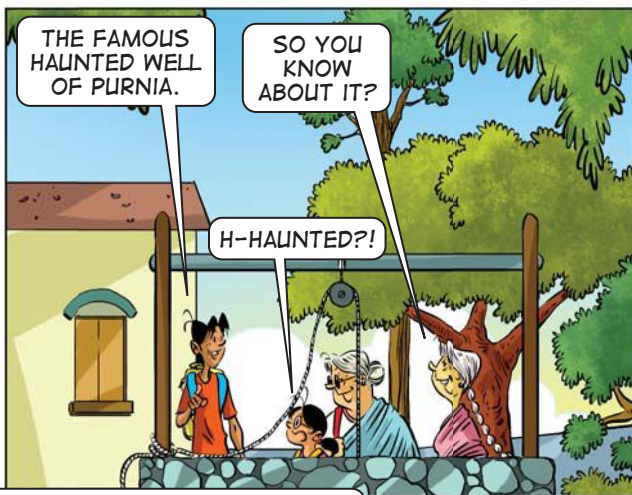
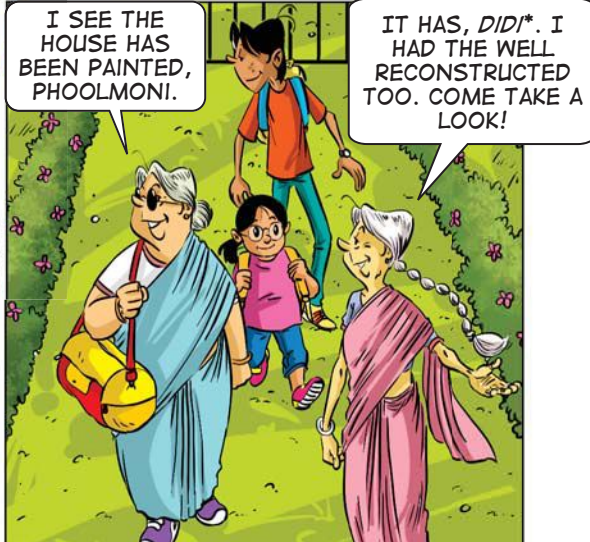
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BUCHKI, DIDU AND CYRUS ARE VISITING PHOOLMONI, DIDU'S SISTER, IN PURNIA, BIHAR...



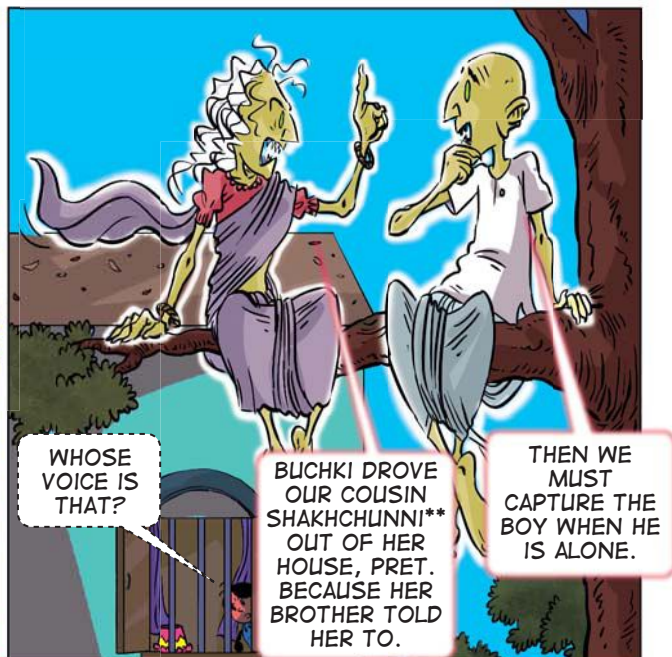
\*ELDER SISTER IN BENGALI

\*\*A MOUTH FRESHENER MADE WITH BETEL LEAVES

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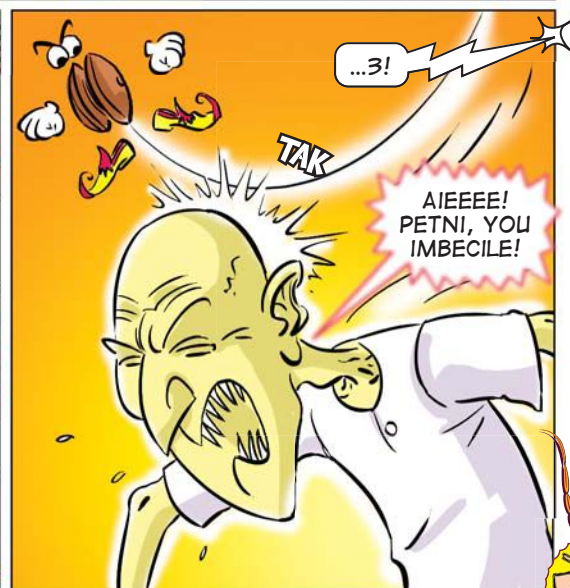
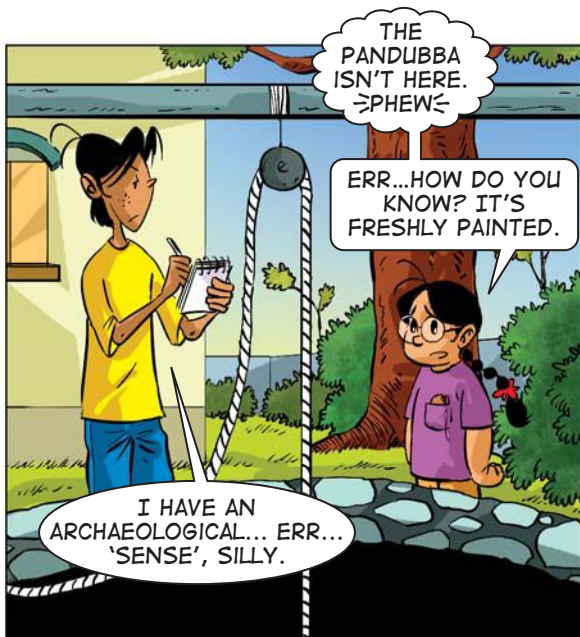




\*GUBLI IS BUCHKI'S MAGICAL YO-YO

\*\*A GHOST WHO CAN TAKE THE FORM OF A FAMILY MEMBER. THE SHAKHCHUNNI THAT BUCHKI ENCOUNTERED HAD TAKEN HER GRANDMOTHER'S FORM.







WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?!

WHY DID YOU HIT ME? THIS IS NO TIME FOR GAMES!

STOP THIS NONSENSE AND LET'S GO BEFORE HE LEAVES!

TAK

AAH! THEN DON'T HIT ME, YOU FOOL!

DON'T ACCUSE ME, YOU LIAR!

WATCH WHO YOU'RE CALLING LIAR... LIAR!

IT'S WORKING!

BUCHKI?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE? DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GOING TO THE FRONT GARDEN?

IT'S HER! SHE CAN SEE US!

UH-OH!

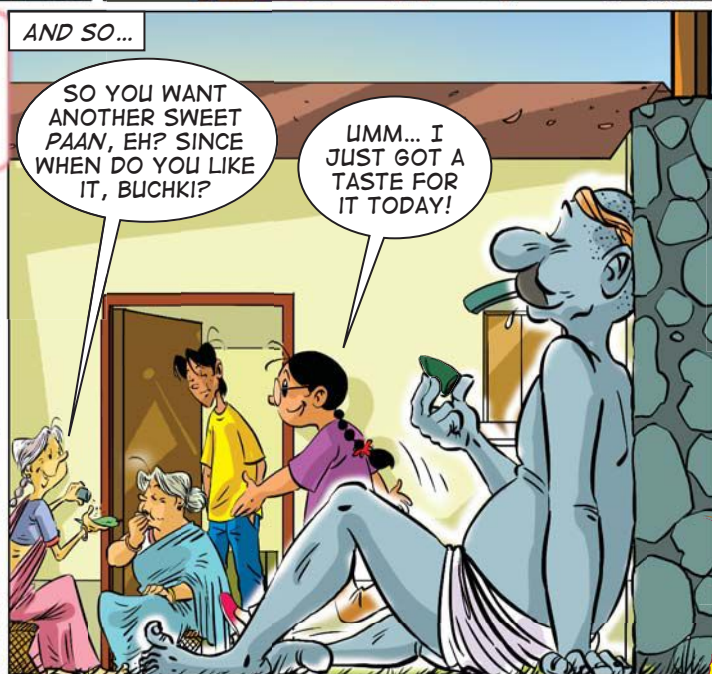
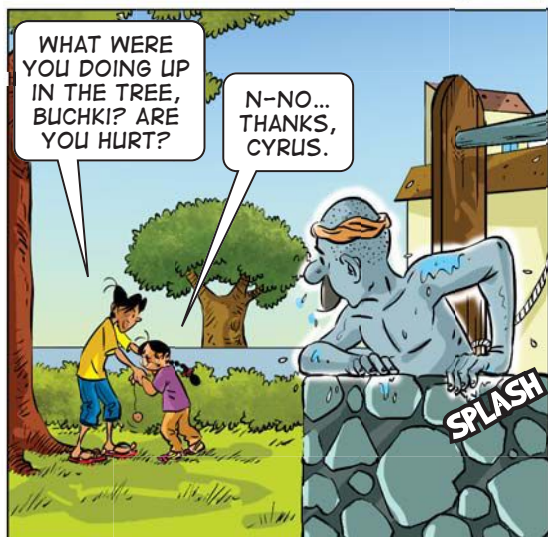
YOU WILL PAY, LITTLE GIRL!

WHOOOAAA! SLIPPING!

AAAAAAAH!

HUH?! WHO'S GRABBED OUR NECKS?





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JOIN AADI AND NADIA IN SHOWING MAPLI AND AISHA AROUND NOIS ON THE SCHOOL'S VISITOR'S FAIR DAY...



I PREFER DANIEL DEFOE'S *ROBINSON CRUSOE*. CRUSOE GAVE UP THE LIFE OF A LAWYER TO TRAVEL AS A SEAFARER. SO THRILLING!

I AGREE. ROBINSON CRUSOE TAKES YOU ON THE MOST ADVENTUROUS VACATION WITHOUT MOVING A LIMB.



I FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT MARK TWAIN'S *ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN*.

ALL THIS CLIMBING REMINDS ME OF ONLY ONE BOOK. ENID BLYTON'S *THE MOUNTAIN OF ADVENTURE*.

THAT STORY IS OUTLANDISH AND FUNNY. HUCK HAS SUCH A WILD IMAGINATION THAT TAKES HIM SOOOOO FAR. LITERALLY.





A CAMPING TRIP THAT LEADS TO A DANGEROUS SECRET EXPERIMENT? NOTHING MORE ADVENTUROUS THAN THAT!

YES, THERE IS!

ENID BLYTON'S *THE SEA OF ADVENTURE* HAS MORE ESCAPADES FROM THE WILD SEAS. MORE DEPTH... MORE ADVENTURE.

>UGH<

THE SEA DOES MAKE A GREAT SETTING FOR ADVENTURE STORIES.

TRUE. JOHANN DAVID WYSS'S *THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON* ALSO BEGINS AT SEA.

IT WOULD TEACH YOU SO MUCH... IF YOU'RE SHIPWRECKED ON AN ISLAND WITH YOUR FAMILY.

HEY!

SOUNDS GOOD—

WE'LL HAVE TO DO THESE SEA ADVENTURES SOME OTHER TIME. IT'S ALMOST THE END OF THE VISITOR'S FAIR DAY.

OH NO.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END.

LIKE A GOOD BOOK!

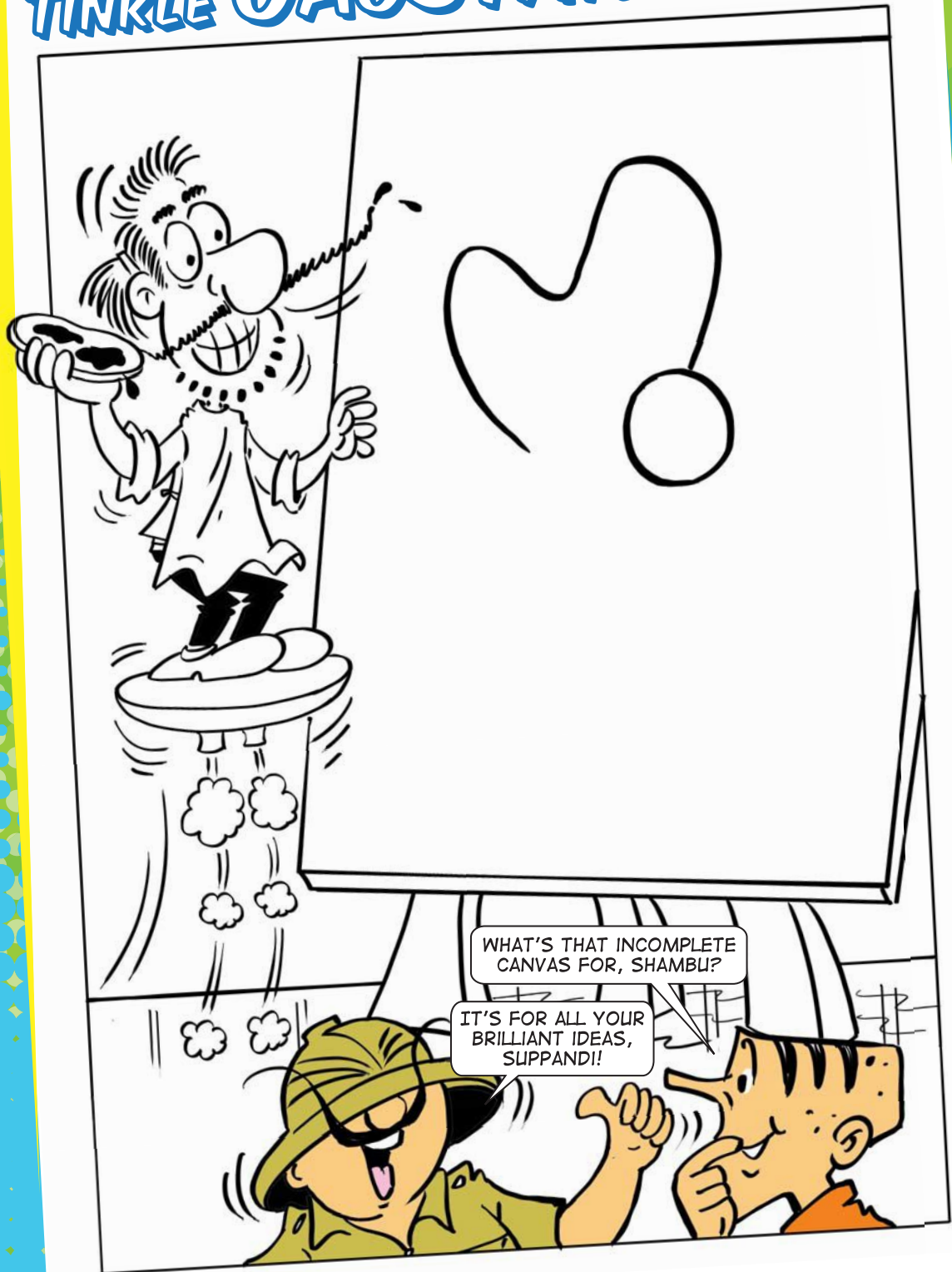
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# TINKLE GAGSTAR CONTEST





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Put on your thinking hats and grab your stationery.

**Complete the art and add a dialogue to fit the scene** on the opposite page.

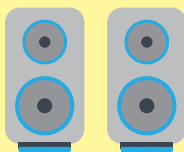
If yours is the most **imaginatively funny entry** then you become the **GagStar** and win loads of prizes too!

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WIRELESS SPEAKERS

TWO 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZES



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**Original ideas only! Contest ends on 30 September, 2018.**

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# The Unluckiest Girl

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"PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS FALLING AROUND ME. THE OTHER DAY VAISHNAVI'S SHOE BUCKLE GOT CAUGHT IN MY LACES AND..."



WHOA!

"...VAISHNAVI TRIPPED."

"ANOTHER TIME..."

JEET! JEET! YOUR BAG'S OPEN!



OOPS!

YIEE!



"AND WHILE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK..."

DON'T MOVE AROUND SO MUCH, NAZNEEN.



JUST A SEC, INI. I'M TRYING TO MAKE MORE SPACE—

OW!

OUT! OUT! I SEE YOU, INI!



Bump



I'M CHANDIGARH'S UNLUCKIEST GIRL, ARASH BHAIIYYA. THAT'S WHY I'M NOT INVITED TO VAISHNAVI'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

THAT'S NO REASON TO SULK, NAZNEEN. WE CAN HAVE OUR OWN PARTY AT HOME.



WE STILL HAVE  
DHANSAK\* AND CHICKEN  
PATTIES FROM THE  
NAVROZE\*\* PARTY AND—

WHAT DO  
YOU HAVE  
IN MIND?

YOU'LL  
SEE.

MEANWHILE AT VAISHNAVI'S PARTY...

COME ON,  
JEET! PASS  
THE PARCEL!

PING  
DONG

YOUR PARTY IS TOO  
NOISY. IF YOU DON'T  
QUIET DOWN, I'M  
CALLING THE POLICE!

SORRY, MR. KHADOOS. IT'S  
VAISHNAVI'S BIRTHDAY. THE  
KIDS ARE REALLY EXCITED.

I DON'T CARE! I JUST WANT  
MY PEACE AND QUIET!

ISN'T THAT  
ARASH, NAZNEEN'S  
BROTHER? WHY DOES  
HE HAVE ALL THOSE  
SNACKS?

SORRY, KIDS. NO MORE  
GAMES. WE NEED TO  
KEEP IT DOWN.

NO...  
GAMES?

IT'S OKAY! WE  
CAN CUT THE  
CAKE NOW.

AND SO...

PING  
DONG

NOT  
AGAIN!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

\*A DISH MADE OF EITHER VEGETABLES OR MEAT, COOKED WITH LENTILS AND BRINJAL  
\*\*THE PARSİ NEW YEAR





SOON...

LOOK! NAZNEEN IS HAVING A PARTY. LUCKY FOR HER, HER HOUSE IS FAR ENOUGH FROM MR. KHADOOS'.

SO WHAT, VAISHNAVI?

I HAVE A PLAN, INI.



HEH. HI NAZNEEN. COULD I HAVE MY BIRTHDAY PARTY HERE? MY NEIGHBOUR WON'T LET US PARTY IN MY HOUSE.

ERMM... VAISHNAVI... ACTUALLY...

OF COURSE! THE MORE THE MERRIER! COME RIGHT IN!

YAY! COME ON, GUYS!





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Meet Suppandi, the cheerful goof! He has worked on multiple jobs and never lasted in any of them past a day or two. He earnestly listens to instructions from his employers but then applies his own literal logic to them. What happens then? Utter mayhem!

# SUPPANDI: Closest Thing

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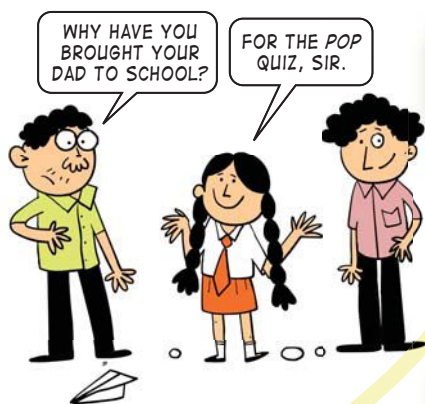
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Q: Why do we put candles on top of a birthday cake?  
A: Because it'll be too hard to put them on the bottom!



Q: What washes up on tiny beaches?  
A: Microwaves.

Q: Which letters are not in the alphabet?  
A: The ones in the post!

Q: How do you keep a bull from charging?  
A: Turn off the switch!

## FUN-A-TION!

HERE ARE SOME PUNS AND RIDDLES FOR YOU. HAVE A LAUGH AND DON'T FORGET TO TICKLE YOUR FRIENDS SILLY WITH THESE TOO!

Q: Why did the musician put his guitar in the refrigerator?  
A: He wanted to play cool music.

Q: What has two legs but can't walk?  
A: A pair of pants.

Q: What smells without a nose?  
A: A fart!

Q: What instrument does the Invisible Man play?  
A: The air guitar.





Tantri is a minister at the court of King Hooja. He is the man who protects the King from danger and acts of treason—he is also the man behind them! Tantri wants to become the King of Hujli, by hook or by crook. But all his plans to get rid of Hooja backfire on him in the most comical and bizarre ways.

Hunt for your name in the story, Raad!

# TANTRI THE MANTRI Tech Trouble

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DEADHIT IS IN POSITION. I'M GOING TO START THE ROBOT.

≥HMPH≤



HA! SHE MISSED. THE ROBOT'S MOVING OUT OF THE WAY.

ZOOOP

WAIT FOR IT!

ZOOOP



UNDER TEN SECONDS SHE'LL HAVE HOOJA KNOCKED OUT.

I WOULD HAVE GOT HOOJA SOONER IF IT WEREN'T FOR DUSHTA'S YAMMERING.

NO TECHNOLOGY TO SPARK OR CODE TO BE OVERWRITTEN. JUST PURE HUMAN SKILL.

TOMORROW, WE ATTACK, DEADHIT! TOMORROW WE TAKE OVER HUJLI.

≥HMPH≤  
I'M OUT OF HERE. I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT NEEDED.





THE NEXT DAY...

ALL SET,  
DEADHIT?

I'M IN POSITION,  
MANTRIJI. I CAN  
SEE YOU TWO  
APPROACHING.

BUZZ BUZZ

YOUR HIGHNESS, I  
FORGOT MY PHONE AT  
THE PALACE. I'LL BE  
RIGHT BACK.

UMM... MAYBE I SHOULD  
COME WITH YOU.

NONSENSE,  
YOUR HIGHNESS.  
YOU WAIT RIGHT  
HERE. HAVE A  
LADDU.

YUMMY!  
DON'T MIND  
IF I DO.

I'VE GOT  
HIM. HERE  
GOES THE  
KING!

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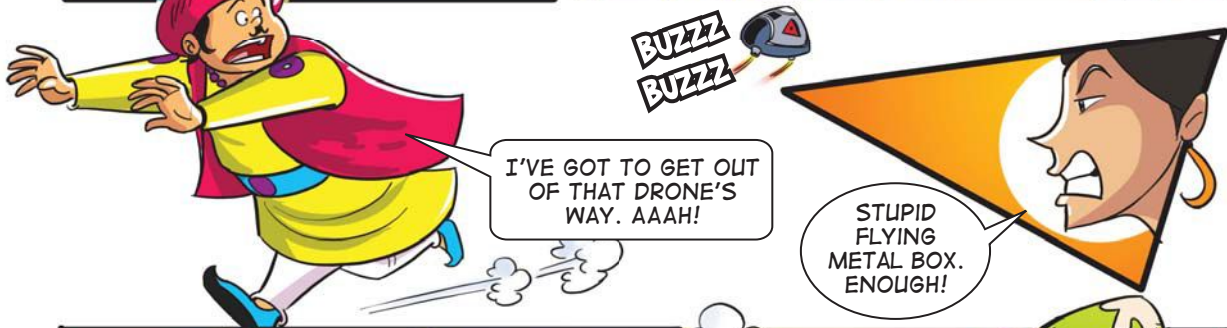
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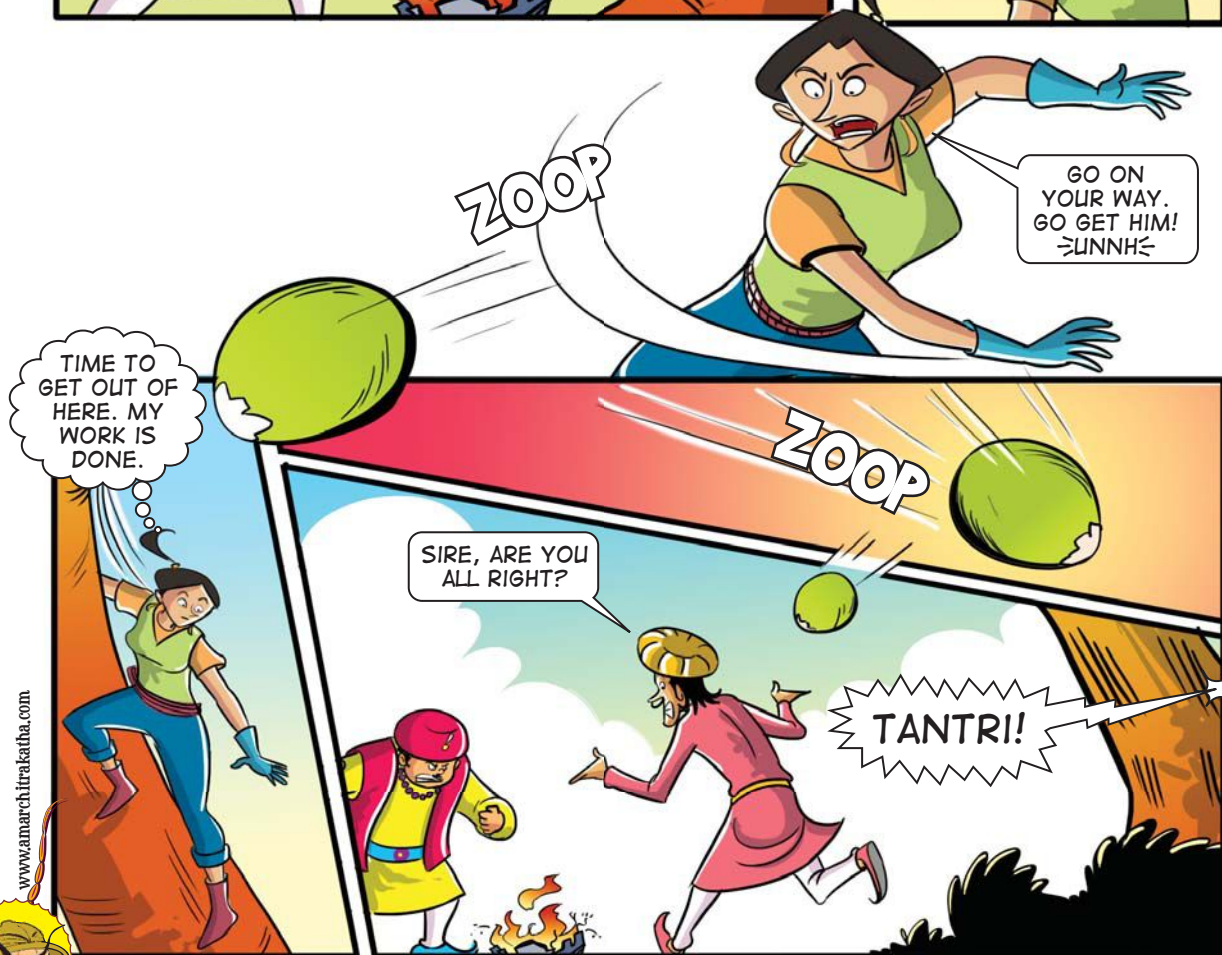
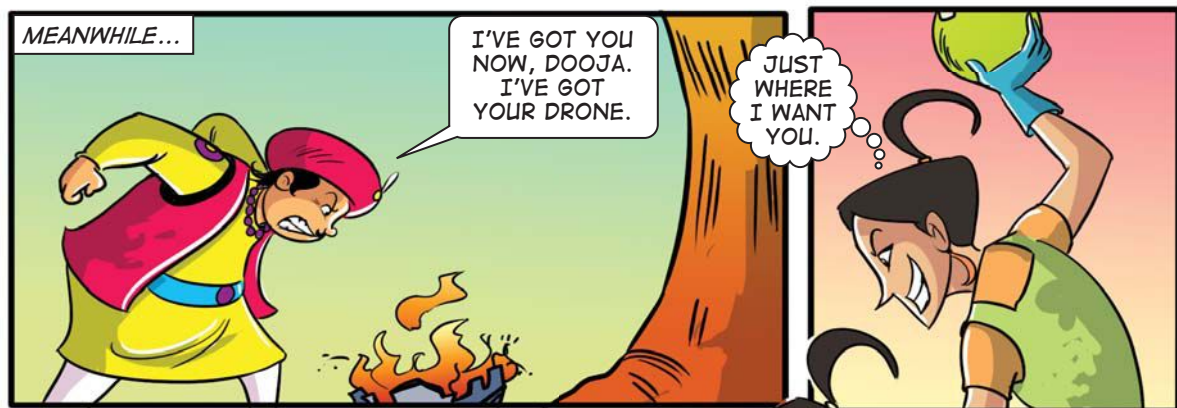
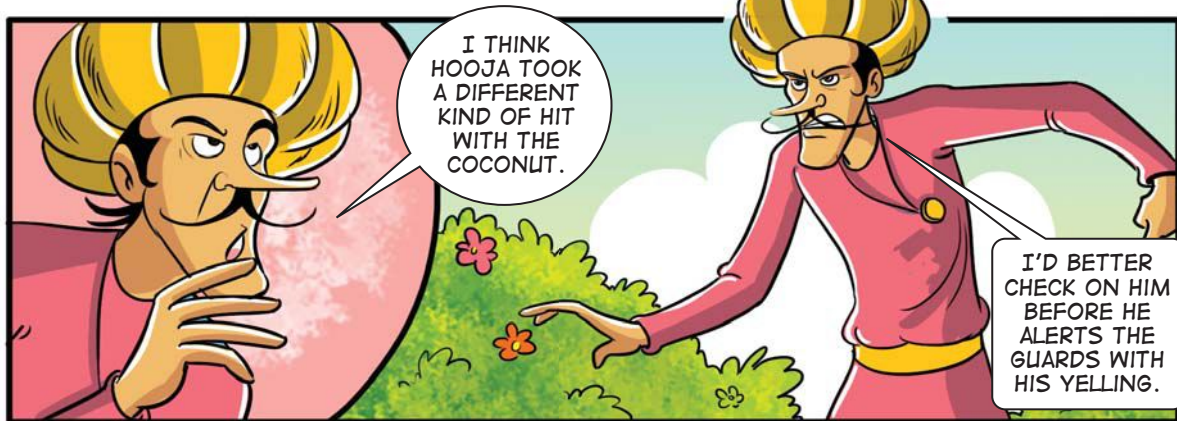
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\*HOOJA'S RIVAL AND FOE AND THE KING OF DUJLI









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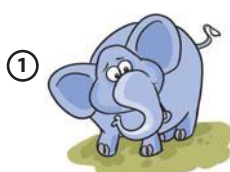
# PIC(K) YOUR brains



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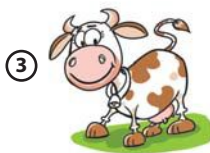
1 Wai Knot needs to help his neighbour, Eastopid, complete his science homework. The homework requires Eastopid to make a chart on five animals with the animal's scientific name, one of its food choices and a fun fact about it. Unfortunately, Wai has mixed up everything. Help Eastopid put his assignment in order. Match each animal with its scientific name, its food of choice and a fun fact about itself.



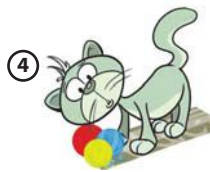
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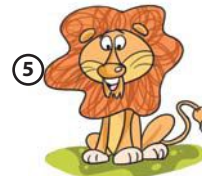
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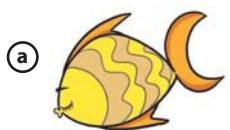
(C) Felis Leo



(D) Elephas Maximus



(E) Canis Lupus



(I) Sweats only through the pads on the paws.



(II) Chews food for up to eight hours a day.



(III) Spends 70% of the day sleeping.



(IV) England's national animal.



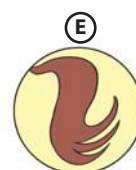
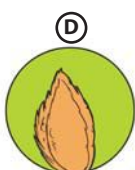
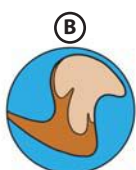
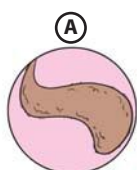
(V) Largest land mammal.

Illustrations: Archana Amberkar



### Mixed Tails

2 Kia has a game stall at the Jagmag Community Funfair. The game is called 'Tail 'Em'. Wai wants to play, but he isn't sure which tail belongs to which animal. Can you help Wai? Simply match the tail to the animal it belongs to.



Illustrations: Archana Amberkar Colours: Umesh Sarode

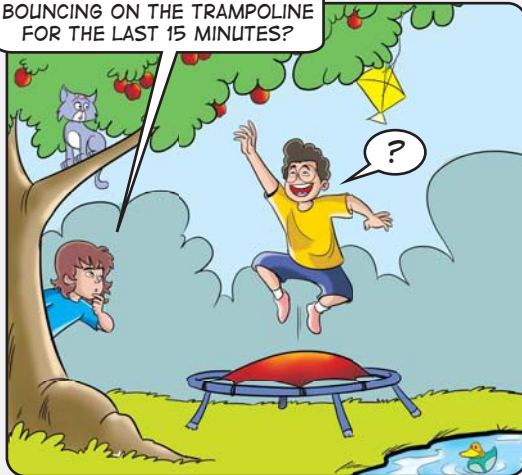






## Say It Yourself

AADI, WHY HAVE YOU BEEN BOUNCING ON THE TRAMPOLINE FOR THE LAST 15 MINUTES?



WHAT DOES AADI SAY TO NADIA?

### Play by the Rules

**Prizes for Picture Quiz:** The first 50 all-correct entries received by us, by 30 September 2018, will each receive a book from *Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd.* and one exclusive coupon code. The next 50 all-correct entries received by us, by 30 September 2018, will each receive one *Tinkle* e-poster and one exclusive coupon code.

#### Prizes for Say It Yourself:

- **First Prize:** 2 books from *Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd.*
- **Second Prize:** 1 book from *Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd.*

Send your answer via email or on a piece of paper along with your full name, age, address, telephone number and your/one of your parents' email ID. **Don't forget the email ID or you won't receive your prize!** Do not cut the pictures from the magazine.

Post your entry to 'Picture Quiz 211' and/or 'Say It Yourself 359' to Tinkle, *Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd.*, 7th floor, AFL House, Lok Bharati Complex, Marol Maroshi Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400059  
Or email us at [tinklemail@ack-media.com](mailto:tinklemail@ack-media.com) with 'Picture Quiz 211' or 'Say It Yourself 359' as the subject.

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## Get It Right!

### Answers to Picture Quiz 209:

- 1) 1-H  
2-E  
3-B  
4-A

2) Snoring

### Answer to YBTD 30:

Seraphina stole Ms. Oinkers' carrot pies. She was sitting on a rock in the shade of a tree in the evening. The shadow of the tree would've been on the other side in the morning. Therefore, she couldn't have been reading in "the cool shade" of the tree "all day".

### Winner of Say It Yourself 357:



WHAT DOES AADI SAY TO NADIA?

#### First Prize

"Uh-oh! I'm meditating my eardrums with different sound beats."

**Jennifer Benjamin, Kochi, Kerala**

#### Second Prize

"Listening to some music. I'm sick of the NOISE outside."

**Ritoban Dutta, Guwahati, Assam**







# Tinkle Energy Meter

THANK YOU, FOLKS, FOR THE ENERGY BOOST! KEEP SENDING ME YOUR COMMENTS VIA THE **TINKLE ENERGY METER FORM**. YOU COULD WIN A CHANCE TO EITHER HAVE A TOON NAMED AFTER YOU OR HUNT FOR YOUR NAME IN A STORY. FOR YOUR FEEDBACK (AS PER EDITORIAL DECISION). DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR AGE, GENDER AND LOCATION WITH YOUR FORM!

*Tinkle 693* was mind-blowing! The editorial was awesome and the cover was elegant. 'WingStar: Incoming!' was a good story thanks to Mapui's good timing. 'Stuck in the Middle' was a great story with the perfect ending. 'The Black School' was the best story in the issue. I didn't like 'YogYodhas: Spying' this time. Otherwise this issue was without a doubt brilliant!

**Krishna Gosalia, Mumbai**

*Tinkle 693* was the best issue I've read so far and I would like to thank the editors for making my world of books more entertaining. This was the first magazine I started reading and the one that made me a bookworm. I feel a little bad for Chamataka and Doob Doob as they never get any meat to eat because of Kalia (Chamataka and Doob Doob are carnivores, you see) but I guess it's okay from Kalia's point of view. 'Pyarelal: Tyred Out' was awesome as usual and Suppandi's humour was really good. 'WingStar: Incoming!' was okay, but I guess you could make it more adventurous (though the ending was good). 'Know-It-All: Plan(et) B' was also superb. I congratulate my favourite magazine's editors, and I'm hoping for some sports stories too.

**Faatima Yousuf, Hyderabad, A.P.**

## First Prize (TEM 693)

The cover of *Tinkle 693* was the perfect indication of the arrival of the south-westerly monsoon winds. I loved Rajani Thindiath's editorial. Hats off to her amazing writing skills! I liked two things about 'WingStar: Incoming!'—1. DroneStar and, 2. Football in the rain. Suppandi amused me with his goofiness as always! 'Stuck in the Middle' had a nice ending. It made me giggle to think of how my parents would have been in an even worse plight if my brother and I were in Saifin and Sara's place! Pyarelal nailed it with his creative ideas once again! 'The Black School' reminded me of Harry Potter—what with all the wands and spell chanting! I think 'YogYodhas: Spying' was one of the best in the series. We saw Vyan's hidden skills. It also made me impatient for the next part! In a nutshell, this issue had everything it would take to keep me engaged the entire day.

**Vaishnavi Valli, Mumbai**

*Tinkle 694* was the best issue I've read so far. The climax of 'Under my Umbrella' was just peachy. 'Antique Aunt' was the best anecdote ever.

**Naazveer Kaur, Ludhiana, Punjab**

The cover of *Tinkle 694* was superb. 'Under my Umbrella' was a really nice story. Sometimes we are so busy wanting to fix our things that we forget how our broken things can be of use to someone else. The ending of the story was very heart-warming. I also had a similar umbrella for a long time. After reading this story I gave my old umbrella to some cats nearby so that they could stay safe and dry from the rain. 'The Yoga Chronicles' was great except that there were no *praanis*. Well, I can't wait to try the *Pawanmuktasana*. And it would be really nice if there was an *asana* to stop siblings from bickering. But these arguments make our relationship stronger. Don't you agree, Rajani didi? 'Antique Aunt' was really cool! My grandparents also love antiques. But this turned out to be a *new* antique. Suppandi was funny as usual. But in 'Suppandi: Following Orders' it was really his boss' fault. I was so happy to read 'Ina Mina Mynah Mo: Out of this World!' after such a long time. I identify a lot with between Mynah and Ina—sometimes I'm the smart one in the house, sometimes the bitter but loving one. This plot was great, but after all Mynah saved the day. Buchki is really sweet and so is Gublu, her yo-yo. But the Gechho ghost turned out to be exasperating. Surprisingly Cyrus saved the day. 'Do-It-Yourself: Bottle Pencil Holder' was cool. Can't wait to try it out! 'Fun Recipe: The Apple Donuts' was fantastic! I'm sure it'll taste good. I can't wait to call my friends over and try this out too. 'Taste the Trouble' was fun. I sometimes don't like my relatives, cooking but I courageously tell them. Ravi and Rahul in 'Defective Detectives: Suspicion Station' made this issue more fun. It turned out that a TIA agent was after all looking for them but not for recruitment perhaps. It was really cool when the 'explosive' turned out to be fish curry. They truly are *defective*.

**Aaratika Ghosh, Kolkata**

## Second Prize (TEM 694)

*Tinkle 694* was great! I liked each and every story. 'Under my Umbrella' was great. I loved the ending. Sahil Upalekar's illustrations were superb. I also loved 'The Yoga Chronicles' for the yoga *asanas* showed. But it would be better if you'd included some more *asanas* in it. 'Antique Aunt' was wonderful, since it had an unpredictable ending. 'Suppandi: Following Orders' was not as good as the other Suppandi stories. 'Ina Mina Mynah Mo: Out of This World' was the second best story in this issue. Archana Amberkar's illustrations were awesome! The story had an amazing plot and an even better ending. It was wonderful! 'Buchki and the Booligans: Tree Hugging' was nice, but not as good as the other Buchki stories. 'Taste the Trouble' was awesome and pretty hilarious. It had so much drama. 'Suppandi: No Landing' was the worst story in the issue. It was pretty boring. Last, but not the least, 'Defective Detectives: Suspicion Station' was the best story in this issue! It was funny and it had a hilarious ending.

**Raaid Azzam, Hyderabad, A. P.**



**RECAP:** REMI IS VISITING HER COUSIN, VYOM, IN LAKSHADWEEP. SHE SOON FINDS OUT THAT PEOPLE ARE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING FROM THE OCEAN. ON A NIGHT-TIME PROWL WITH VYOM, REMI COMES ACROSS AN ABANDONED BOAT. CURIOUS, SHE TAKES A CLOSER LOOK ONLY TO FIND THAT THE ABANDONED BOAT IS FILLED WITH BOXES OF CORALS. BUT BEFORE SHE CAN LEAVE THE BOAT THE APPARENTLY-ABANDONED BOAT STARTS MOVING AND A MYSTERIOUS HAND PULLS HER INTO A DARK ROOM. WITH VYOM LEFT BACK ON THE SHORE, WILL REMI MAKE IT HOME? LET'S FIND OUT!

**THRILLERS**

# Curio'sea'ty (PART 2)

**Story & Script**  
Ritu Mahimkar

**Pencils & Inks**  
Rajib Das

**Colours**  
Varda Kumrotkar

**Letters**  
Prasad Sawant

WHO ARE YOU?! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? **UURGH** I SHOULD TAKE THAT TAPE OFF.

**MMPH**

I JUST MANAGED TO GET MY LEGS FREE BUT THE BOAT WAS ALREADY SAILING. I'M PROF. HABIB.

YOU'RE THE CORAL EXPERT WHO WENT MISSING! I'M REMI.

OW!

**RIPPP**

NOW TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, MR. CLEARLY KIDNAPPED.

WAIT—SOMEONE'S COMING.

**THAK THAD THAD**

LET'S UNLOAD THESE BOXES WITH TONIGHT'S HAUL.

ALL RIGHT, BOSS.

THEY'RE CORAL SMUGGLERS.

ARE THEY BEHIND ALL THE UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCES?

HOW DID YOU GET MIXED UP IN ALL THIS?

THEY FOUND OUT I'M A CORAL EXPERT. THEY WANTED ME TO HELP THEM. BUT I REFUSED.

YES. THEY'VE BEEN ATTACKING FISHERFOLK AND TOUR OPERATORS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS SO THE OCEAN SEEMS DANGEROUS.

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≥SIGH≤ SO  
HOW DO WE  
GET OUT OF  
HERE?

I SAY WE WAIT TILL THEY GET  
BACK TO THE SHORE AND  
THEN MAKE A RUN FOR IT.

CREAK

SWOOP

THE  
PRISONER'S  
FREE! AND  
WHERE'D THIS  
GIRL COME  
FROM?

UH-OH! THAT  
DIVER IS ONE OF  
THE SMUGGLERS.

NO, YOU—

LET...  
GO...  
YOU!

MMPH!

BANG

≥LUNGH≤

AAHH!

THAD

YOU SNEAKED ON TO  
THE WRONG BOAT, GIRL.  
WE SPARE NONE.  
PROFESSOR, IF YOU  
DON'T HELP US OUT,  
YOUR TIME'S UP TOO.

WHAT'S  
GOING ON?  
TROUBLE  
ABOARD?

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W-WAIT! DON'T. I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE MOST PRECIOUS CORAL THERE IS. JUST SPARE ME.

YOU WUSS!

QUIET, GIRL! WE'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER.



SOON—

THOSE ORANGE CORALS ARE THE MOST PRECIOUS IN THE WORLD.



BRILLIANT. GET DOWN THERE, BOYS?

WAIT! YOU CAN'T TOUCH THEM WITH YOUR GLOVES. THEY ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE. YOU'LL DESTROY THEM.

HMM... FINE. GLOVES OFF. HURRY!



BLUB  
BLUB  
BLUB



KISHHH

MOMENTS LATER—



AHHHHHH!

HELP! IT BURNS! THE CORAL STINGS.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

REMI, PUSH HER, NOW!

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Meet Suppandi, the cheerful goof! He has worked on multiple jobs and never lasted in any of them past a day or two. He earnestly listens to instructions from his employers but then applies his own literal logic to them. What happens then? Utter mayhem!

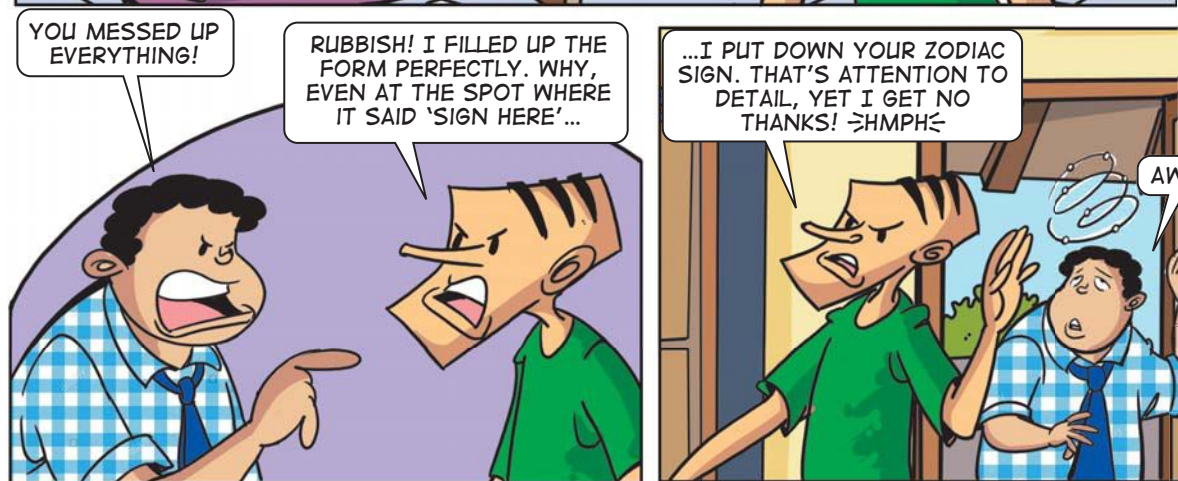
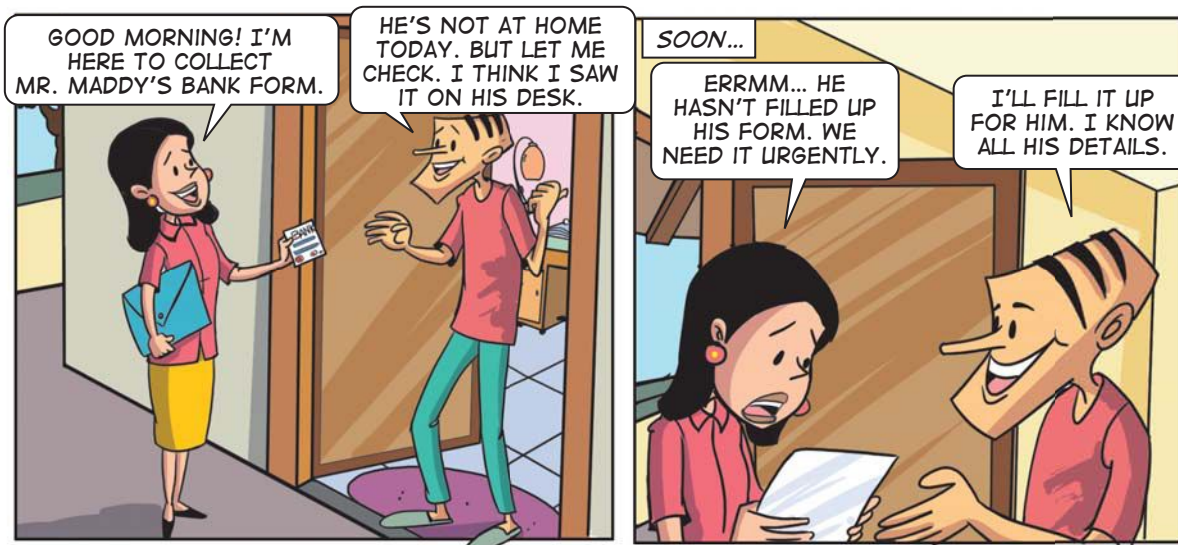
# SUPPANDI: Form Trouble

**Story & Script**  
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**Pencils & Inks**  
Archana Amberkar

**Colours**  
Varda Kumrotkar

**Letters**  
Prasad Sawant



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# The Tale of Abu Hasan

A folk tale adapted from '1001 Nights'

**Script**  
Aparna Sundaresan

**Art**  
Vineed Ritchie

**Letters**  
Prasad Sawant

LONG AGO IN YEMEN...

ABU HASAN, NOW THAT YOU'RE A RICH MERCHANT, YOU SHOULD GET MARRIED.

IF YOU SAY SO, FRIEND. IT SHALL BE DONE.

AND SO...

WHAT A SPLENDID WEDDING, ABU HASAN! THIS IS HOW ONE SHOULD GET MARRIED!

MY WEDDING FEAST IS SMASHING TOO. >BURP<

ALL RIGHT, GLUTTONOUS GROOM. ENOUGH. TIME TO GO FETCH THE BRIDE.

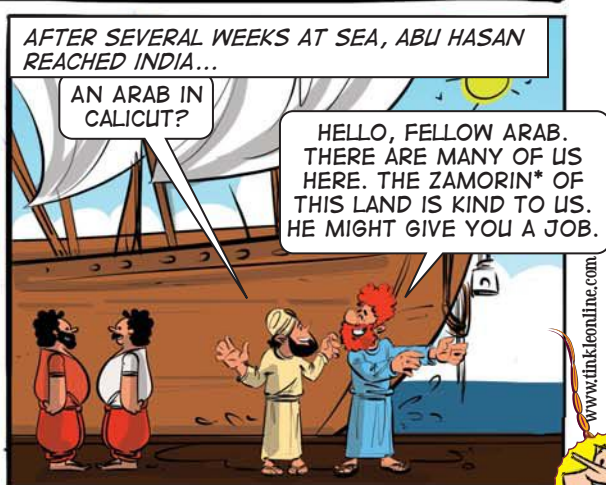
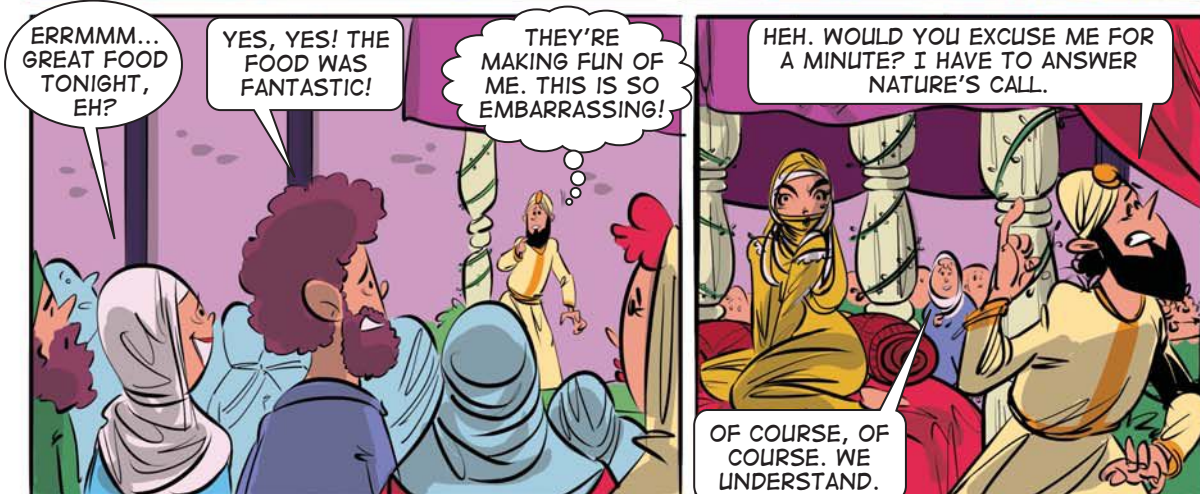
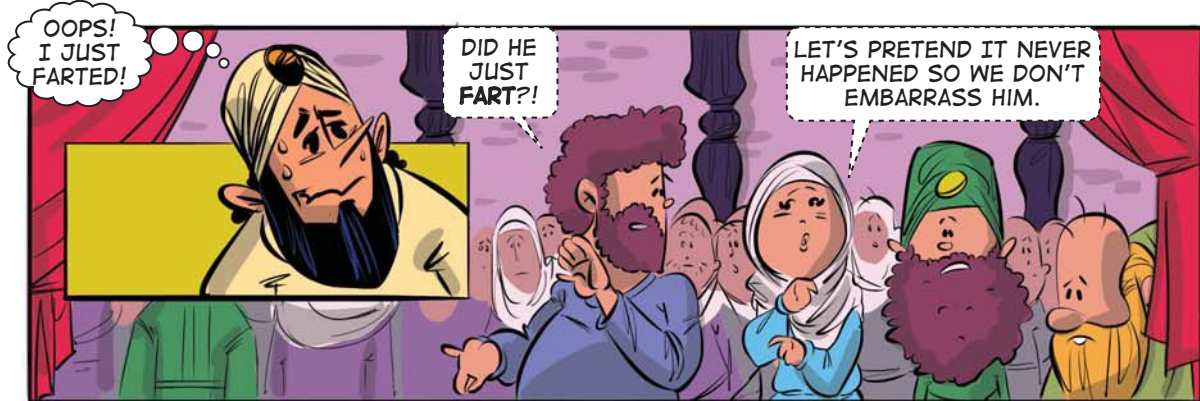
>BURP<

OH, THERE'S MY BRIDE, IN THE BRIDAL CHAMBER! SURROUNDED BY HER GUESTS. >OOF< I REALLY DID EAT TOO MUCH.

MY BELOVED, I—

PHHBBRRRT





\*THE TITLE FOR THE KING OF CALICUT (NOW KOZHIKODE) IN EARLIER TIMES



AND SO, AT THE COURT OF THE ZAMORIN...

VERY WELL, ABU HASAN.  
YOU MAY BE ONE OF  
MY BODYGUARDS.

THANK YOU,  
YOUR  
HIGHNESS.

10 YEARS PASSED THUS IN INDIA...

I'VE BECOME  
CAPTAIN OF THE  
BODYGUARDS. BUT I'M  
HOMESICK. I YEARN FOR  
MY COUNTRY AND  
MY WIFE.

EVERYONE  
MUST HAVE  
FORGOTTEN MY  
EMBARRASSING  
ACT BY NOW. I  
SHALL LEAVE  
FOR YEMEN  
TONIGHT.

THAT NIGHT...

IT'S A GOOD THING I  
DISGUISED MYSELF AS A  
BEGGAR. I CAN'T RISK BEING  
RECOGNIZED AS ABU HASAN,  
THE MAN WHO FARTED AT  
HIS OWN WEDDING.

AFTER WEEKS OF HARD TRAVEL...

I'M FINALLY  
HOME. I  
MUST FIND  
MY BELOVED  
WIFE.

BUT WAIT...  
PEOPLE MIGHT STILL  
THINK ILL OF ME. I'LL  
REMAIN DISGUISED AND  
HANG OUT IN THE  
OUTSKIRTS FOR A  
WHILE AND LISTEN  
TO WHAT PEOPLE  
ARE SAYING  
ABOUT ME.



AND SO, FOR SEVEN DAYS AND SEVEN NIGHTS...

DO TELL ME  
YOUR SECRET  
BREAD RECIPE!

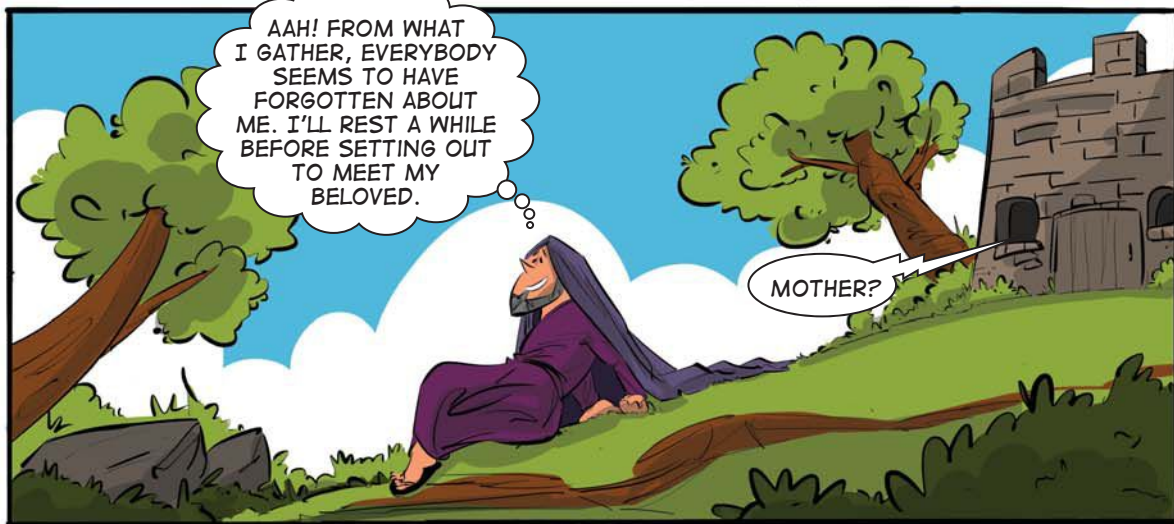
SSSHH!  
NOT HERE.

THE WARES AT THE  
BAZAAR THIS WEEK  
WERE TERRIBLE.

INDEED. WHAT A  
DISAPPOINTMENT.

YOU'LL  
NEVER  
DEFEAT  
ME!

WE'LL SEE  
ABOUT THAT.



ONE OF MY FRIENDS  
WANTS TO READ MY  
FORTUNE. SO TELL ME  
MOTHER, WHICH DAY  
WAS I BORN?

AH, MY  
DAUGHTER...

...YOU WERE  
BORN ON THE  
VERY NIGHT ABU  
HASAN FARTED.

OH NO!

AND THAT WAS THAT FOR ABU HASAN! EVEN  
10 YEARS WERE NOT ENOUGH TO FORGET  
HIM OR HIS FART.



# TINKLE TIMES

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## Farty Gas Ball

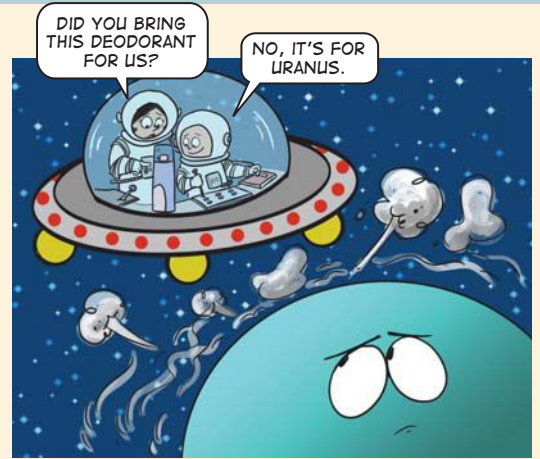
Oxford, UK

Planet Uranus smells like farts. You've read that right. If you were to stroll past the seventh planet in our solar system, a gassy smell would assault your nostrils, making you retch and scurry back into your spaceship.

Researchers from Oxford University recently undertook a study of the planet Uranus. While observing Uranus' upper atmosphere they discovered a cloud of hydrogen sulphide gas. Hydrogen sulphide is infamous for smelling like rotten eggs or farts!

The study not only gives us Earthlings an endless supply of joke ideas but also tells us a little more about how our solar system was formed. Hydrogen sulphide is a heavy gas and hasn't been found in the gas giants before Uranus such as Jupiter and Saturn. This tells us that Uranus was formed much after them.

But that's the past. As for the future, if aliens do exist on Uranus, we hope they have air fresheners in plenty!



## 'Art'ificial

Elne, France

What if you owned a special bat signed by one of your cricket heroes? And what if one day you found out that the precious autograph was a fake? You'd be heartbroken, right? Something similar happened to the Terrus Museum in France.



The Terrus Museum spent almost 20 years collecting, what it believed to be, the artworks of famous French painter, Terrus. To organize their collection, they hired Eric Forcada, an art historian. Eric immediately declared that 82 of the 104 pieces the museum had obtained were forgeries. Some of these paintings depicted buildings that weren't even constructed during Terrus' lifetime!

Though the museum authorities were waiting for a grand ceremony to unveil the paintings, about a dozen of these paintings had been on display for years.

The revelation is believed to be a major blow to the local municipality that the museum was under. It's safe to say that the museum was *painted* in shame!

## The End of a Civilization

India

Famed for its advanced science of metallurgy and skilled handicrafts, the Indus Valley Civilization was one of the oldest in the world. And what ended this great civilization wasn't a war or a plague but a monster drought.

For a long time it was believed that the Indus Civilization ended due to a 200-year-old drought. But the researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kharagpur have recently found evidence that pushes these dates by more than seven centuries!

The researchers studied the layers of soil for rainfall patterns, going back 5000 years. The study revealed that the ancient civilization ended due to a 900-year long drought! This drought dried up all the sources of water, making the once bountiful land, barren and infertile. This forced the people to leave their homes and move to greener areas towards the east and south.

Thanks to what these researchers have dug up, we might have to learn our history all over again!







# DRAWSTRING POUCH

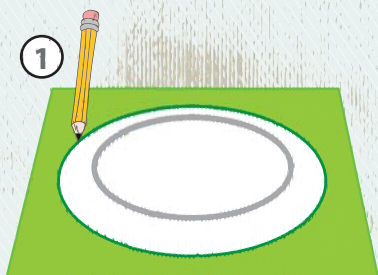


Have you got a floor full of trinkets waiting to be cleared up? And are you absolutely clueless about where to put them? If yes, then fret not! Follow these simple steps and make your own drawstring pouch to hold all your tiny treasures.

## What you need:

- A 25 x 25 cm felt cloth  
(can be found in your neighbourhood stationery or craft shop)
- A thick cord about 30 cm long
- Any dinner plate
- A pair of scissors
- A hole punch
- Two big beads (optional)

## What to do:



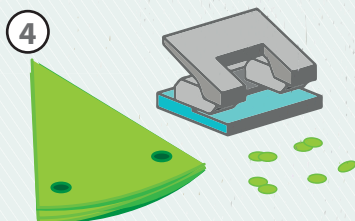
Place the dinner plate on the centre of the felt cloth. Use the pencil to trace a circle around it.



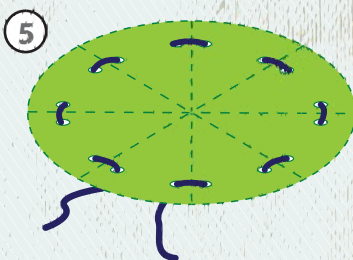
With the help of an adult, carefully cut the cloth along the circular outline.



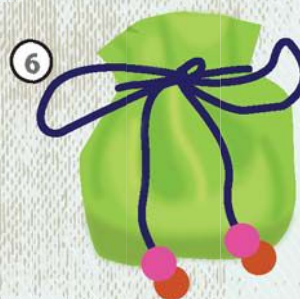
Fold the cloth in half thrice so that you are left with a triangular shaped piece.



Next, ask your helpful adult to make two holes near either side of the base of the triangle using a hole punch.



Open up the cloth. Take the cord you've got and weave it through the holes as you would a belt.



Pull the ends of the cord and tie a knot at each of the dangling ends. If you want, you can even weave a bead through each end of the cord before tying the knot.

Now just fill the pouch with your precious trinkets and pull the cords shut!





What's more dangerous than a top thief on the loose, a ton of missing jewellery or a fishy business deal? A pair of wannabe detectives trying to solve any of the above! Rahul and Ravi are the infamous Defective Detectives, who have vowed to solve every mystery on this planet. And if there is no mystery, rest assured they will invent one!



# DEFECTIVE DETECTIVES: SHOE SLEUTHS

**Story & Script**

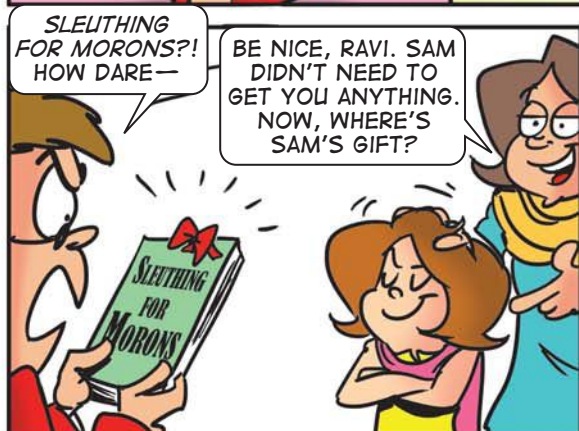
Ritu Mahimkar

**Art**

Abhijeet Kini Studios

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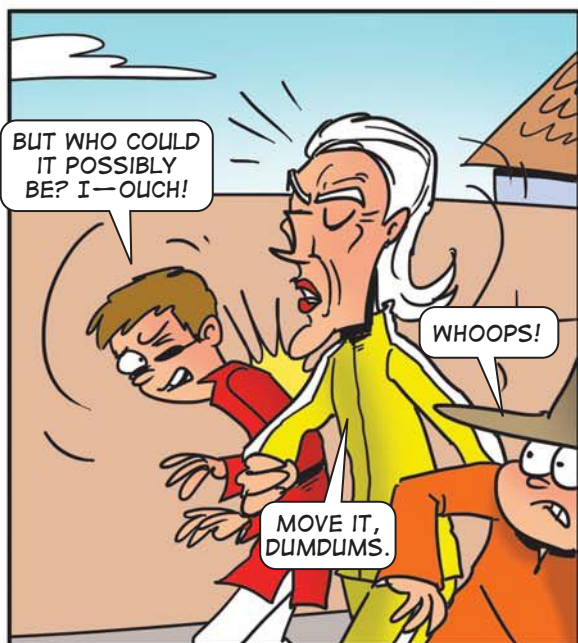
Pranay Bendre











BUT WHO COULD IT POSSIBLY BE? I— OUCH!

WHOOPS!

MOVE IT, DUMDUMS.



WHO'S SHE?

MS. WALKER. HEAD OF THE MORNING AND EVENING WALK COMMITTEE. FIVE-TIME WINNER OF THE COOL COLONY WALKING MARATHON.

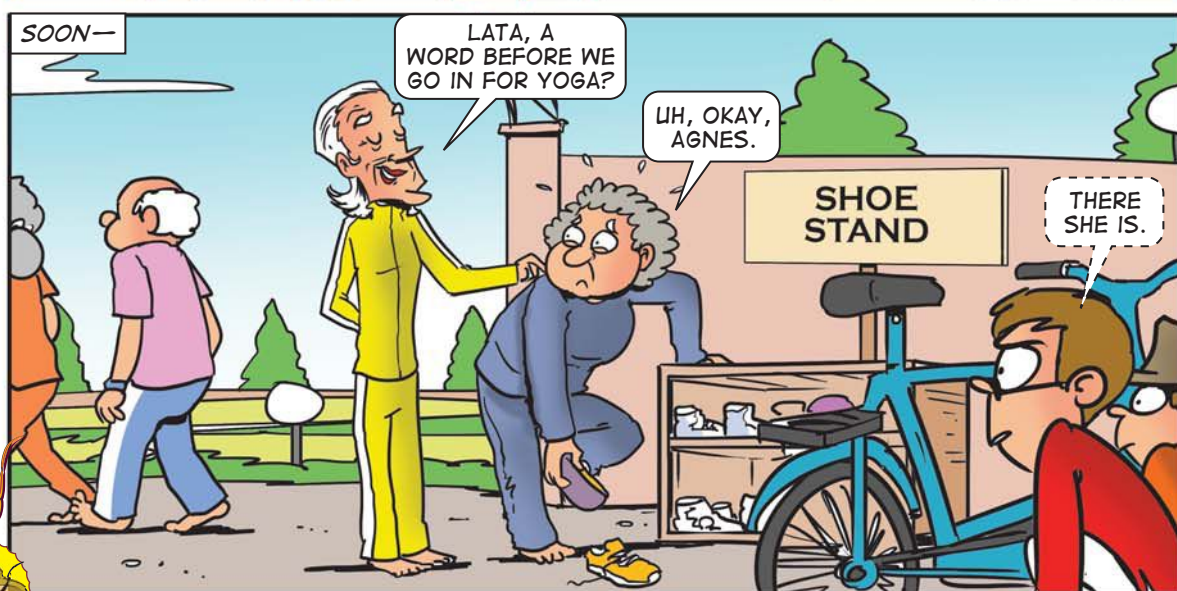


→GASP← SHE MUST BE THE SHOE THIEF!

SHE ALREADY HAS A PAIR OF SHOES THOUGH. FANCY ONES TOO.



SURE, SHE OWNS SHOES. BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO OWN A PAIR. THAT WAY NO ONE CAN BE FASTER THAN HER AND SHE'LL WIN THE MARATHON AGAIN. LET'S GO, AGENT.



SOON—

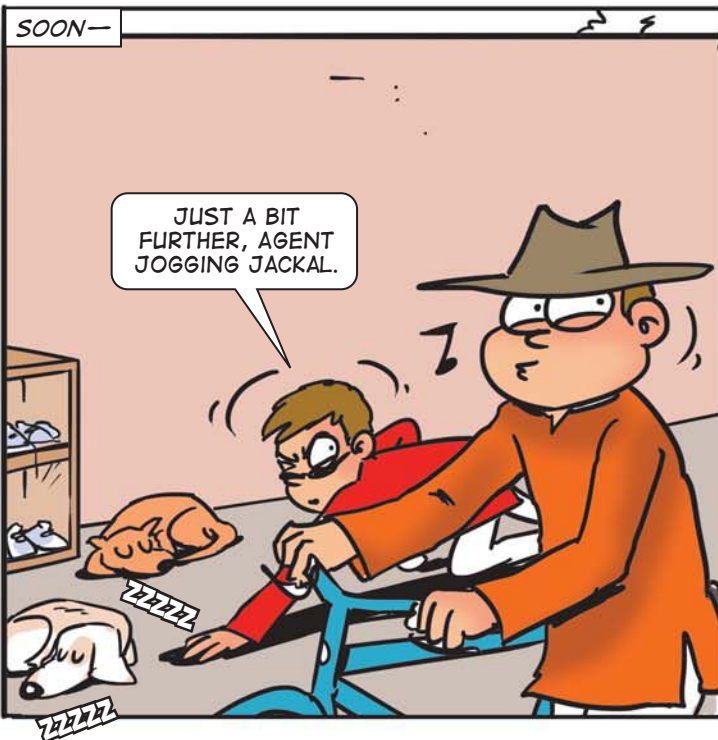
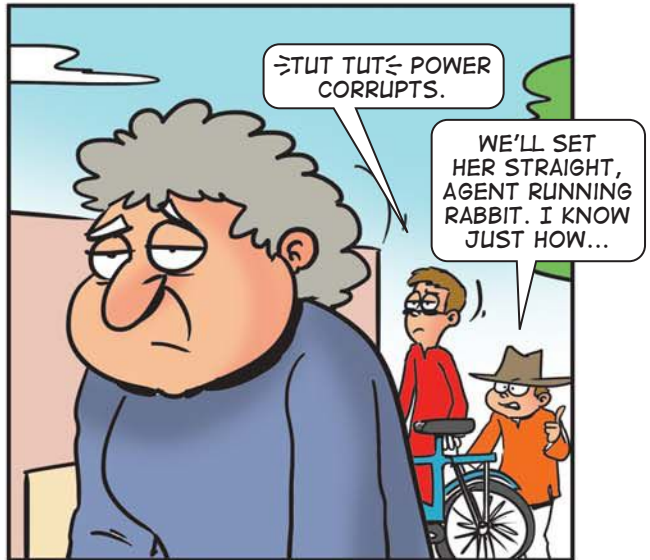
LATA, A WORD BEFORE WE GO IN FOR YOGA?

UH, OKAY, AGNES.

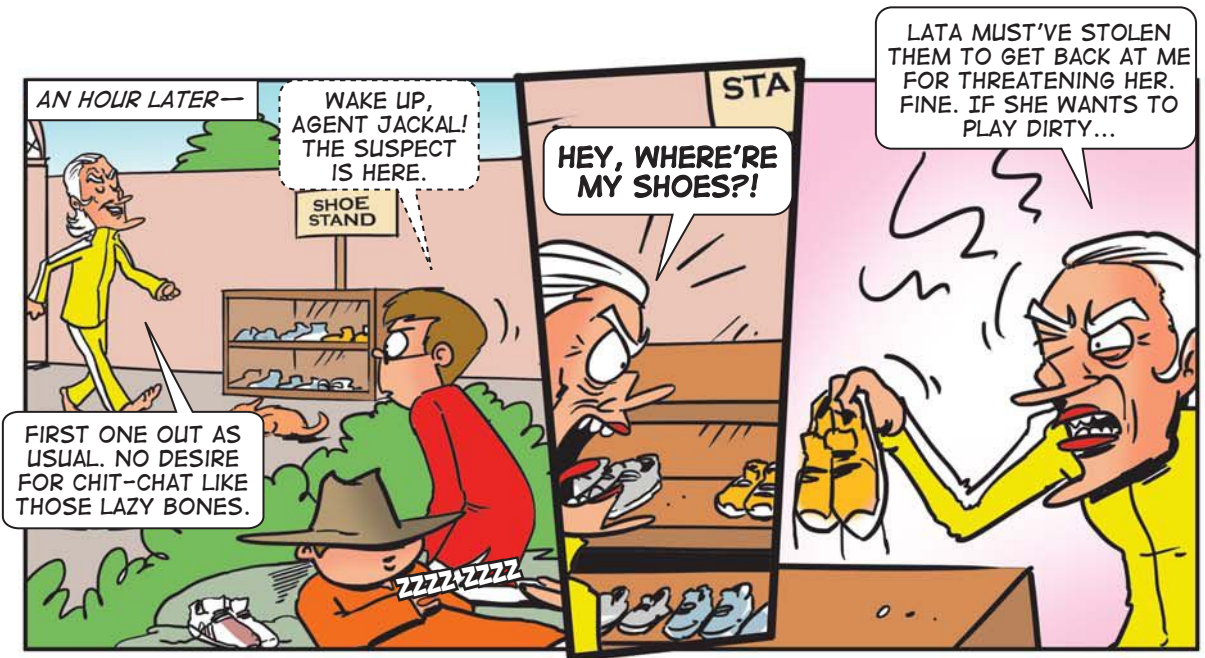
SHOE STAND

THERE SHE IS.

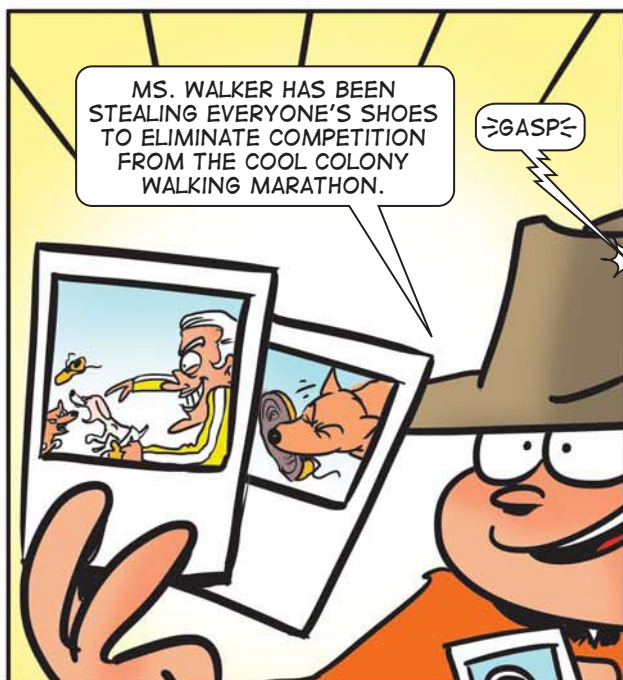




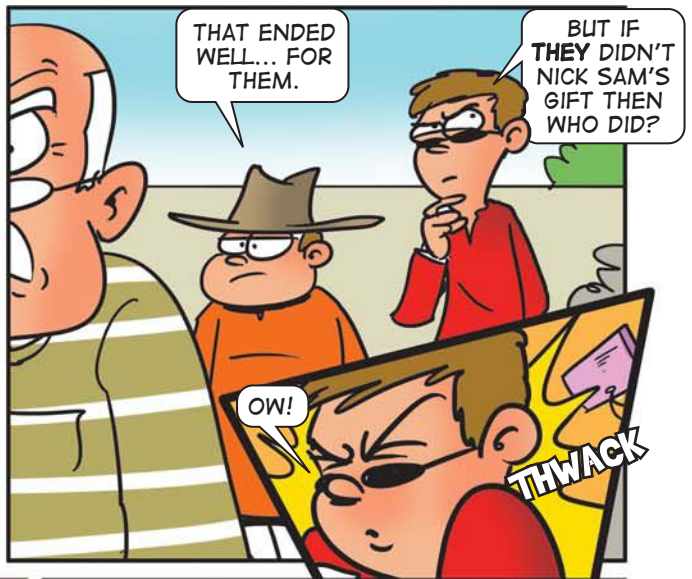














# TINKLE ENERGY METER FORM 698

Now that you've read the magazine, it's time to rate the stories in Tinkle 698! Choose ONE emoji beneath each story to show us what you think of the story!

Colour or circle the emoji to tell us if you:



Love it!



Like it!



Think it's all right.



Think it is kind of boring...



Absolutely hate it!

Don't forget to mention **why** in the comments below, otherwise your entry will not be considered! Also, don't forget to tell us which story you **liked** the most and which story you **disliked** the most.

Best story:

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Why:

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Worst story:

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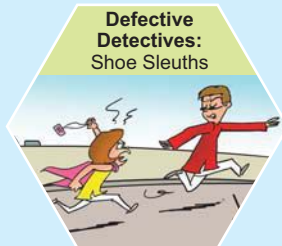
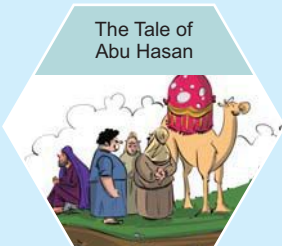
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# Word play

Are you smooth of tongue, quick of pen? Have words always been your friends, ready to do your bidding? Well, all that is about to change right here, on this page. The words and phrases here listen to no one. They have but one aim... to defeat you. Is your vocabulary prepped for battle yet?

- 1 potential**  
(*Editorial*)
- a collection of ten pots
  - hidden capability or ability
  - a potato in a tent

- yammering**  
(*Tantri the Mantri: Tech Trouble*)
- talking loudly
  - hammering lazily
  - lying in a hammock made of yarn

- 3 wuss**  
(*Thrillers: Curio'sea'ty (Part 2)*)
- a pussycat in the wild
  - make a fuss about winning a contest
  - a weak person

- stalemate**  
(*Thrillers: Curio'sea'ty (Part 2)*)
- a friend who eats stale food
  - a friend who tells very stupid tales
  - a situation where either person can't progress

- 5 outskirts**  
(*The Tale of Abu Hasan*)
- the outer parts of a city or town
  - a skirt you wear inside out
  - a go-kart that skids outside a road

- retch**  
(*Tinkle Times*)
- reach up and catch an object
  - make a vomiting sound or movement
  - fetch snacks for rats

- 7 forgeries**  
(*Tinkle Times*)
- forget your French fries in a restaurant
  - the four styles of paintings
  - duplicates of an object

- metallurgy**  
(*Tinkle Times*)
- an allergy to metals
  - the study of metals and their production
  - an illness caused by metals

- 9 infertile**  
(*Tinkle Times*)
- unable to support crops and plants
  - an infant that likes crying on tiles
  - a number of possibilities

- nickng**  
(*Defective Detectives: Shoe Sleuths*)
- sticking your neck out
  - picking new players for a team
  - stealing

**Answers:** 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-c, 5-a, 6-b, 7-c, 8-b, 9-a, 10-c  
So how have you fared at this game of words?  
1-3/10... You're a POW (Prisoner of Words).  
Do better next time to escape their clutches.  
4-7/10... You're a 'Word in Progress'. Keep going!  
8-9/10... You're a 'Word-wide Wonder'! Good job!  
10/10... Wordsmith of the Fortnight! Celebrate your victory!

