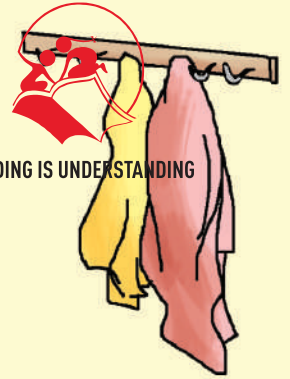
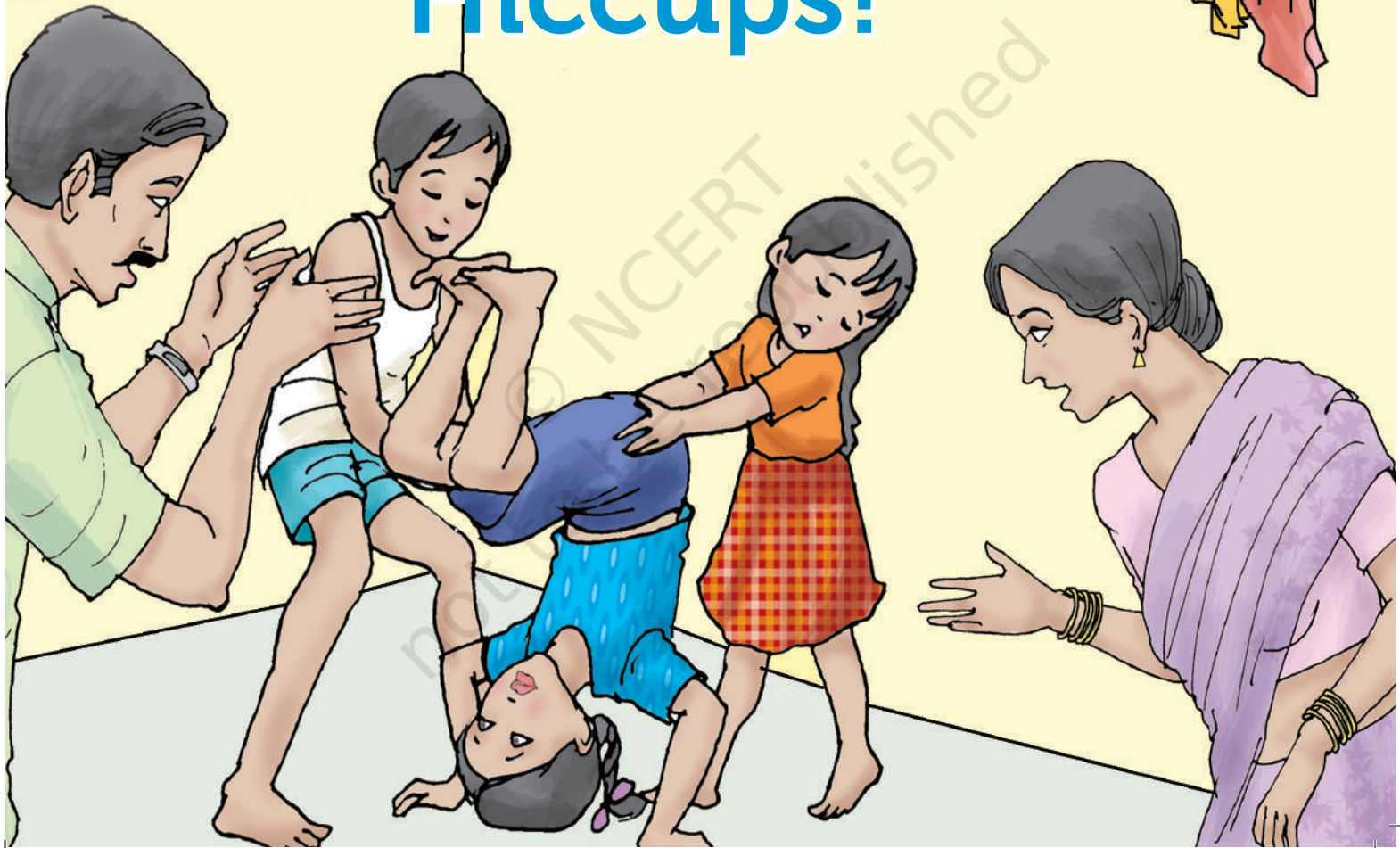


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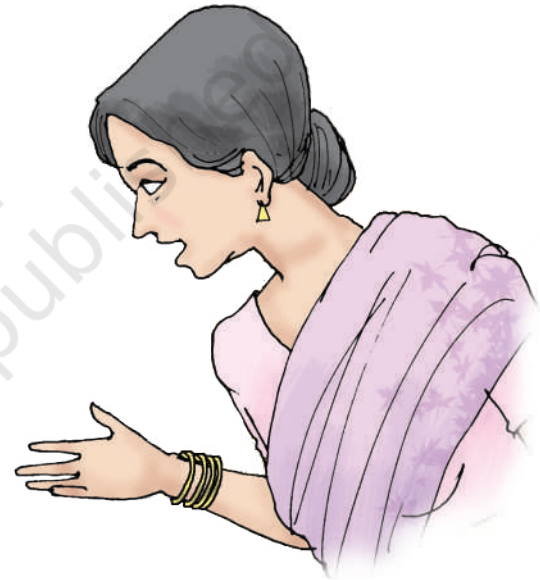
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Rama



Rani

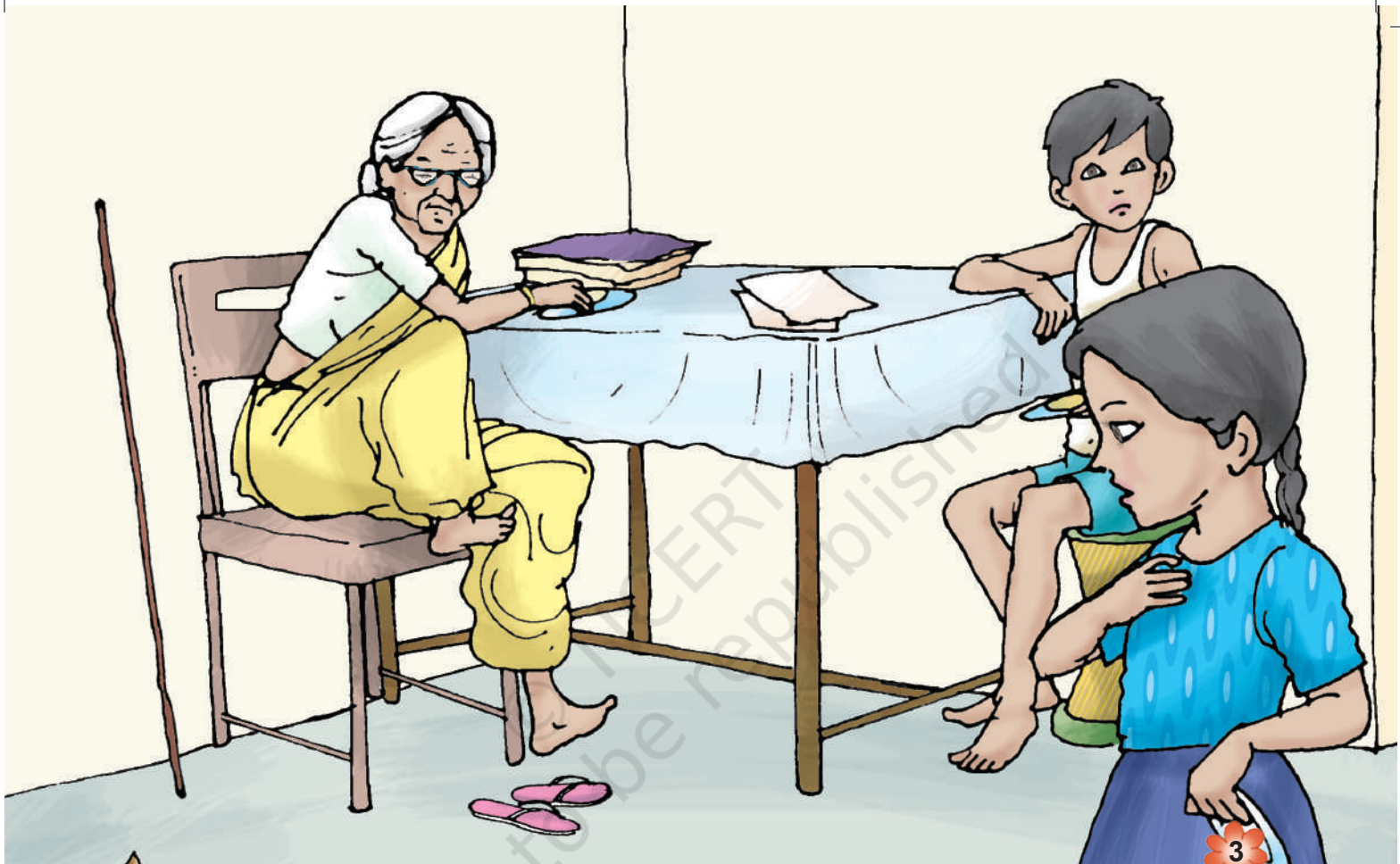


Mummy

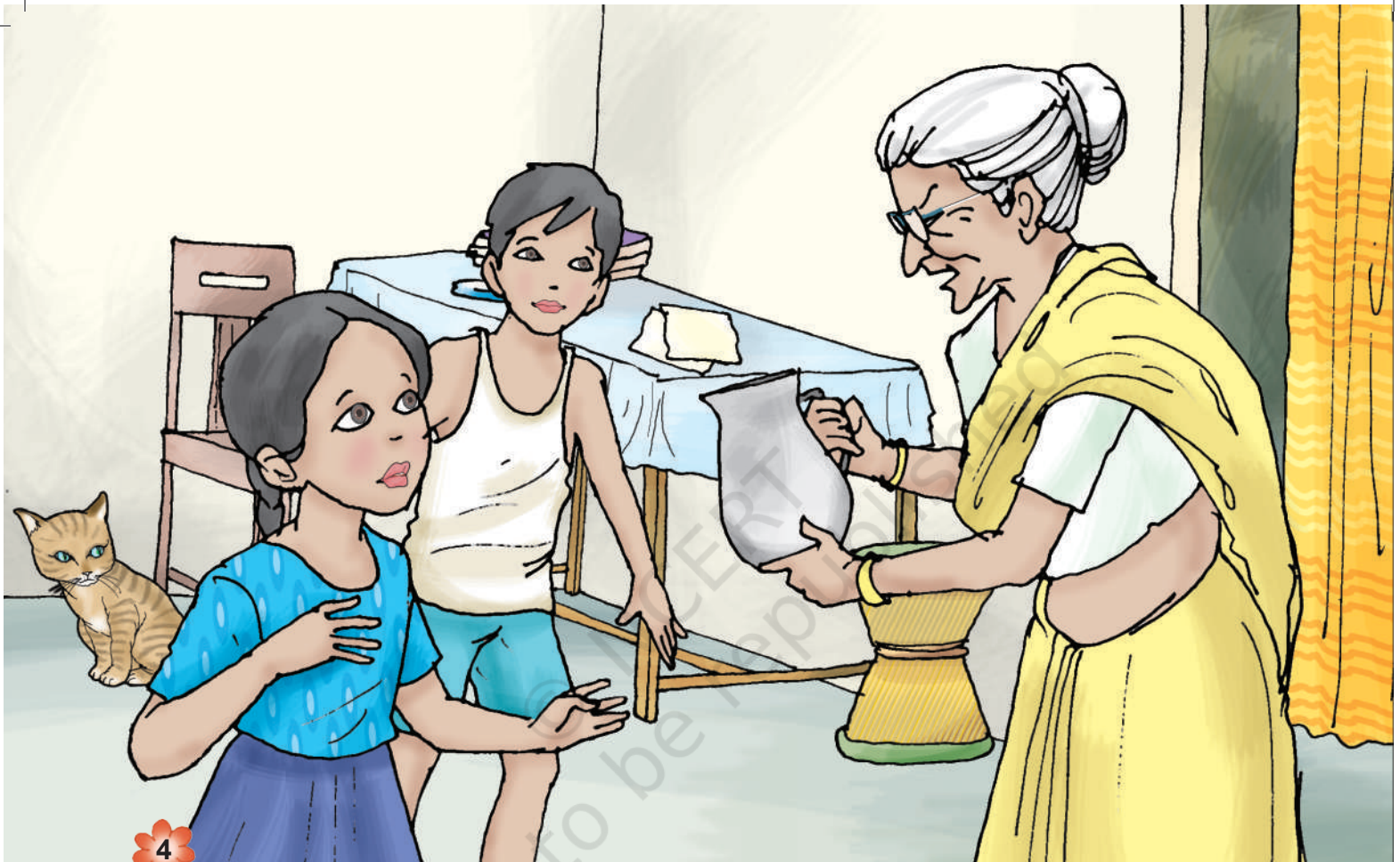


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One day Mummy made *kachoris*.
Rama ate four *kachoris*.



**Rama started getting loud hiccups.
Hic—Hic—Hic—Hic!**



**Dadi brought a jug of water.
She asked her to drink a lot of water.**



**Rama drank the water but the hiccups did not stop.
Hic—Hic—Hic—Hic!**

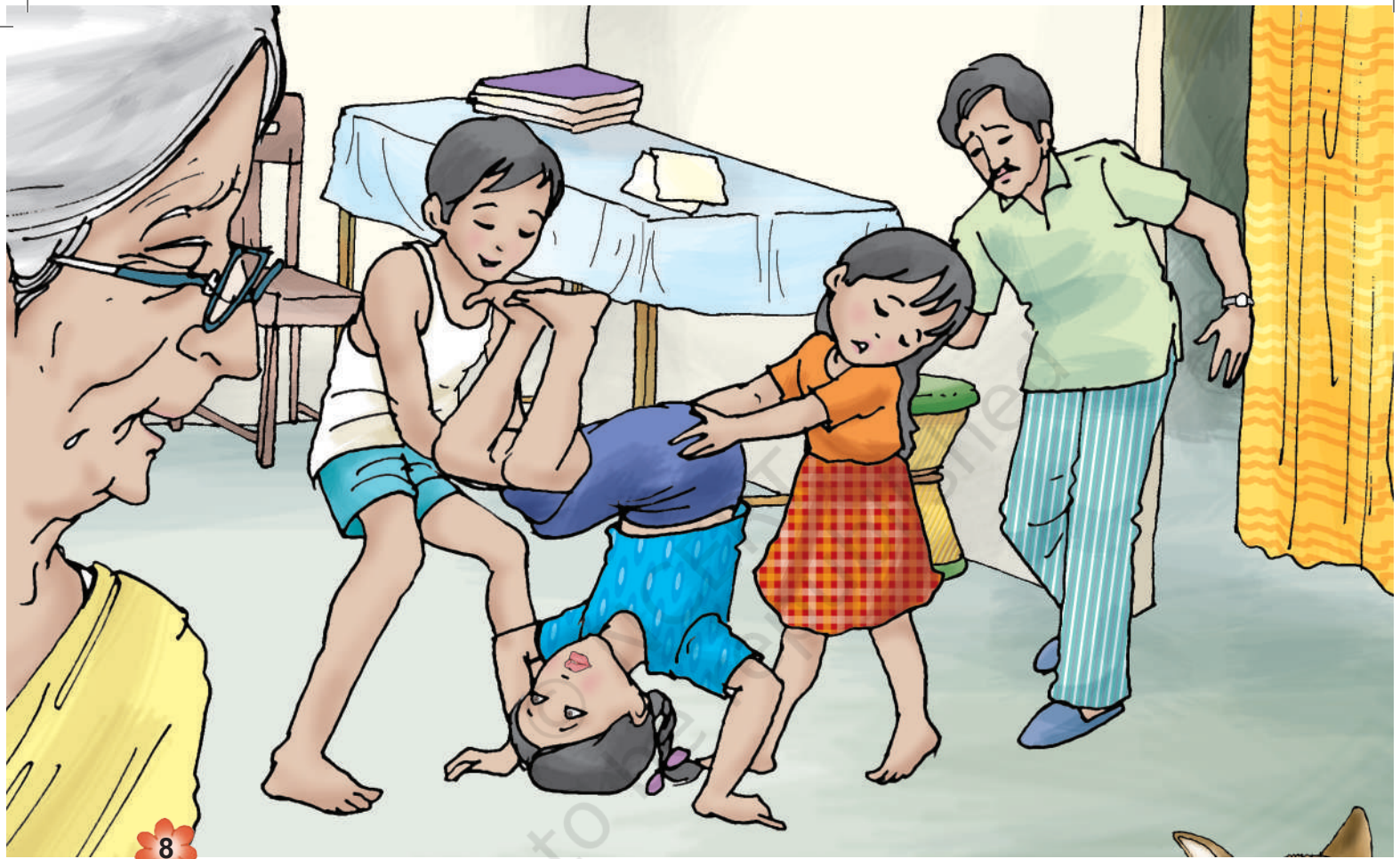


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**Papa began to clap his hands.
Papa asked her to sing a song.**

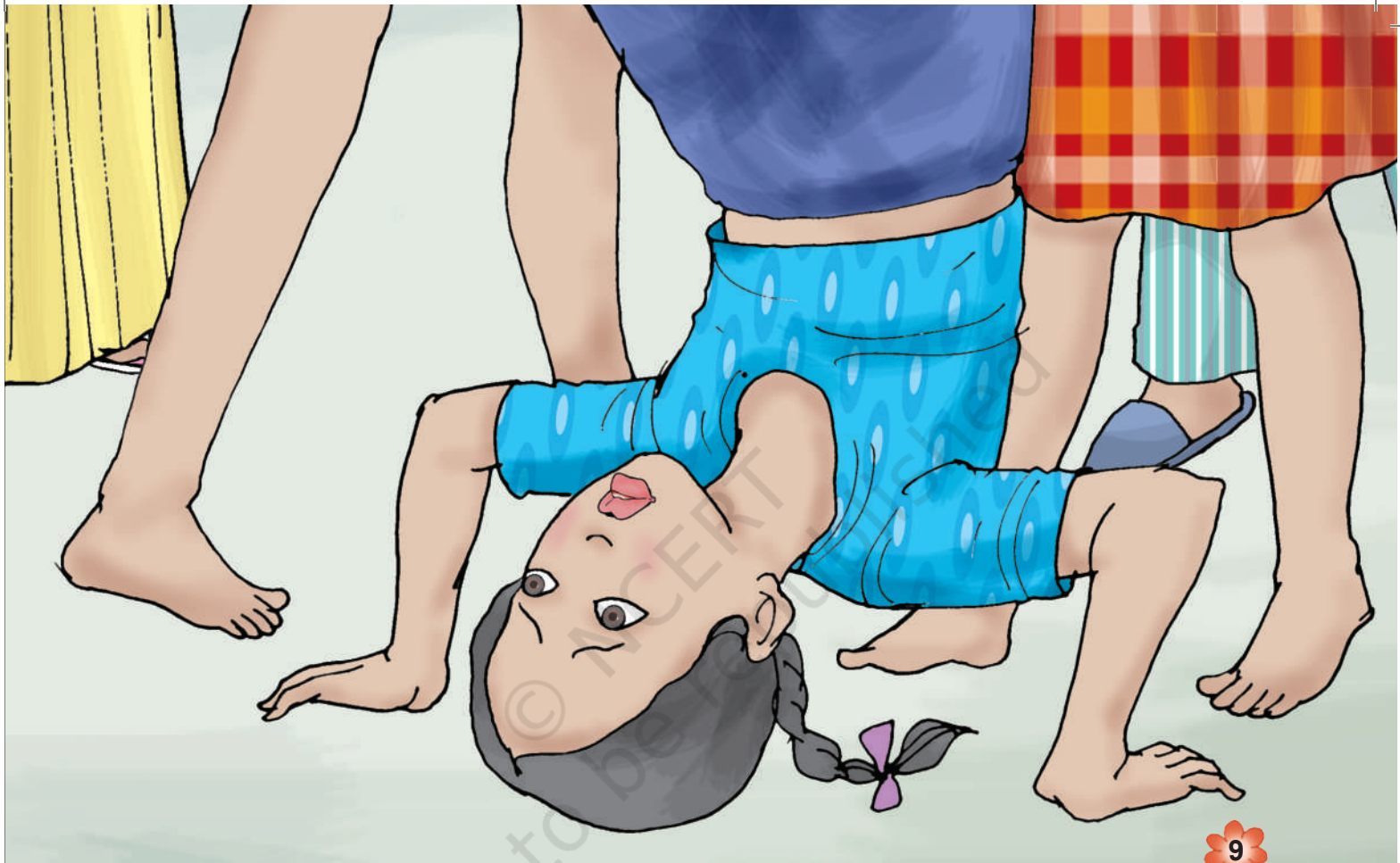


**She began to sing but the hiccups did not stop.
Hic—Hic—Hic—Hic!**

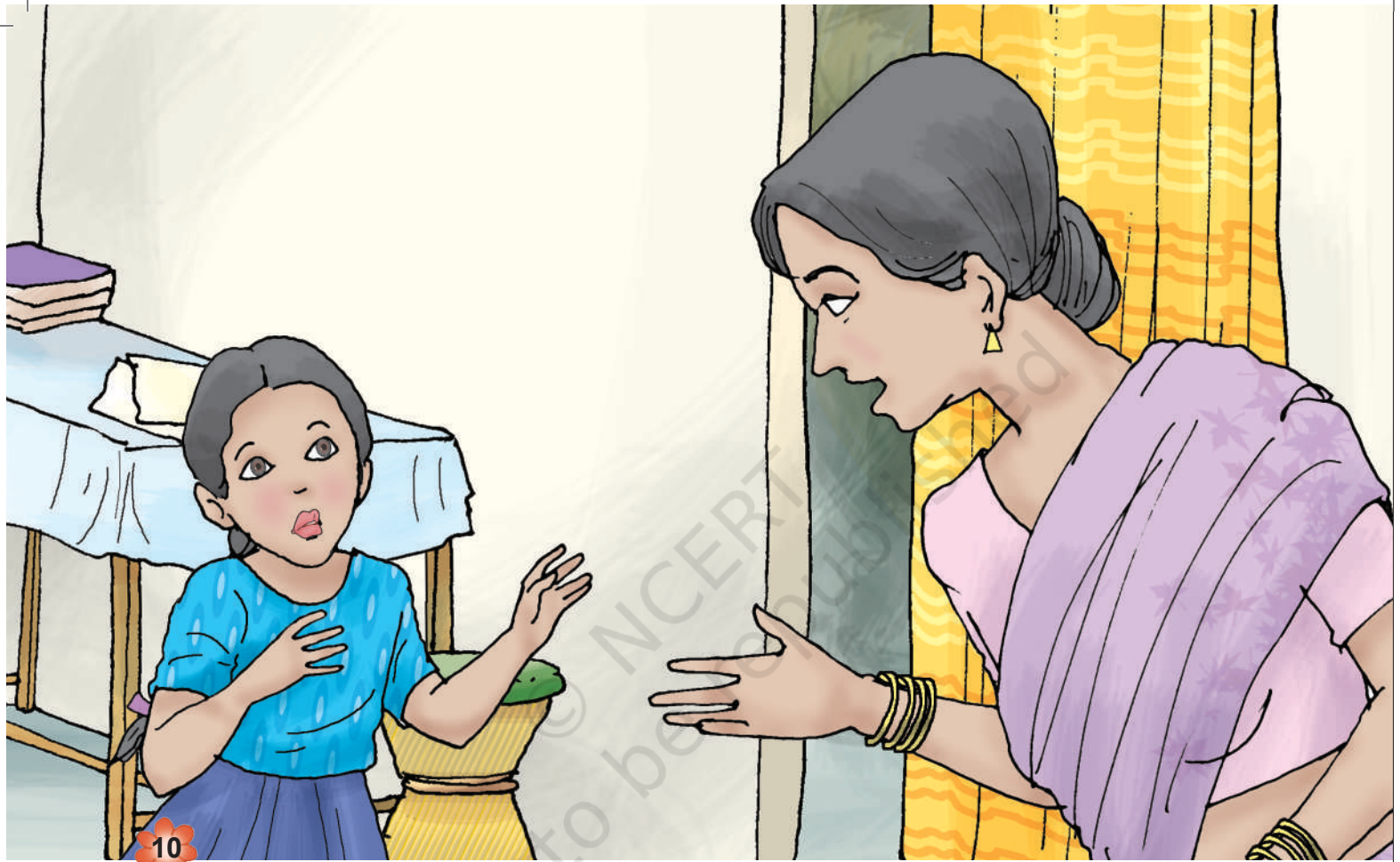


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**Bhaiya asked Rama to stand on her head.
Bhaiya made Rama stand on her head.**



**She stood upside down, but the hiccuping did not stop.
Hic—Hic—Hic—Hic!**



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**Mummy also came out of the kitchen.
Mummy told her to do spot-marching.**

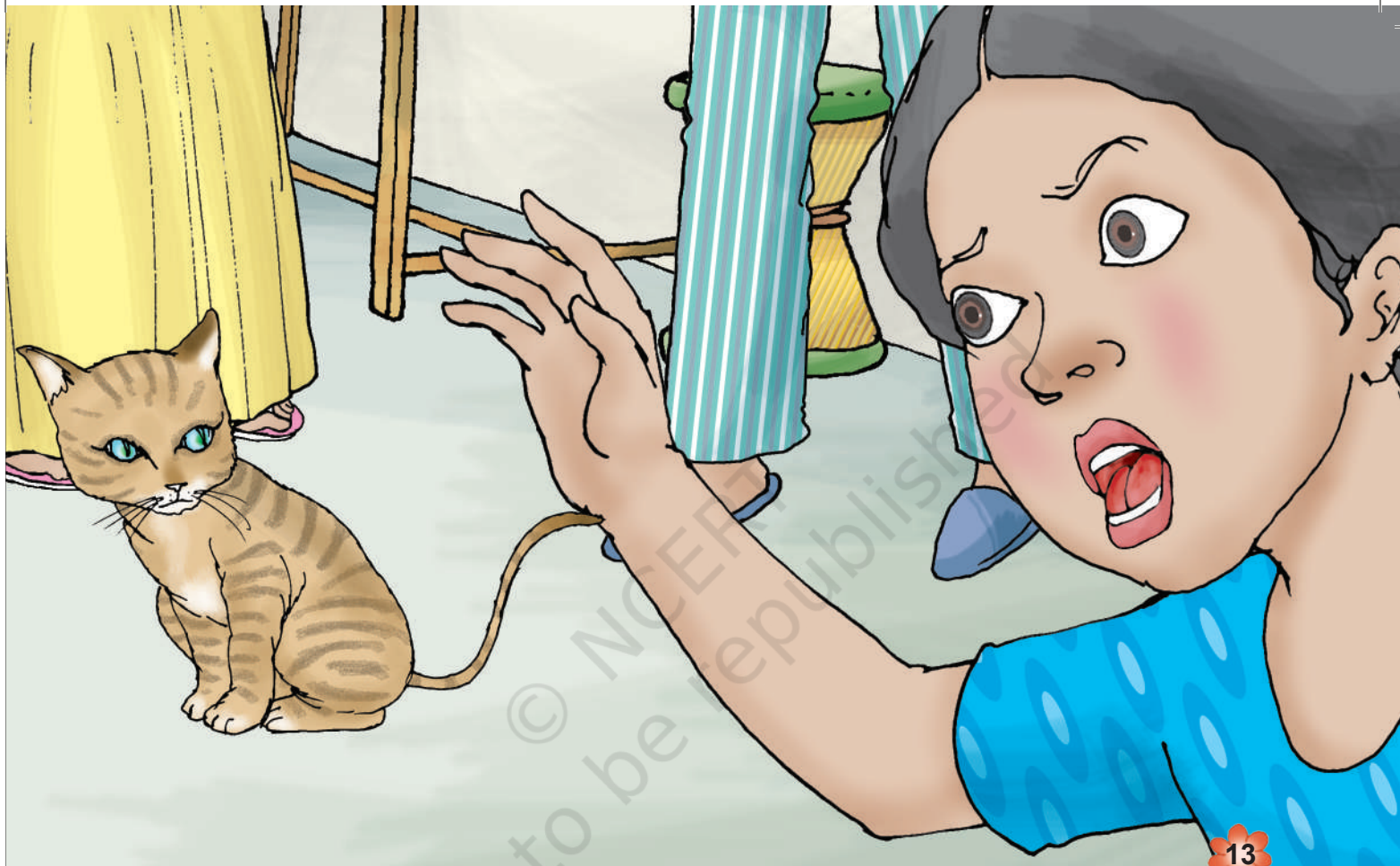


**Rama stomped her feet but the hiccups did not stop.
Hic—Hic—Hic—Hic!**



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Just then Rani brought a box of *rasgullas*.
Rani said that Rama had eaten two *rasgullas*.



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**Rama shouted loudly – No!
She said I did not eat the *rasgullas*.**



**Saying this Rama suddenly became quiet.
Everyone started laughing.**



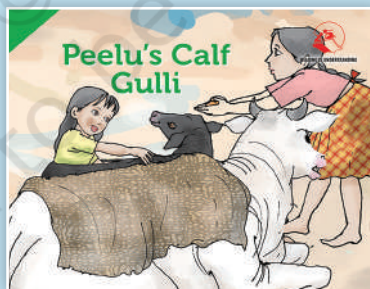
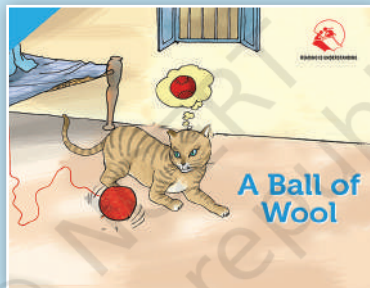
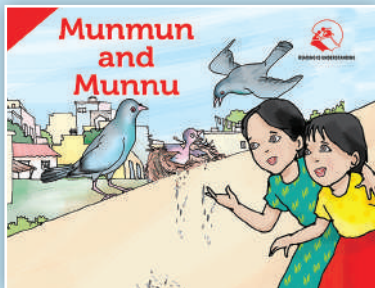
**Everyone noticed that Rama's hiccups had stopped.
Hiccups gone!**



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Rama sat down to have another *kachori*.
The others also started having *kachoris*.

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