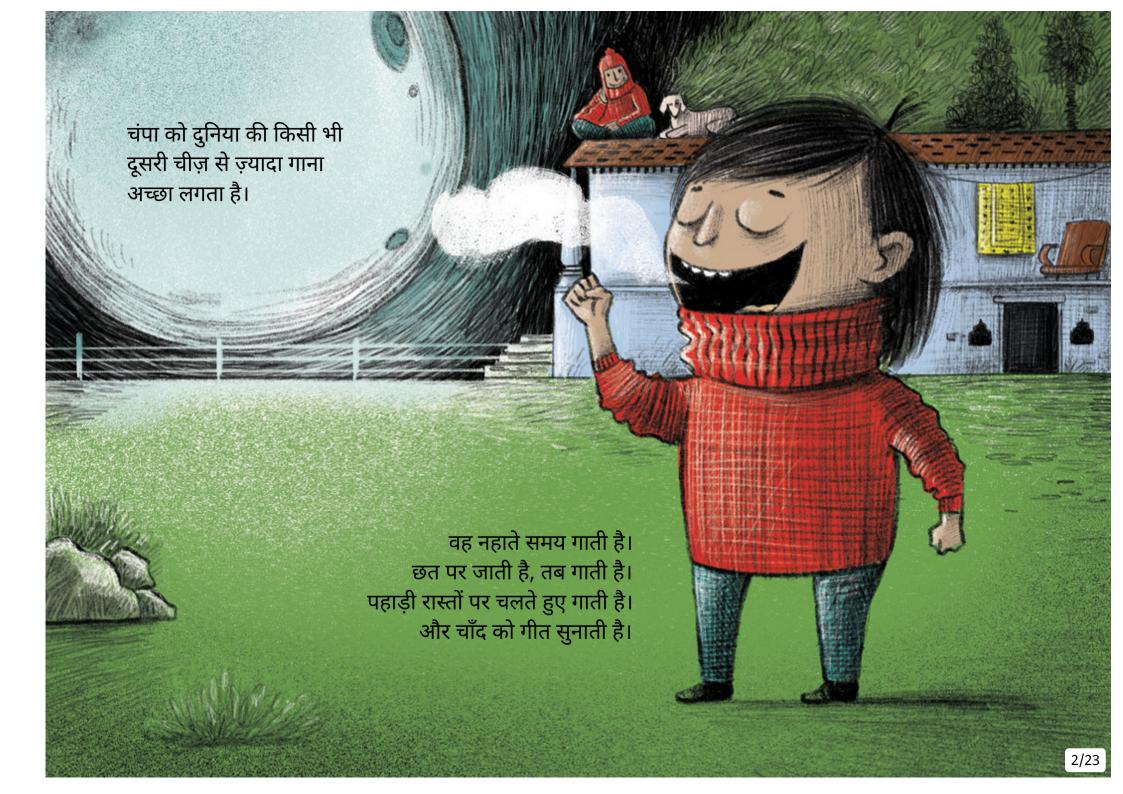




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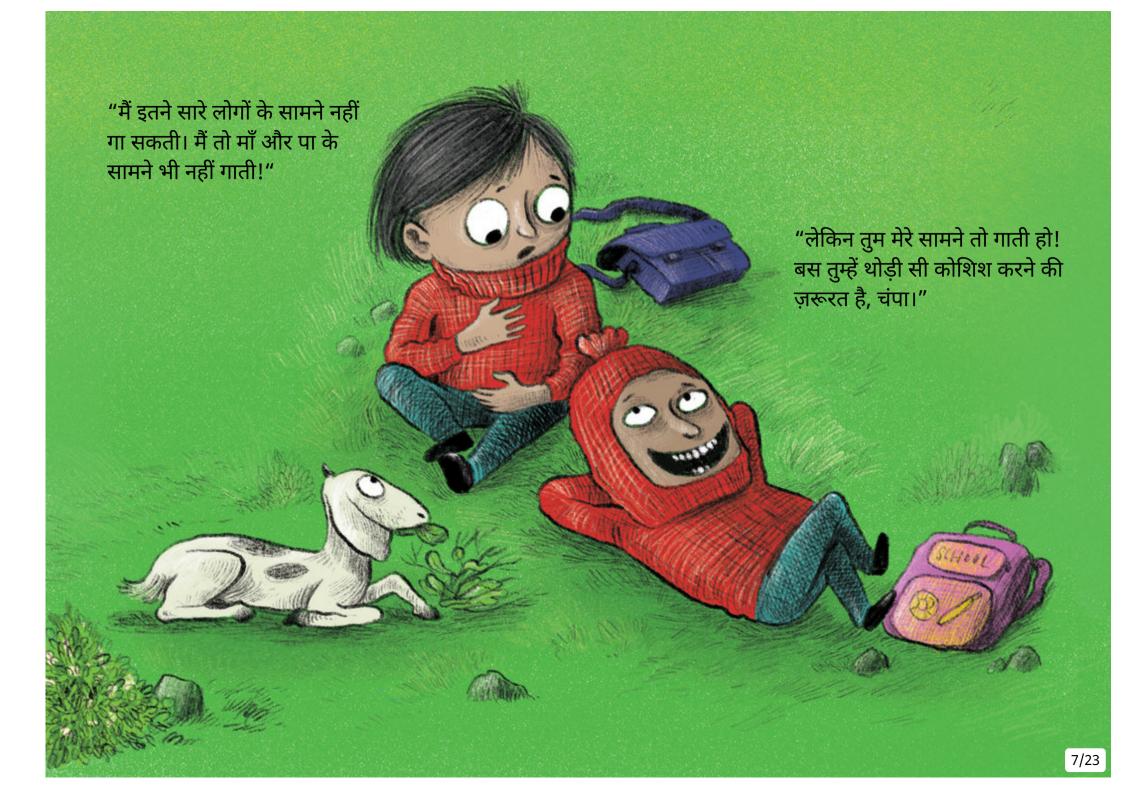
बसंत चंपा का सबसे अच्छा दोस्त है, और उसे हरदम कुछ न कुछ सूझता रहता है। उसके कुछ विचार मज़ेदार होते हैं। और कुछ बिलकुल बेकार। "तुम्हें स्कूल के वार्षिकोत्सव में गाना चाहिए।" बसंत ने कहा।

"कैसा भयंकर सुझाव है!" चंपा बोली।

"क्यों? गाओ न! तुम्हें तो गाना ख़ूब भाता है।"

चंपा ने बसंत को नहीं बताया था कि वह सिर्फ़ एक ही बार मंच पर चढ़ी है और तब डर के मारे वह बेहोश होते-होते बची थी।





"सचमुच करनी चाहिए?"

"हाँ! हाँ! हाँ!"

" और अगर माही और पारस ने मेरा मज़ाक उड़ाया?"

" अगर वह मज़ाक उड़ाएँगे, तो वह ख़ुद बेवकूफ़ कहलाएँगे। तुम तो एक शानदार गायिका हो।"







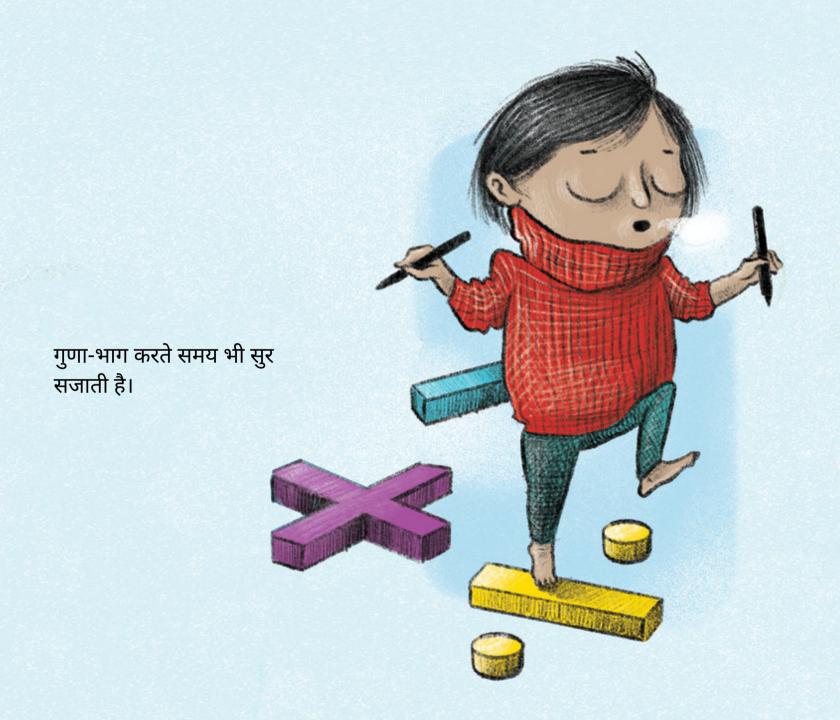
भीड़ के सामने गाने की बात सोचने भर से चंपा के मन में हलचल होने लगती। एक तरफ़ उसका मन ख़ुशी से फूला न समाता और दूसरी तरफ़ उसका दिल घबराता।

पर उसे तो गाने से बेहद लगाव है! आख़िरकार वह गाने की ठान लेती है।



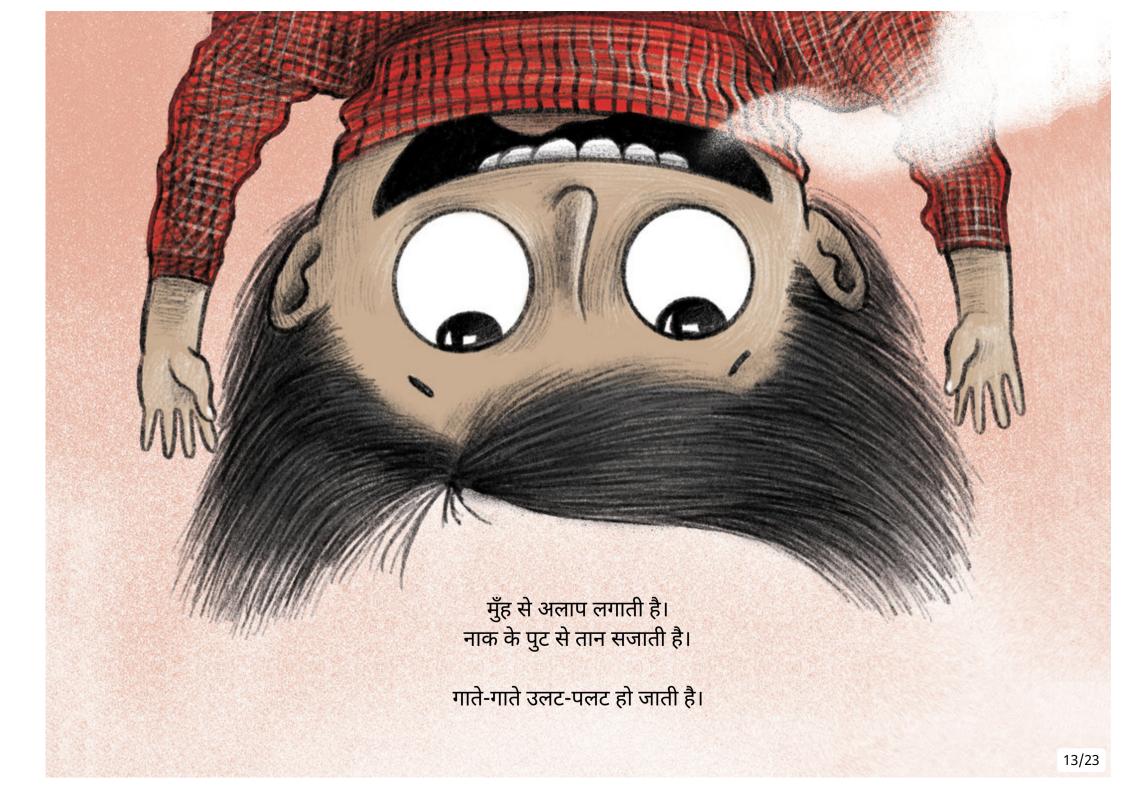


चंपा जी तोड़ मेहनत करके गाने का अभ्यास करती है। नींद से जागती है तो धीमे-धीमे गुनगुनाती है।



बकरी को चराने ले जाते समय भी आवाज़ में उतार-चढ़ाव का रियाज़ करती है।



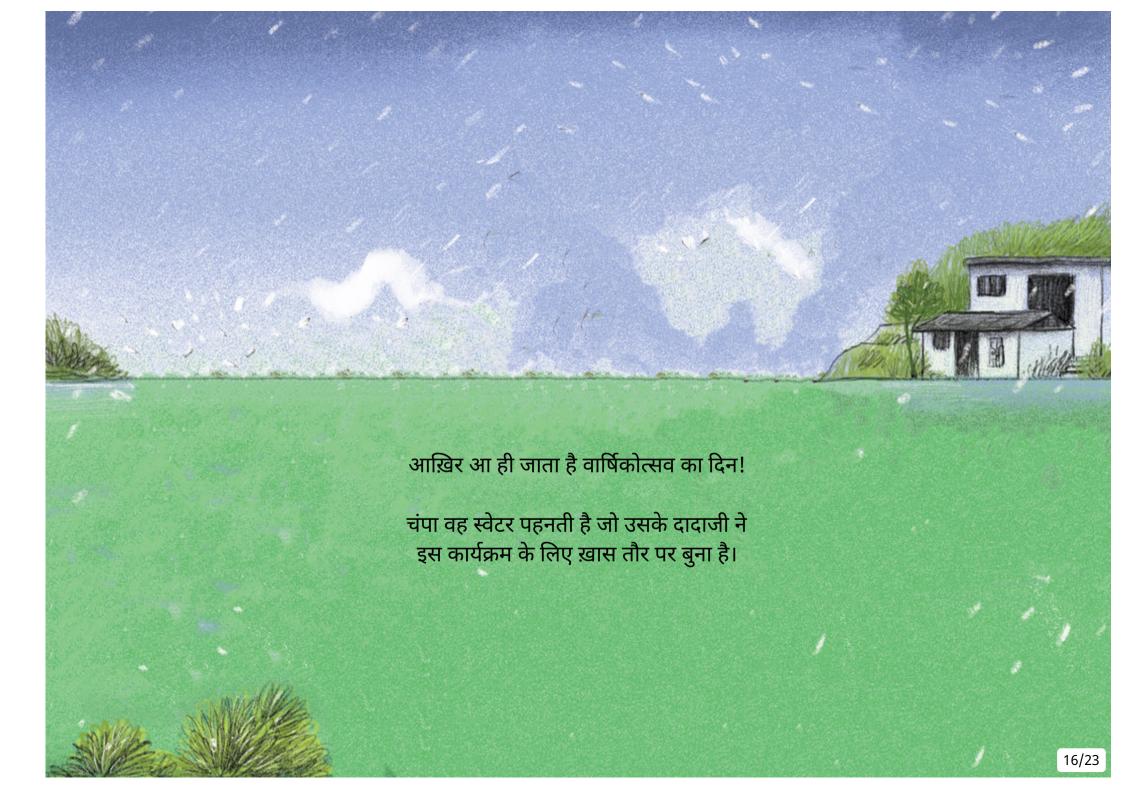


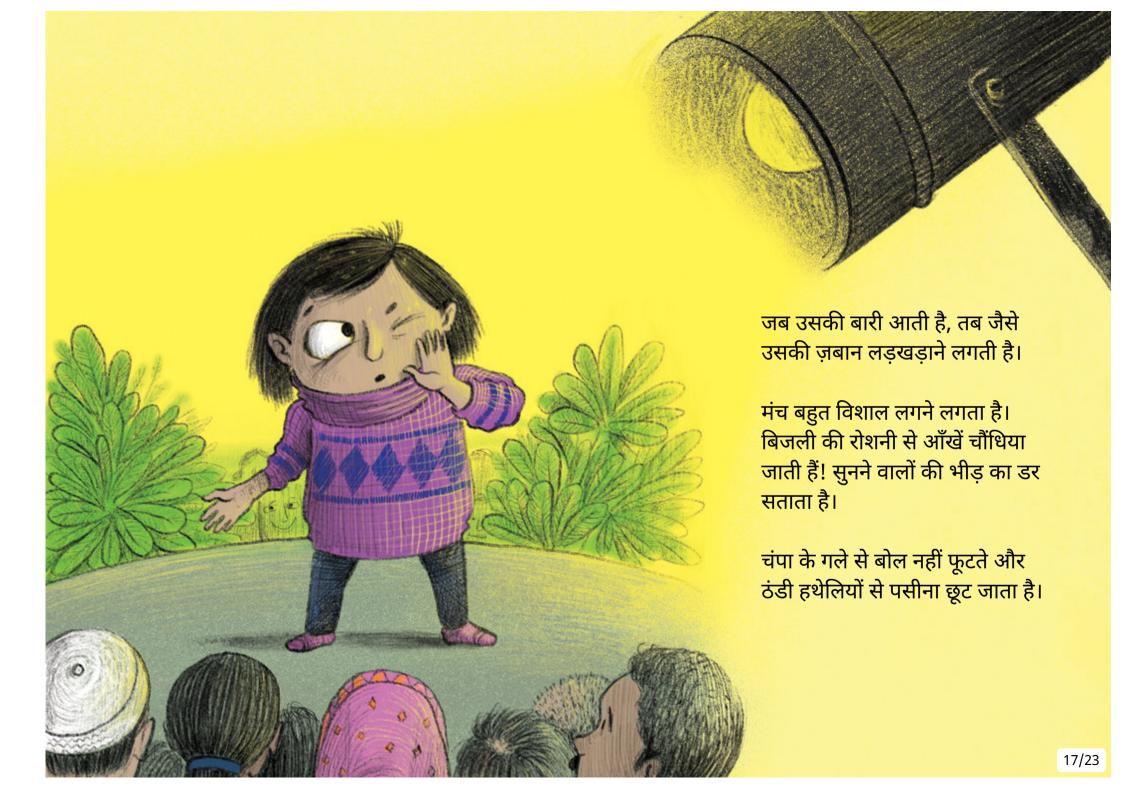


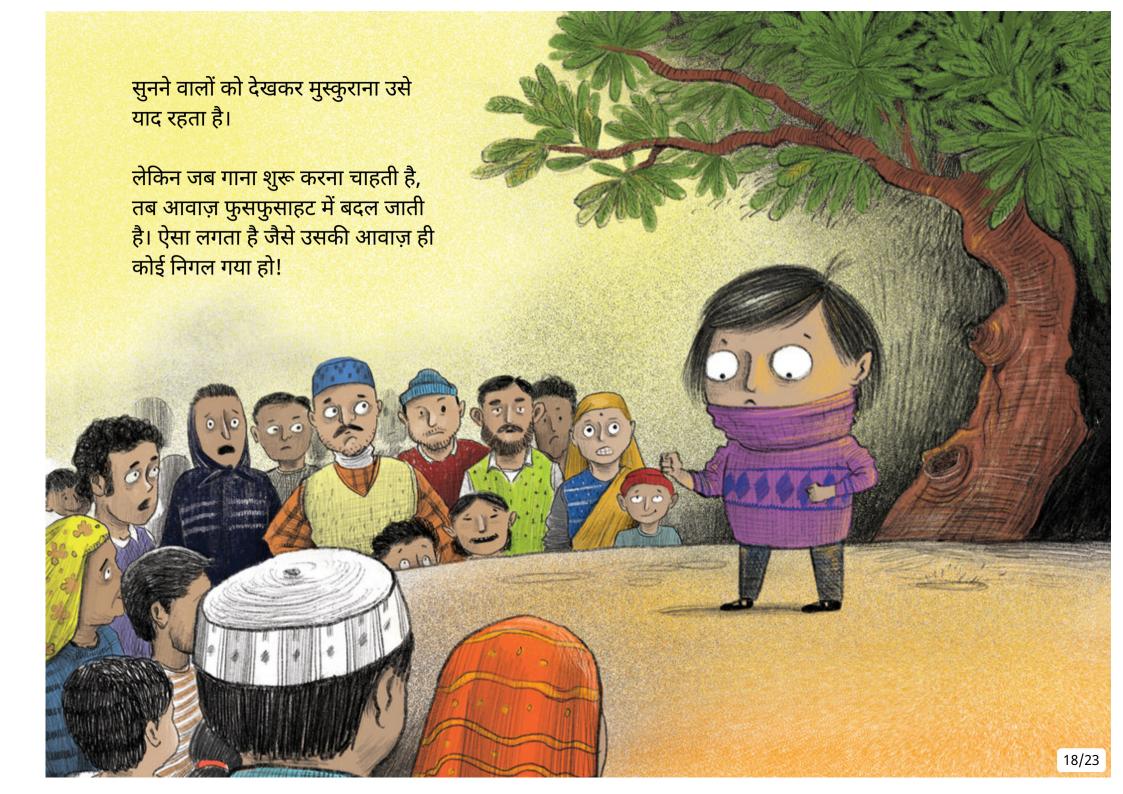
"गाने से पहले लम्बी और गहरी साँसें लो।"

"सुनने वालों के सामने मुस्कुराहट बिखेरती रहो। जैसी हो वैसी रहो, बनावटी नहीं।" "मिर्च जलाकर नज़र उतारो! दही-पेड़ा या बारह अंगूर के दाने खाकर भाग्य सँवारो!"

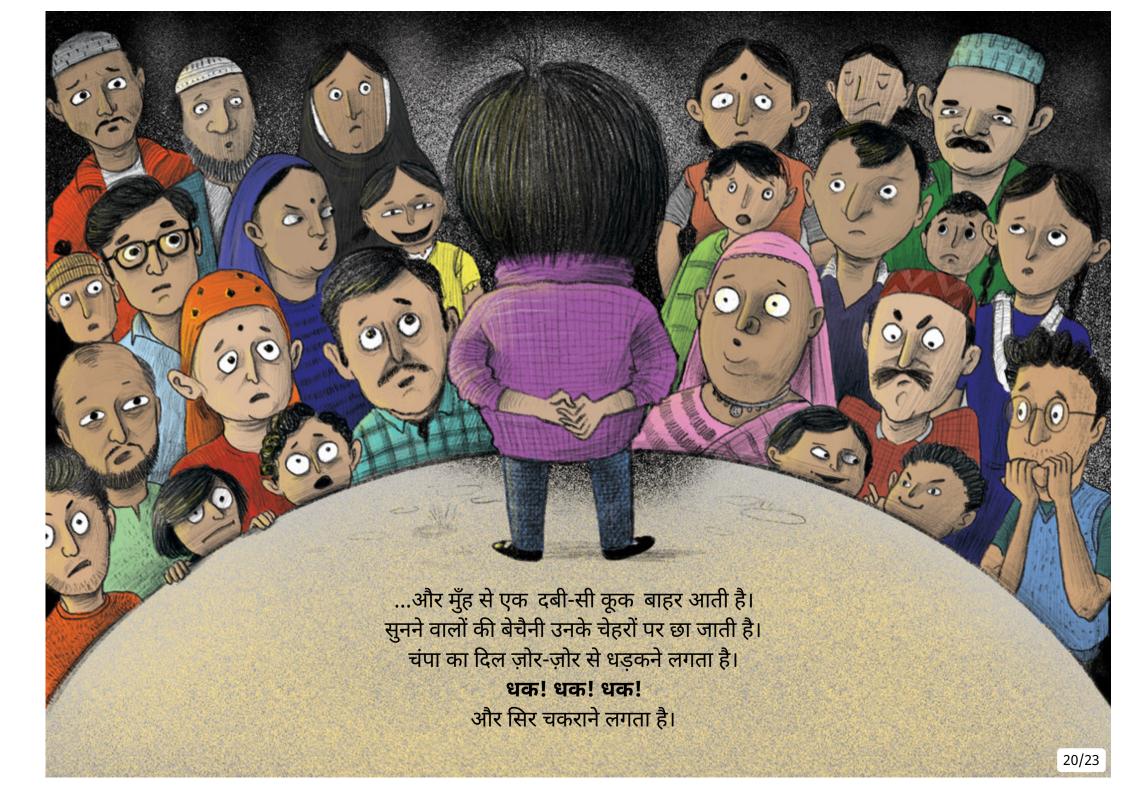


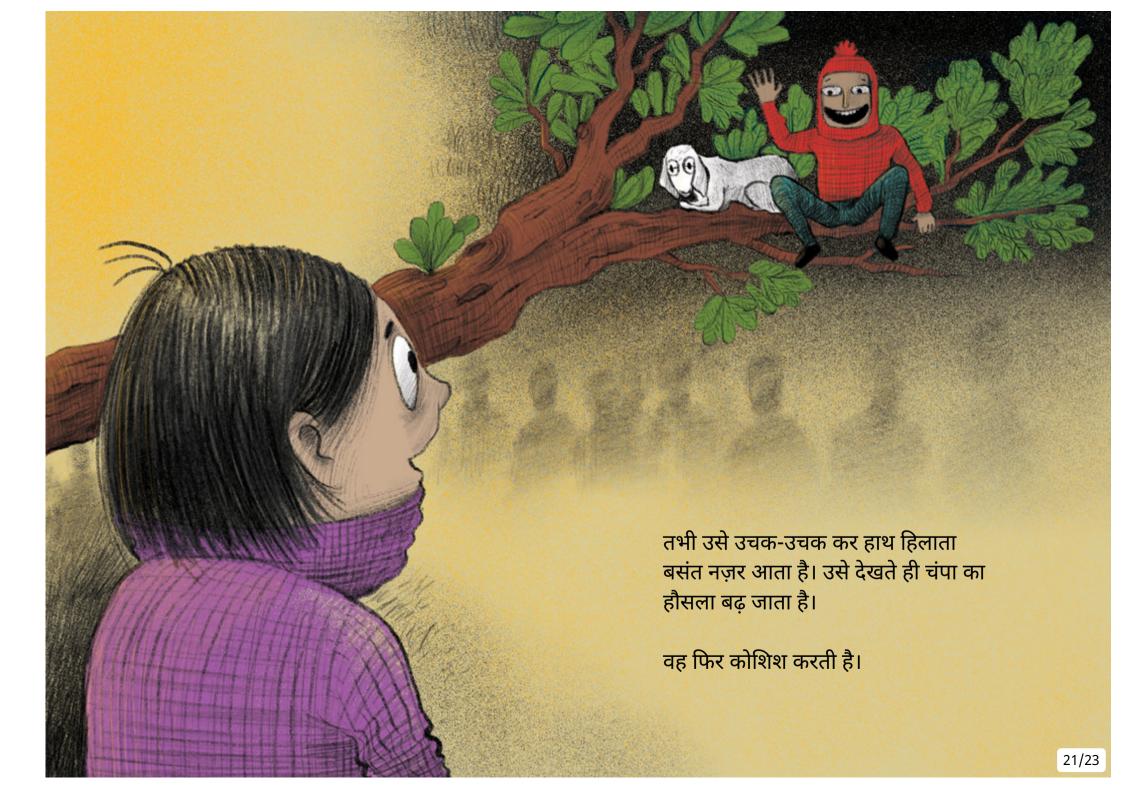






चंपा एक लम्बी और गहरी साँस लेती है, और दोबारा कोशिश करती है...

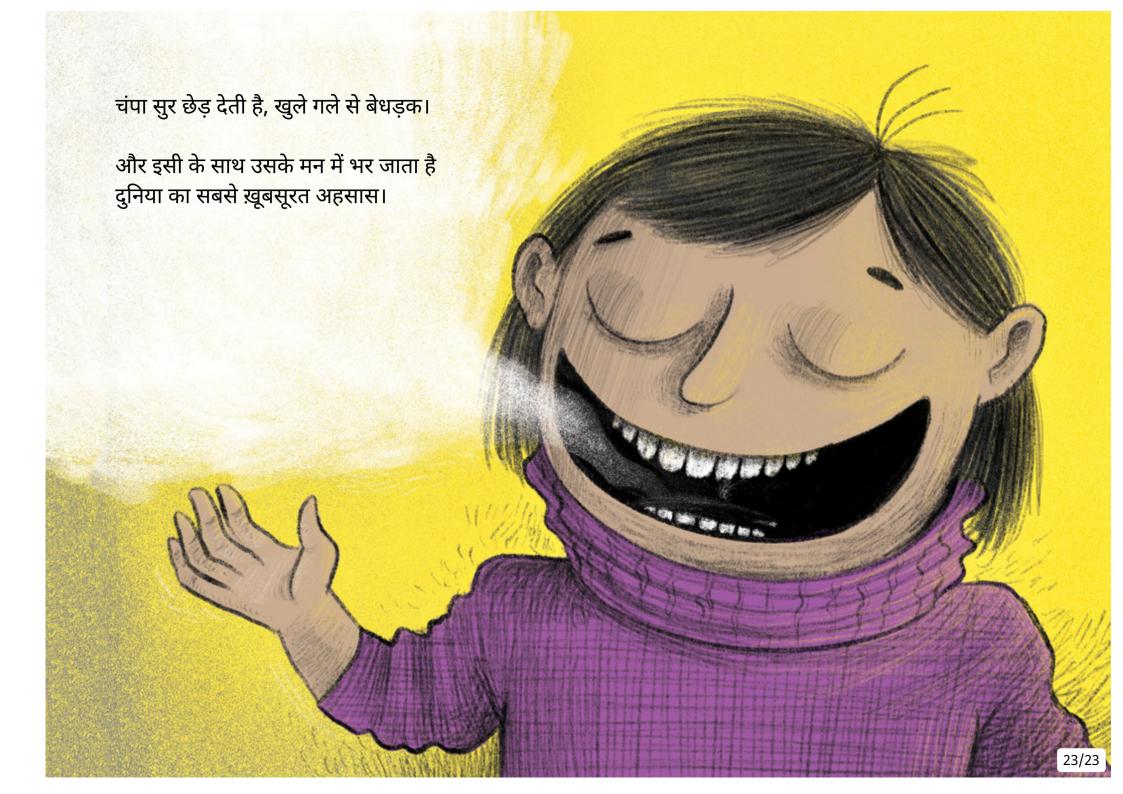




होठों से गीत के बोल फूटते हैं धीरे-धीरे। पहले आवाज़ कँपकँपाती है, फिर कुछ ठीक हो जाती है।

> फिर संगीत की धारा बह निकलती है चंपा के गले से मधुर, सुरीली और दमदार।

> अब मंच के बड़ा होने से फ़र्क नहीं पड़ता। न तेज़ रोशनी सताती है। और न ही सुनने वालों की भारी भीड़ का डर रह जाता है।





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(Hindi)

चंपा को गाना अच्छा लगता है। लेकिन वह मंच पर गाने से घबराती है। क्या वह अपने स्कूल के वार्षिकोत्सव में इतने सारे लोगों के सामने गाना गा पाएगी?

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