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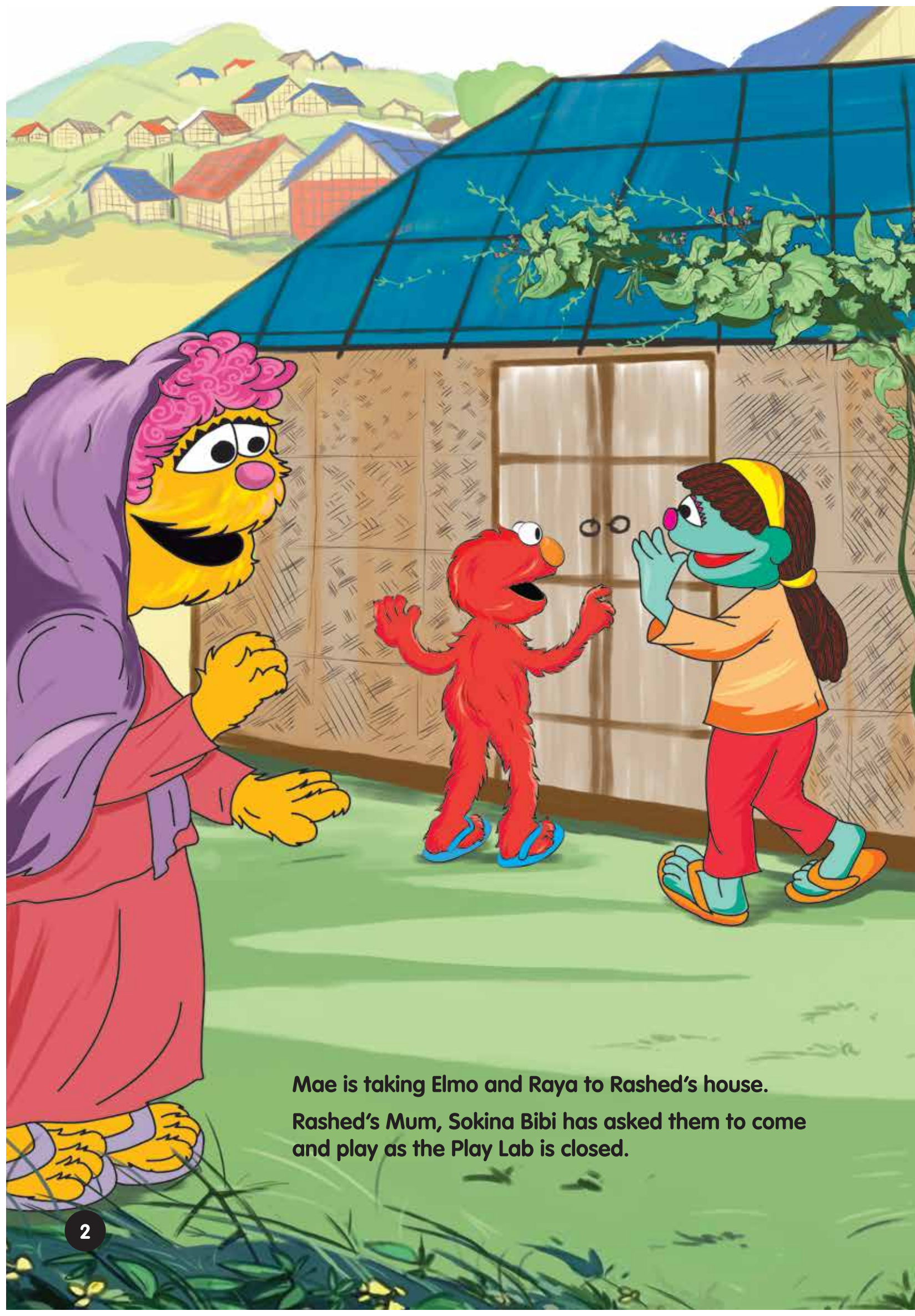
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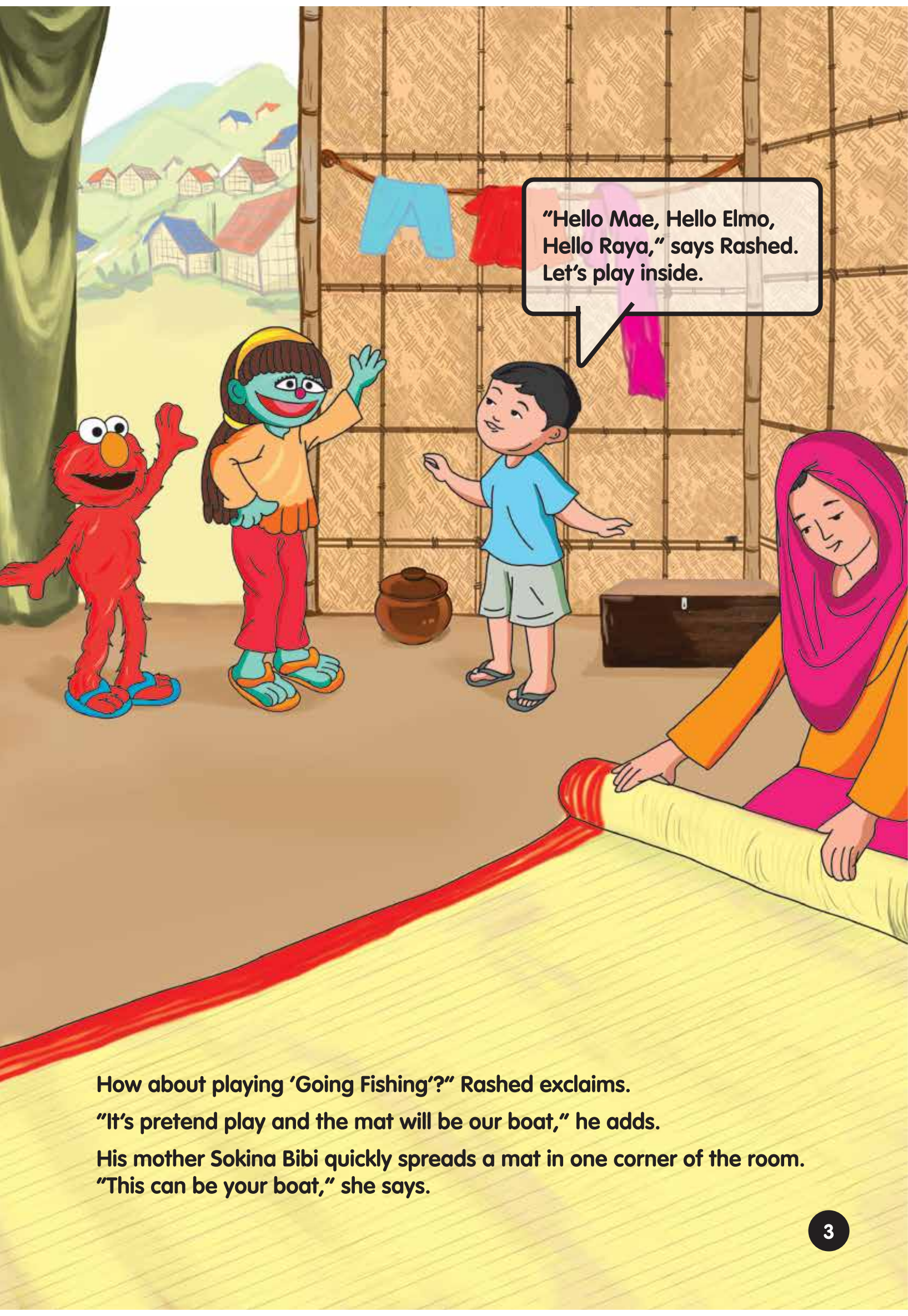
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**Mae is taking Elmo and Raya to Rashed's house.
Rashed's Mum, Sokina Bibi has asked them to come
and play as the Play Lab is closed.**



"Hello Mae, Hello Elmo, Hello Raya," says Rashed. Let's play inside.

How about playing 'Going Fishing'?" Rashed exclaims.

"It's pretend play and the mat will be our boat," he adds.

His mother Sokina Bibi quickly spreads a mat in one corner of the room.

"This can be your boat," she says.



Mae joins them. She gets a wooden spoon from Sokina Bibi.
"I will row the boat."
This will be my oar," explains Mae.
She sits at the back. Everyone sits in front of her.
Elmo excitedly asks, "Where are we going fishing?"



Rashed quickly says, "We are going down the river nearby. Are we all ready?" Mae checks to see if all of them have lifejackets on. They all have an extra T shirt on as a life jacket. Mae slowly starts the boat. It starts to rock a bit. She rows this way and that way.



The children start to recite,
"Splash, splash, splash,
Splash across the waves.
Wind on our hair,
Laughter on our face."



Elmo holds on to the side of the boat.
He laughs and says,
“Wind on Elmo’s hair, Laughter on Elmo’s face. He, he, he.”



Raya screams, "I saw a fish pass by. I think it was a small, silver-colored fish!" Mae stops the boat.

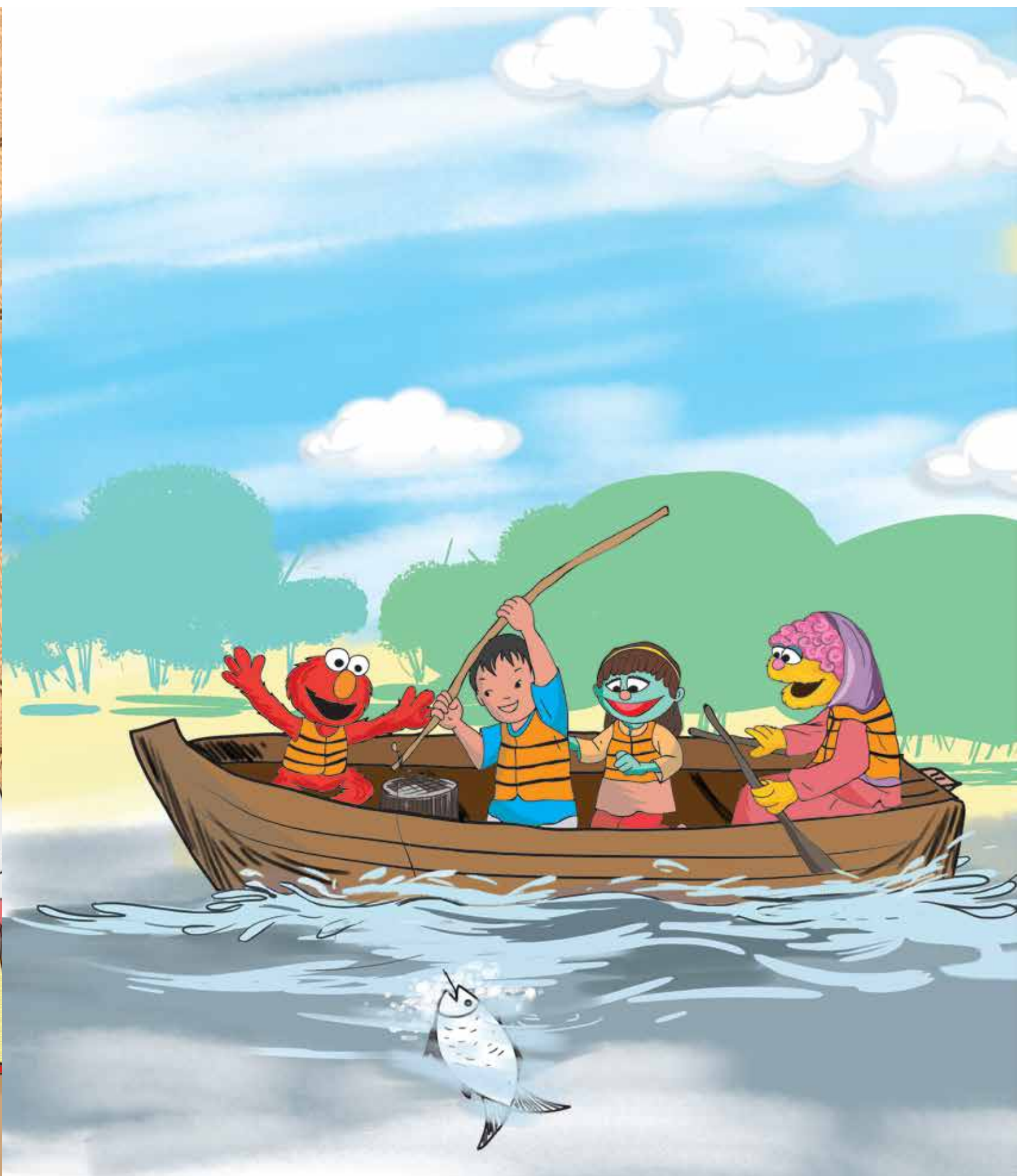
Raya picks up a stick with a long thread. Raya is going to catch first. She throws the fishing line in the water.



Elmo runs and leans to see if Raya has caught a fish.
Both are on one side. The boat rocks a little.
Mae exclaims, "We need to be careful and not lean too far!"
"See how it's rocking," she says. Mae holds on to the sides of the boat.



Elmo and Raya quickly sit down. They are learning to be safe in the water. Raya feels a pull. She tries hard to pick up the fishing line. Rashed helps her pull it on to the boat. It's a can filled with mud. Elmo yells, "We must not throw rubbish in the river ."



Now, Rashed throws a line and waits curiously.
The water ripples. There are bubbles in the water.
Suddenly, Rashed feels a pull. Raya and Mae help him.
Together, they pull the line.



**"It's a fish. A Rui !" exclaims Rashed.
He puts it in the pail.
They all clap in excitement.
They all sit down as
Mae turns the boat.
She rows this way and that way.**



All three start to recite once again.
"Splash, splash. splash
Splash across the waves.
Wind on our hair,
Laughter on our face".



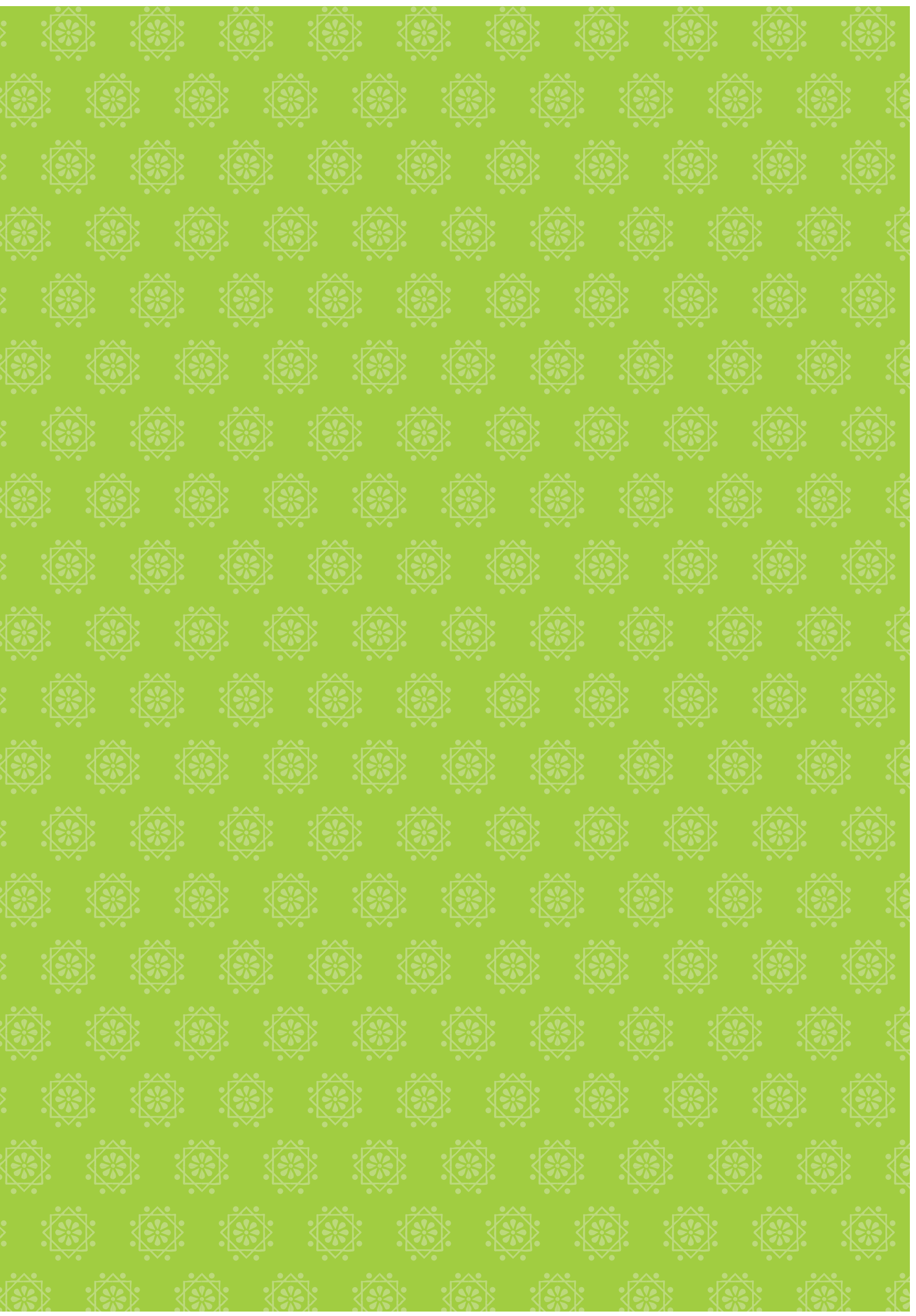
Soon they reach home.

“Maa, maa, look”! Rashed says, “We caught a big Rui today!” Sokina Bibi smiles and says, “Lunch is ready. Guess what? I have cooked Rui too.”



Once again, they all sit down on the mat. Sokina Bibi serves rui with rice. She has extra chilli for herself. The others are happy to eat Rui and rice by itself.





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