



# The Freedom Sisters

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Level 3

It is almost Independence Day.  
Everyone in Godavari Colony is busy.  
Ambu Tai is teaching her students a new song.  
Rocky Dada's troupe is practising a special dance.  
Salim Kaka is making his famous, once-a-year-only,  
three-colour burfi.  
Everyone is doing something. Everyone...





except Payoshni.

She wants to do something big, spectacular,  
amazing and fabulous. But what?



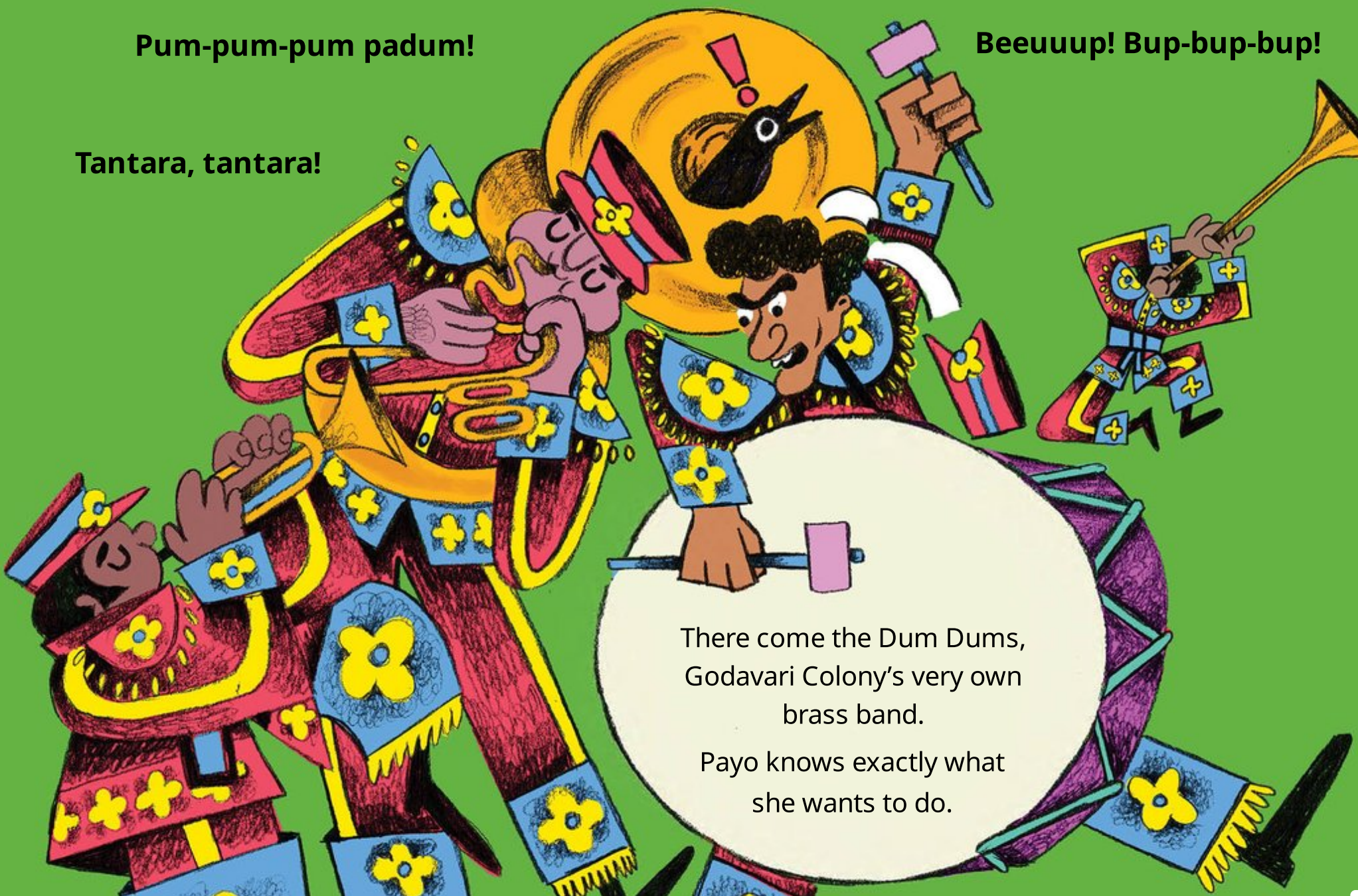


**Dhun dhung da-dhoom!**

**Pum-pum-pum padum!**

**Beeuuup! Bup-bup-bup!**

**Tantara, tantara!**



There come the Dum Dums,  
Godavari Colony's very own  
brass band.

Payo knows exactly what  
she wants to do.





"May I join your band, please, Bandmaster Totoji?" asks Payo.  
"I'll practise every day!"

"But do you even know how to play an instrument?" asks Bandmaster Totoji.

"I can learn!" says Payo.

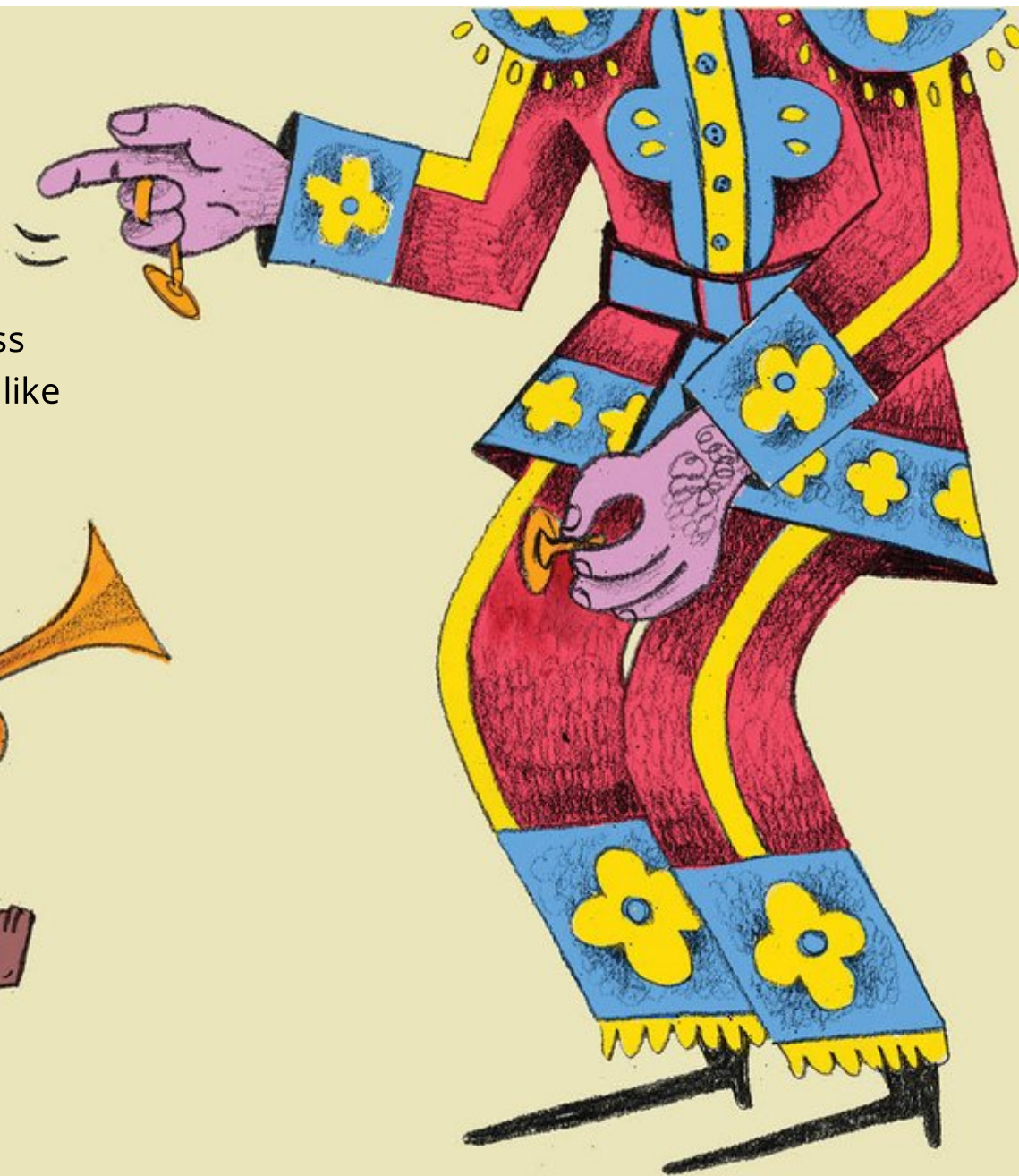


"How about this?"

"A trumpet? Oh no!" says Totoji.

"Your fingers won't be able to press the keys hard enough. Would you like to play the cymbals?"

Payo would not.







"What about this one?" she asks.

"A French Horn? Ha! It's bigger than you are," says Totoji. "Do you want to play the maracas, instead?"

Payo does not want to.



"Ooh! Can I learn to play this?"

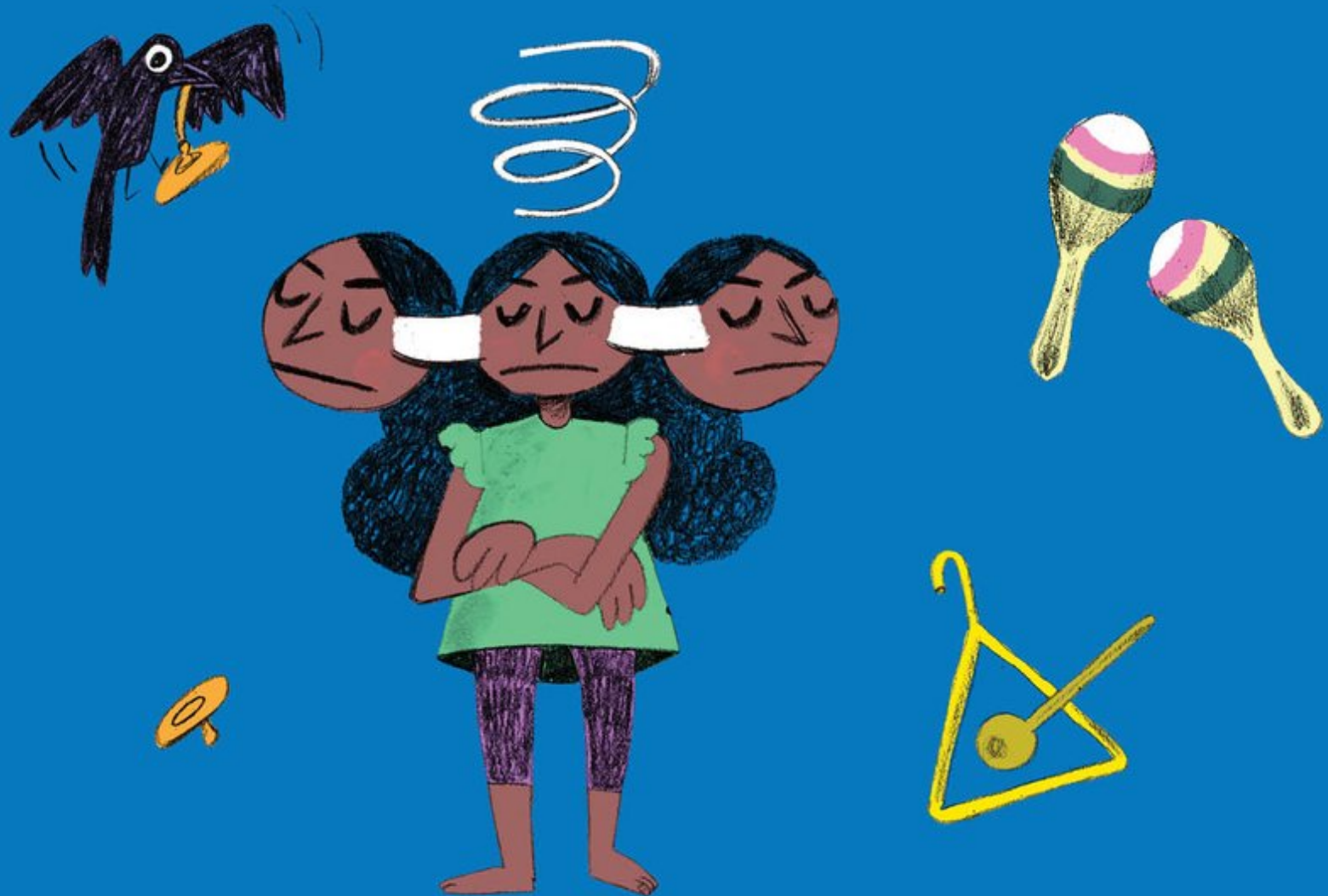
"No, no, no, no," says Totoji.

"That's a snare drum! You won't even be able to lift it. How about this lovely triangle?"





But Payo does not want to play the cymbals,  
the maracas or the triangle.









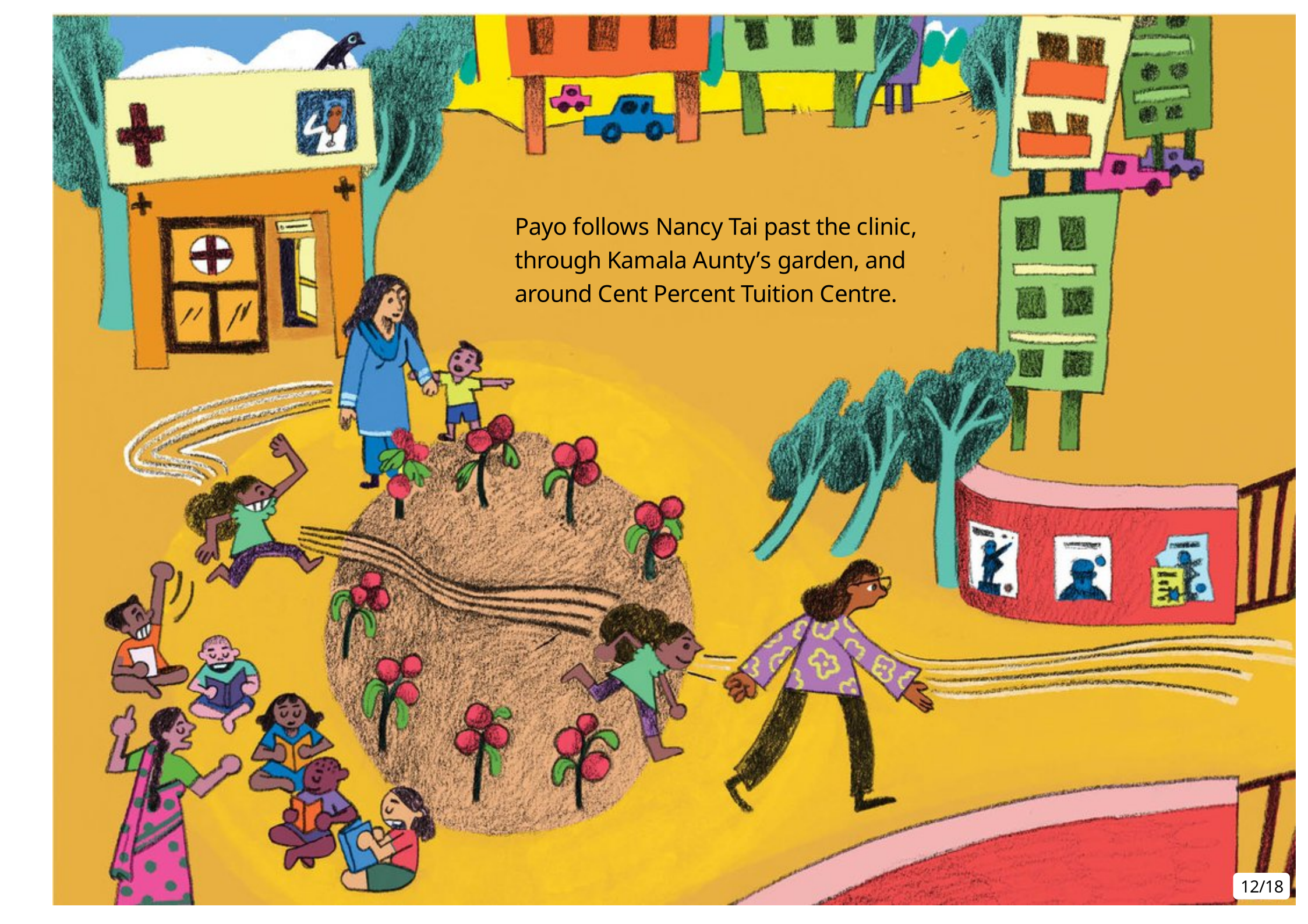
"Psst!"

It's Nancy Tai, Rocky Dada's sister.

"I think I can help. Come with me."







Payo follows Nancy Tai past the clinic,  
through Kamala Aunty's garden, and  
around Cent Percent Tuition Centre.



"We're going to do something big,  
spectacular, amazing and fabulous  
together, next year," says Nancy Tai.  
"Will you join us?"











One year later, it is Independence Day again.  
Ambu Tai's choir is ready.  
Rocky Dada's dance troupe is ready.  
Salim Kaka's burfi is ready.  
The Dum Dums are ready.  
But where is Payo?





**Dhum dhunak dhum,  
dhunak dhum dhunak!**

There she is. And she's not alone.  
She's with the Freedom Sisters.  
Together they are doing something big,  
spectacular, amazing and fabulous.





Because they can.  
Because they want to.  
And because no one can  
tell them otherwise.





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(English)

Payoshni wants to do something big, spectacular, amazing and fabulous for the Independence Day celebrations in Godavari Colony. But there's not enough time and Bandmaster Totoji is not being helpful, either. A story about finding and pursuing one's passion.

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