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Butterfingers goes bonkers

HERE'S WHAT MY CREATORS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ME. I HOPE IT'S SOMETHING GOOD!



Khyrunnisa A.



The first story I ever wrote for *Tinkle* was titled 'Butterfingers' and was my entry for the *Tinkle* Original Story Competition. The cricket-based story was inspired by my family's huge craze for cricket (and all sports in general) and the title derived from our general clumsiness; my son and I are particularly known for it! Whoever dropped something was immediately called 'Butterfingers' and the word was often heard in my house. No wonder then that the story was a favourite with my family. And it turned out that it was also a favourite with *Tinkle* because it won the second prize.

Though I went on to write many more stories for *Tinkle*, this particular story held a special place in my heart and I longed to carry the character further. So, when the folks at *Tinkle* asked me to create a regular character for the magazine, I jumped at the opportunity and said, "There's Butterfingers!" The change I made was in the name...I chose my son's name—Amar—as the real name for Butterfingers. And the rest, as they say, is history!

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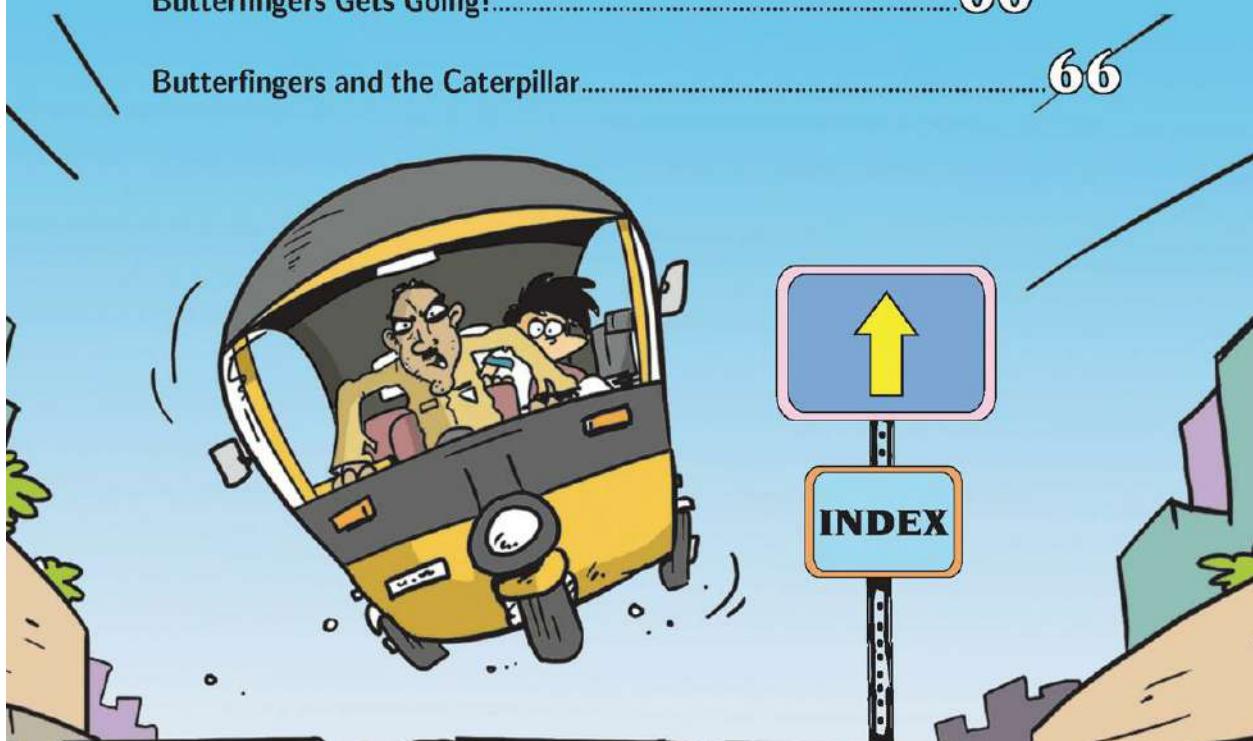
It was sometime in late 2006 that I got a call from Luis Fernandes, former editor of *Tinkle*, to come over to the office to discuss a new series he wanted me to try my hand at, which was written by Khyrunnisa A. When I heard the name 'Butterfingers', I immediately had a lot of ideas in my head as to what the character would be like, and when I sat down and heard the story from Luis, I was pretty much spot on—a clumsy, accident-prone boy with a heart of gold, and with a tendency to save the day.

The first story I drew for the Butterfingers series was the Diwali episode. I had just submitted the first story, all inked and pretty, to the team and was happily returning home when I got a frantic call from them, "Kiran is a boy! Not a girl!" I hit my head and thought to myself, "Amar's such a nice guy, I thought he'd have a girlfriend!"

I had drawn Kiran (Amar's best friend) as a girl, so I quickly had to get my art papers back and make major corrections in those panels. Gradually, over the years, we have seen the character as well as the other characters in his universe develop and my personal favourites to draw are the Heebie Jeebies (the boy band) and Prof. Jagmohan, the school principal. Khyrunnisa's ideas are brilliant, and I always look forward to sketching Amar, every time I get a chance.



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Butterfingers at the Athletics Meet

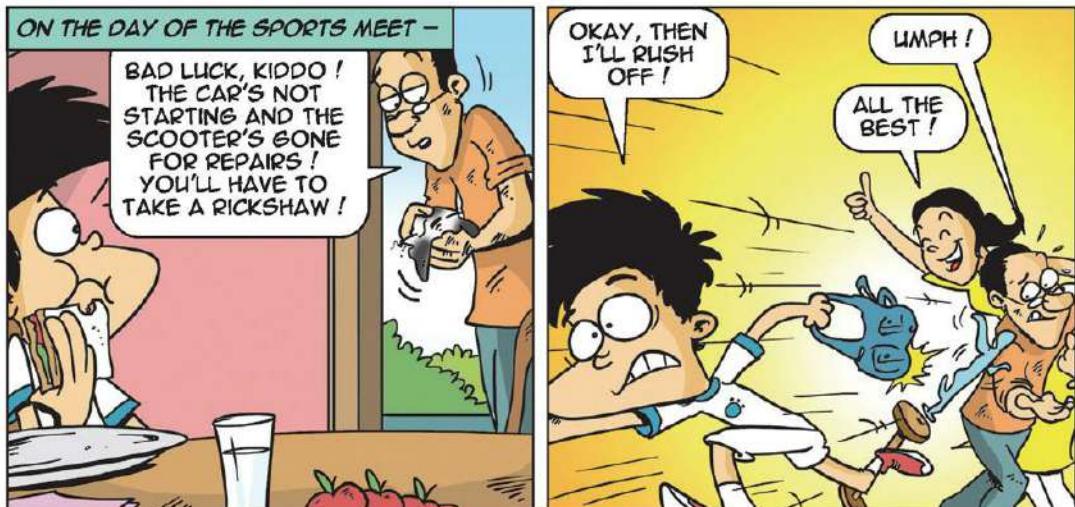
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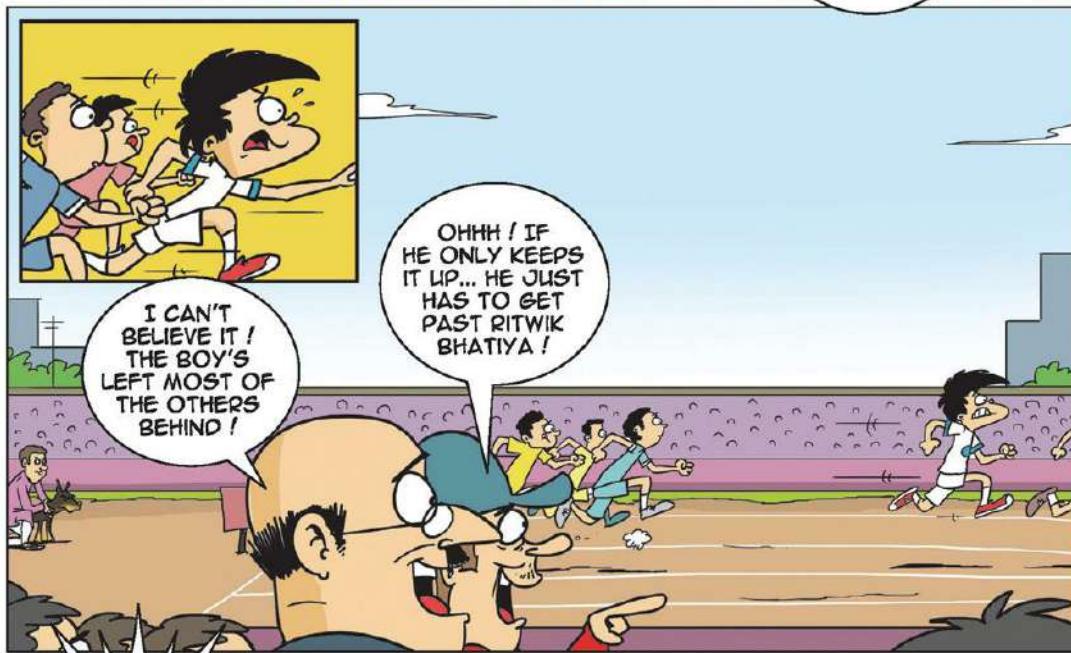












THE THOUGHT LENT A FRESH BURST OF SPEED TO BUTTER'S FEET, TAKING HIM OVER THE FINISH LINE -



Butterfingers goes to the circus!

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Check Your B.Q. (Butter Quotient)



DO YOUR LIMBS OBEY YOUR EVERY COMMAND? DO THEY WORK IN PERFECT COORDINATION AND KEEP YOU AWAY FROM CLUMSY DISASTERS? OR, LIKE ME, ARE YOU DISASTER-PRONE AND STAYING UPRIGHT IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE? TAKE THIS POP QUIZ AND FIND OUT... HOW BUTTERFINGERED ARE YOU?

- 1. You're walking on a crowded street. You...**
 - a. walk into a pole
 - b. walk into people coming from the opposite direction
 - c. weave your way smoothly like a knife through butter (ouch!)

- 2. You're carrying a bag full of light bulbs to the school's science lab. When you reach school, chances are...**
 - a. all those bulbs will be in smithereens without having ever seen the light of day
 - b. a few bulbs will be broken, as sacrifice in the name of science, of course
 - c. you will have bagged the title as the 'official safekeeper of the apparatus'

- 3. Guests come a-visiting and you're asked to carry a tray full of goodies to serve them. You find...**
 - a. most of the goodies are in the air and down on the ground before you know it
 - b. some of the goodies have suddenly decided to grace the good clothes of the guests
 - c. all of the goodies make it into the guests' mouths and you are rewarded by the sounds of noisy chewing

- 4. You're playing badminton with a friend. Most of the time...**
 - a. your racquet is flying in the air instead of the shuttle
 - b. your shots are wayyyy off mark
 - c. your shuttle and racquet love each other so much, they match each other's movements perfectly

5. For you, tall trees are...

- a. meant to be conserved... and admired from the safety of the ground
- b. meant to hit your head against when you pass too close to a low-hanging branch
- c. made to climb and pluck yummy fruits from

6. When you offer to carry a bag for your mom, she...

- a. declines politely and hangs on tightly until you let go
- b. agrees to let you carry it but shadows you all the way home with baseball gloves on
- c. thanks you for being so considerate and hands over the bag to you a little too willingly

7. Your clothes...

- a. probably have marks left by dropped food that you pretend are part of the garment's design
- b. are not in that bad a state really. You just need to stop wearing white.
- c. look fresher than you do by the end of a day

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And then we'll be like two pears in a pod!
 As and Bs: Well-well, look at what we have here! Great scores! Keep going until you've upgraded to A.
 Bs and Cs: Bach, Borderline sane and co-ordinated. You can never be 'Sen' and uncoordinated.
 Let go and revel in your A-side!
 As and Cs: Stop it! You're splitting your mind into halves and confusing it about what it should really be!

In case of mixes:

If most of your answers were As: Ahhh. You're a person after my own heart... or in this case, limbs. Like me, you are clumsy, uncoordinated and probably cause a lot of accidents where there could have been smooth sailing. Speaking of sailing, don't do it!
 If most of your answers were Bs: Well, you're on your way to straight As if you let go of your remaining hold on non-clumsiness. In short, you're getting the hang of it. I'm proud of you!

If most of your answers were Cs: You, my dear, have got to work on your clumsiness! Or you can live with your boring, clean, perfectly balanced self. (No, I'm not jealous.)



BUTTERFINGERS AND FOOTBALL FEVER

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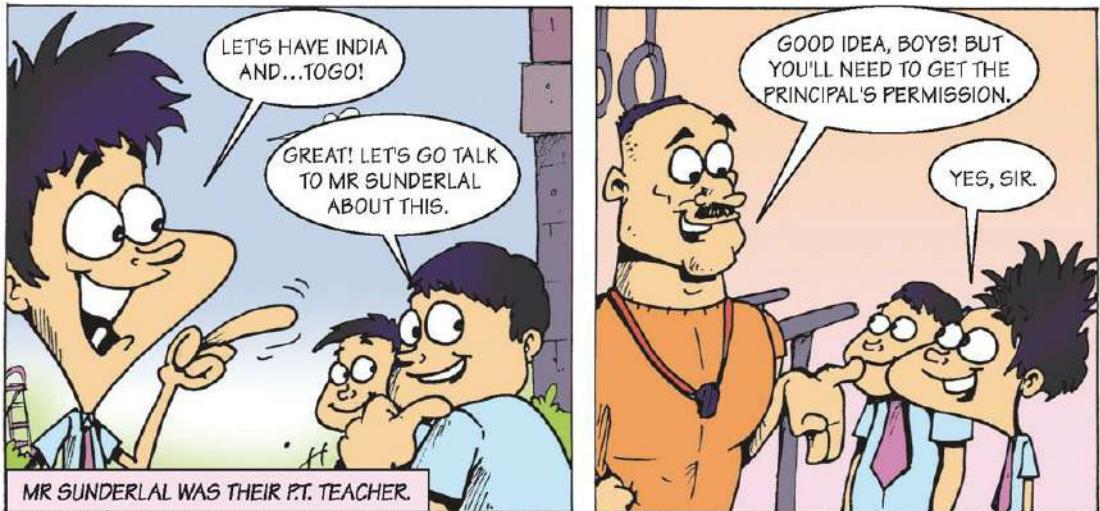
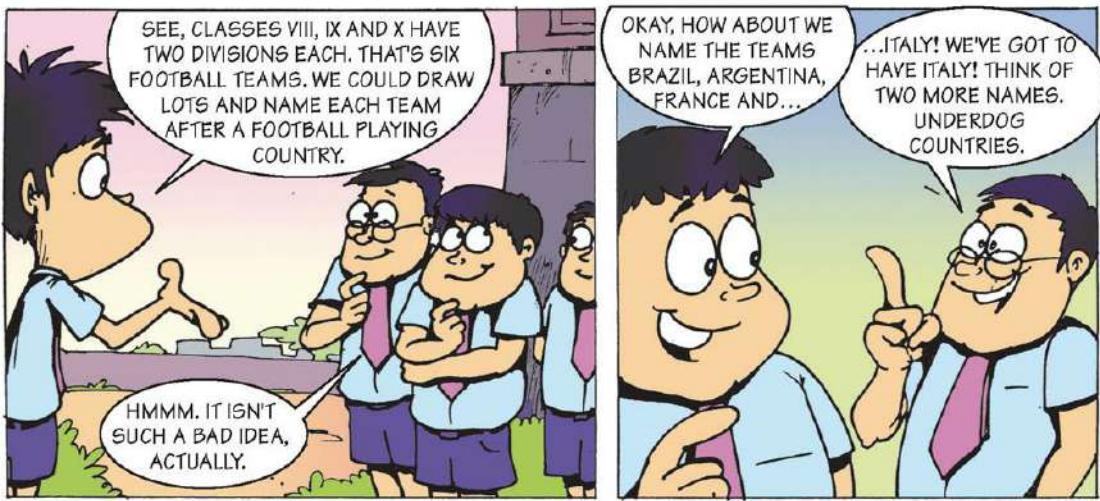
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YOU REMEMBER AMAR(BUTTERFINGERS) AND KIRAN, RIGHT? THEY STUDT IN CLASS IX BAY GREEN PARK SCHOOL.

















WITH MR MOHAN'S RING RETURNED, THE PRINCIPAL KEPT HIS PROMISE.



THE TEAMS WERE FORMED AFTER DRAWING LOTS. CLASS IX B WAS TEAM INDIA.



WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE... NOBODY OPTED FOR GOALKEEPING EXCEPT FOR BUTTERFINGERS.

WELL, ONLY ONE PLAYER IN A FOOTBALL MATCH IS ALLOWED TO USE HIS HANDS - THE GOALKEEPER. AND WHEN BUTTERFINGERS USES HIS HANDS....



SOON, THE GREEN PARK WORLD CUP BEGAN. TEAM INDIA WON ALL THEIR MATCHES.

THE TRICK IS TO KEEP THE BALL AWAY FROM OUR GOAL.

AWAY FROM BUTTERFINGERS, YOU MEAN.



THE FINALS WERE TO BE PLAYED BETWEEN CLASS VIII A AND IX B - TEAM TOGO AND TEAM INDIA.

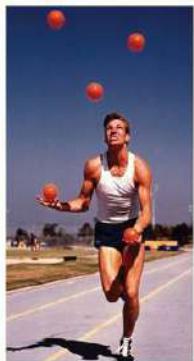






Spoil-Sport

WELL, THERE ARE CERTAIN SPORTS I LIKE (AND SURVIVE). FOOTBALL AND CRICKET ARE DEFINITELY MY FAVOURITES. BUT THEN THERE ARE OTHER SPORTS THAT I LONG TO PARTICIPATE IN, BUT THE FEAR THAT MY TALENTS MIGHT HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES KEEP ME AWAY FROM THEM. LET ME LIST OUT A FEW SPORTS FOR YOU AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN.



Joggling

The name says it all. A deadly combination of juggling and jogging, joggling is every butterfingers' nightmare. I would probably jog away from the tournament in shame after raining various juggling items on the heads of spectators.

The World Joggling Championships are held every year in the USA. Juggling balls or clubs can be used to juggle while jogging, but when the distance to be run is longer, people prefer using lighter and more manageable balls filled with birdseed. The challenge is to keep up a certain juggling pattern while jogging. If even one item is dropped, the participant has to go back to the starting line and begin again. At that rate, I'd never start the race.

Tall Bike Joust

The noble knights of yore must be cursing themselves for missing out on this sport that is played not atop noble horses but bicycles. Well, not ordinary bicycles... these are tall bikes, two-storey bikes constructed essentially by welding two bikes together, one on top of the other. Oh, the view! Enough to make one dizzy... but the sport, now that's another level of crazy altogether.

Imagine two tall bikes approaching each other at gallop speed with their riders holding rubber (or wooden, depending on how rough the rules are) lances at the ready, aiming to dislodge the opponent. I can't imagine how much a fall from that height would hurt. As an experienced faller, probably a lot. Another game off my list.



Cup Stacking

Uttering the word 'stacking' around me is like inviting disaster. But this sport must have escaped butterfingered contestants because it is thriving.

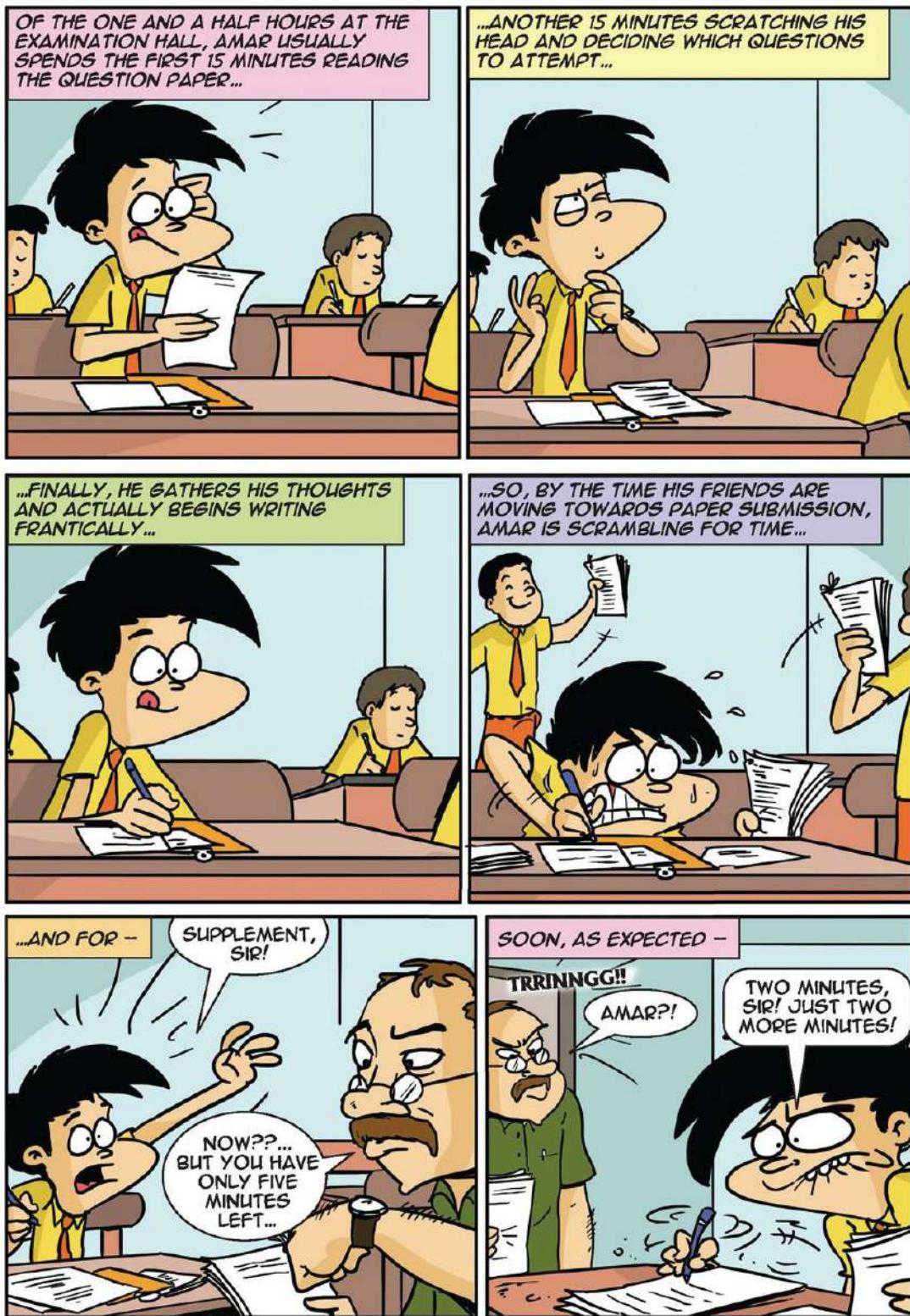
Cup stacking, also known as sport stacking, is a sport that involves stacking special plastic cups in predetermined patterns as fast as possible. This sport can be played individually or in a team. And the number of cups for the pyramids vary between three and ten (if you ask me, even one cup is one too many). A body called the World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) governs all big stacking events. May their cups forever overflow (and never fall).

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BUTTERFINGERS AND THE FLYING PAPER

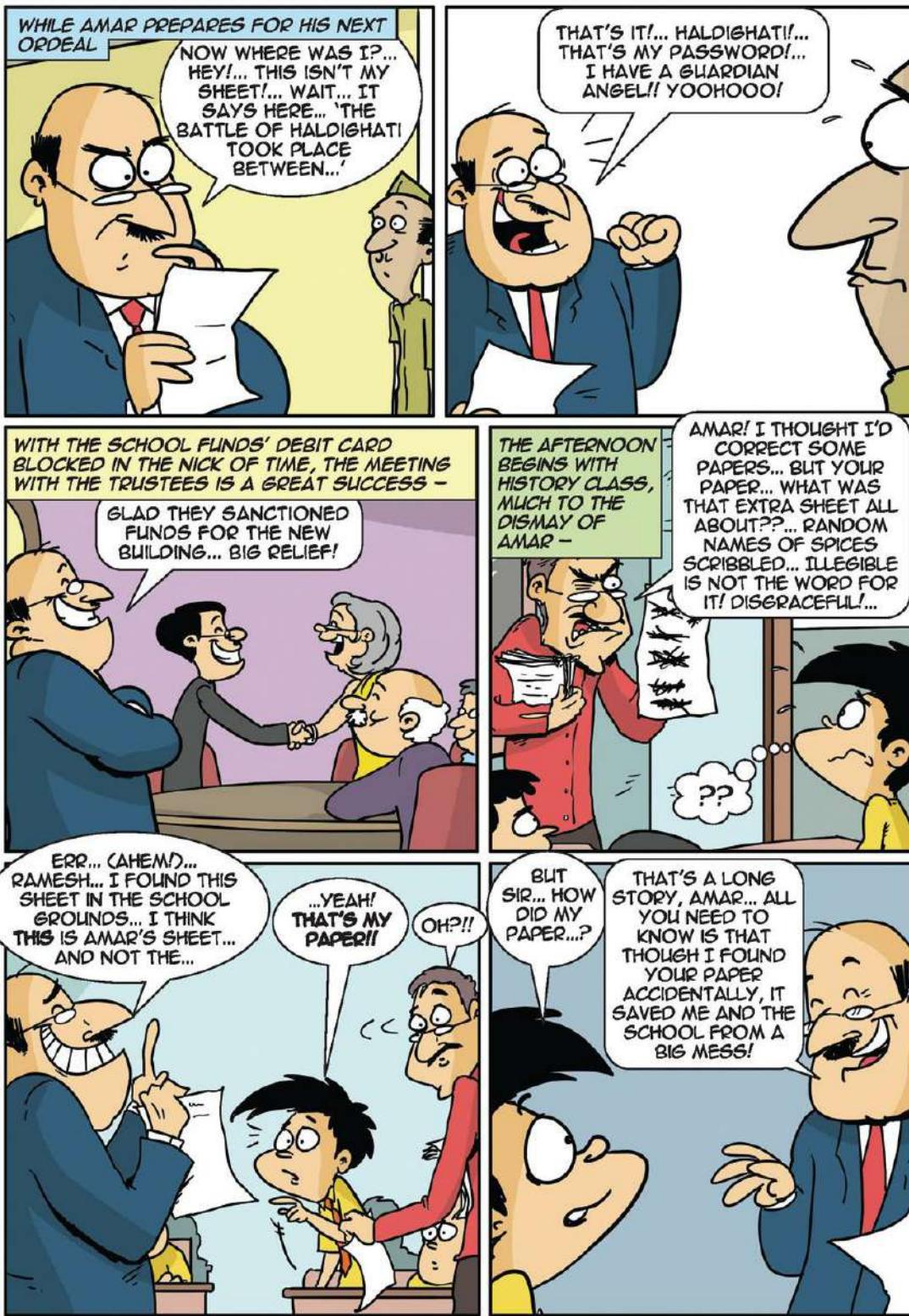
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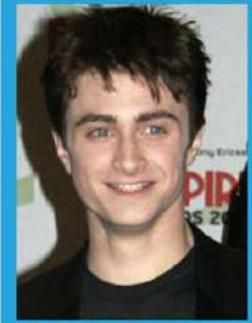




I KNEW IT! I'M NOT THE ONLY BUTTERFINGERED MENACE AROUND. THERE ARE MANY MORE LIKE ME. TAKE BILL GATES FOR EXAMPLE, OR DANIEL RADCLIFFE WHO PLAYED HARRY POTTER ON SCREEN!

THE DISORDER THAT IS CLUMSINESS

THEY HAVE A MEDICAL REASON FOR THEIR CLUMSINESS AND YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE.



Daniel Radcliffe

It's true. There are many people who suffer from a medical disorder called dyspraxia, also known as developmental coordination disorder. It is a problem related to the body's nervous system and often begins in childhood.

Ordinarily, the nervous system has to carry messages from the brain to the various parts of the body. So, when the brain says 'walk', the nerves carry this message to the legs and they start moving. But, when someone has dyspraxia, their brain does not process the message properly which means that their messages transmitted by the nerves do not produce the desired results. This leads to delayed movements and general uncoordination. This does not mean that the people suffering from dyspraxia are less smarter than the rest of the world, although they might have learning disorders (like dyslexia) during childhood and sometimes have trouble tying their shoelaces.

In fact, Lewis Carroll, the author of the famous *Alice in Wonderland* had dyspraxia and he was a genius!



Lewis Carroll



Bill Gates

MAYBE I'LL GET FAMOUS TOO SOMEDAY, BUT OF COURSE, MY ONLY GENIUS IS CLUMSINESS.

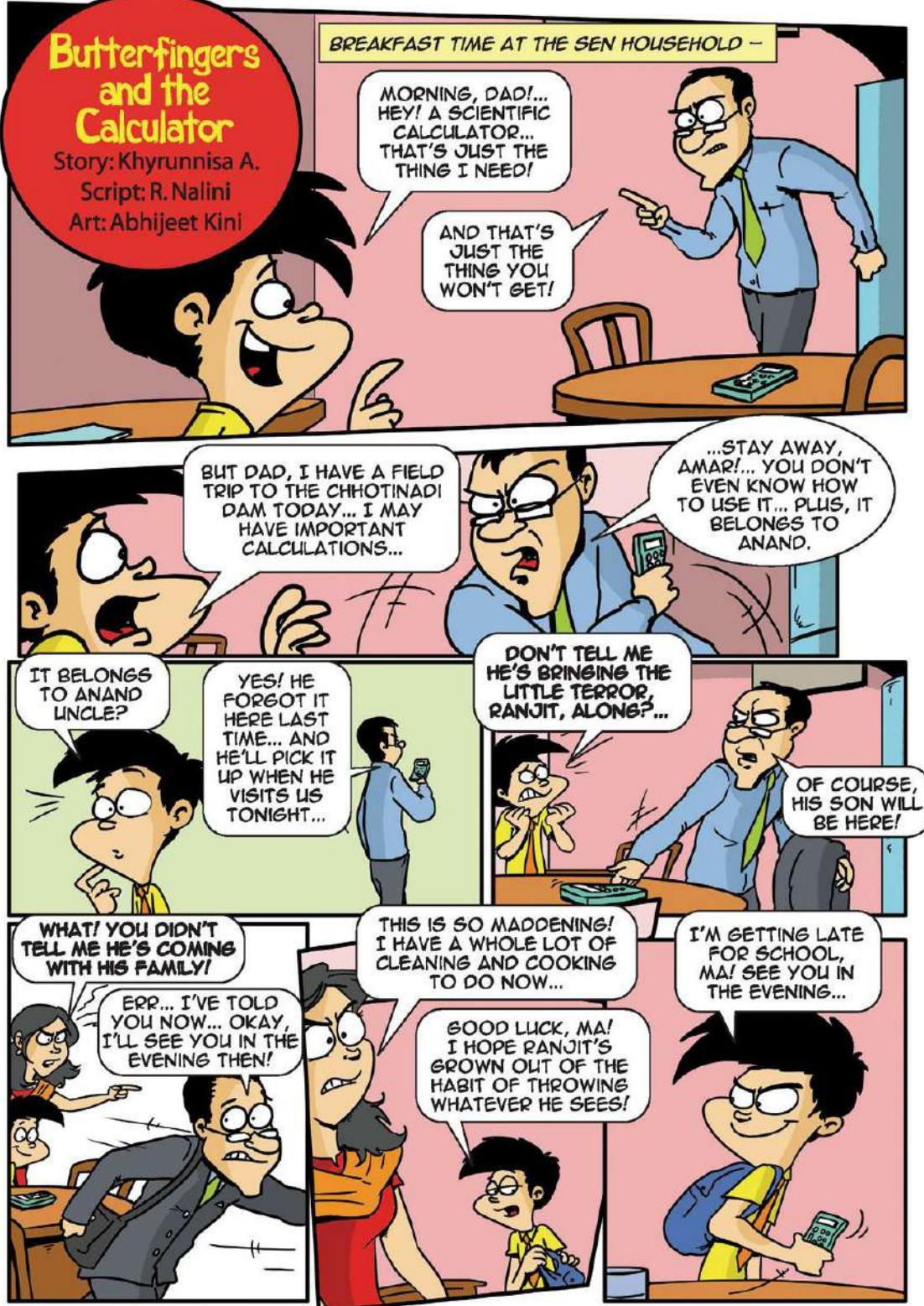


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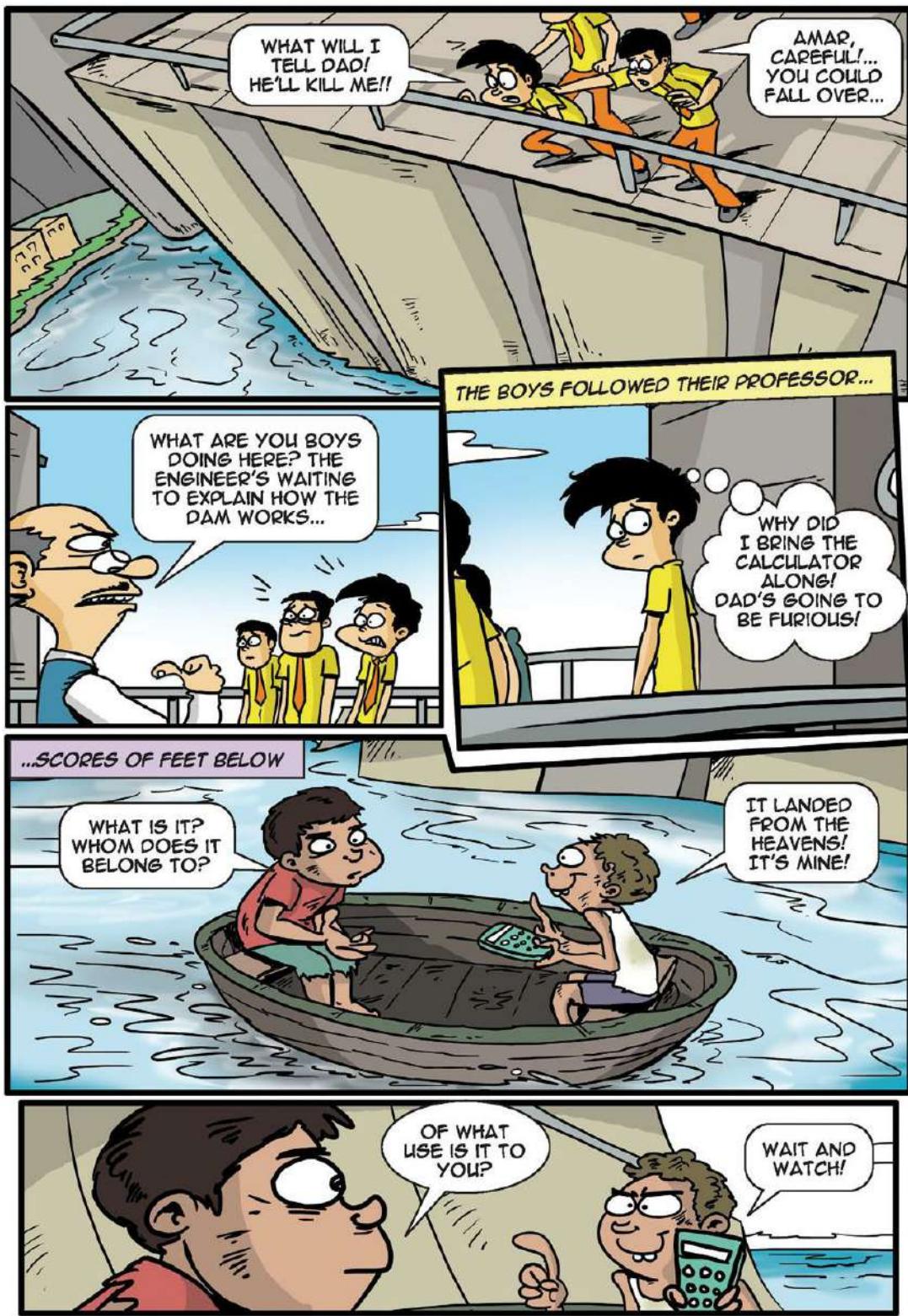
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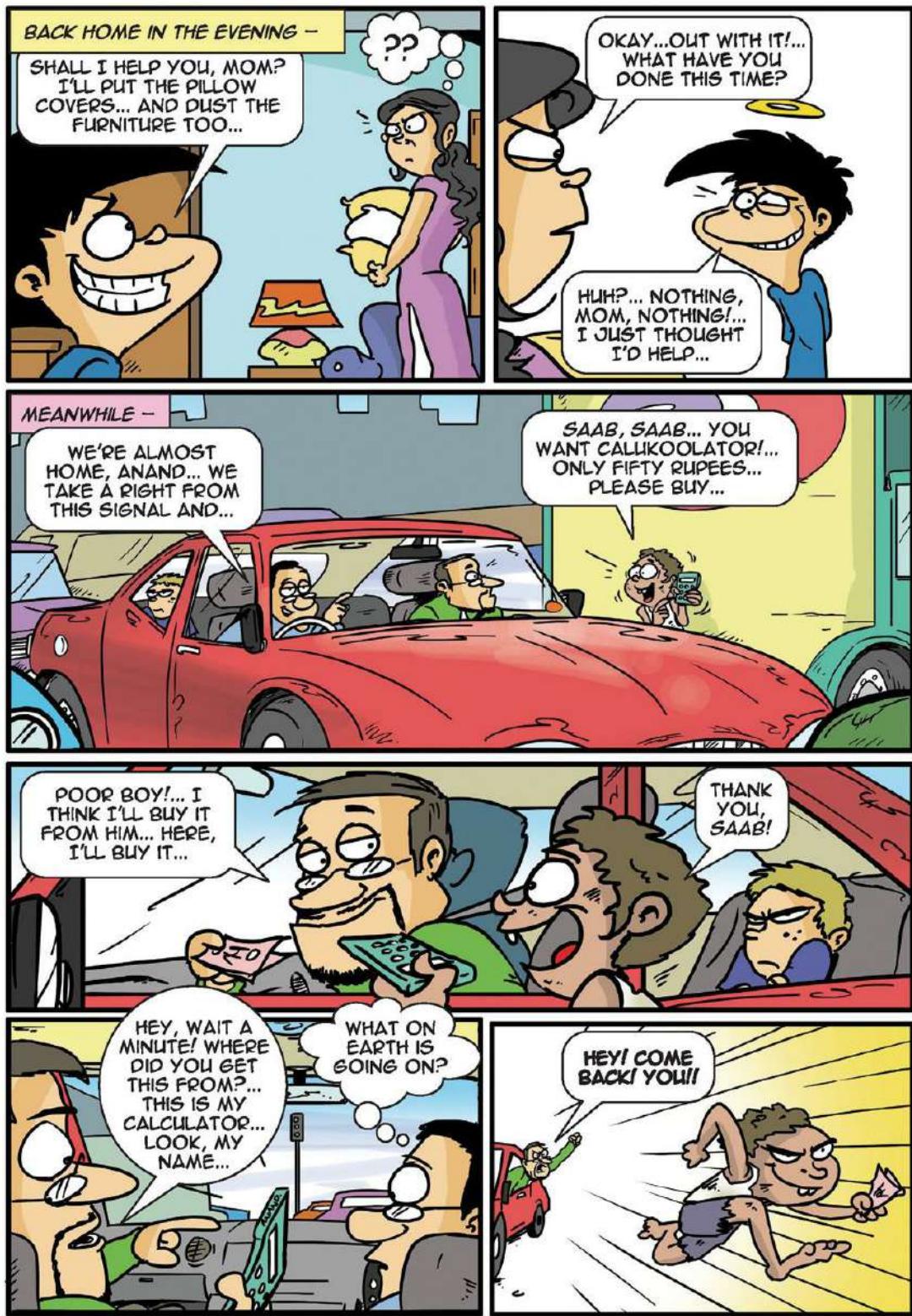
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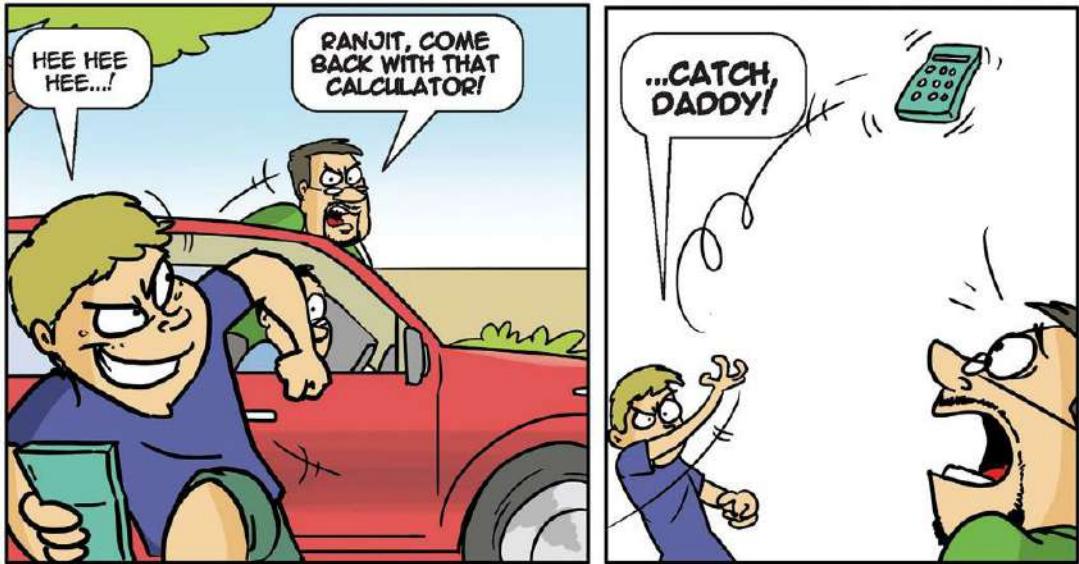
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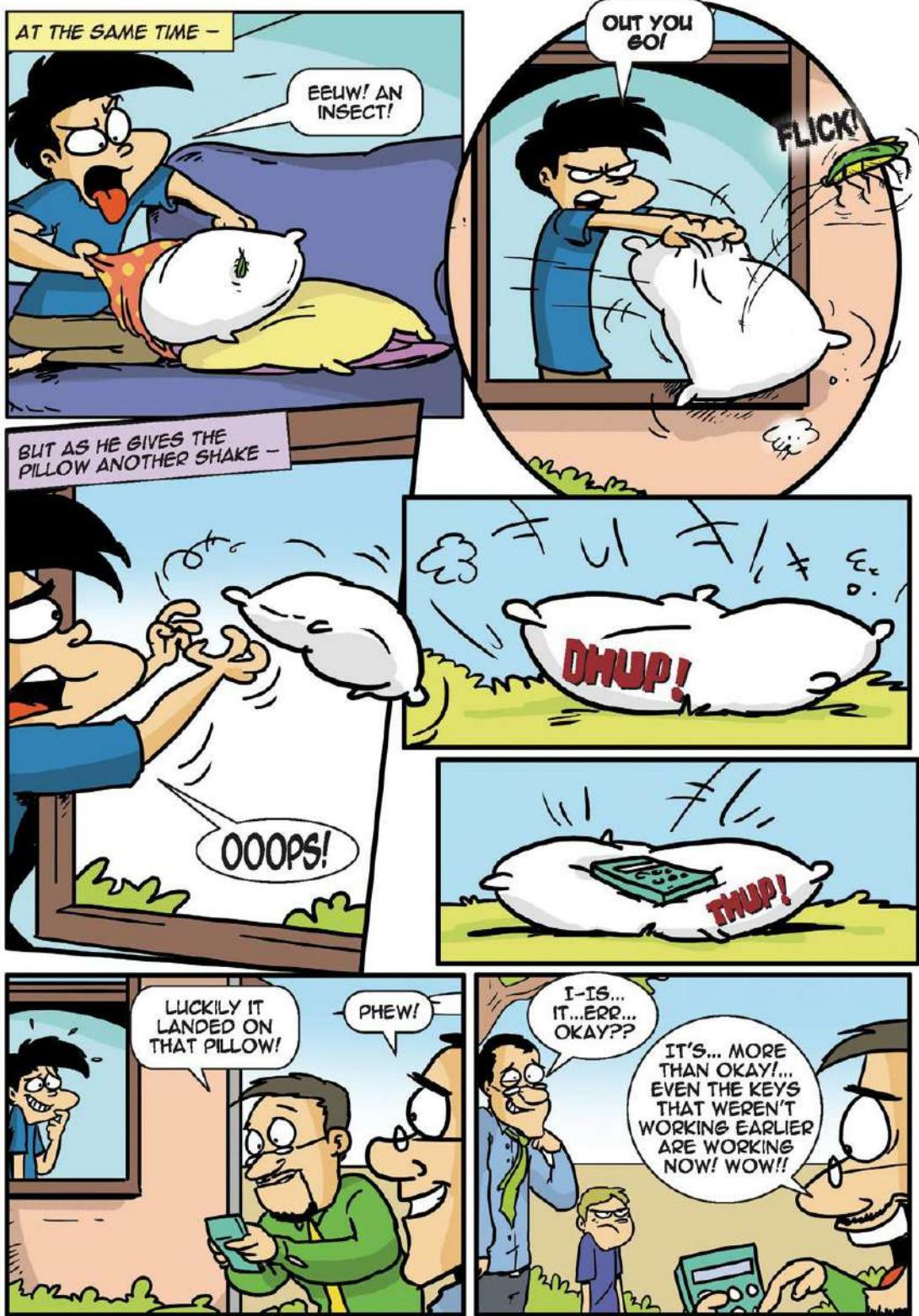












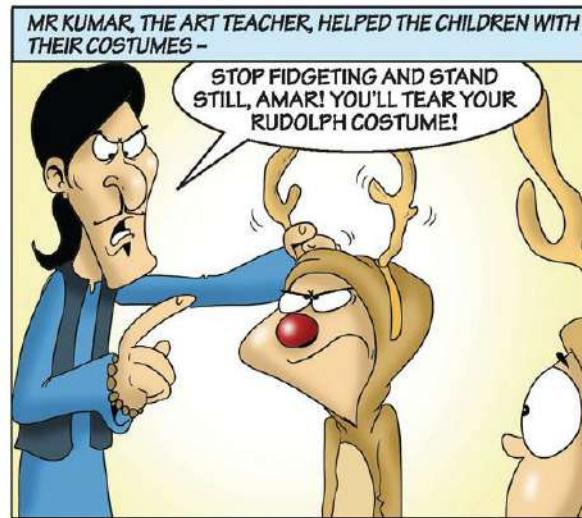
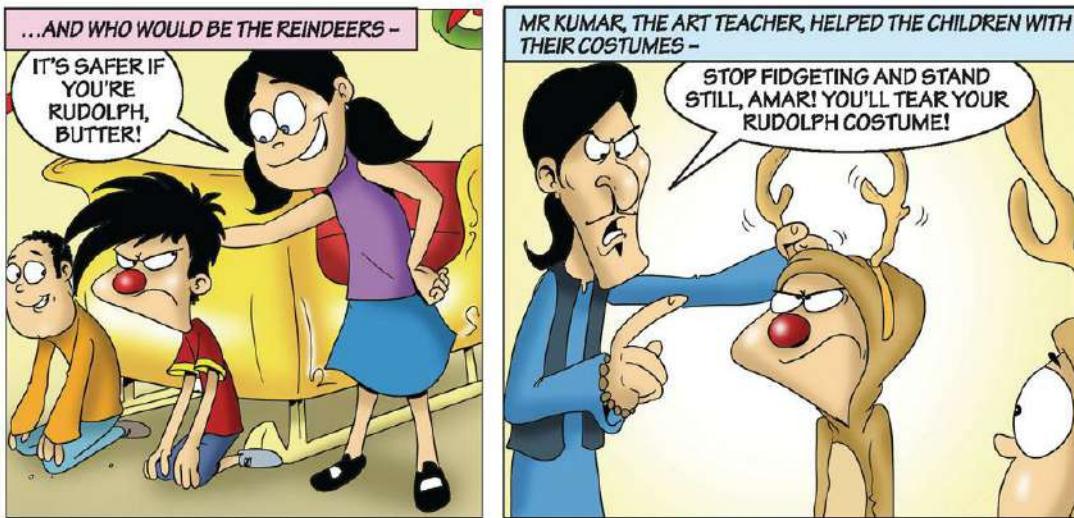


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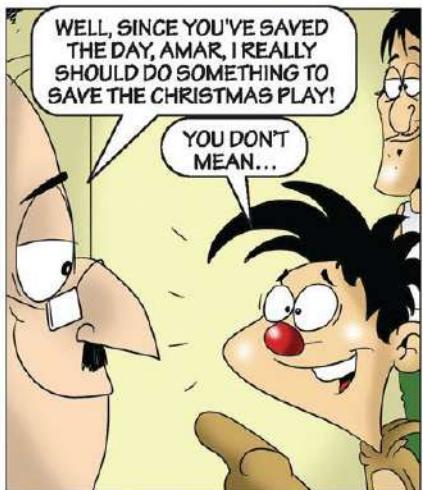
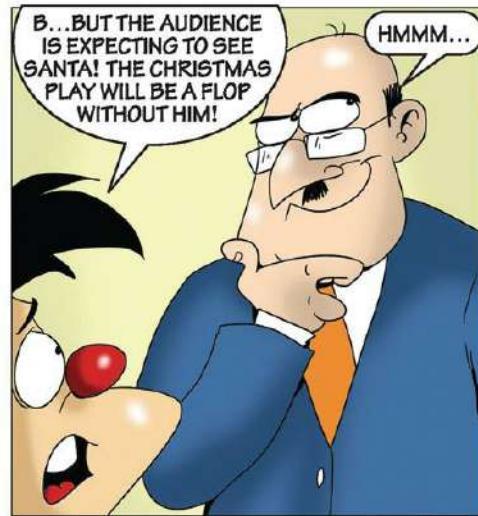
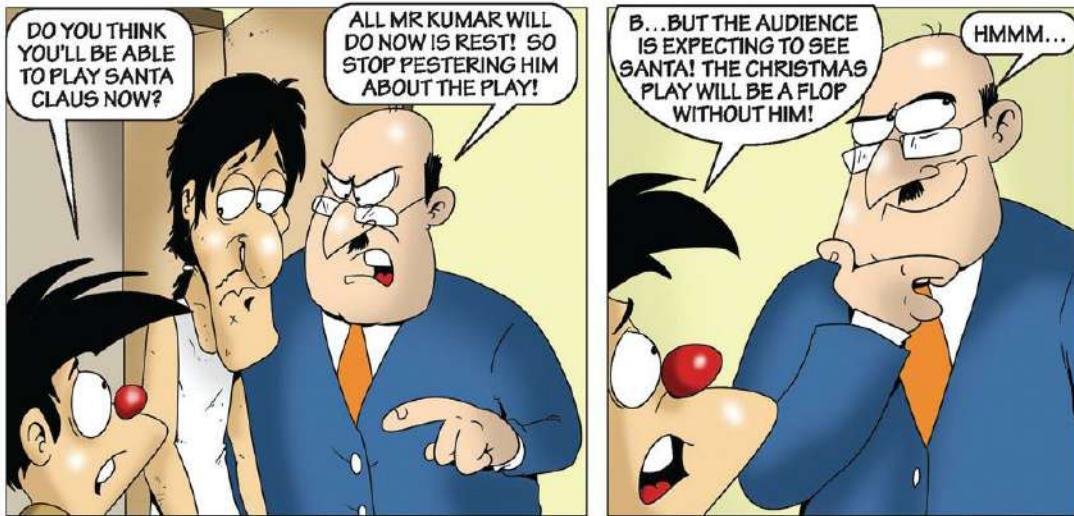










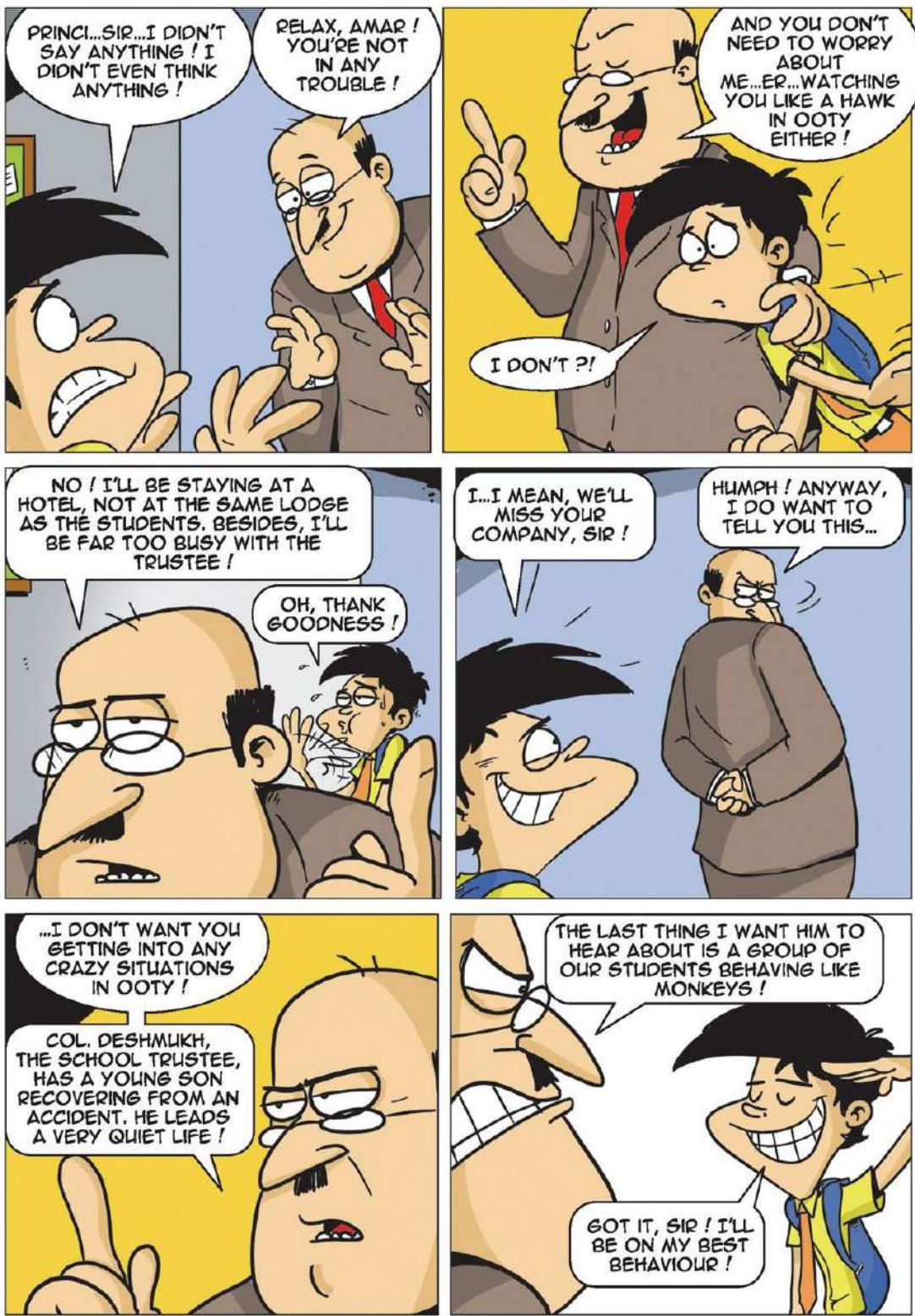


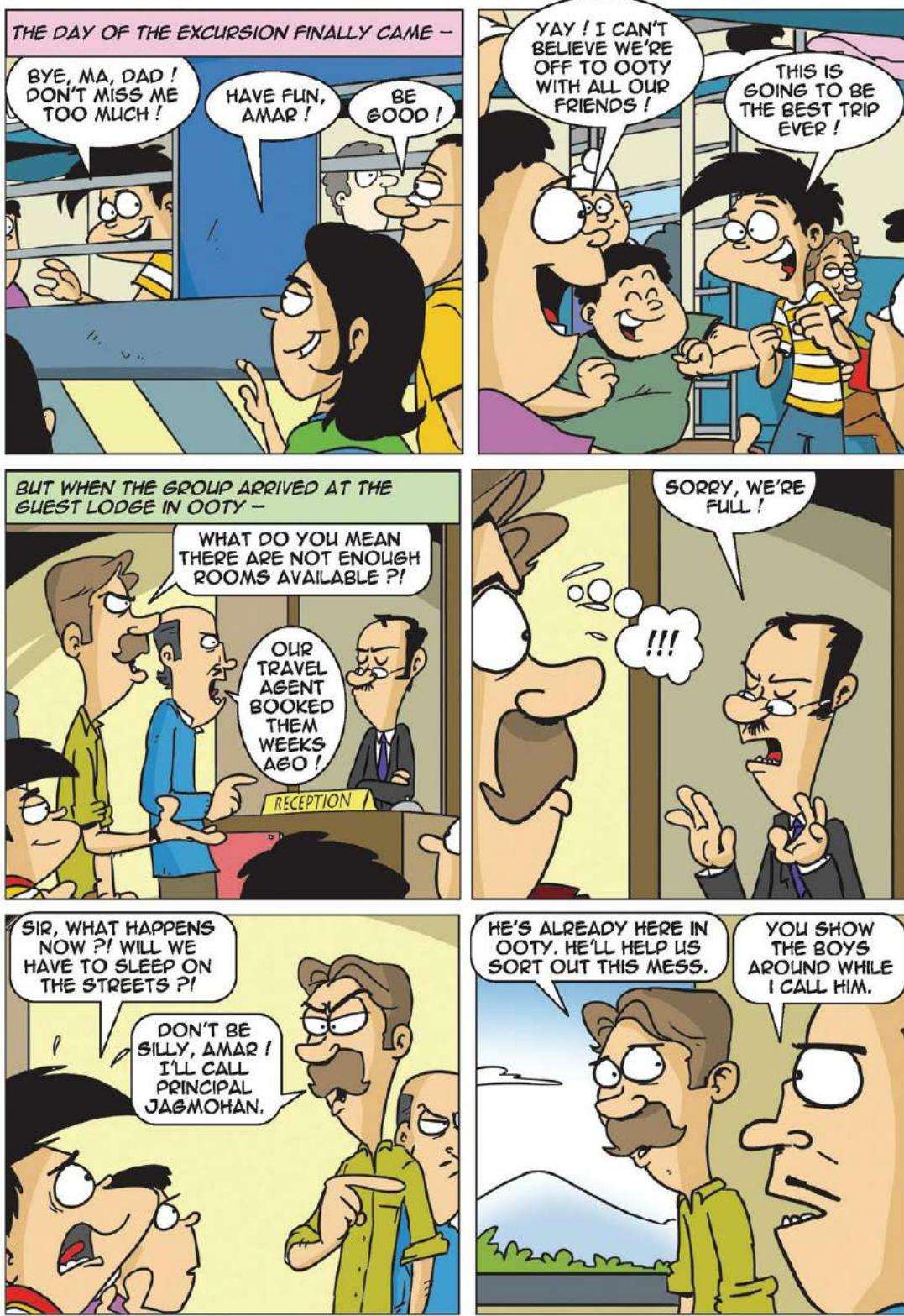
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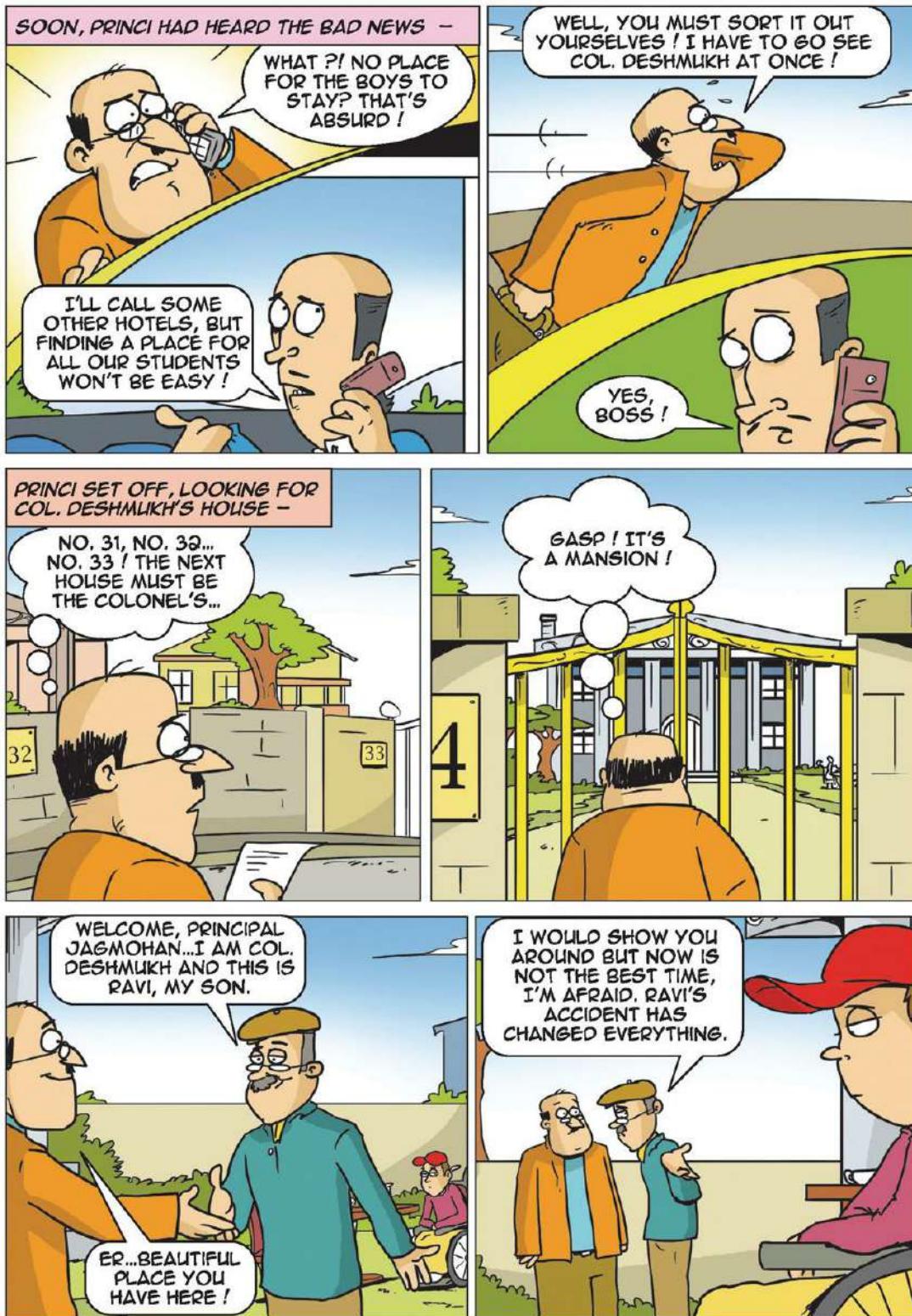
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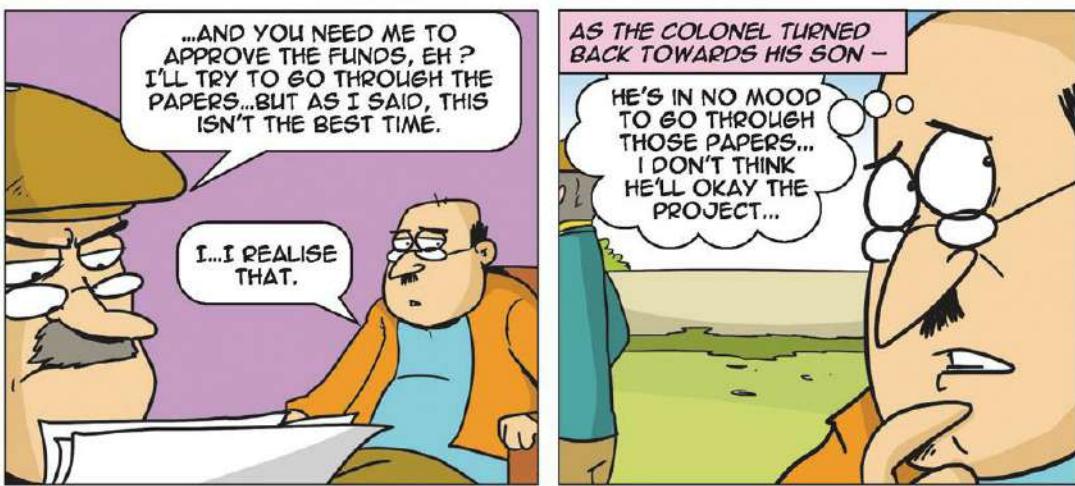
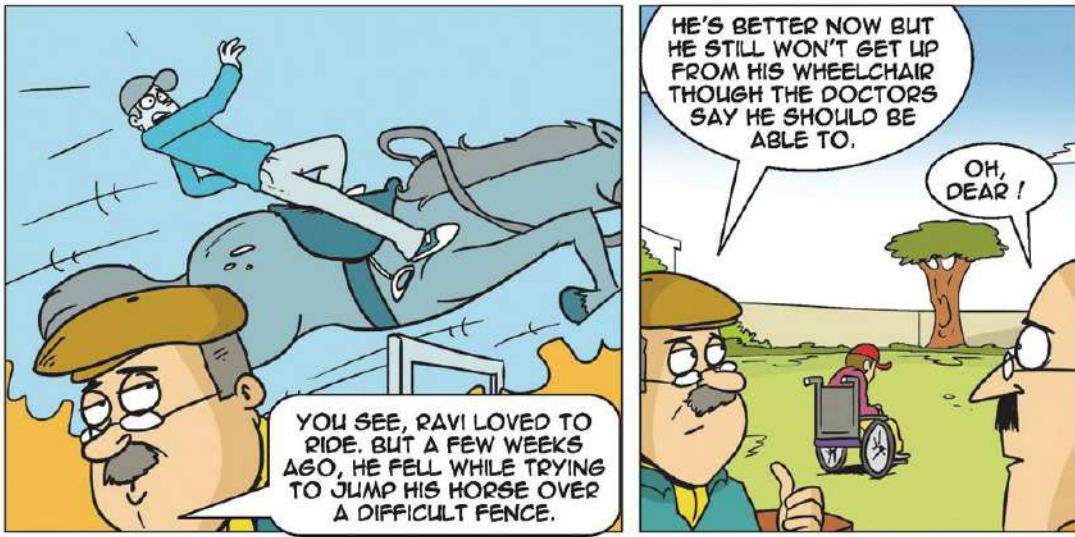


















How to Butter-proof Your Home

Having a butterfingered friend coming over? Or has our pop quiz told you that you are 98 per cent butterfinger-y? Well, worry not. Here are things you need to do to make sure everything stays safe in your house. Disaster-free results are guaranteed#! (#Conditions apply)



- Coat all the floors in your house with rubber. Or better still, use bouncy trampolines. Everything (or everyone) will simply bounce back*.
- Use metal or plastic kitchenware in your house. Now, make sure that these cutlery stay sealed. That way, they can be carried around with ease without fear of accidental falls. Moreover, even if they fall, nothing spills because of the seal**.
- Say no to mirrors! They're entirely too brittle to be hung up on walls on frail little nails. Let's not reflect on what would happen if one of those fell on your head. And don't forget glass windows too. They can withstand the harshest of winds but will not survive one tug from the hands of a master butterfingers***.
- Water is a big threat. Its tiny, scheming molecules gather into puddles for the sole purpose of slipping you up. Make sure you use absorbent mugs and buckets and glasses. No leakage equals no slip-ups****.
- Make sure you have no pointy things lying around in your house. No knives, scissors, nails, nail-cutters... you get the picture. These things may be useful but can prove lethal in the hands of a butterfingers#.

Congrats! Your house is now a fortress. Its peace can never be shattered by a butterfingered entity. Say what? They banged against the wall? Well, who needs walls? Oh, right. The roof does. Maybe the best butter-proofing you can give the house is... keeping the butterfingers out.



*Make sure the trampoline isn't too elastic. Or there might be no stopping the hopping!

**Uh... I hope the seals are not permanent. In that case, you might never be able to use the containers at all. But maybe, you'll like eating with your hand... and out of it.

***If you do feel the urge to look at your reflection when you're dressed up, use an eyeball. I mean look into the eyes of a person around you. As for windows, who needs them when you have doors? Speaking of doors, they aren't made of glass, are they?

****Besides that, your fingers will grow stronger with having to squeeze the absorbent containers when you're thirsty or when you need to bathe.

#Of course, you can always blunt the edges but they wouldn't be of much use, would they? Better throw them away.

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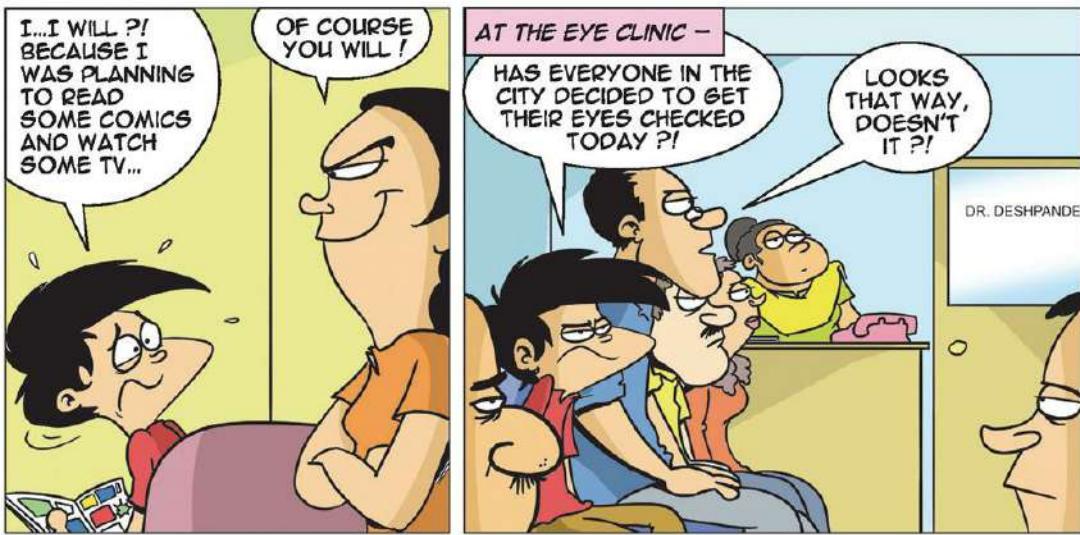
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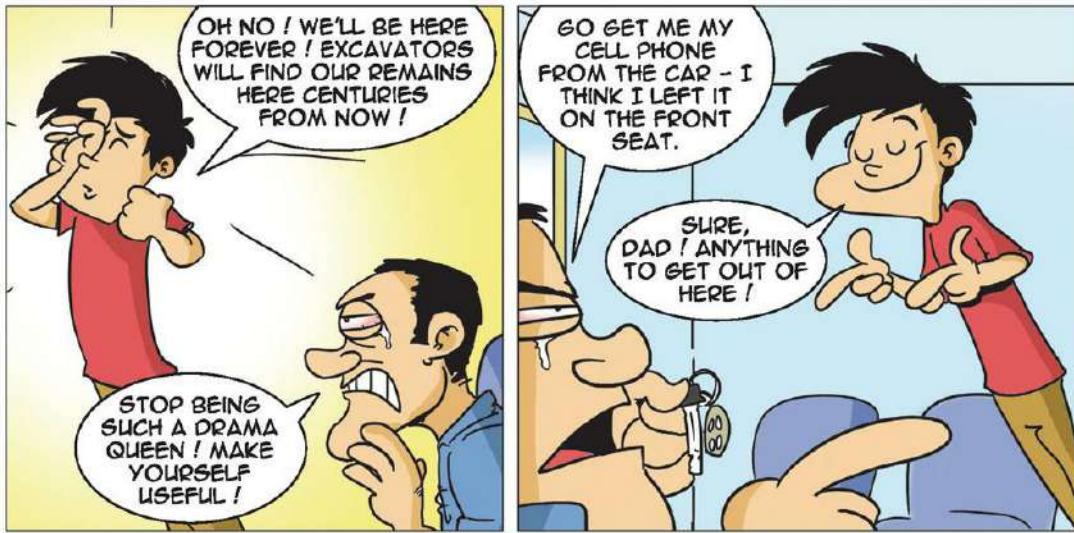
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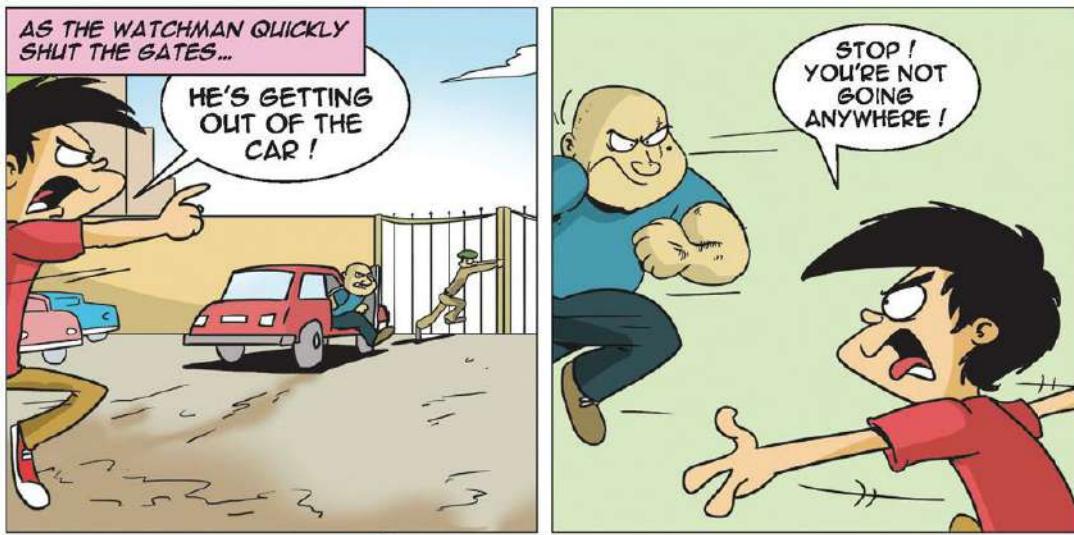
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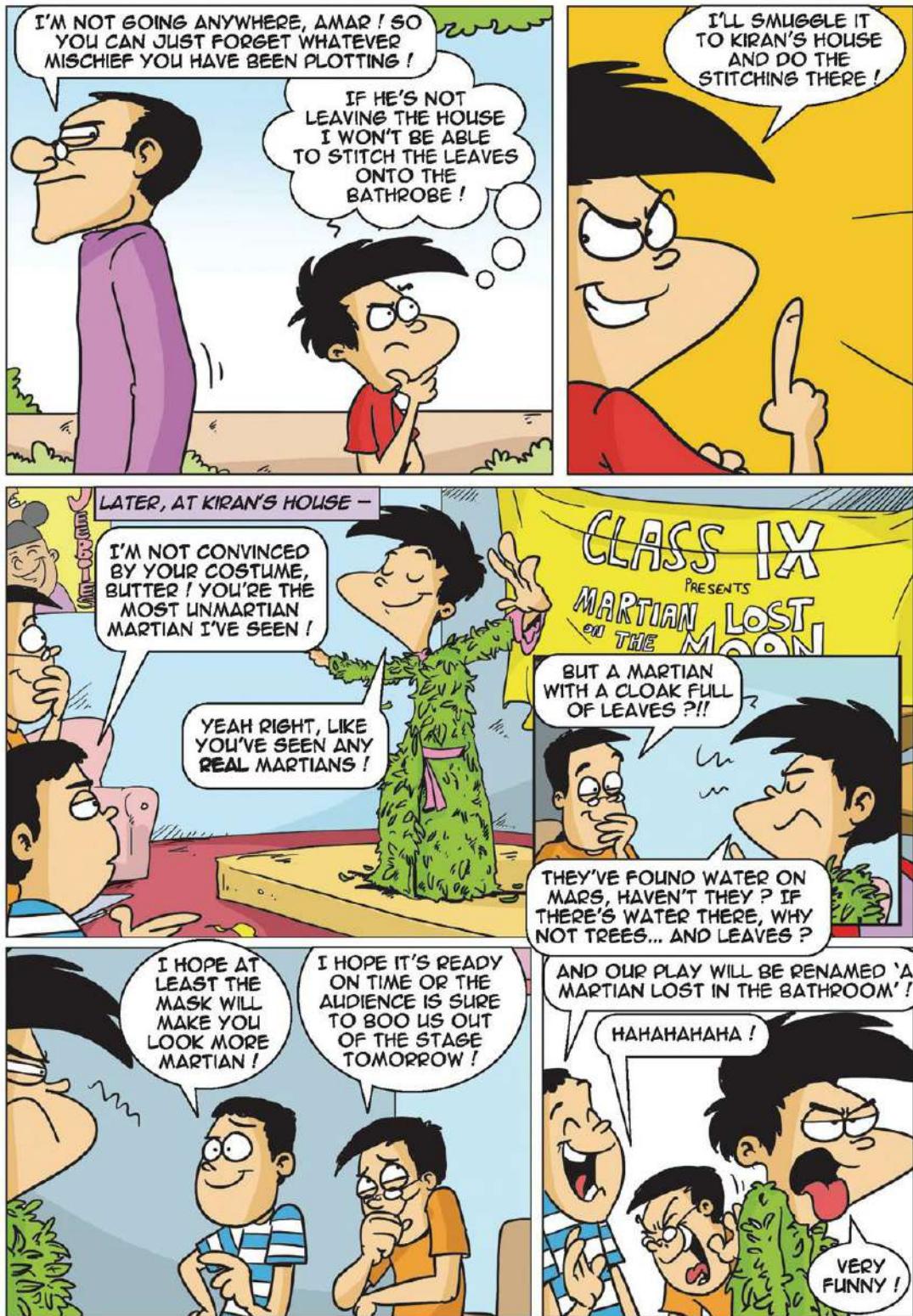


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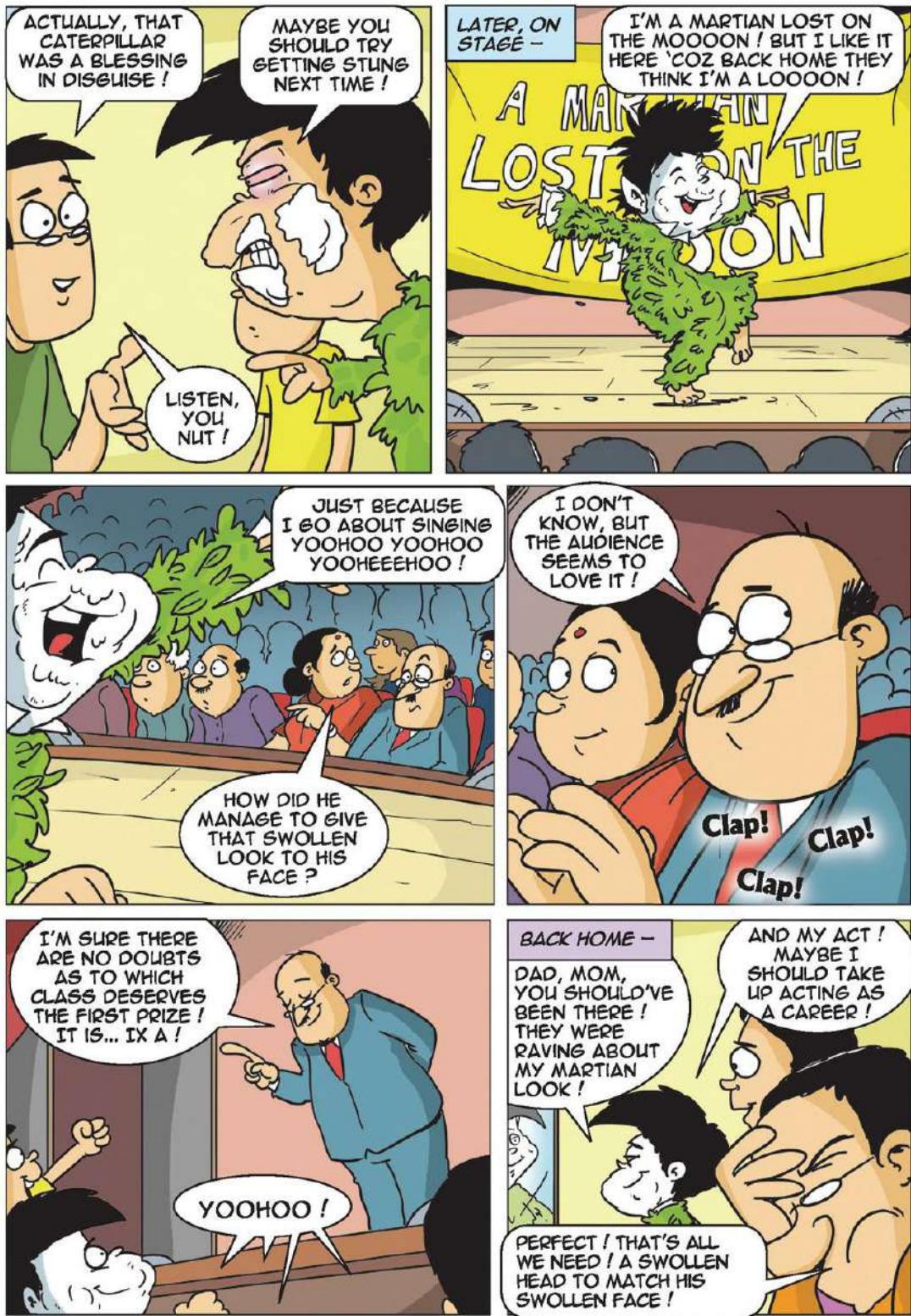












BUTTERFINGERS 2

GOES BONKERS

Have you met the clumsiest boy in the world? Meet Amar Sen, better known as Butterfingers! No person, place, animal or thing is safe when Butterfingers is around. He is so accident-prone that even when he just walks across the room he can cause utter destruction according to writer Khyrunnisa A. and illustrator Abhijeet Kini!

This Collection gives you a peek into the life of Butterfingers and the people affected or saved by his bungling.

Watch—from a safe distance, of course—as Butterfingers stumbles through life and sometimes unknowingly saves the day. This book holds a record of some of Butter's klutziest heroics! For example even while falling off a horse and tripping into a puddle, he prevents disasters! Can one take part in the inter-class skit competition with a face swollen from caterpillar bites? Butterfingers will show you how!

Did you know: Butter usually has his gang of friends to help him cause mayhem. They are Eric, Kiran, Ajay and Minu.

Don't forget to read more of Amar's klutzy antics in 'Ooops... It's Butterfingers'.

Also, read other titles in the *Tinkle Collections* series.