

## Meuh, d'où sort le lait ?

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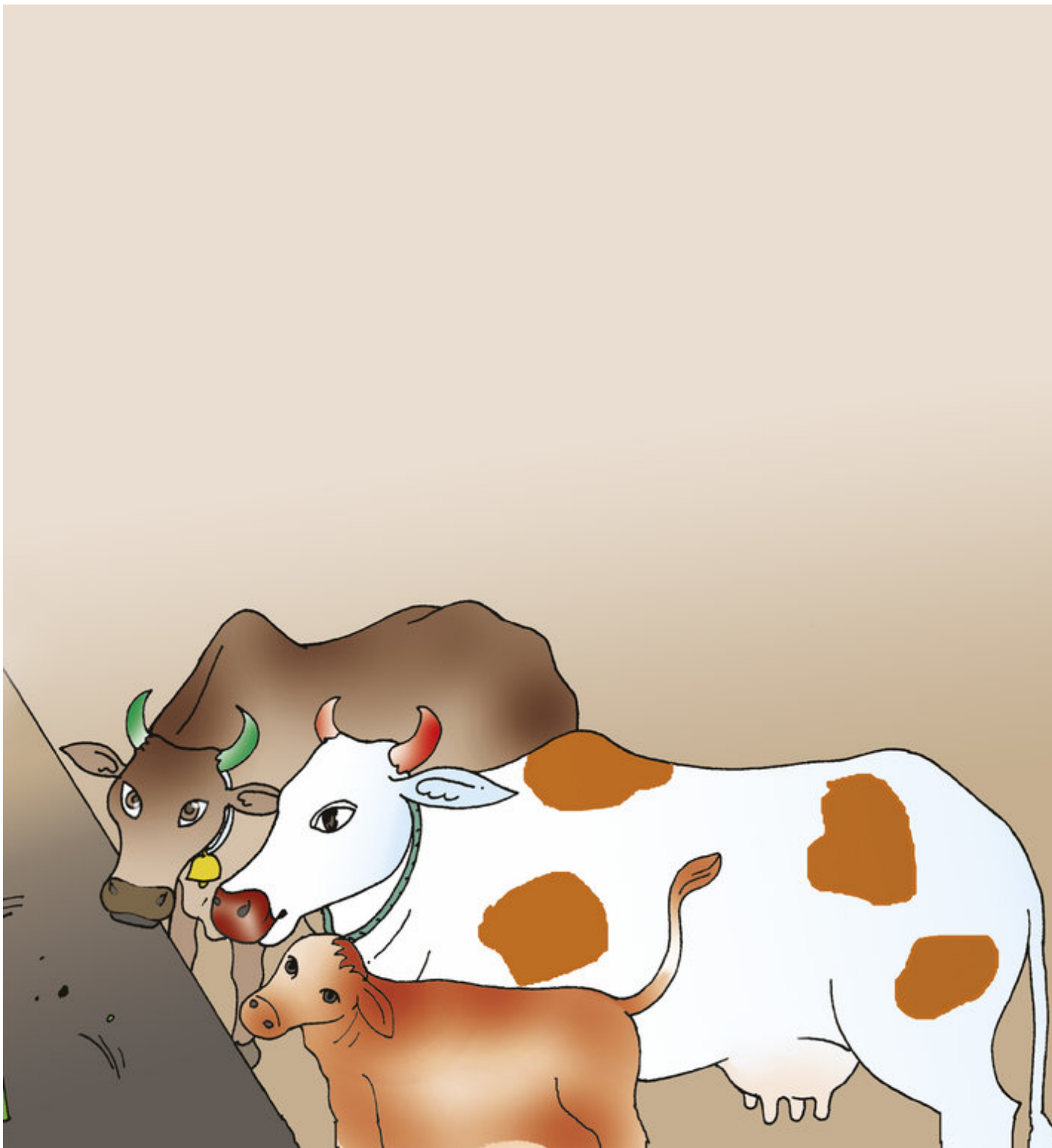
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Raju habitait en ville. Mais l'été, lorsque l'école était finie, il se rendait dans le village de ses grands-parents maternels.



Chaque été, Raju apprenait quelque chose de nouveau chez eux.

Cette année, il allait apprendre qu'au village, le lait ne sort pas de sachets en plastique !



Le soir de son arrivée,  
Aji, sa grand-mère,  
l'amena à l'étable  
située derrière la  
maison.

Quatre gentilles  
vaches marron  
ruminaient le foin  
qu'Aji était allée leur  
ramasser dans les  
champs.

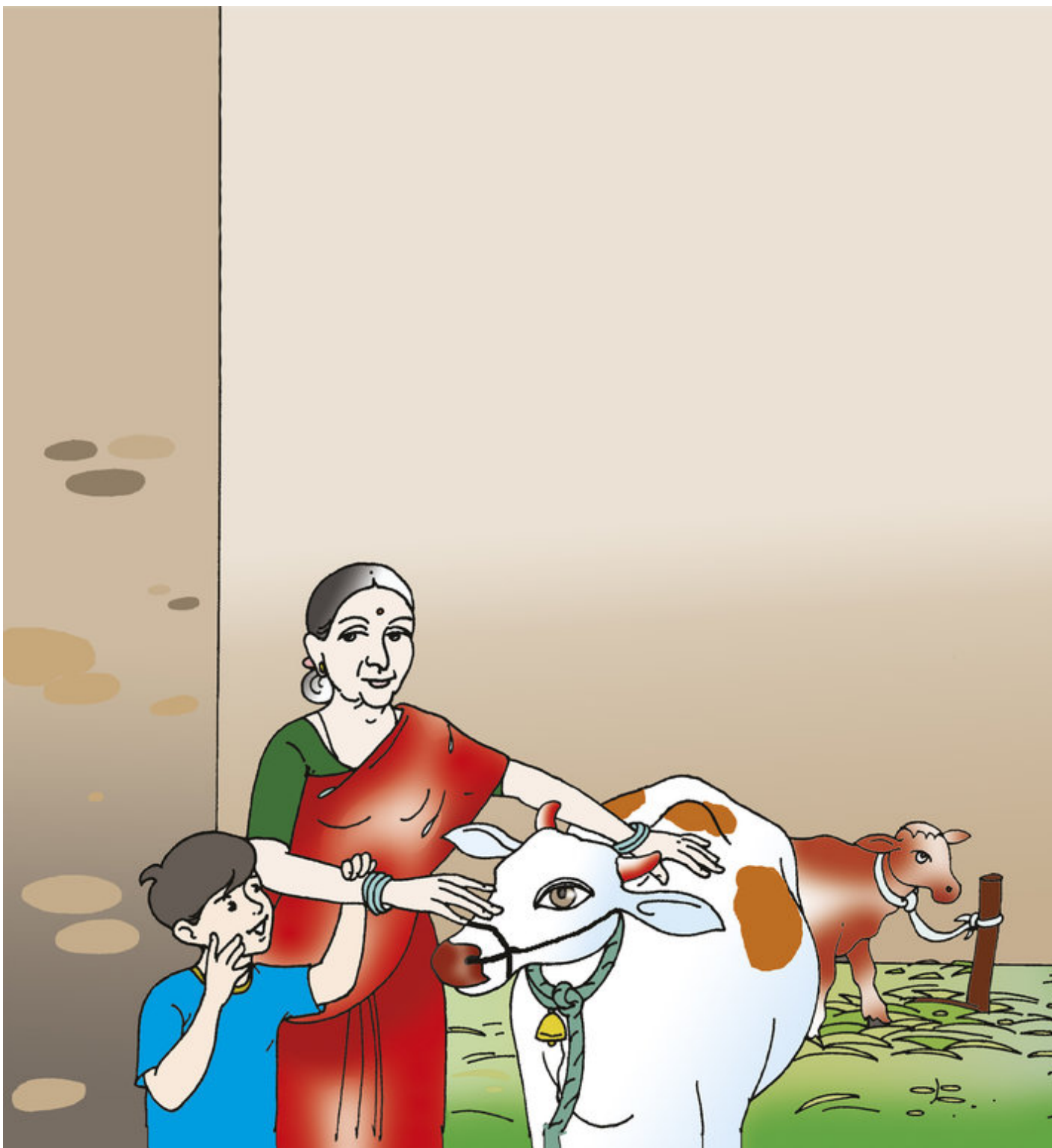


Deux petits veaux  
bondissaient autour  
d'elles comme des  
cabris.

Raju était content de  
pouvoir les observer.

Ils étaient vraiment  
adorables.





— Raju, tu sais, le verre de lait que tu viens de boire ? Eh bien, il vient de cette vache-là, expliqua Ajji.

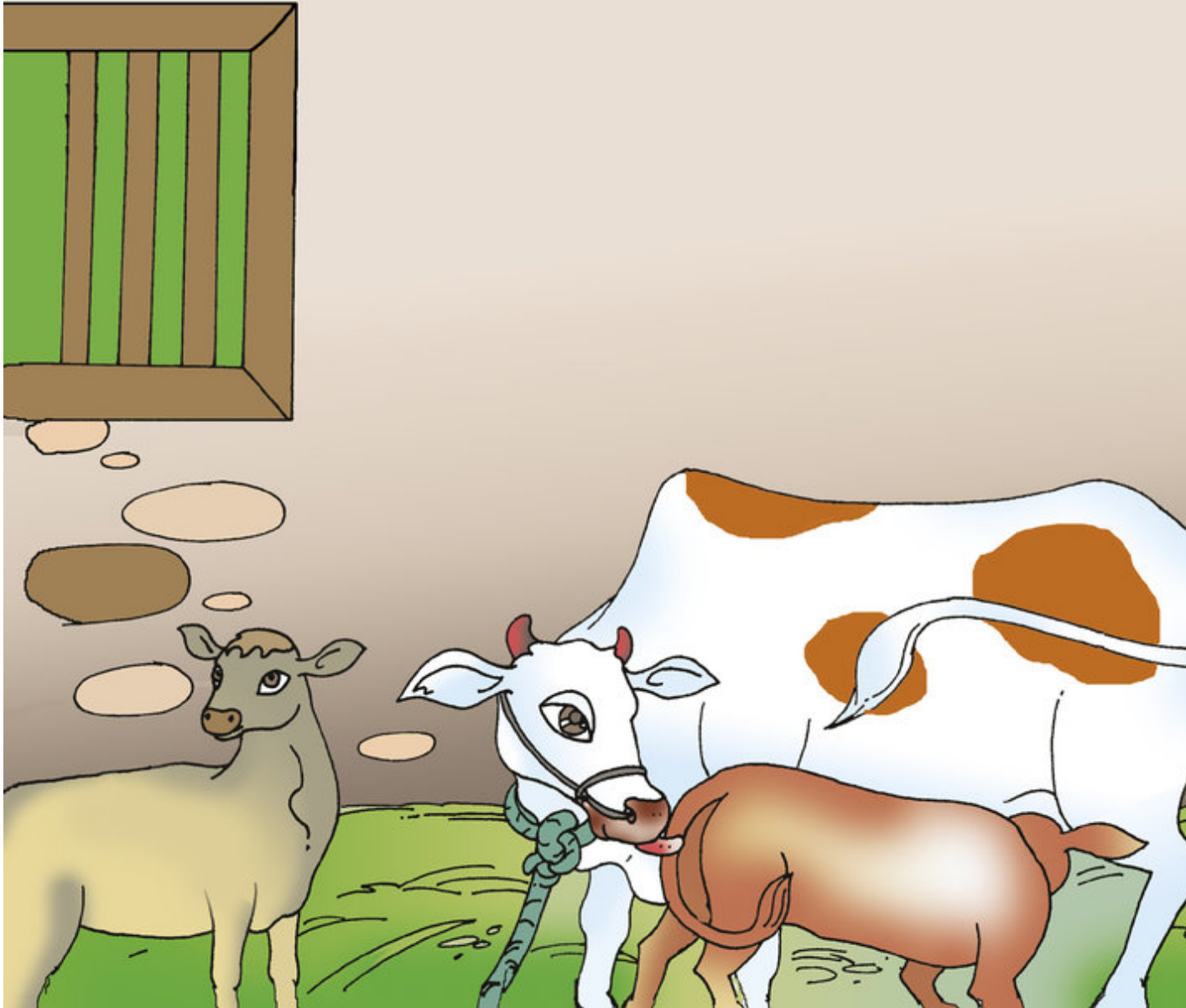
— Le lait que je viens de boire vient d'une vache ? s'étonna Raju. Tu veux dire que tu viens de la traire et de remplir mon verre de son lait ?



— Oui, Raju, répondit Aji en souriant. Viens faire la connaissance de mes vaches. Voici Kaveri, dont tu viens de boire le lait. Là, c'est Kapila, là-bas, c'est Ganga, et tout là-bas, c'est Gowri.

Raju observa les vaches. Il n'avait pas l'air très rassuré.

— Allez, viens, Raju, l'encouragea Aji, viens les caresser. Elles ne te feront aucun mal.



Tandis que Raju s'avancait vers les bêtes, les veaux se précipitèrent vers leurs mères en beuglant. Ils ne savaient pas s'ils pouvaient faire confiance à cet étranger.

Les vaches léchèrent leurs petits pour leur signifier que Raju était un ami.





Raju rassembla tout son courage et s'enhardit au point de lui toucher l'encolure.

C'était doux et ridé, un peu comme le cou d'Ajji.

Gowri meugla tandis que Raju la caressait, lui signifiant ainsi qu'elle souhaitait qu'ils soient amis.



— Sais-tu comment le lait sort de la vache, Raju ? interrogea Aaji.



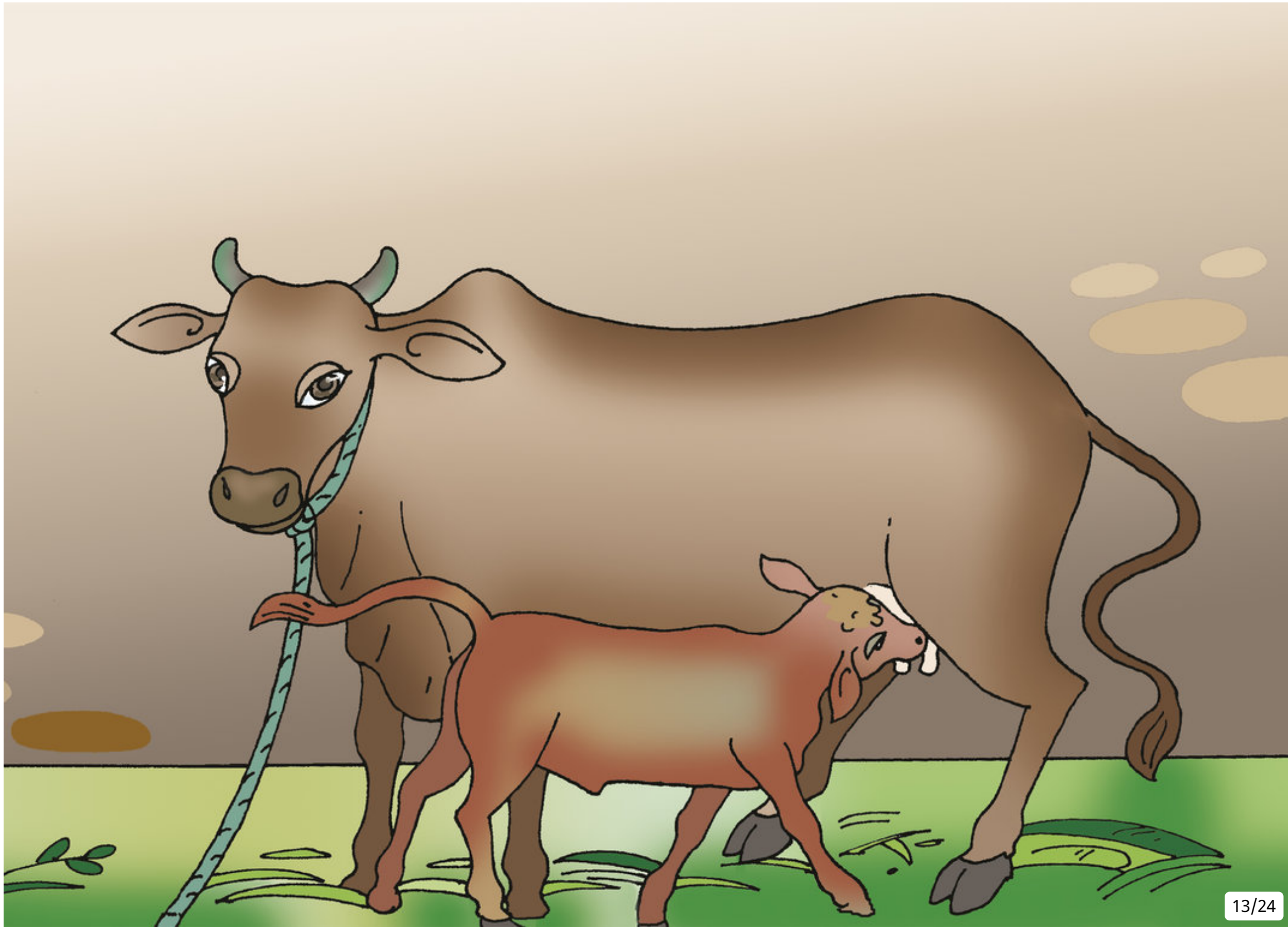
— Non, Aji, répondit Raju qui se sentit soudain un peu bête. Tout ce que je sais, c'est qu'en ville, le lait que nous buvons est vendu dans des sachets en plastique.



— Viens, je vais te montrer, indiqua Aji.

Elle le prit par la main et l'amena à côté de Kapila, dont le veau était tout près.







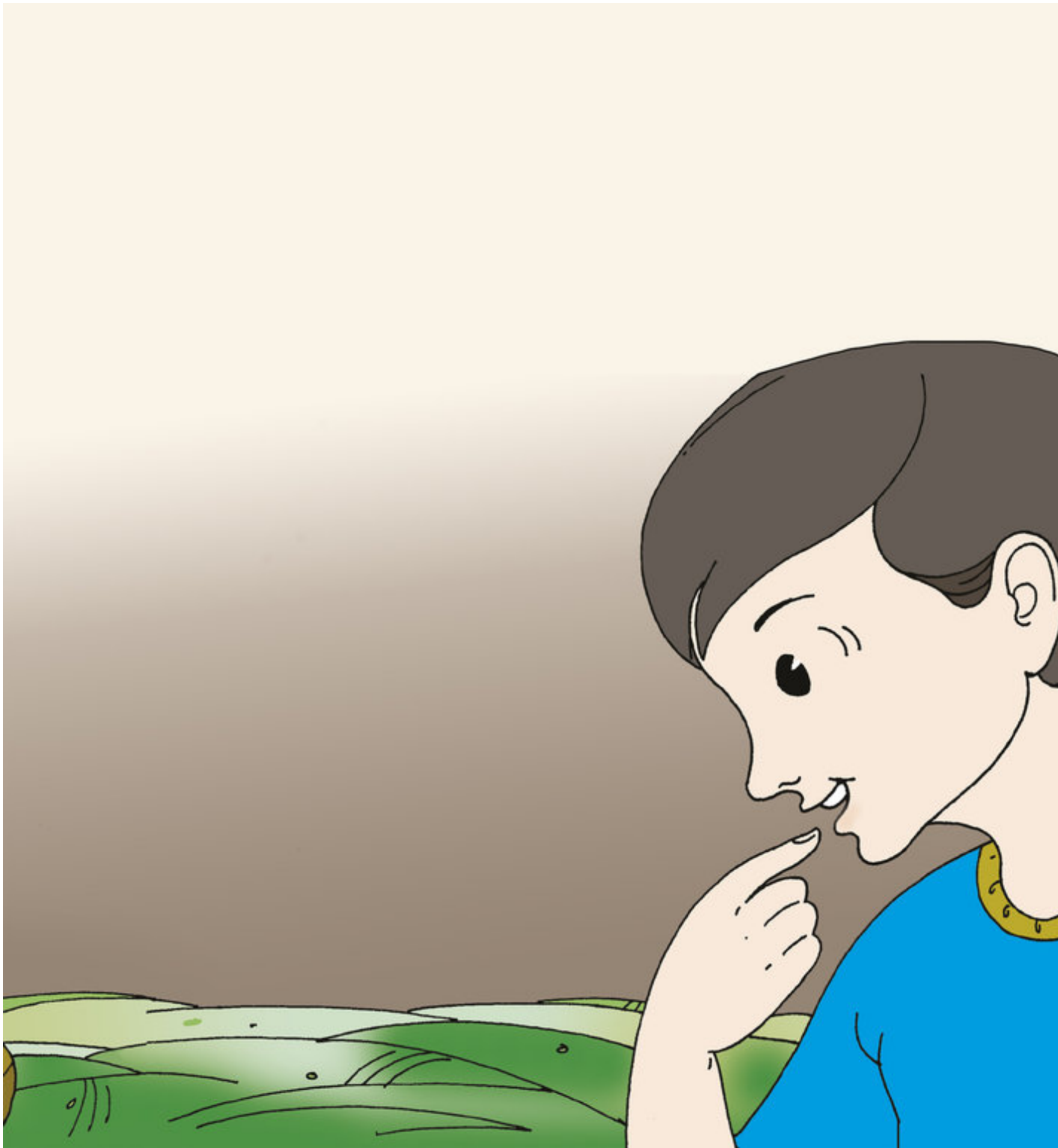


Ajji laissa le petit veau téter sa mère et boire autant de lait qu'il le souhaitait.

Puis, elle nettoya le pis de Kapila avec de l'eau. Elle s'accroupit et se mit à la traire, en pressant doucement les trayons entre ses doigts.







Le lait gicla du pis de la vache et se déversa dans un récipient situé dessous, sous les yeux de Raju.

Le récipient se remplit petit à petit et le lait se transforma en mousse à la surface.

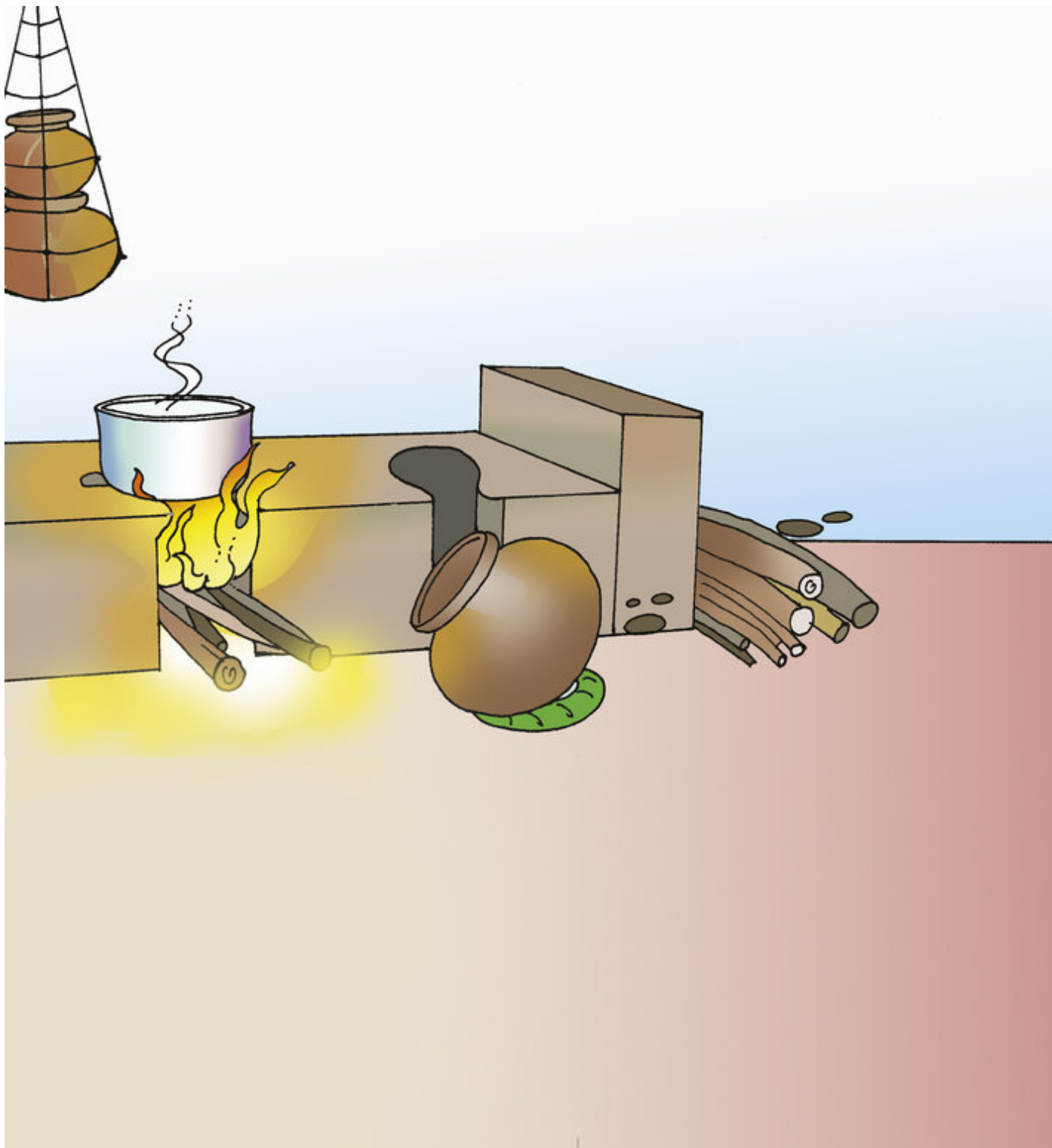
Raju était à la fois étonné et ravi de découvrir ce lait mousseux.





— Aji, s'écria-t-il sur un ton enthousiaste, regarde les bulles qui se forment sur le dessus !

— Oui, Raju, répondit Aji en souriant. Lorsque je tire sur le trayon, de puissants jets de lait sortent du pis. Ils frappent la surface du lait dans le pot et se mélangent à l'air, formant ainsi des bulles. C'est ce qui donne le goût si particulier au lait frais. Rien à voir avec du lait en sachet !



— Ça alors ! Je ne savais pas ! fit Raju.

Aji fit bouillir le lait frais mousseux et en servit un verre à Raju.

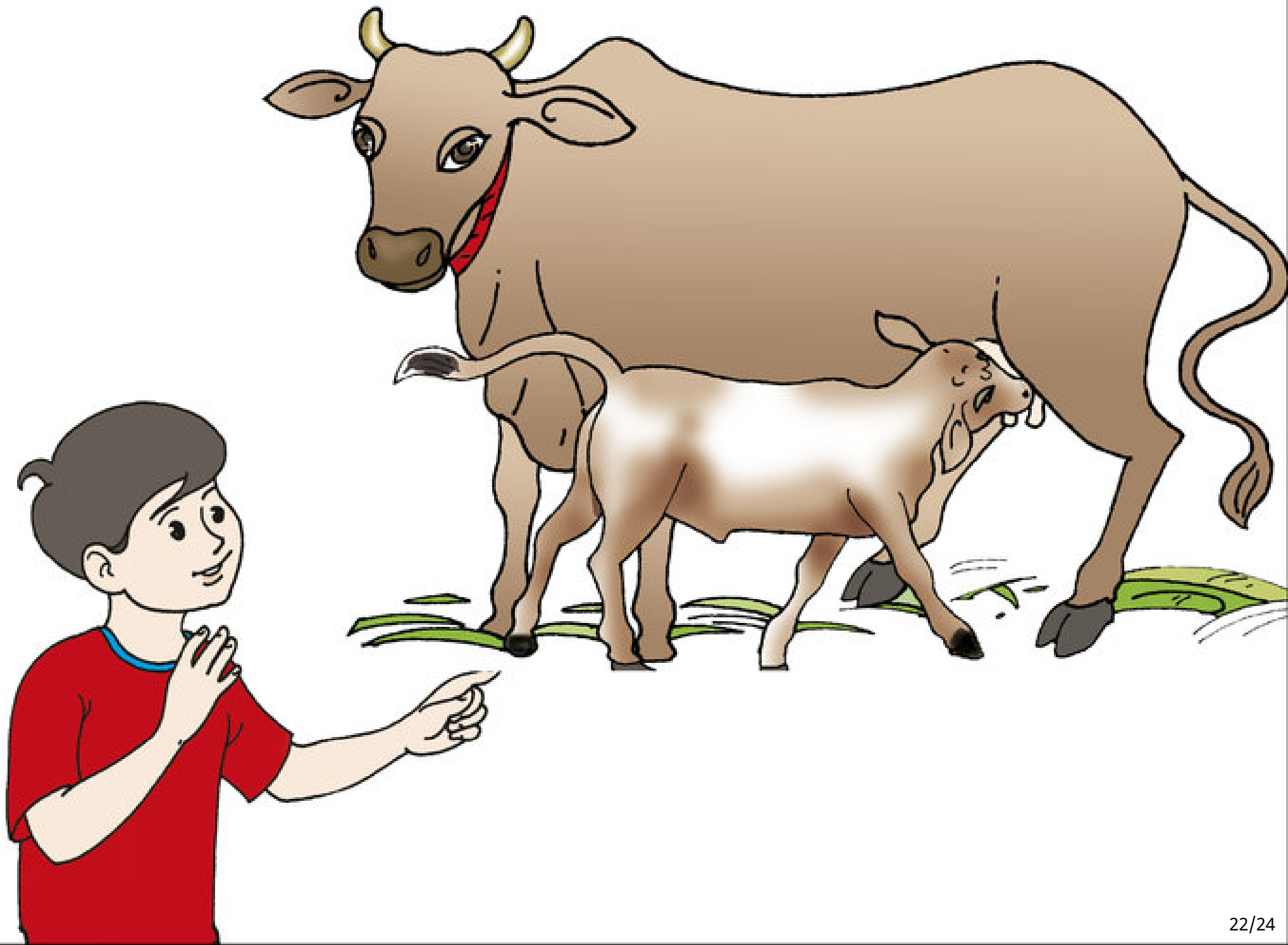
Il était tellement bon que celui-ci l'avalât d'un trait.



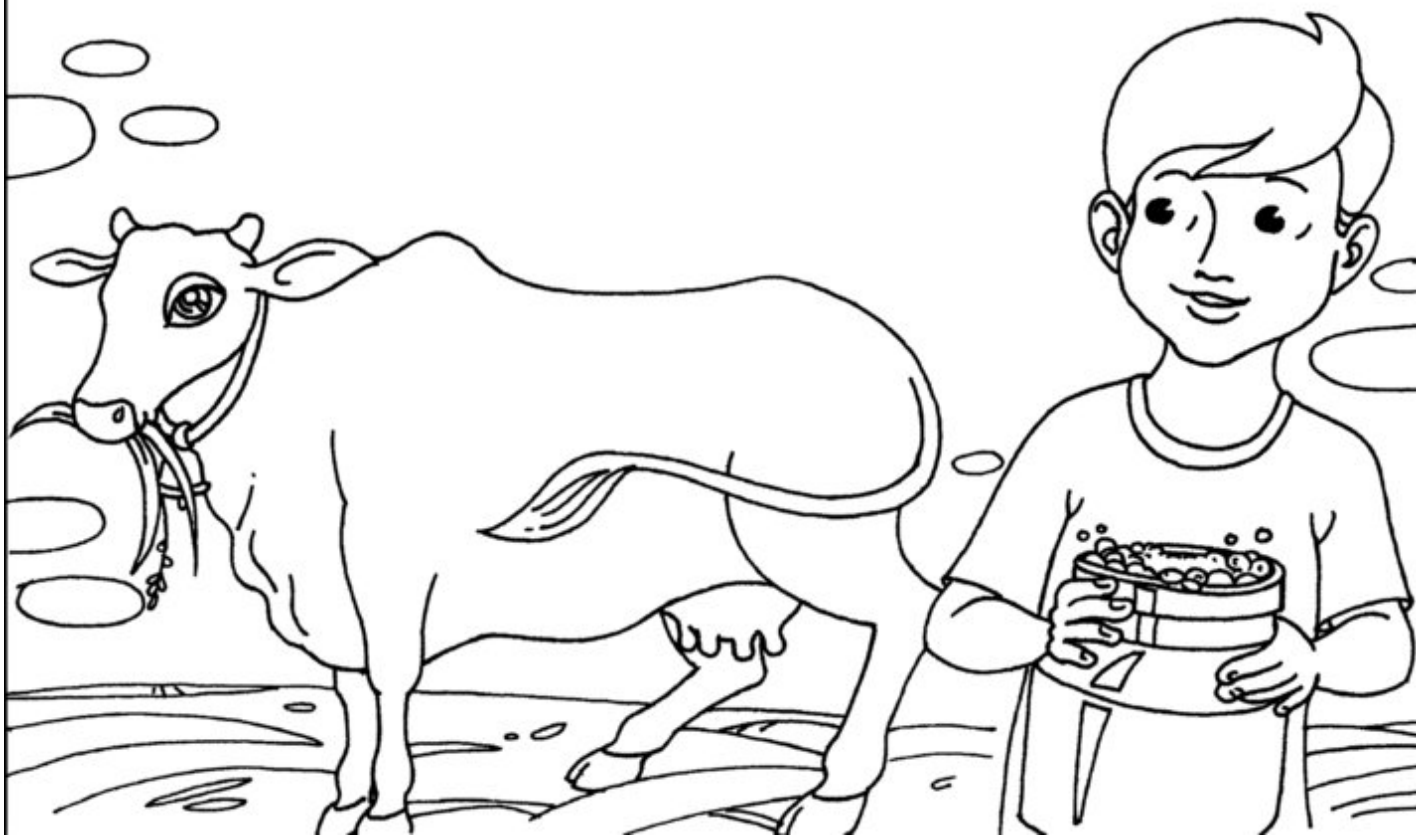


— Aji, lorsque je retournerai en ville, j'expliquerai à tous mes amis d'où vient le lait, indiqua Raju. Je leur raconterai à quel point le lait frais de ma grand-mère Aji est délicieux !

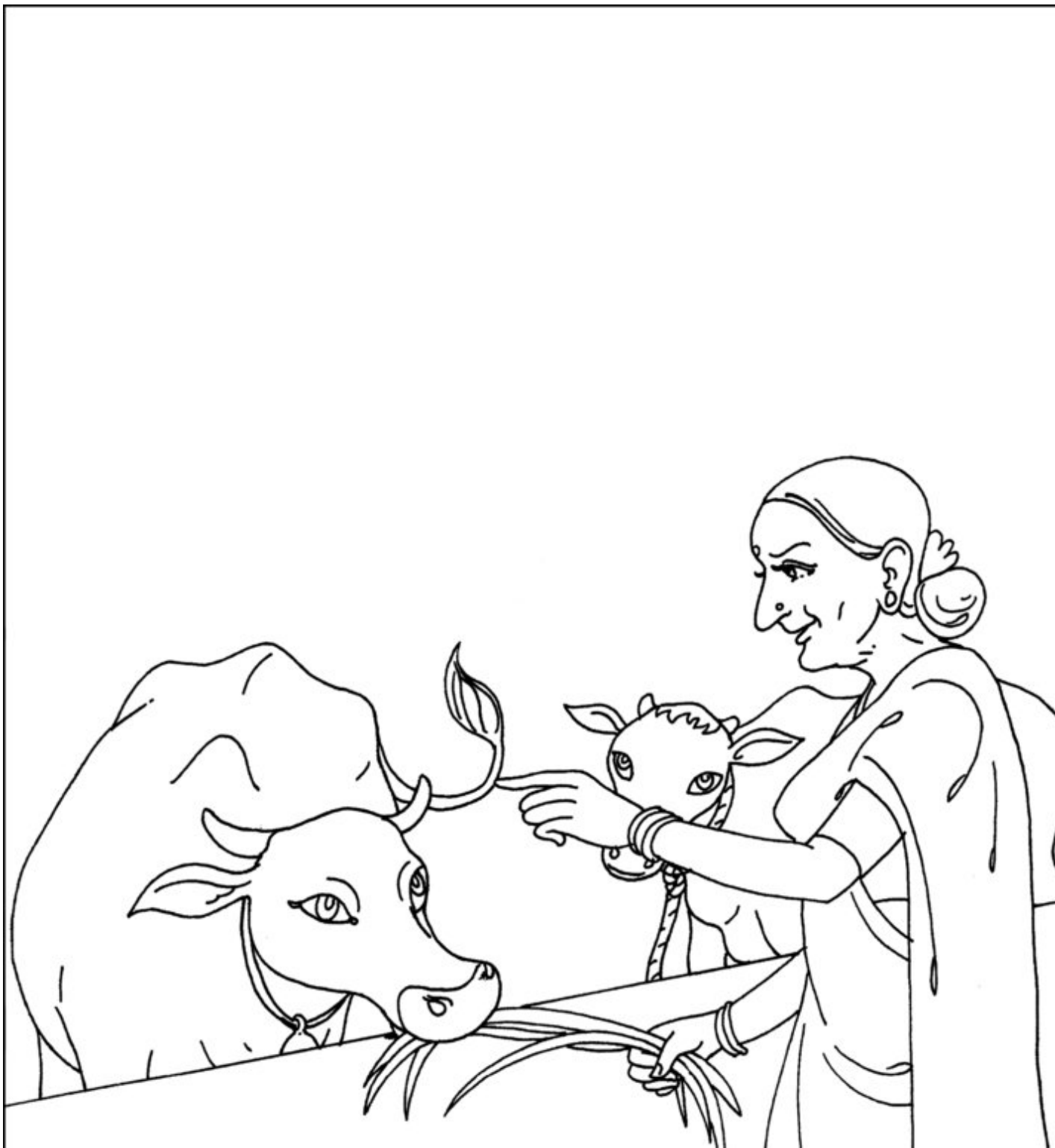
— D'accord, répondit Aji en souriant. Tout le monde saura alors qui est le petit garçon le plus intelligent de la classe !



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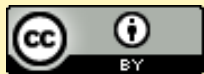
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## Meuh, d'où sort le lait ? (French)

À ton avis, le lait sort d'un sachet en plastique ou d'une vache ? Lorsque Raju, le petit citadin, se rend dans le village de sa grand-mère, Aji, il l'observe traire les vaches. Raju adore regarder le lait frais mousser à la surface du pot à lait. Mais il y a quelque chose qu'il aime encore plus que ça. Devine ce que c'est !

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