

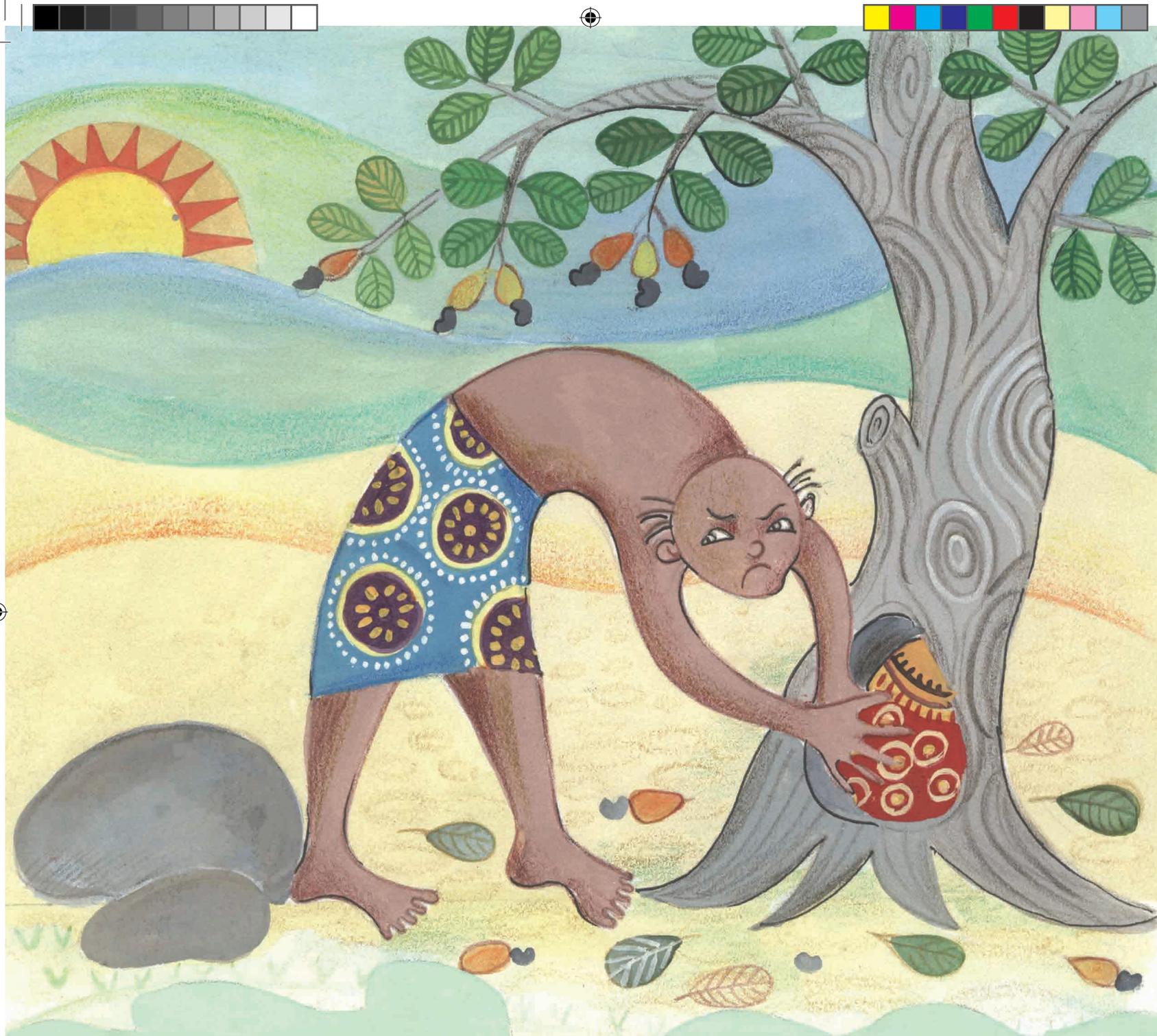


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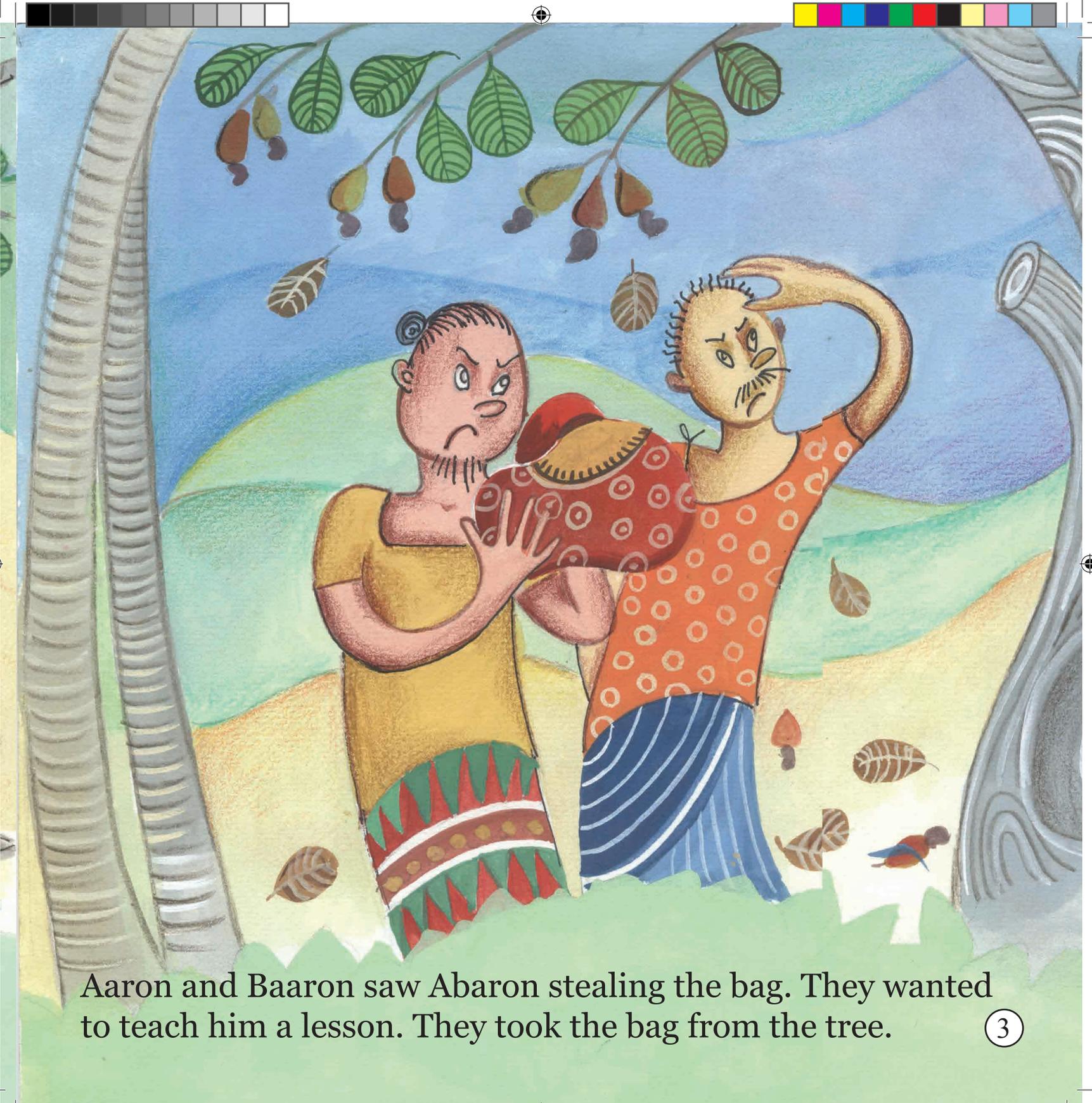
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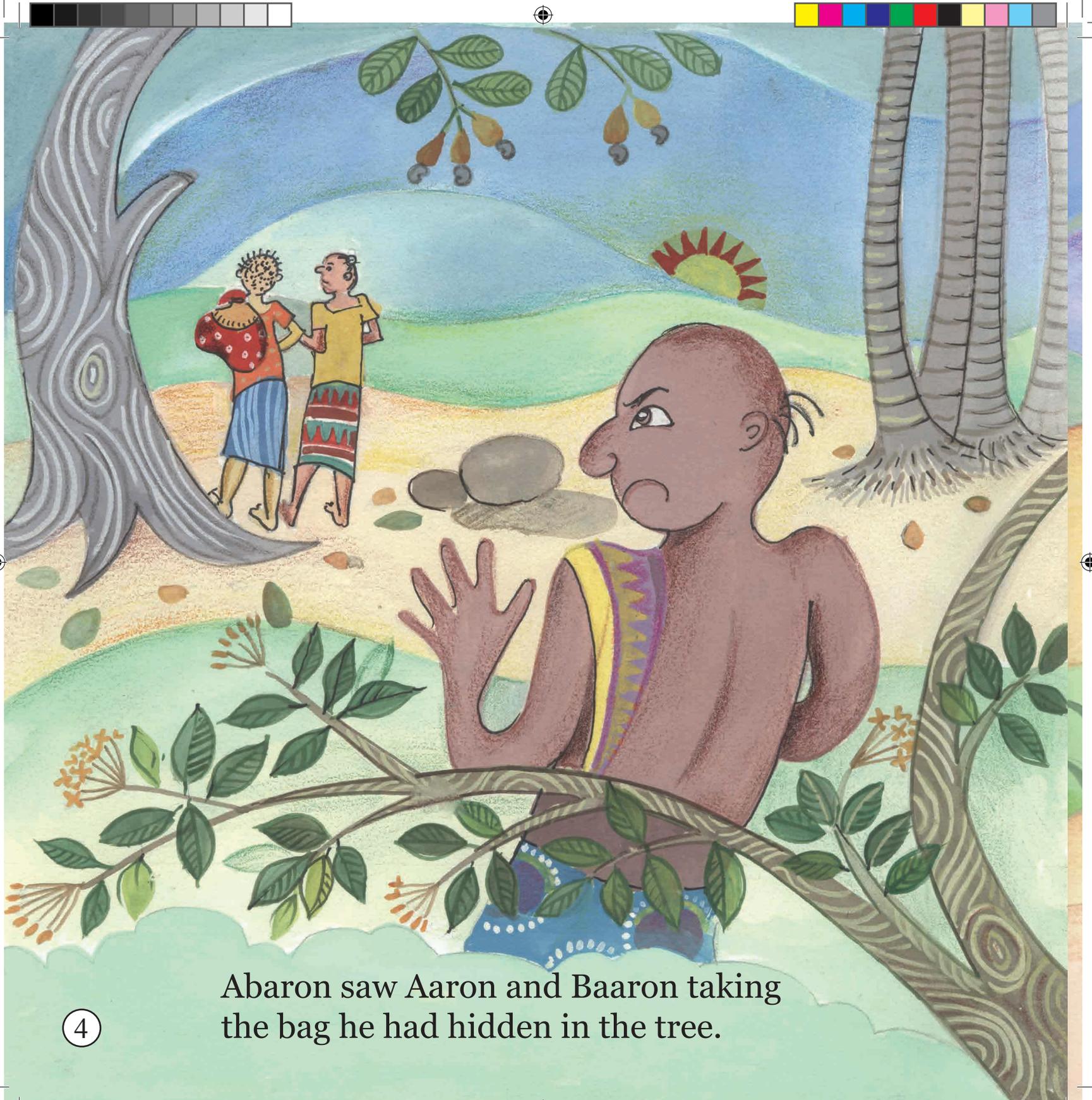
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One day, Abaron stole a bag. It had a rooster inside it. He hid the bag in a tree and went into the forest.



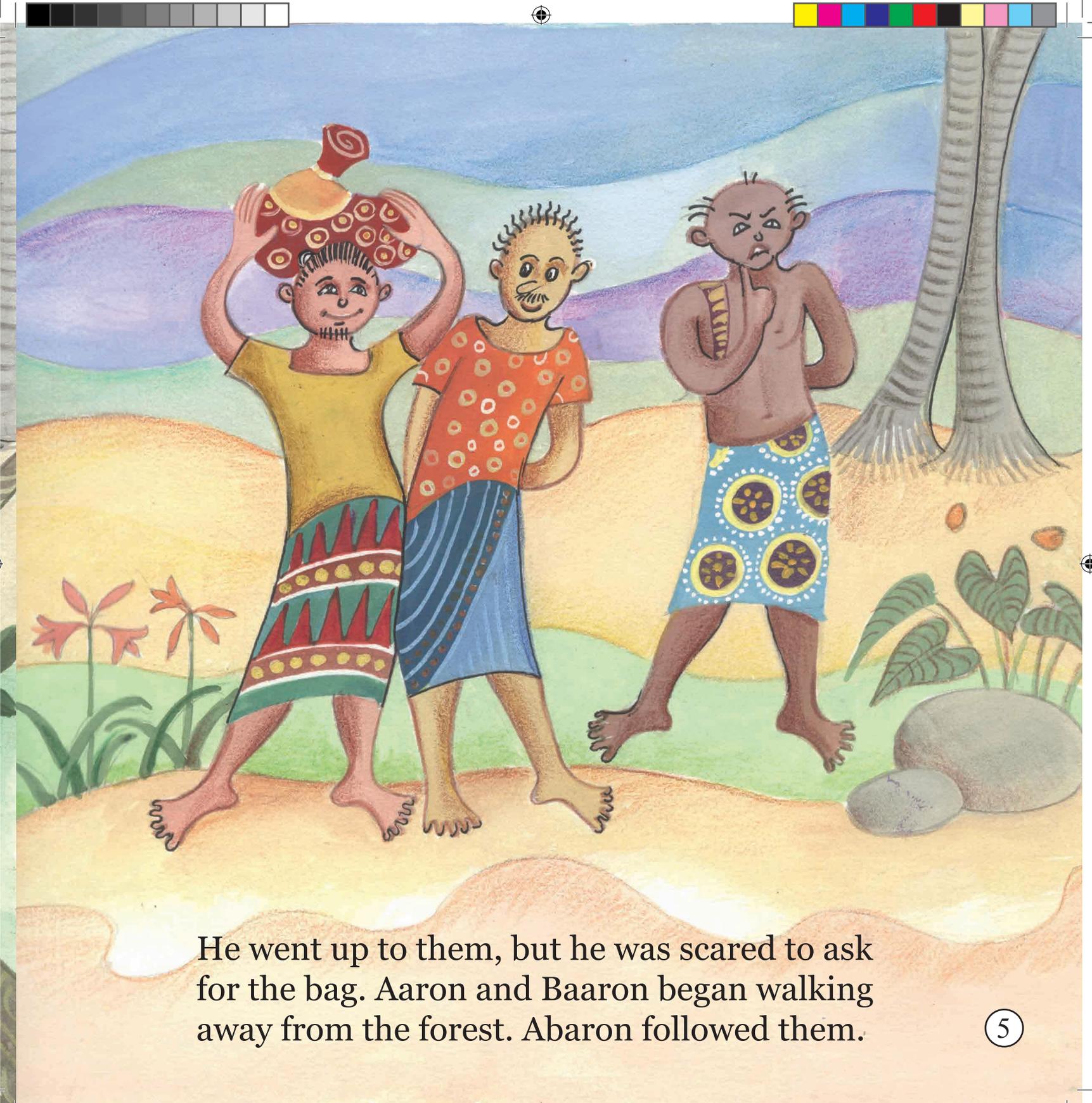
Aaron and Baaron saw Abaron stealing the bag. They wanted to teach him a lesson. They took the bag from the tree.

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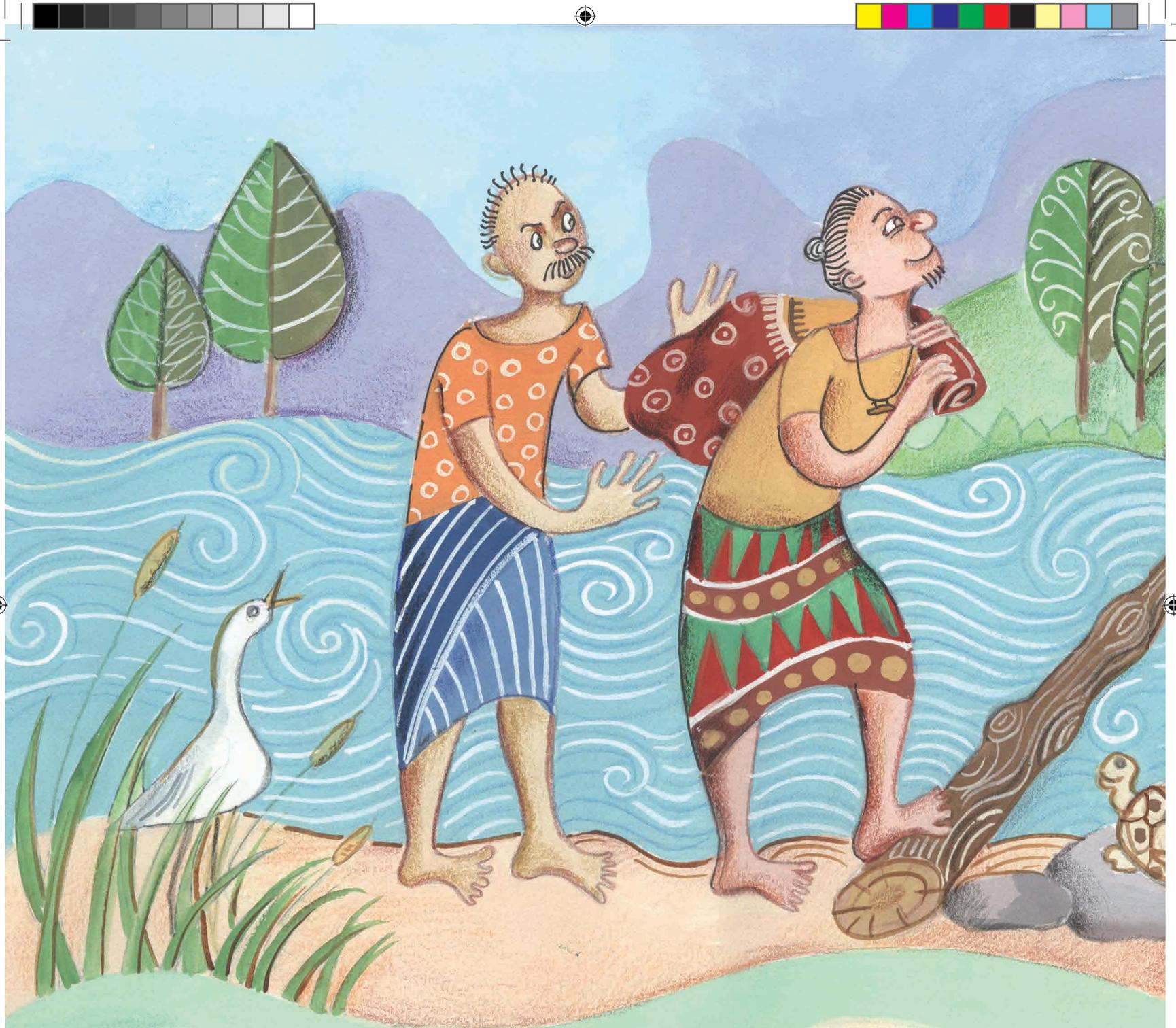


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Abaron saw Aaron and Baaron taking the bag he had hidden in the tree.



He went up to them, but he was scared to ask for the bag. Aaron and Baaron began walking away from the forest. Abaron followed them.

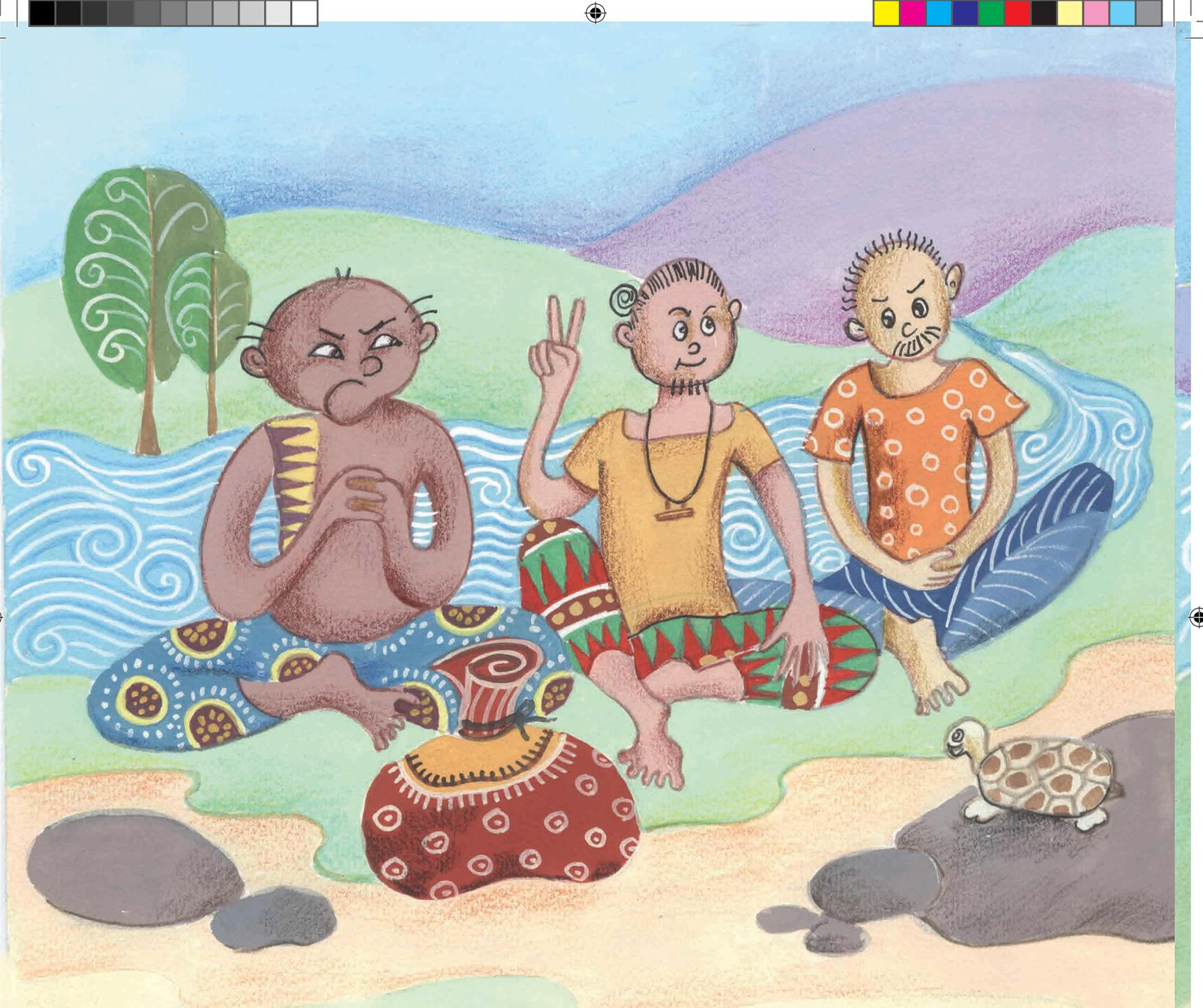


⑥ The three of them came to a stream. “I will take the bag across,” said Aaron.



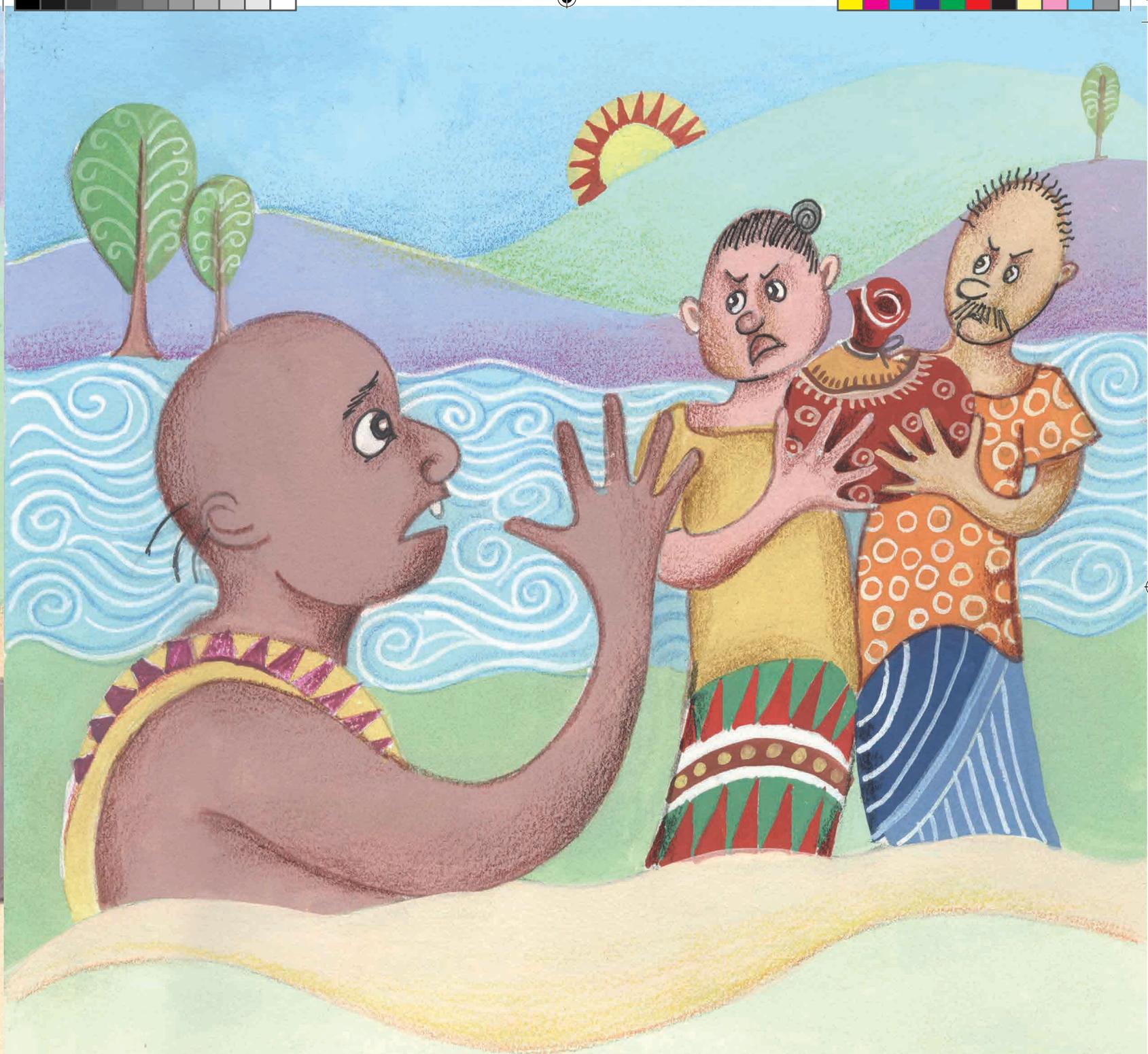
“No! The bag might fall into the stream,” said Abaron.





“Yes, the bag is quite heavy,” agreed Aaron. He winked at Baaron. “It might sink.”

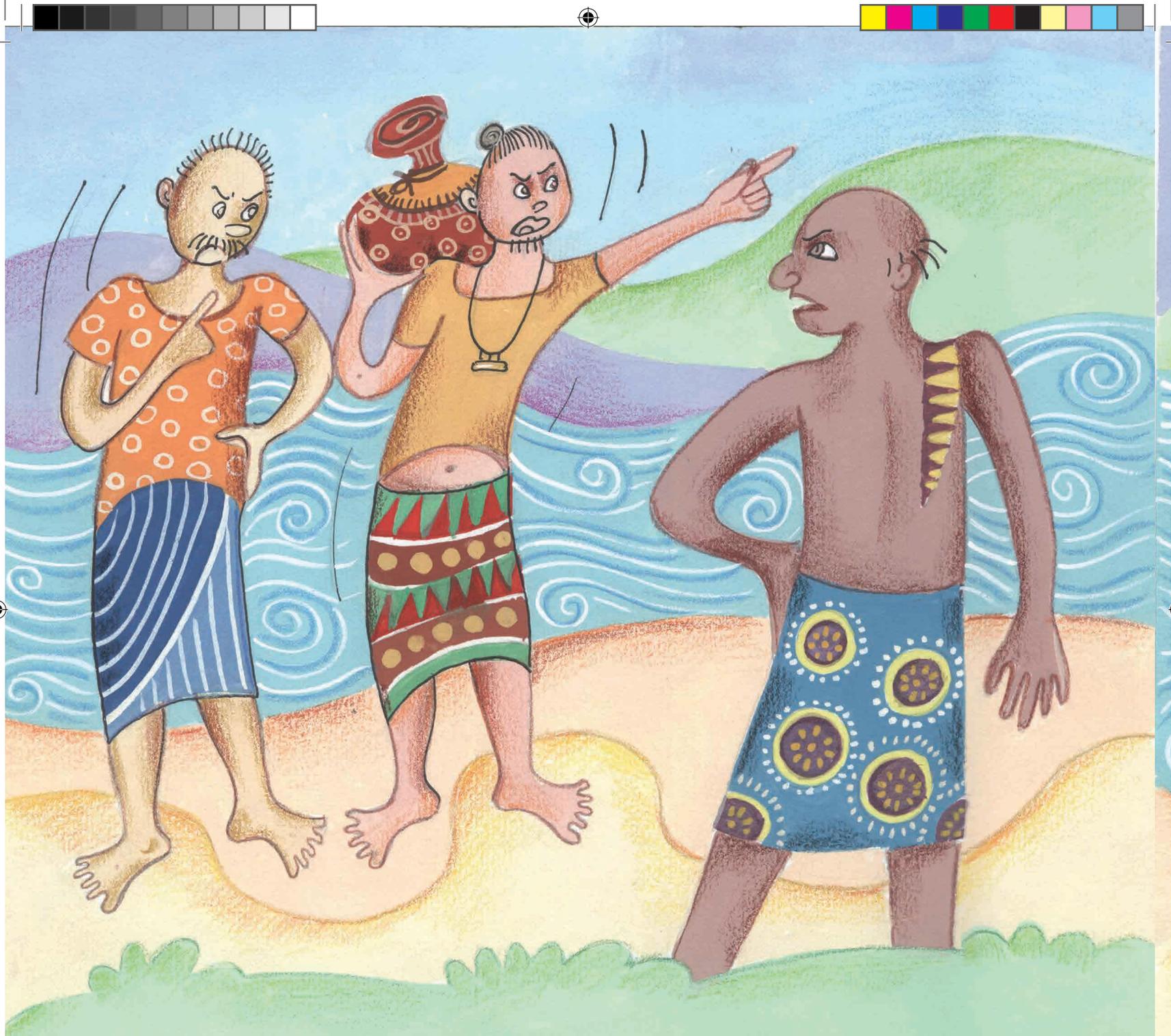
⑧ “Let’s cut the bag in half,” said Baaron.



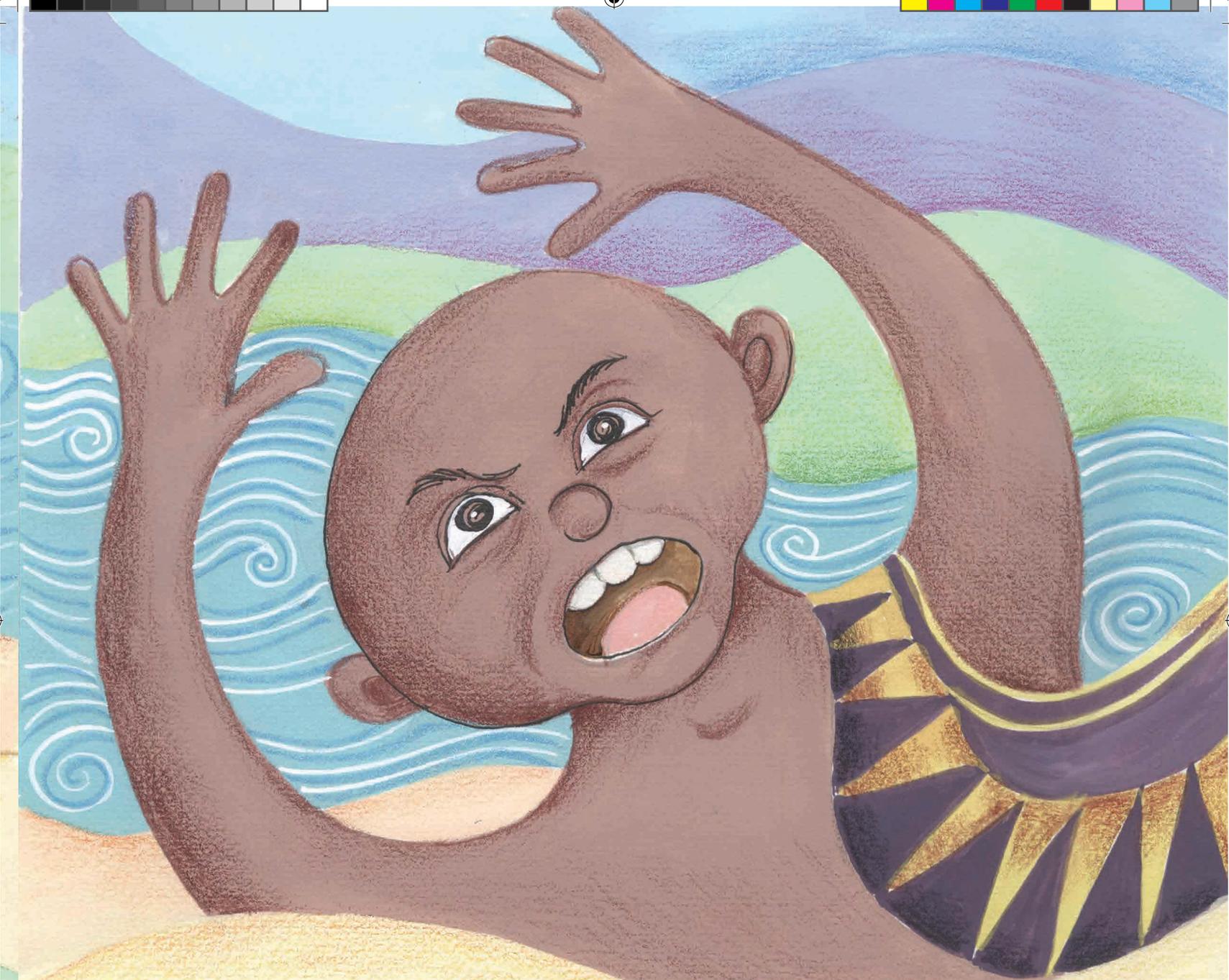
“No!” shouted Abaron. “Don’t cut the bag.”

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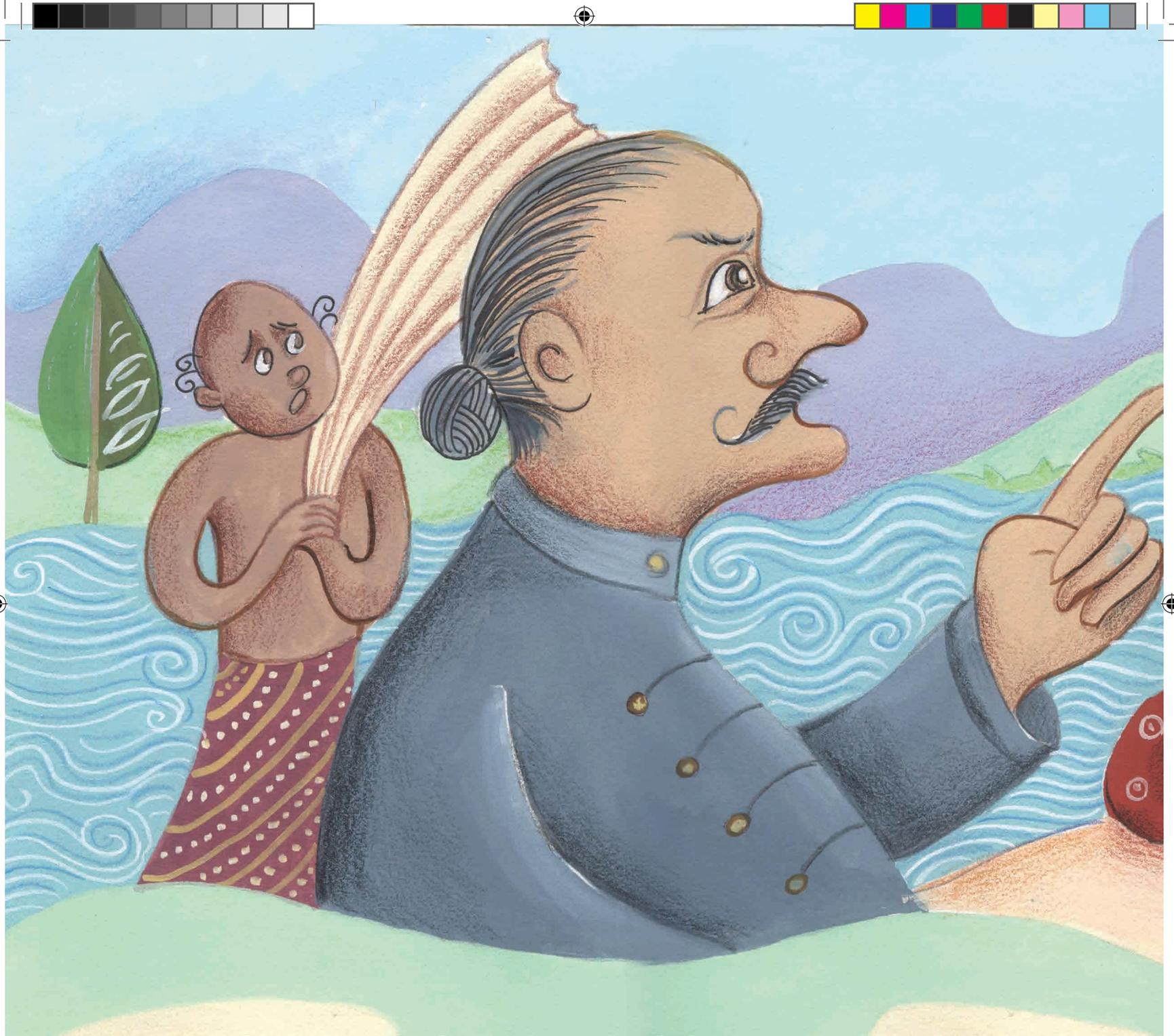


⑩ “Go away now,” said Baaron. “We are certainly going to cut the bag in half.”



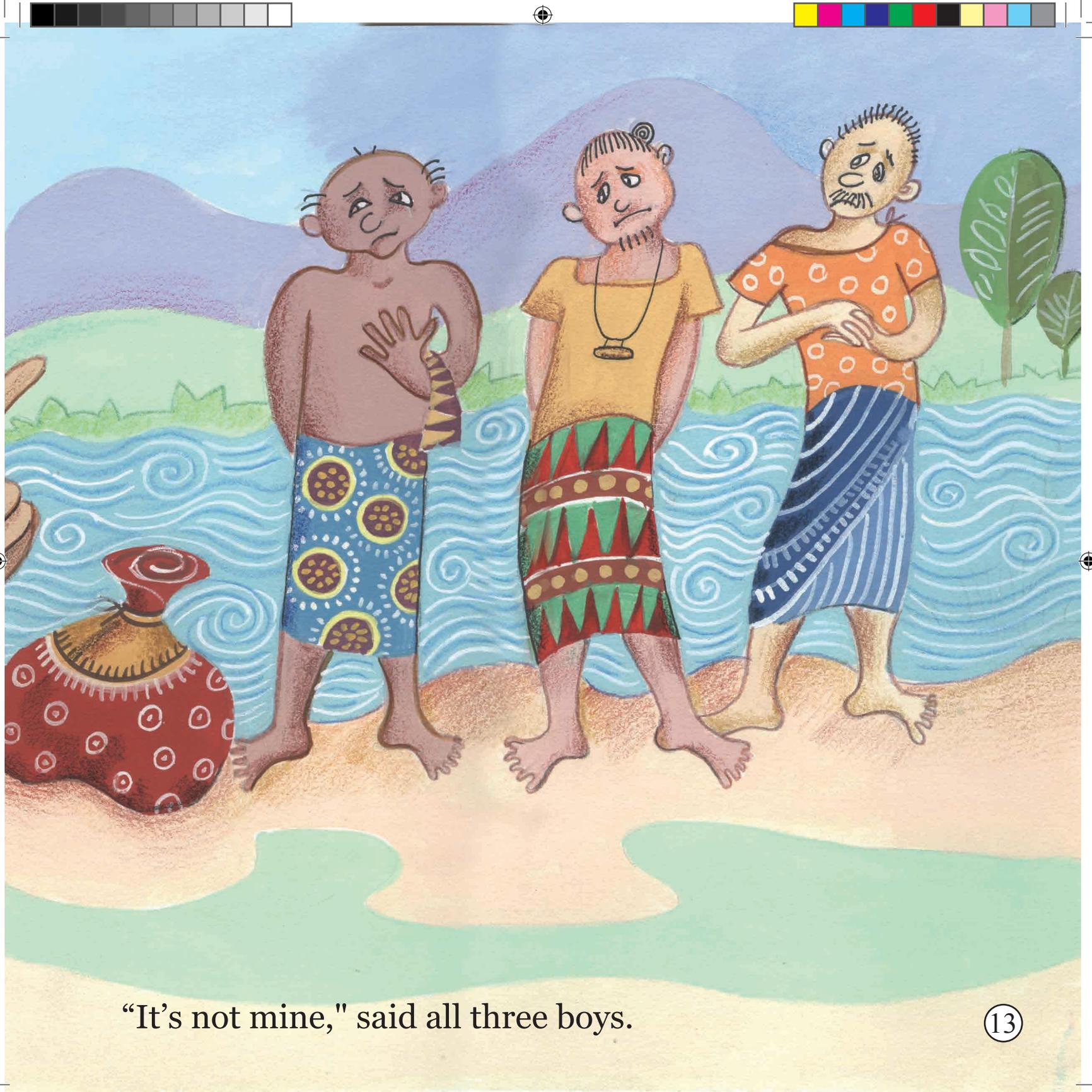
Abaron was worried about the rooster.
He shouted, “Thieves! Thieves! They stole my bag. Catch them!” Hearing Abaron’s cry, the Arachchi* and his assistant came running.

*An important official native to Sri Lanka



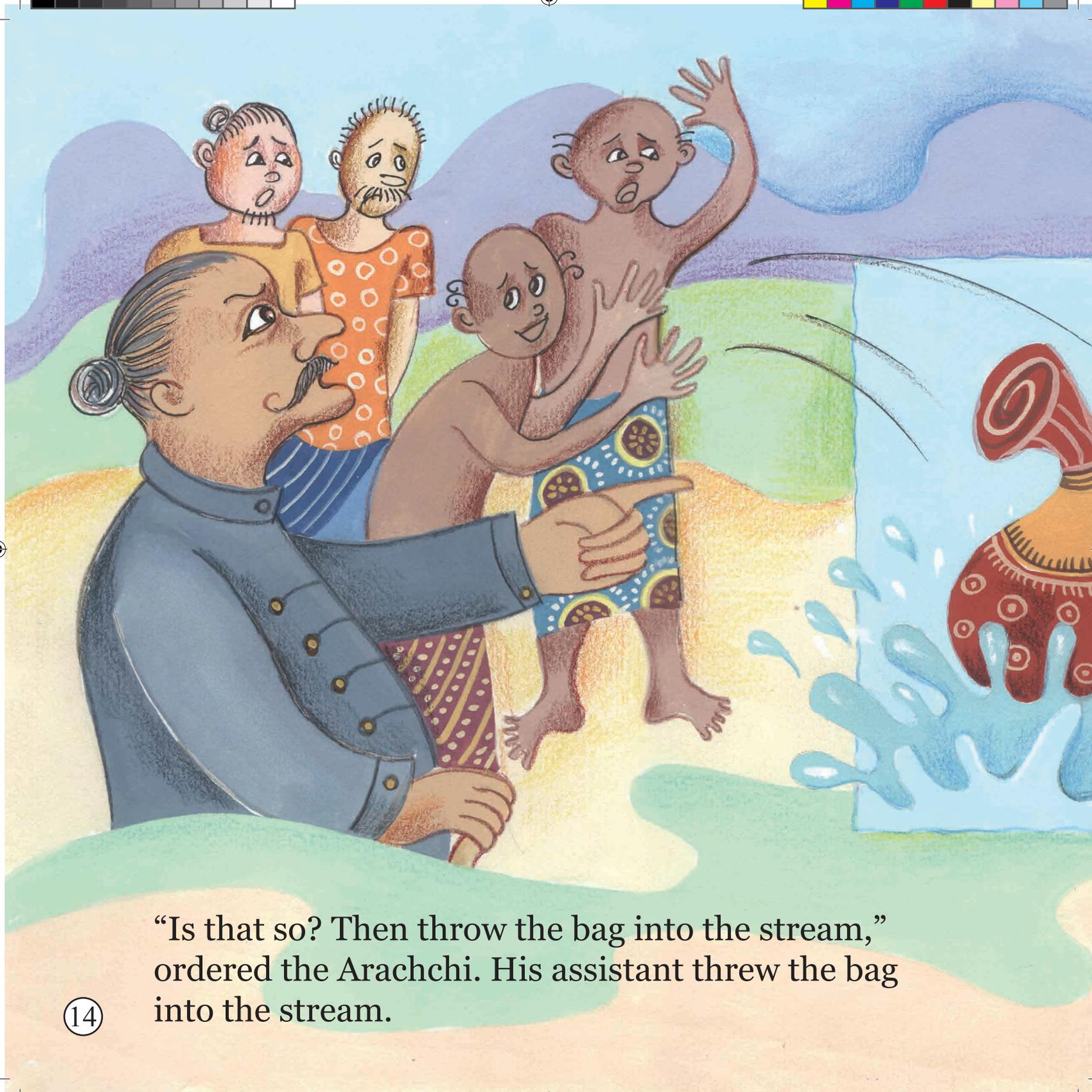
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“Whose bag is this?” he asked them. Aaron and Baaron winked at the Arachchi. He understood.



“It’s not mine,” said all three boys.

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“Is that so? Then throw the bag into the stream,”
ordered the Arachchi. His assistant threw the bag
into the stream.

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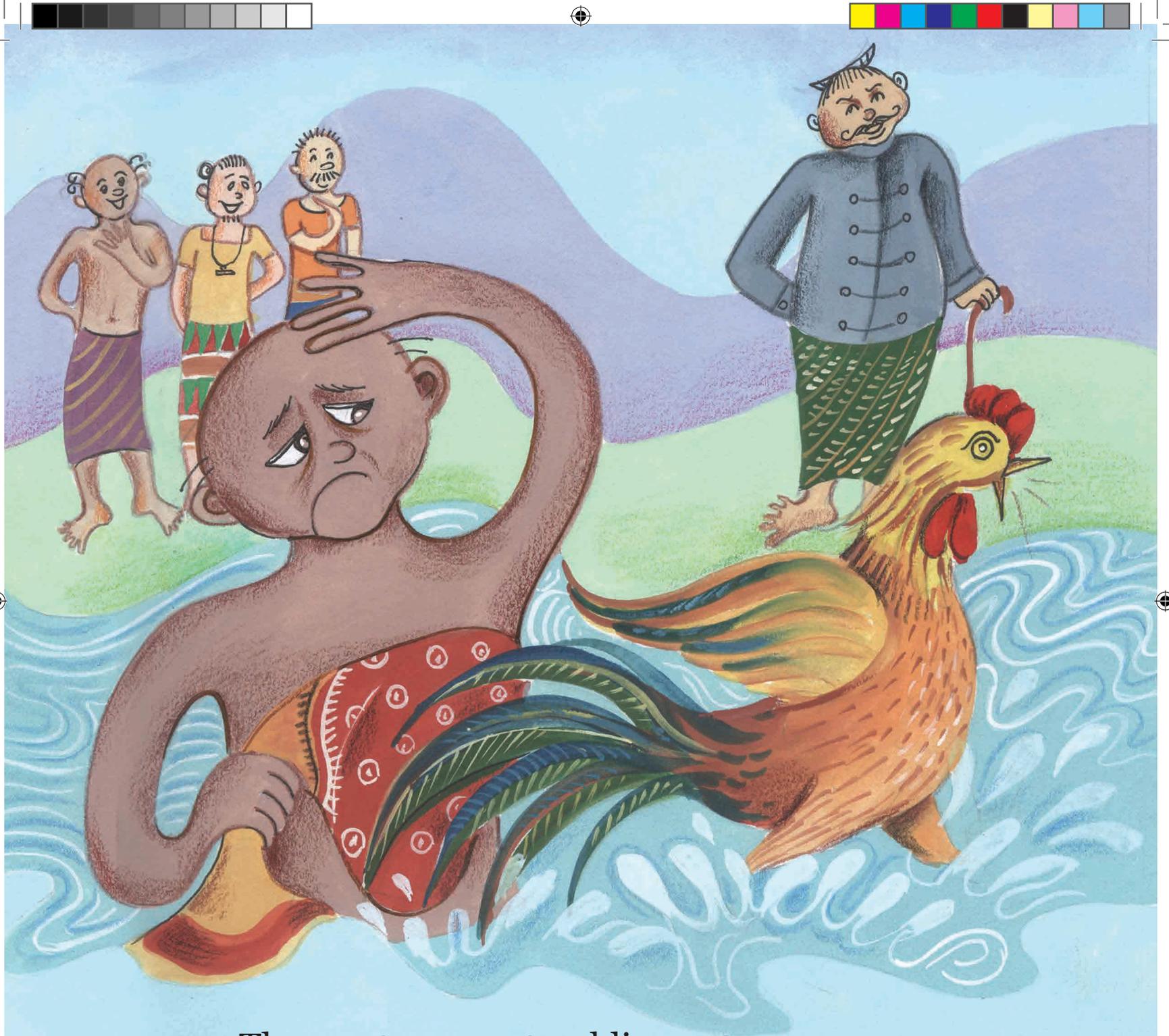




“Oh no!” shouted Abaron, and jumped into the water.

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The rooster came tumbling out.
Abaron had fallen for the Arachchi's trick.

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