



Return of Precious Water

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It was a sunny day. Ranji, a thirteen yrs old girl woke up early in the morning and got dressed. She was ready to travel to her village with her parents. It was 11:00 am when they reached the village.

when she entered her father's house she was happy to meet her grandparents. Her grandmother served tasty samosas and rasugullas. She then went to the washroom to wash her hands. But water didn't come out. 'Water is not coming.' she said to her grandfather

Her grandfather then told her that their village was facing shortage of water for past one month. She then took a piece of samosa and then went for a walk around the village. She was thinking about where could have the water gone. While walking she heard the word 'mystery'. She looked back and saw two children talking about the stories. She then clicked with an idea and decided to solve a mystery.



She then went to a herder who was with his herd of goats sitting on a rock. Ranji asked the herder: "Do you know where will I find water?" The herder just pointed in a direction. She then rushed towards the direction and when she reached there, she found a pond in which there was water but it was dirty.

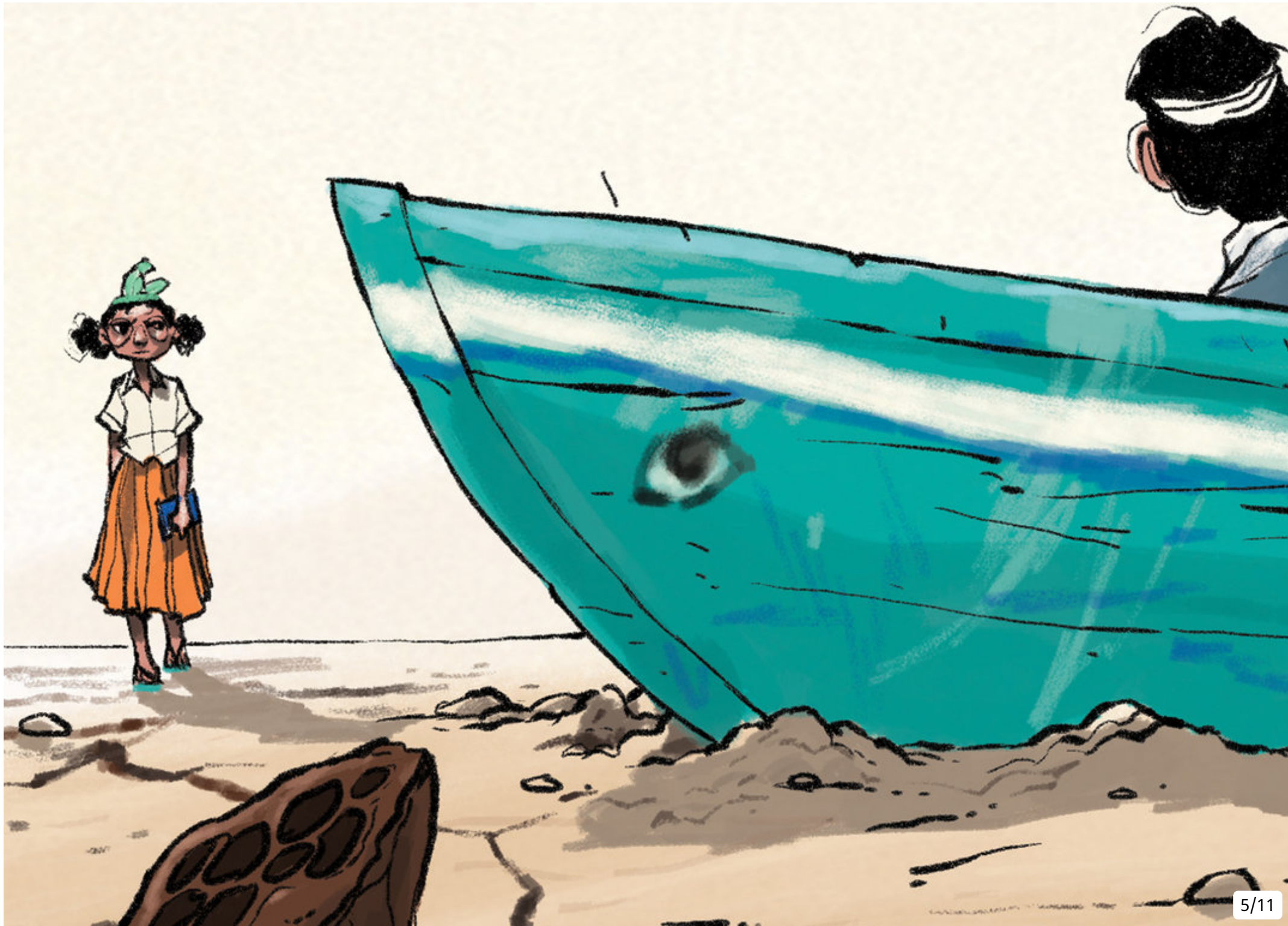
She then also saw a fishermen sitting there and taking out the dead fishes from that pond.



She then asked the fishermen: "Do you know where will I find fresh water?"

The fishermen thought for a moment and then answered: "It might be there" pointing towards the south.

When she reached there, the land was all dried up. she stayed there for amoment and felt as she knew this place. She then recognized that it was the river which was around 5 km away from her father's village. She, then also saw her friend Rashmi sitting inside a blue colored boat. Ranji knew her as her grandfather introduced rashmi with her.

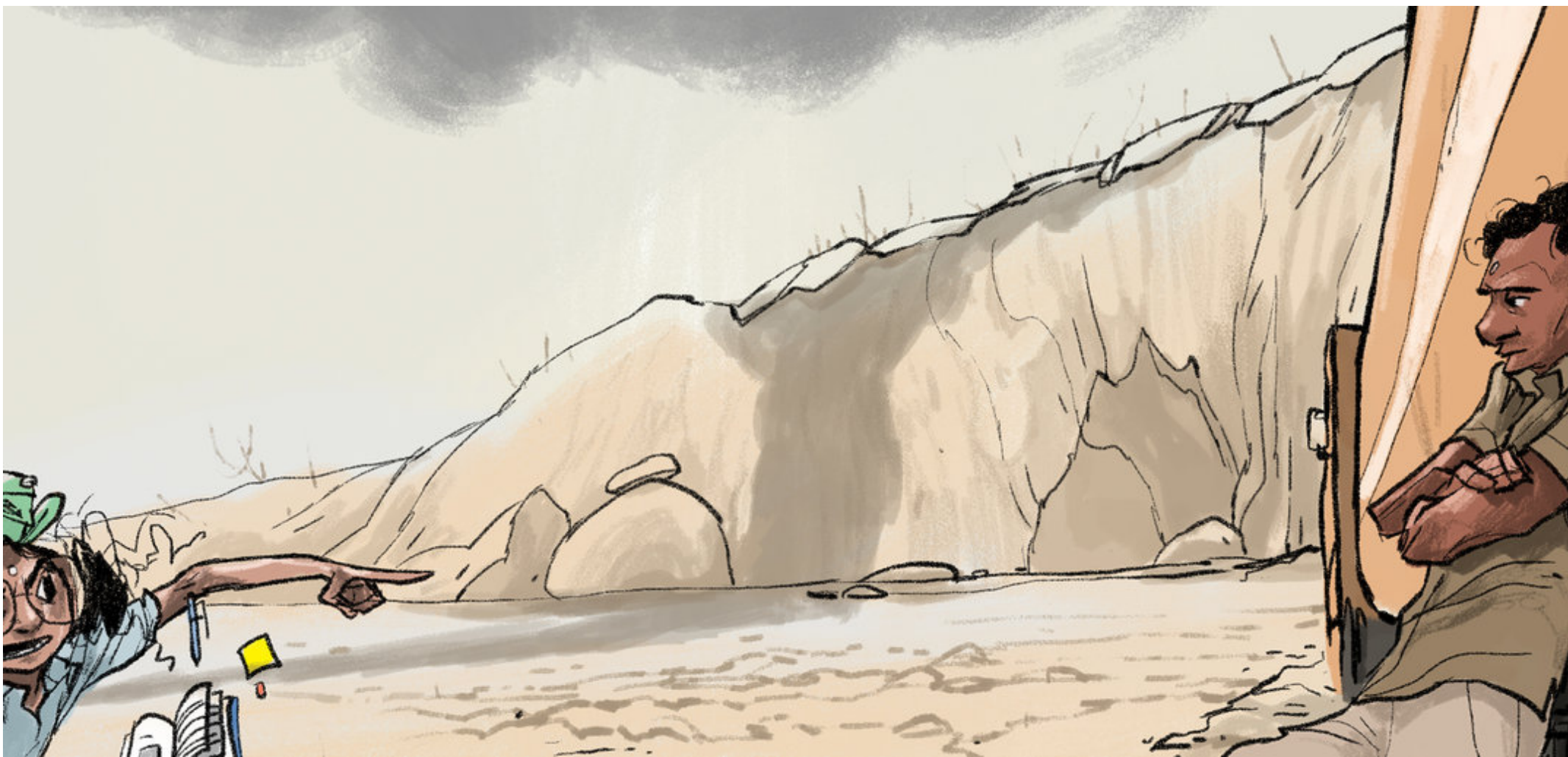




"Hey Ranji, Nice to see you when did you come? What happened you look so sad?" Shouted Rashmi asking many questions at a time. I came today in the morning. Ranji also told her everything about what had happened. So, Rashmi made the map of the village including two ponds and one river near their village. Then after seeing the map, Ranji understood and said to Rashmi that "I haven't checked out that pond which comes on the route to the city." They first looked at each other and then ran towards the pond. But they both were not sure about will they find water.



But they were wrong. The birds were chirping, grasshoppers were enjoying in water and wind was blowing gently. They both enjoyed the view. Suddenly Ranji saw a tier like something, when she went there she saw a truck in which a man was transferring water in the tank of the truck from the pond. There was a pump which would transfer water in the village from the pond. But the pipe which transferred the water in the village was exchanged with the pipe which was transferring water in the truck.



She got angry and asked the man: "Why and where are you taking the water from the pond'
The man said: "Its the order from the "Rabbit Park" apartment association head.
Ranji replied back: "Is the apartment association head part of the government?"
The man said: "Its not a part of the government but.."
"Then get out from here." said Ranji
"I am not going anywhere." said the man in anger

Ranji simply looked at the pump and then at Rashmi. Rashmi understood and then both of them ran towards the pump. Ranji hugged the pump and tried to lift it whereas Rashmi was trying to pull out the tap which was located on the top on the pump. The man tried to stop them when everyone heard a loud sound of lightening in the sky. They all looked up in the sky and then saw that the rain had started. Both Ranji and Rashmi became very happy. And the man finally went away.





Both Rashmi and Ranji became happy and attached the village's pipe with the pump. They both played in the rain. Finally, from the rain the river and the other pond got full and their village lived comfortably after that. Ranji felt happy and Thanked god for the rain. Everyone in the village felt as Ranji had bought rain with her in the village. Everyone also felt as Ranji was lucky to the village. Ranji also felt happy for the poor animals who were dying due to shortage of water and food in the village.





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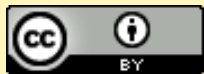
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(English)

The water is finished in Ranji's village. She is trying to find water. Help Ranji and her friend Rashmi to find the cause of "How come water is gone in the Ranji's village"

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