



## The Unusual Superhero

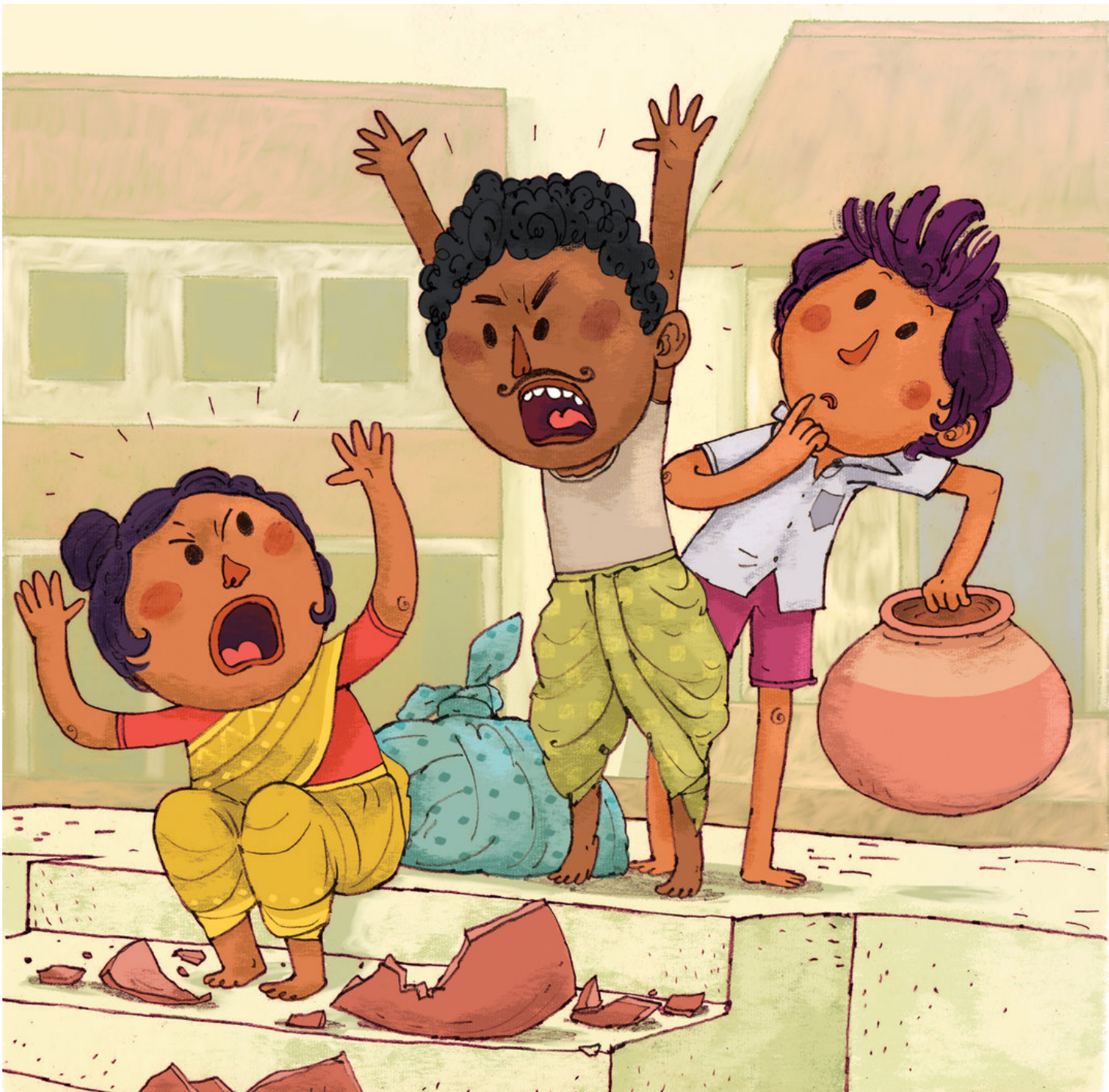
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A New Superhero Entered our Lives  
He was not Brave nor was he Wise  
Confused he was and Weird was his Attire  
Less of a Hero, He was a living Satire



He thought he was a Fool  
and People agreed too...  
Whenever there was a problem  
Out there he flew,  
and Created new problems....



And he was named Joker,  
and that became his name  
He had the Superpower  
which turned everything into coal  
with just a touch...  
and this power was a curse in disguise



A Goat, a hen, a dog, and a child became black coal, lifeless and dead everyone was dismayed, angry and sad they hated him for ruining their lives and Joker was left with nothing but utter seclusion...



monsters never attacked the City  
and Aliens never lit up the sky  
People found it difficult to  
fight the inner Demons of their Life  
And Joker was never called again...  
Though only he had the fuel to ignite the light in  
their corrupted hearts.....



And so people fought between themselves  
and Joker tried to intervene  
he used his super powers and threw burned coals  
but that much coal was not enough, and he  
couldn't touch people and turn them into coal



"where will i find so much light?  
which ignites their heart and purifies their mind?"  
"In your soul, your body, your mind  
lies everlasting source of light"





and so he removed his glove which till now was saving him from his own powers and touched himself again and again till he turned into coal and he was lying lifeless, as he sacrificed himself to save the world from their misery



and the coal was burned  
and there was light everywhere  
they still laugh at Joker  
they didn't know how much he contributed  
he died for the people who never cared for him, he  
was the Joker, but the joke was on the whole  
world



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## The Unusual Superhero (English)

this is a story about a superhero who unlike conventional superheroes, doesn't have any significant power, is not liked by people and is a fool

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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