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In the Light of the Rising Sun

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Last night, Shital stayed awake until late because she was happy. Her mother had told her that she would be going to school the next day.



It was a beautiful morning. The sun was shining. Shital's mother had just fed grains to the chickens. The cow was grazing peacefully.



A puppy and some chickens were playing outside. Shital saw them and smiled.



A calf was suckling its mother for milk. Shital thought to herself, "I should have some milk too."



She went outside and washed her hands and face, and brushed her teeth.



Then Shital went to her mother. "Mother, may I have some milk?" she asked.

"Darling, the milk is in the kitchen. It might have gone cold. Go quickly and finish it," her mother said. "Then I will trim your nails."



As Shital returned from the kitchen, she was wiping her mouth clean.

“Come here, Shital. I will trim your nails now.”

“Mummy, could you plait my hair too?”

“Ask your sister,” her mother said. “I need to do the cooking.”



Shital asked, "Dear sister, could you plait my hair?"

Her sister nodded. "Shital, you will look neat and tidy today," she said.

"Really, sister?" asked Shital. Her sister nodded and smiled.



Shital went out and asked the goat, "How do I look today?"

The goat leapt and bleated.

She went to the white rooster and asked, "How do I look today?"

It fluttered and crowed excitedly.



Shital went to the calf and asked, "How do I look today?"
The calf mooed sweetly.



Shital went to the puppy and asked, "How do I look today?"
The puppy barked happily.



Shital's mother asked her to put on her uniform.



Shital quickly put on her new uniform. Her mother had stitched it just yesterday.



Meanwhile Shital's father arrived from working outside. He said, "Dear daughter, you look neat and ready for school."

"Do I really, father?"

"Yes, you do."



“But where are the shoes I bought for you yesterday?”

“Oh, Daddy, I’ve forgotten to wear them. I will put them on right away,” Shital said.

“Very good,” her father replied.



Wearing her shoes, Shital went to the calf, the white rooster, the goat and the puppy. She asked them, "Dear friends, here are the shoes my Daddy bought for me. Don't they look shiny?"

They all made their own sounds and Shital thought they said, "Yes!"



Shital was in a hurry to go to school.

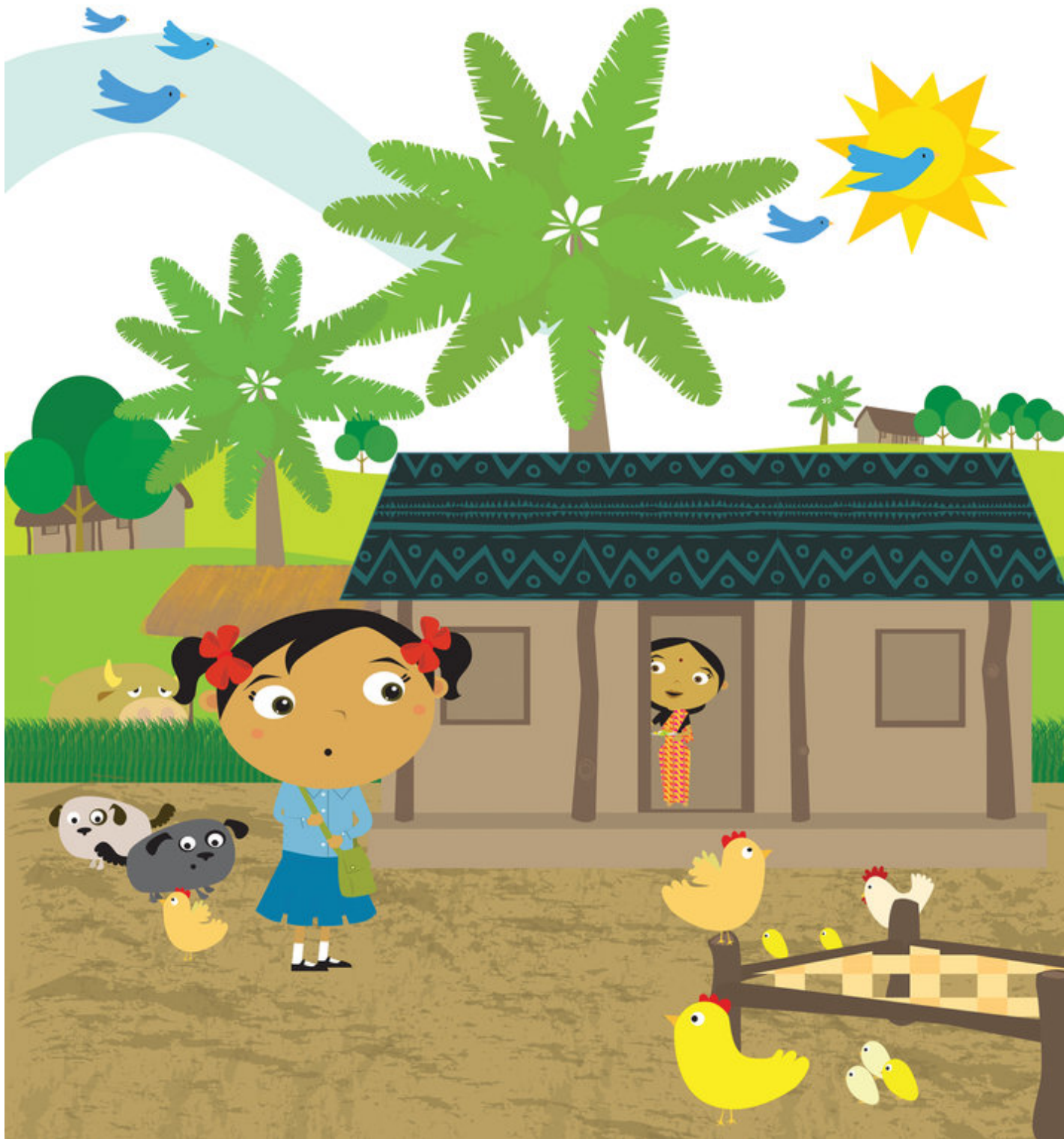
When she had visited school the previous day, her teacher had liked her very much. Her teacher had asked her to arrive on time.

“Shital!” her sister called. “Have you packed your new notebooks, textbooks and pens in your new bag?”



“Oh, no! I left them on the bed. I'll pack my bag quickly.”

Shital packed her bag along with her snack box and a bottle of water.



Finally, Shital was ready to go to school. But she had forgotten one last thing.



Breakfast! Shital sat down with her sister and started eating.

“Sister, I forgot to eat my breakfast while getting ready for school. Anyway, I do have snacks in my bag, just in case I feel hungry.”

“Snacks are not the same as a proper meal, Shital,” replied her sister.



Shital's sister took her to school, holding her hand. They walked in the sunshine.

Shital said goodbye to the calf, the white rooster, the goat, the puppy and the chickens. She promised to play with them after school.

Her parents waved and smiled. Shital and her sister were on their way.



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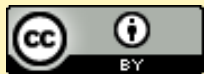
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(English)

This is a story about a little girl on her very first day of school. On the morning of her first day, she is happy and excited. Will she remember everything she needs to get ready for school?

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