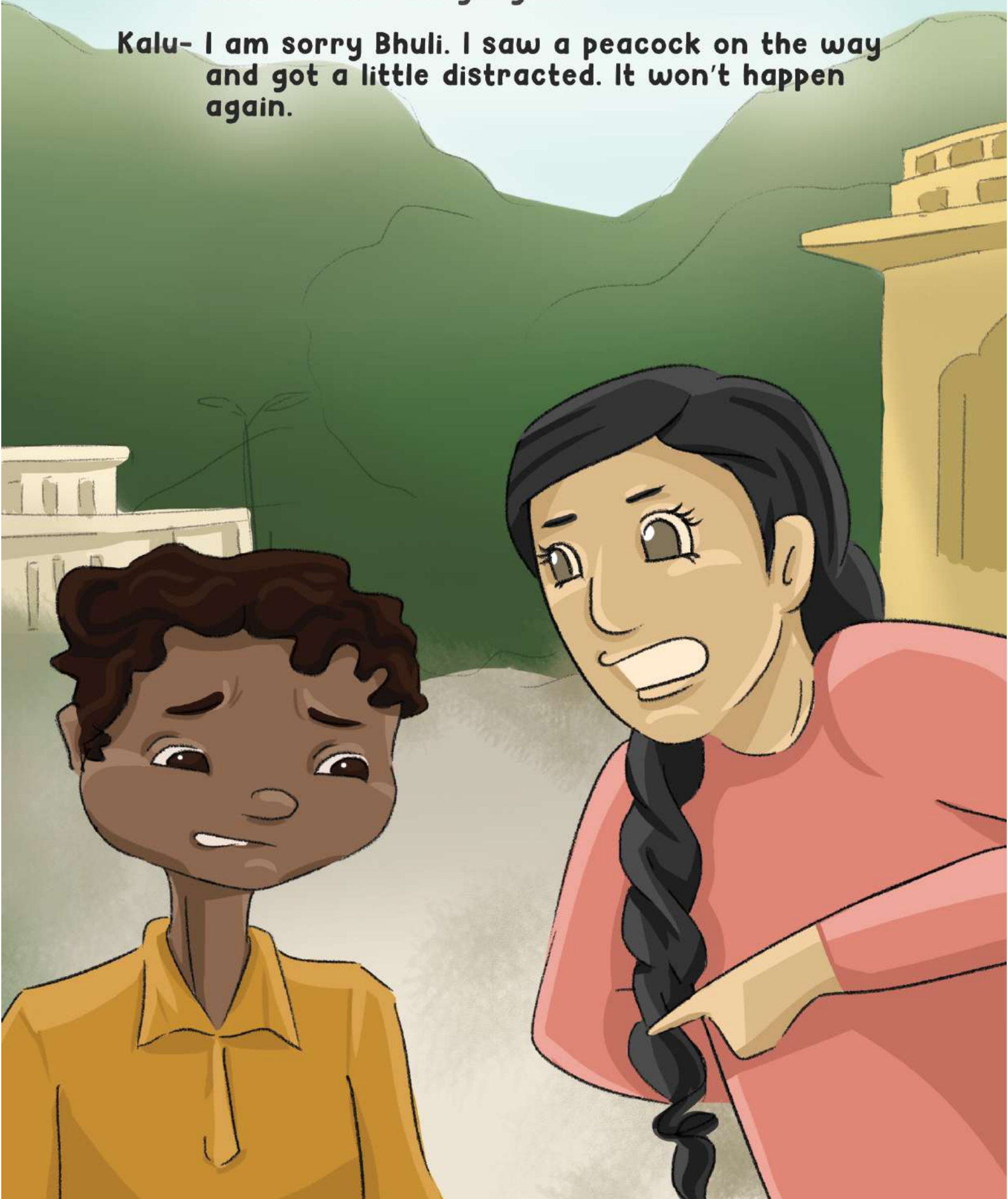


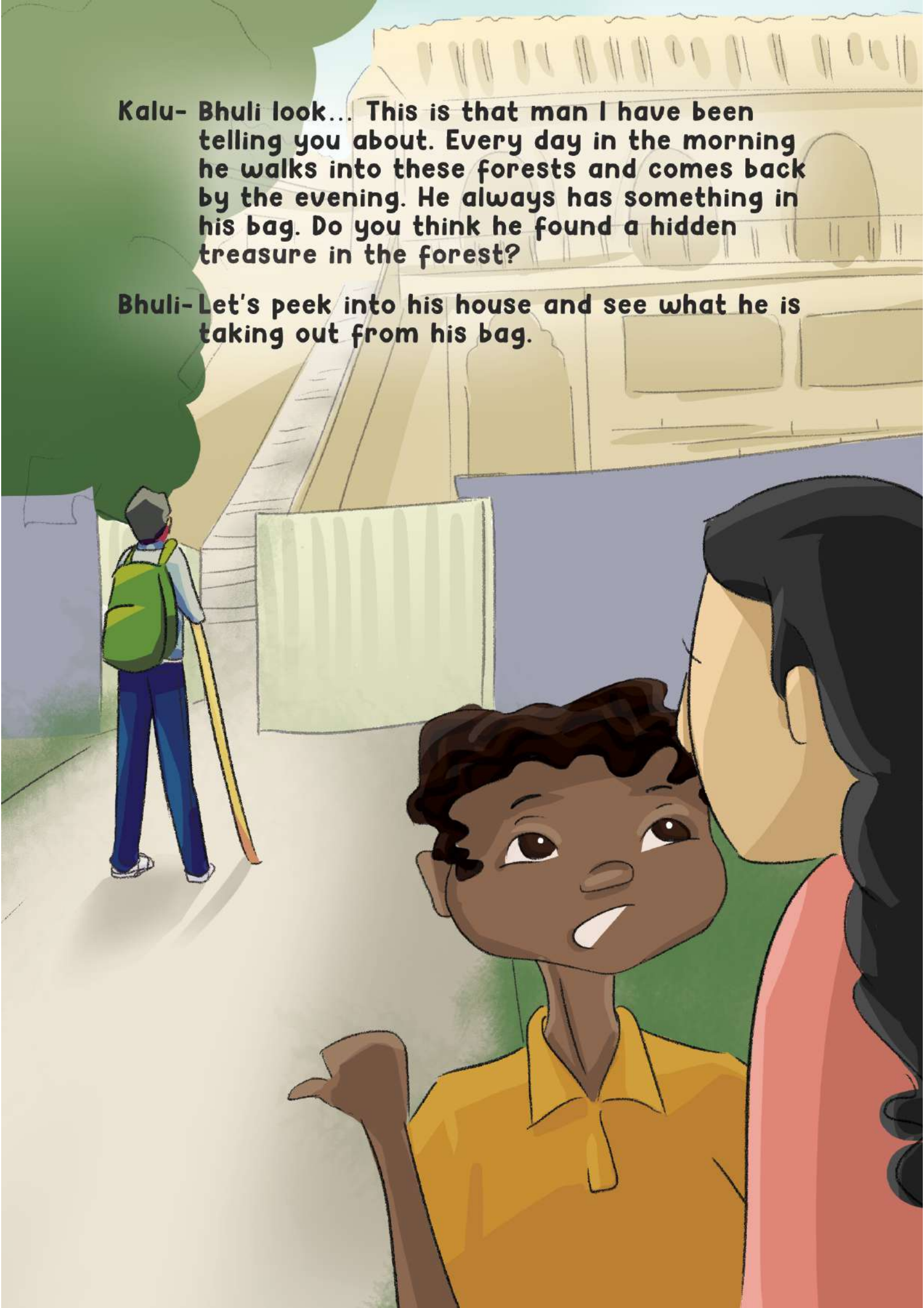
Bhuli- I told you to come to play at 5 and still you are late. Now soon my mother will call me home to finish my homework. You can't even do one thing right.

Kalu- I am sorry Bhuli. I saw a peacock on the way and got a little distracted. It won't happen again.



Kalu- Bhuli look... This is that man I have been telling you about. Every day in the morning he walks into these forests and comes back by the evening. He always has something in his bag. Do you think he found a hidden treasure in the forest?

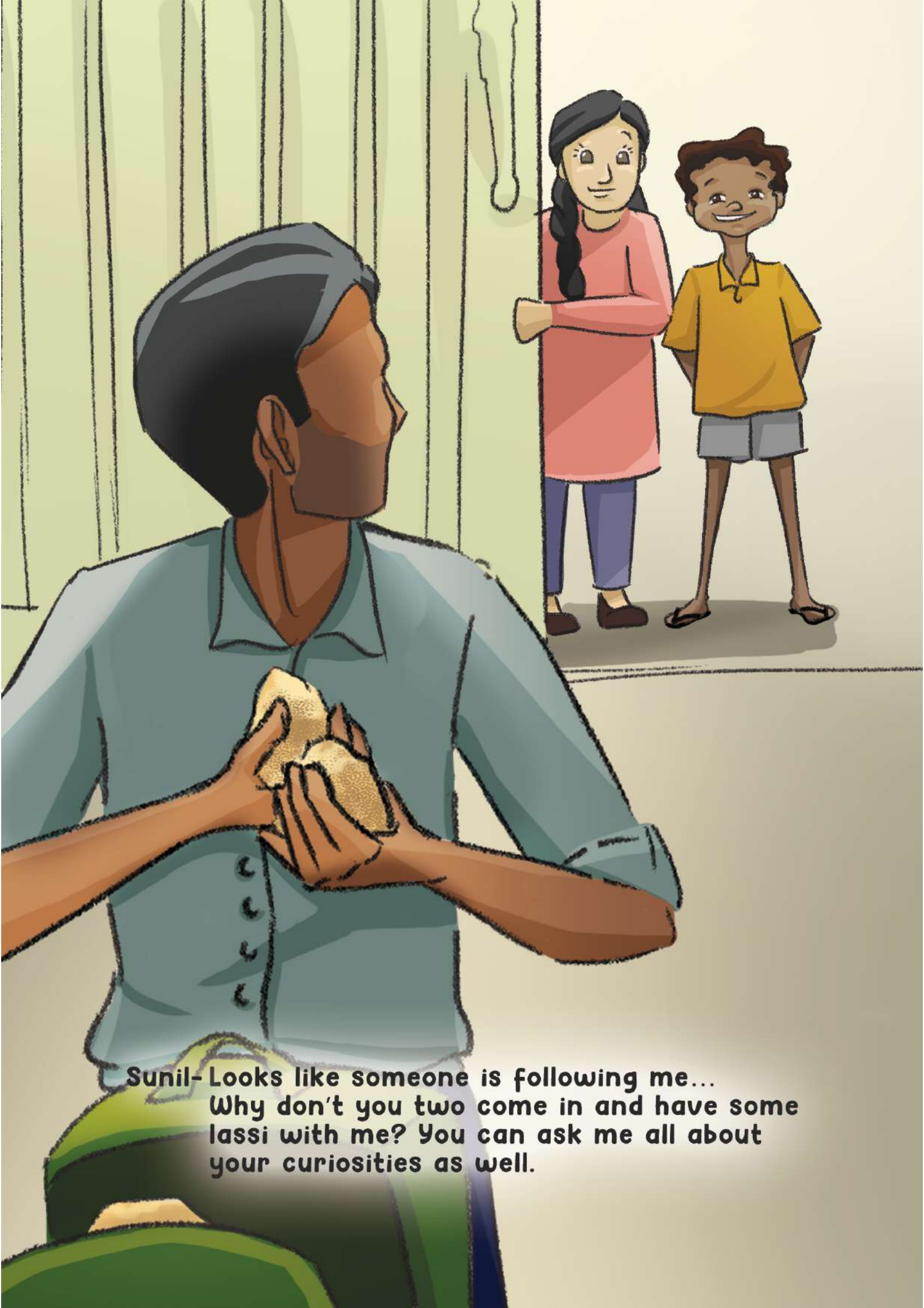
Bhuli- Let's peek into his house and see what he is taking out from his bag.





Bhuli- You are so stupid Kaalu. This man is only taking out stones from his bag. You thought he had treasure?

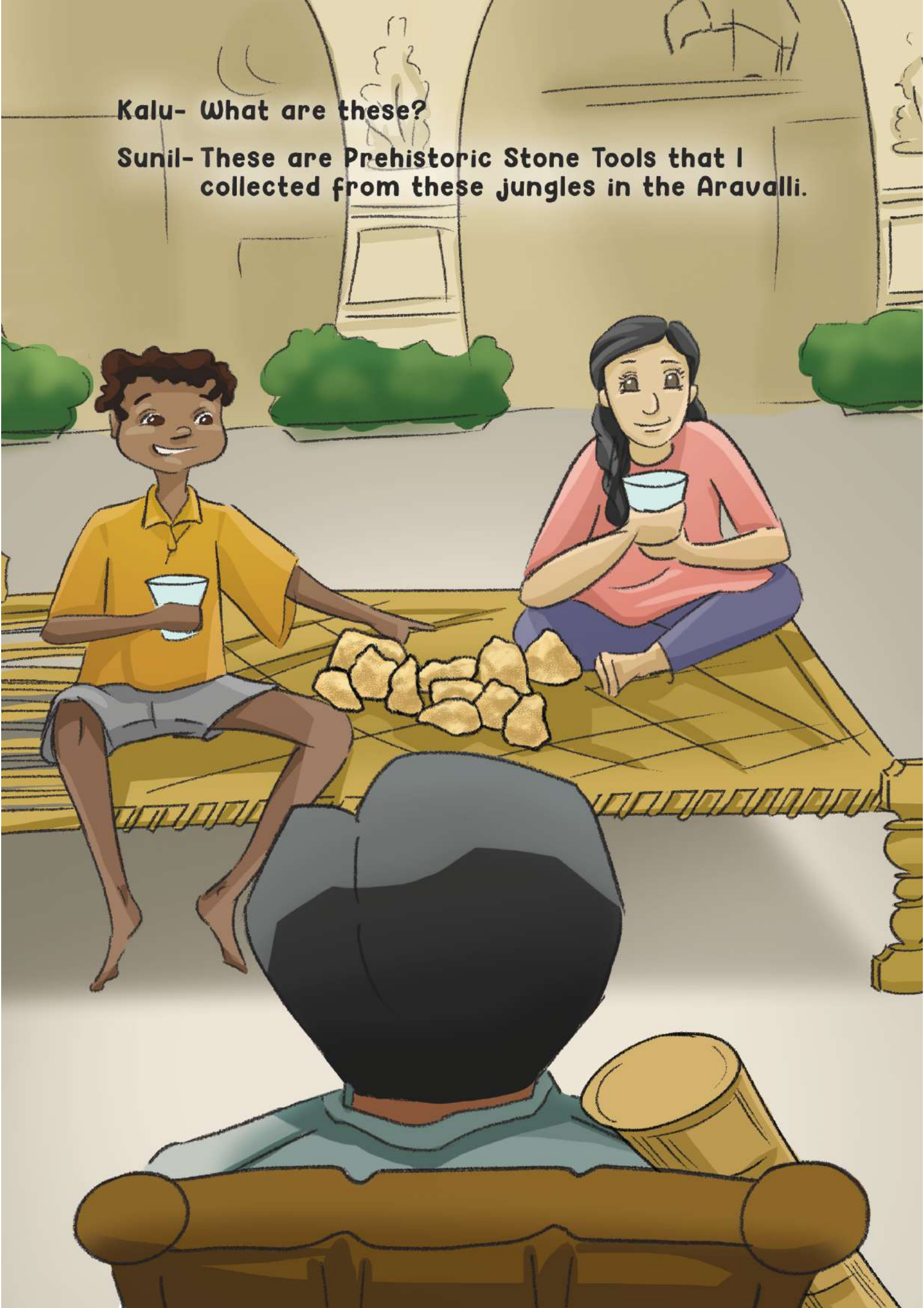
Kalu- But why will this man go deep into the forest every day and bring pieces of stone in his bag? Isn't it unusual?



Sunil- Looks like someone is following me...
Why don't you two come in and have some
lassi with me? You can ask me all about
your curiosities as well.

Kalu- What are these?

Sunil- These are Prehistoric Stone Tools that I collected from these jungles in the Aravalli.



Bhuli- Prehistory??? What does that mean?





Sunil- What is History?

Bhuli- One or more events that happened in the past.

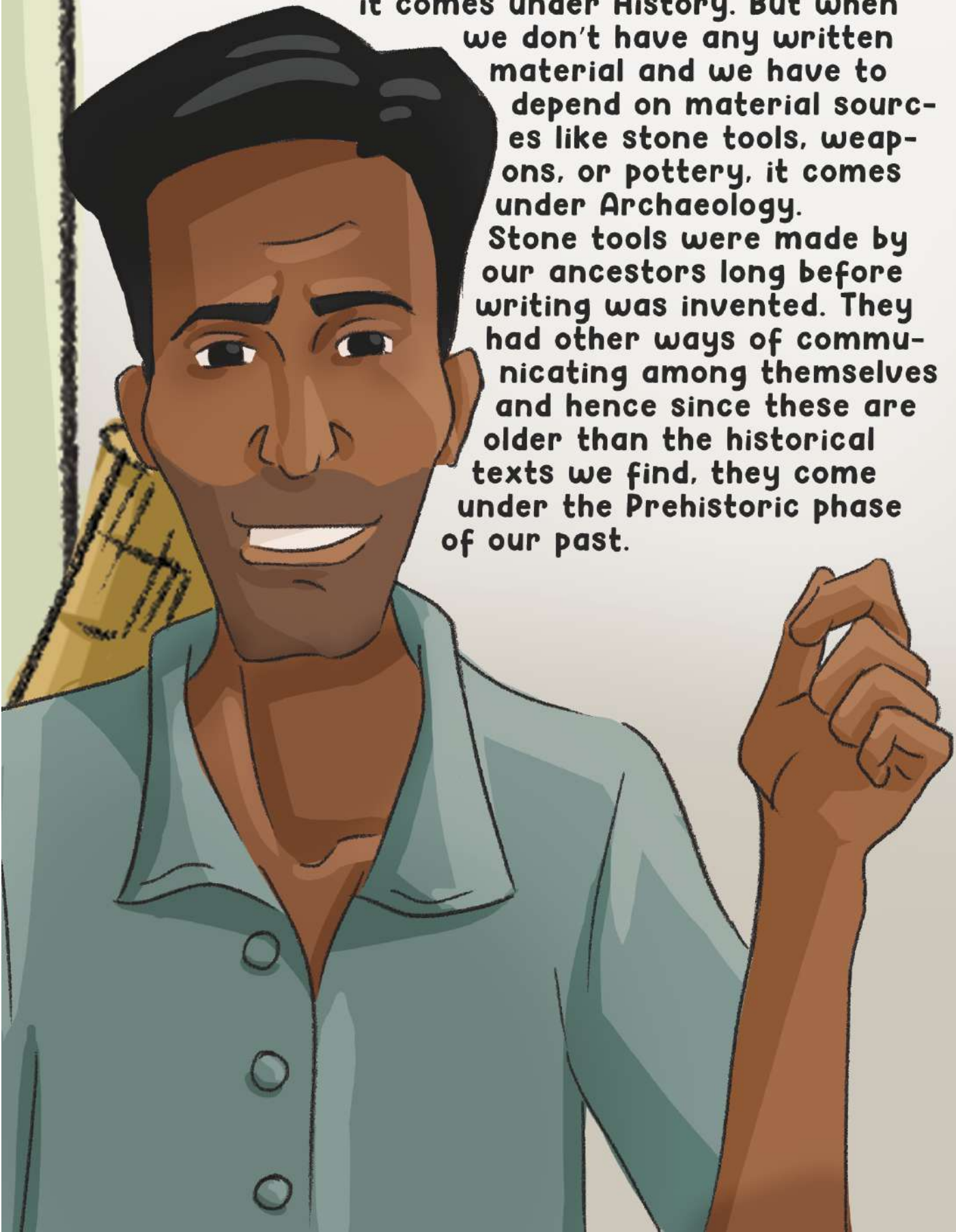
Sunil- Good. Then, what do you think Prehistory means?

Kalu- Pre means before. So, I guess Prehistory means before History.

Sunil- Well... you are mostly correct. But to explain it in a better manner. I would say that History is studied from written or verbal sources. That is... if we have any written material to understand the past...

it comes under History. But when we don't have any written material and we have to depend on material sources like stone tools, weapons, or pottery, it comes under Archaeology.

Stone tools were made by our ancestors long before writing was invented. They had other ways of communicating among themselves and hence since these are older than the historical texts we find, they come under the Prehistoric phase of our past.



Kalu- So if we cannot read about the Prehistoric phase of our past... how do we get to know about it?

Sunil- These are Prehistoric Stone Tools that I collected from these jungles in the Aravalli.





Sunil- Let us go back to the origins of our kind. We trace our origins to the Great Apes who are also known as Hominids. In simple words, our most ancient ancestors started evolving biologically a little differently from the other Great Apes.

The first major physical change was seen when our ancestors started walking on two feet instead of four limbs like our Ape ancestors. This phenomenon was called Bipedalism.