



A Book in Every Child's Hand

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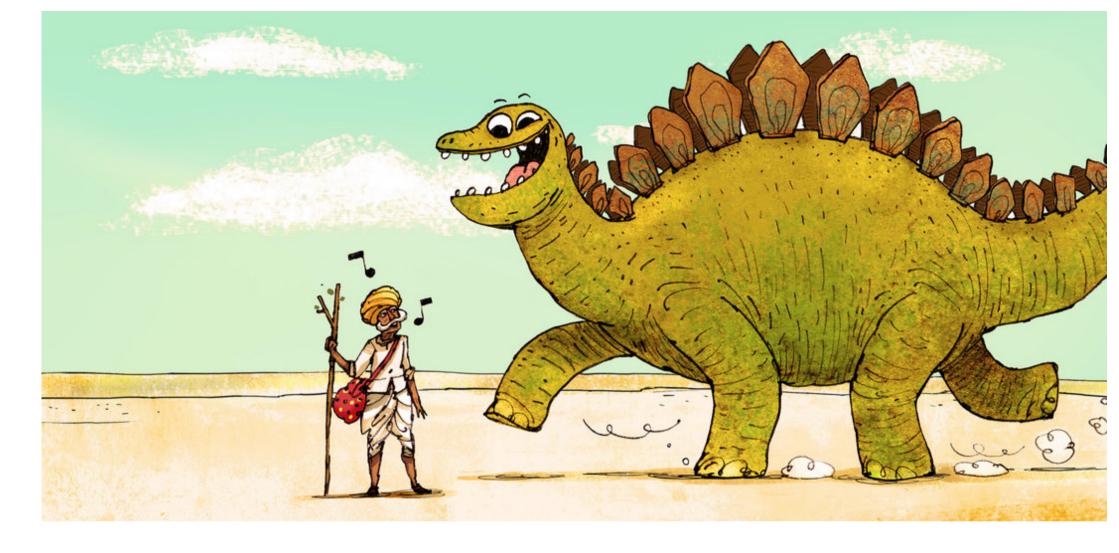
Sukhiya Kaka lived in a village called Bitauna. Bitauna was famous all over Rajasthan for its singers. No celebration was complete without Sukhiya Kaka's sweet songs.

Today he had been invited to village Jhalaura.



Sukhiya Kaka twirled his big moustache and set off. He was singing raag Malhar.

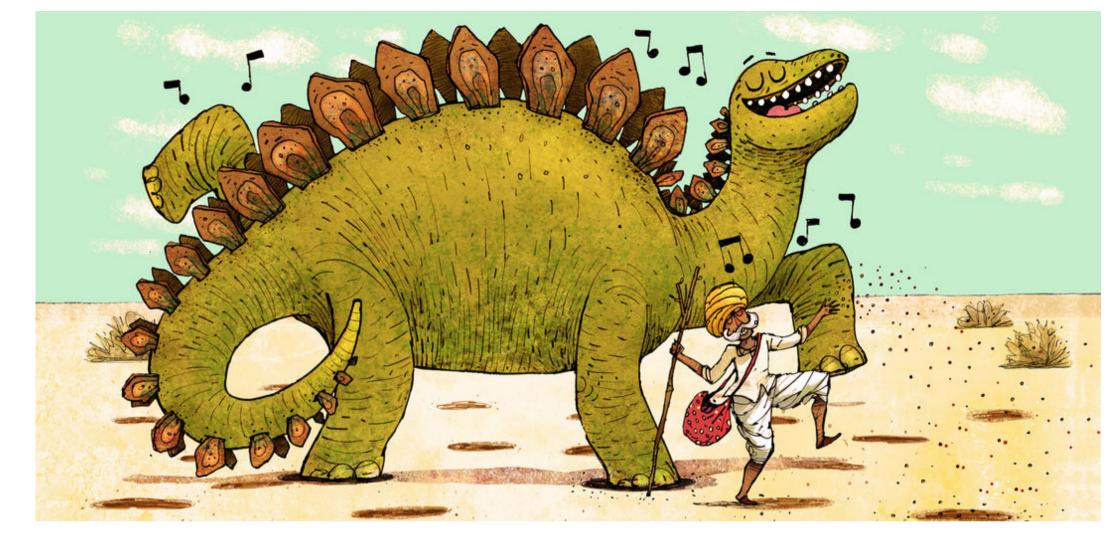
...Come to me o rolling clouds...



Suddenly, he heard, dhupp dhupp dhupp!

Was someone giving a beat to his song?

Dinoo, the dinosuar came running towards him. Sukhiya Kaka was so happy to see him!



You don't get such a BIG listener every day! ... Come to me o rolling clouds, shower me with lovely rain! Sukhiya Kaka and Dinoo sang a duet and did a little jig to keep time.



The clouds just had to listen to them! Lightning flashed and the wind danced. Dark clouds came rolling in. Sukhiya Kaka and Dinoo laughed with joy.



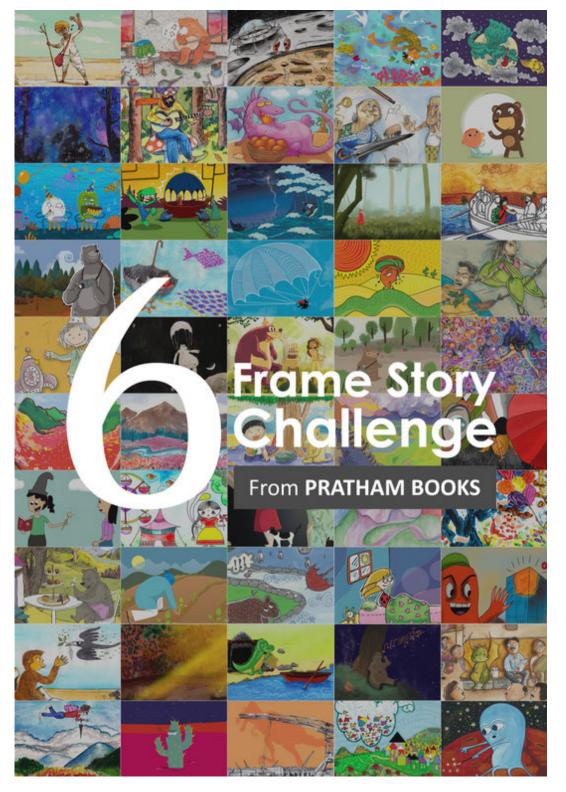
As the rain came pouring down, Sukhiya Kaka and Dinoo shared a small umbrella. Then off they went to Jhalaura following the smell of yummy pakoras, singing ...O thank you for the lovely rain...O..la la la.



Dear Reader,

Have you ever seen a dinosaur? Do you think they would have sung songs?

What do you like to do in the rain? What do you like to eat when it rains?



#6FrameStoryChallenge: A Carnival of Art

The illustrations in this book were created as part of the #6FrameStoryChallenge, an online campaign run by Pratham Books to build a rich bank of illustrations for StoryWeaver. The essence of the #6FrameStoryChallenge was to tell a good story using just 6 illustrations.

The campaign inspired nearly 70 illustrators to donate their time and skills to India's first open-source story-publishing platform for children. What started out as an experimental campaign soon blossomed into a carnival of art, birthing nearly 500 new illustrations.

These wordless narratives cut across language barriers, opening up a world of possibilities, encouraging StoryWeaver's growing community to dream up multiple stories around these images. The #6FrameStoryChallenge is a powerful reminder of the need for collaboration, to get closer to our mission: "A Book in Every Child's Hand."



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Singing in the Rain (English)

Sukhiya Kaka was a famous singer. He met Dinoo who turned out to be his biggest fan. Together they made quite a pair!

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



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