

Gaurin '03

Raksha Bandhan

Sitaram! I am Jaani the Parrot and I live with my beloved Guruji here at Asoka Gardens.



Sitaram, children! I am the guru of the Satyavrat family. Join us as we explore our Hindu festivals.

...and I am Shanti Satyavrat, mother of this home and these are our three lovely children....

I am Pooran Satyavrat, head of the Satyavrat home.....

I am Robbie, Deepak's neighbour and we both go to the Asoka Primary School.

My name is Kirti, I am 11 years old. Deepak calls me Didi.

My name is Deepak and I am nine years old.



...and I am Arjun, the eldest and my little brother and sister call me Bhaiya.



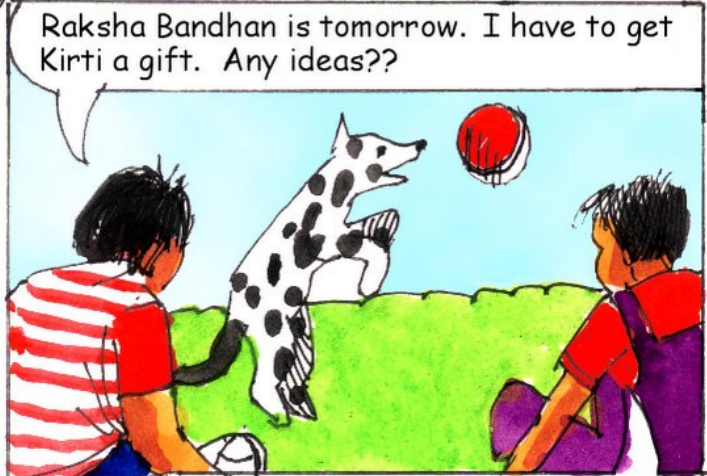
Don't forget me! I am lovable Lapsi, Deepak's pet.



SWAHA



It's holiday time! You know, although we do fun things like going to the beach and the zoo, there is a very special Hindu festival celebrated in this time. Let's join the Satyavrat family as they celebrate **RAKSHA BANDHAN**

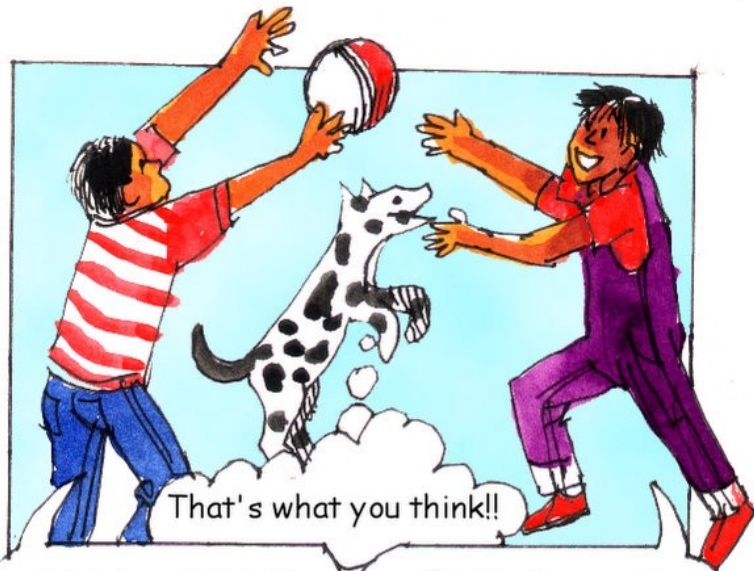


Raksha Bandhan is tomorrow. I have to get Kirti a gift. Any ideas??

Yes...nothing! She gets a gift every year



Oh no! What has Robbie said? Deepak looks upset. It looks like he's going home.....poor Deepak....



That's what you think!!

Catch, Lapsill! Catch!!

Not before me!!



Nothing? What do you mean?

You have to buy her a gift every year and all you ever get is a string and kurma.



Deepak sits at home looking troubled.



Beta? Is something wrong??

.....nooo.....

Don't forget we have to get Kirti's gift today.
Why don't we go to the mall now?



.....okaaaaay.....

Ma?..how come we have to buy Kirti a gift?



Yes, I know. But how come all I ever get is a
a string and a kurma?



Tomorrow is Raksha Bandhan, beta...you always
buy her a present.

It's not *just* a string and a kurma, Deepak.
It's a rakhi. And it is a symbol of the bond of
love shared between a brother and a sister.

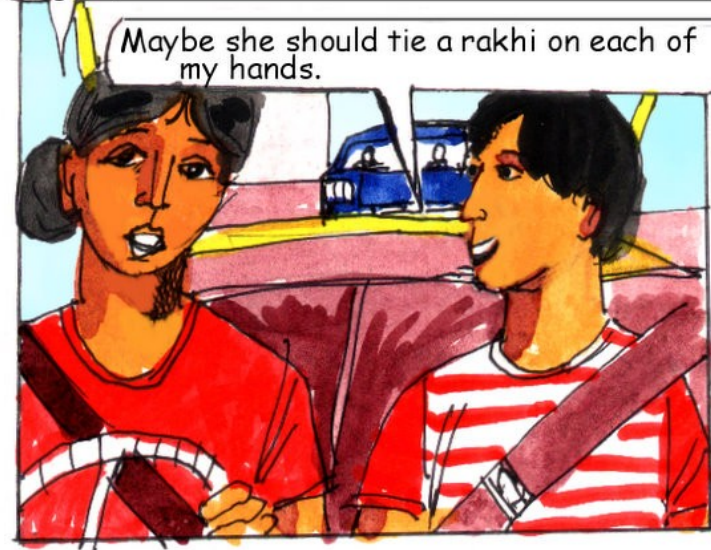


Yes. Do you know that when Kirti ties that
rakhi she is actually praying for your health,
strength and happiness...and that you will
always protect her?



Really?

So now don't you think your didi deserves a
gift?



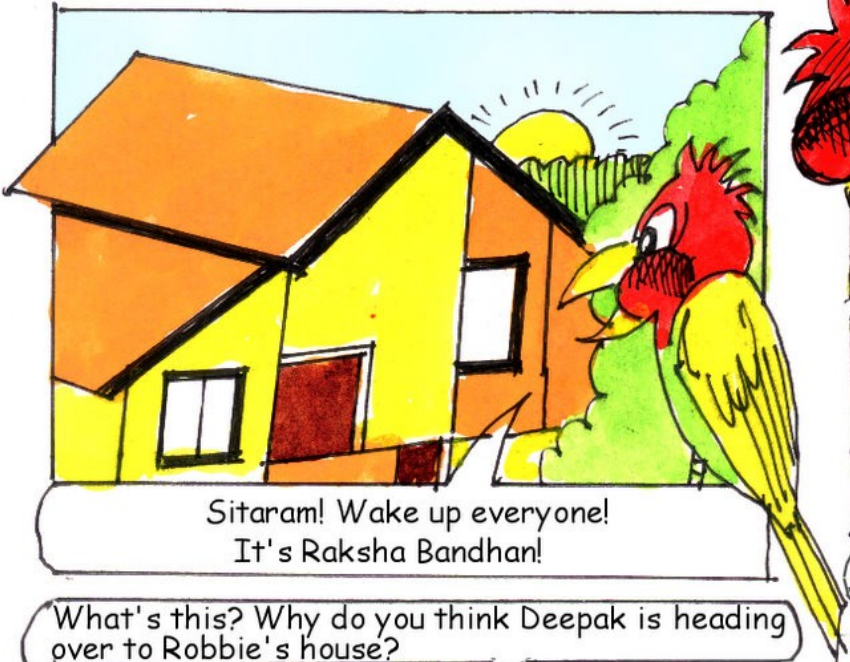
Maybe she should tie a rakhi on each of
my hands.



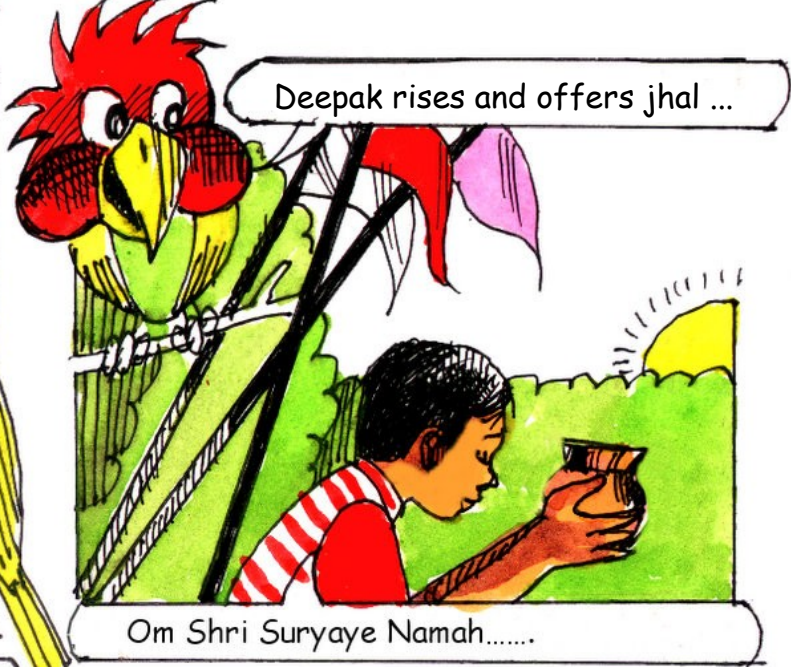
Yes! Let's go!!



It looks like Deepak has chosen Kirti's gift.....what beautiful bindis!!

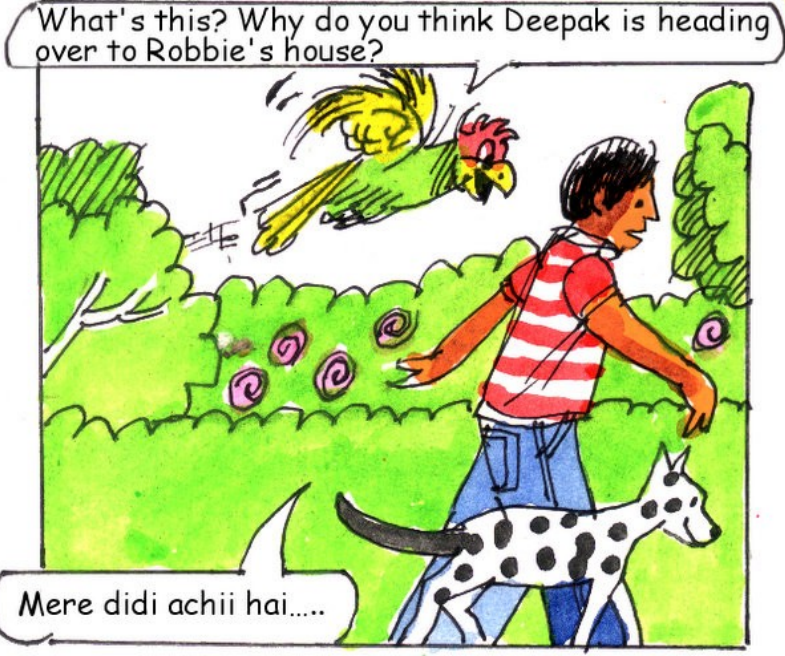


Sitaram! Wake up everyone!
It's Raksha Bandhan!



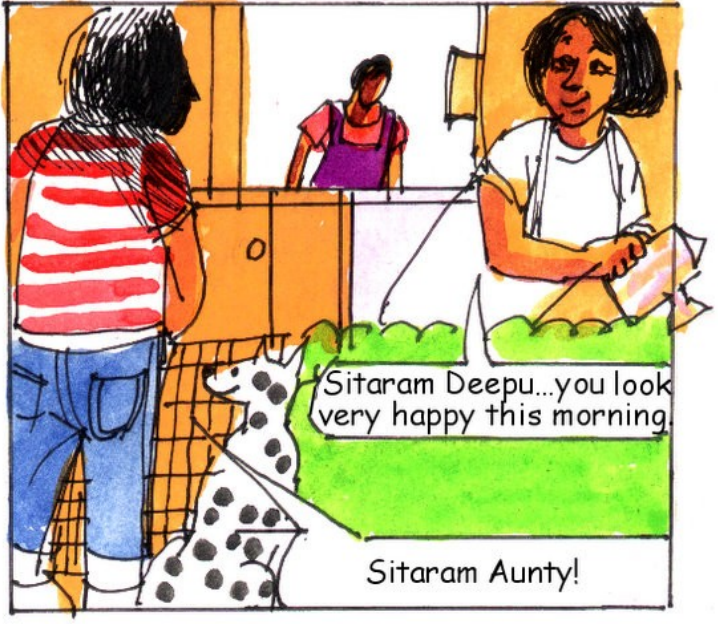
Deepak rises and offers jhal ...

Om Shri Suryaye Namah.....



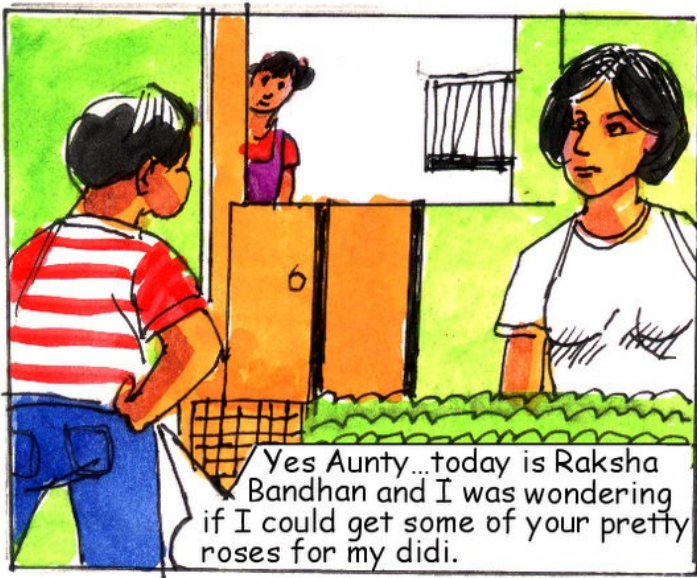
What's this? Why do you think Deepak is heading over to Robbie's house?

Mere didi achii hai.....



Sitaram Deepu...you look very happy this morning.

Sitaram Aunty!



Yes Aunty...today is Raksha Bandhan and I was wondering if I could get some of your pretty roses for my didi.



Of course, Deepak. You're such a loving brother!

Thank you, aunty!



Psst... Deepak... what did you get Kirti?

It's up in my room....let's go! Watch out for didi !!



So do you think she will like them?

Yeah...but I'm sure she'll like mine better.



I got these next door. Want to share?

Sure.....give me a few...



Bhaiya mere rakhi ke bandhan ko neebhana...



Are you all set, beti?

I think so...let's see ...aarti....

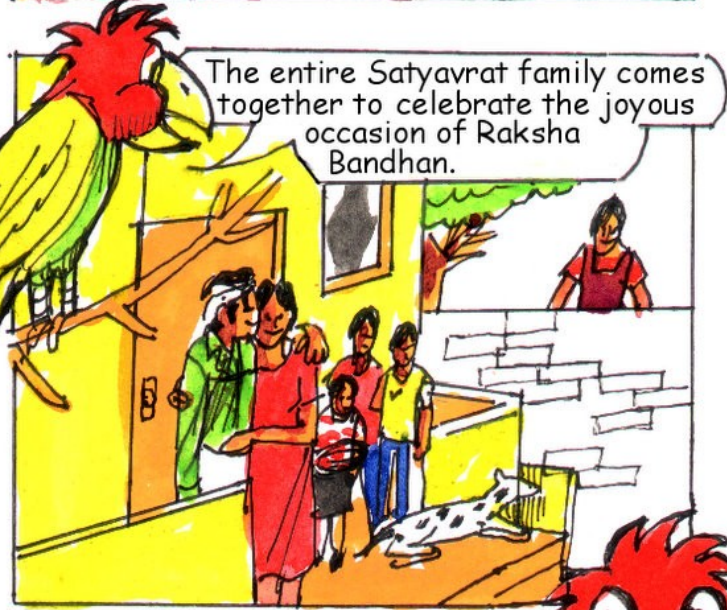


...rakhis...meetai...chandan...malaas



That's everything.

Very good, beti..let's go. Your brothers are waiting.



The entire Satyavrat family comes together to celebrate the joyous occasion of Raksha Bandhan.



Me first, didi!

No! I'm older.I'm first

Okay...okay...both of you together.



Look how excited the brothers are as Kirti applies chandan!

Next, she lovingly garlands them....



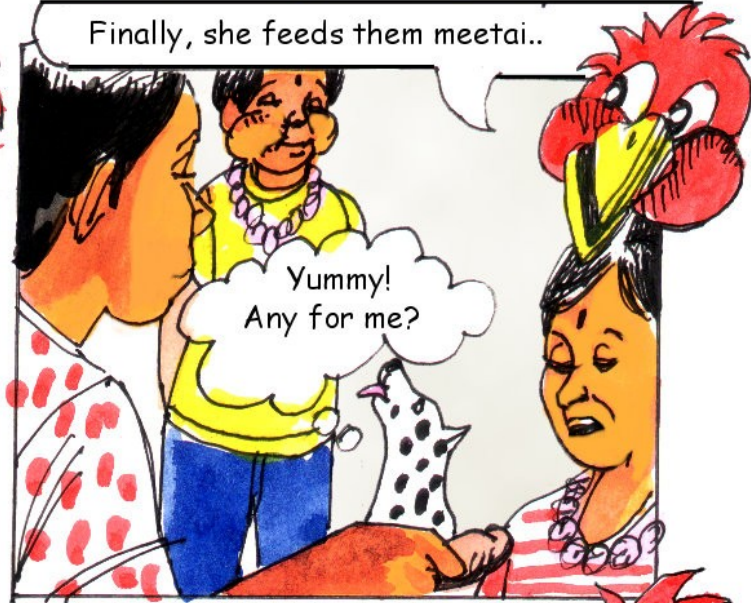
...then Kirti performs aarti.



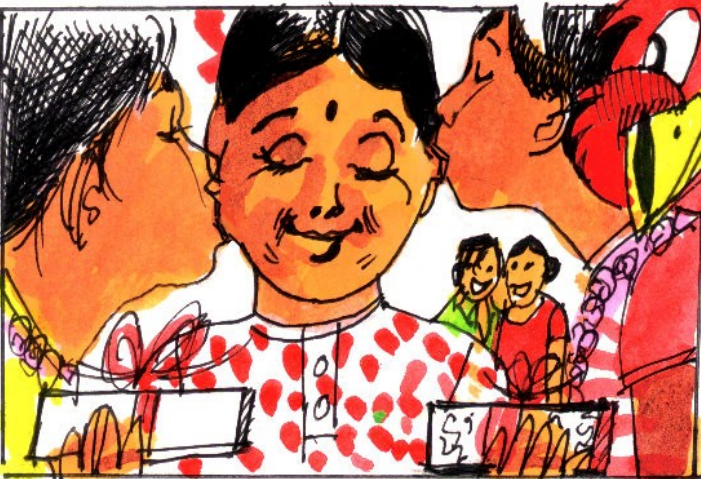
Oh, what beautiful rakhis!!



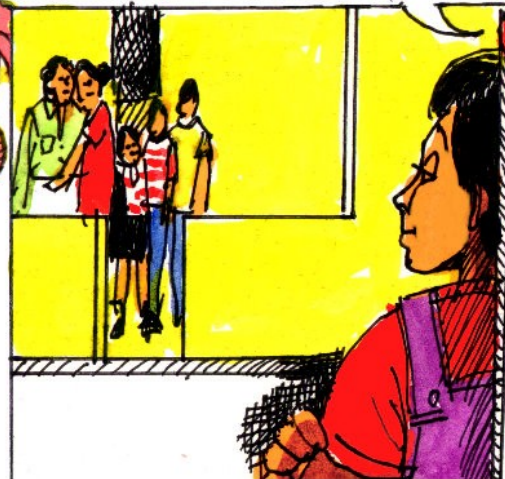
Finally, she feeds them meetai..

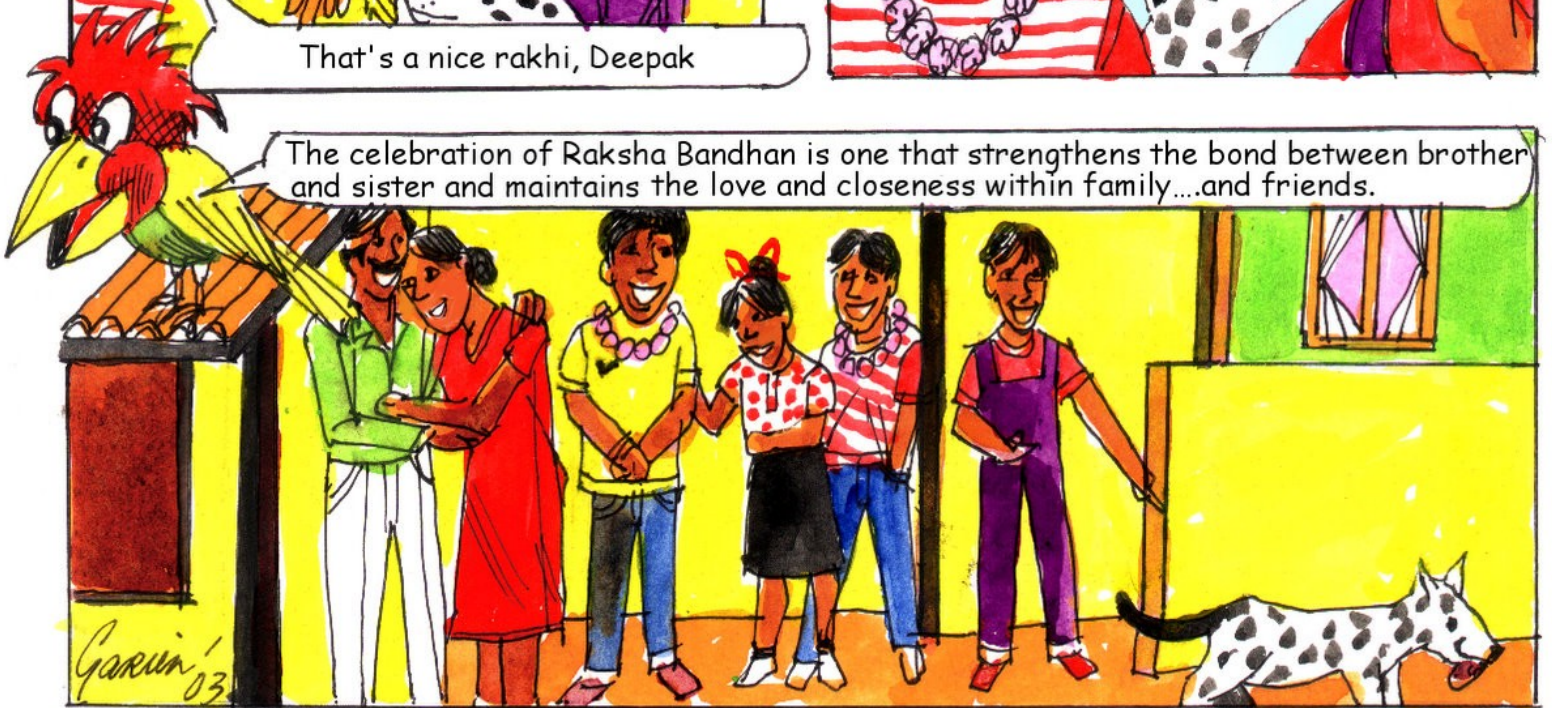


How proud these parents must feel!!



Poor Robbie.....







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