

Meena is a little girl, who lives in a village with her parents, her grandmother, her brother Say, and her baby sister Rani. Keo the parrot is her best friend.

In many ways, Meena is like any other little girl you know. But in some ways she is completely different.

One evening, Meena's grandmother told Meena and Say the story of Angle. She told that every time people got sick, they always ask for help from the Angle, who would appear in their dream and make all their wishes come true.



That night, Meena dreamt that she and Say were flying over the world on a magic cloud. They saw many wonderful things.



Meena and Say saw villages where children were ill and unhappy.



Meena felt sad to see the sick children.



She realized that many illnesses are caused because people don't use clean water for bathing and drinking.



In her dreams, Meena was asked to see the Angle.  
At once the Angle appeared before her!



The Angel told Meena that she could offer to give Meena whatever she wanted- gold necklace, gold bracelet, rubies, etc. The Angle asked “what would she wish for?”



“ My first wish is everyone would use clean latrines,”  
Meena answered.



“ The second wish is that everyone would use safe, clean water so that they don’t fall ill.”



“ My third wish is people would wash their hands before eating, and after using the latrine or cleaning a baby,” said Meena.



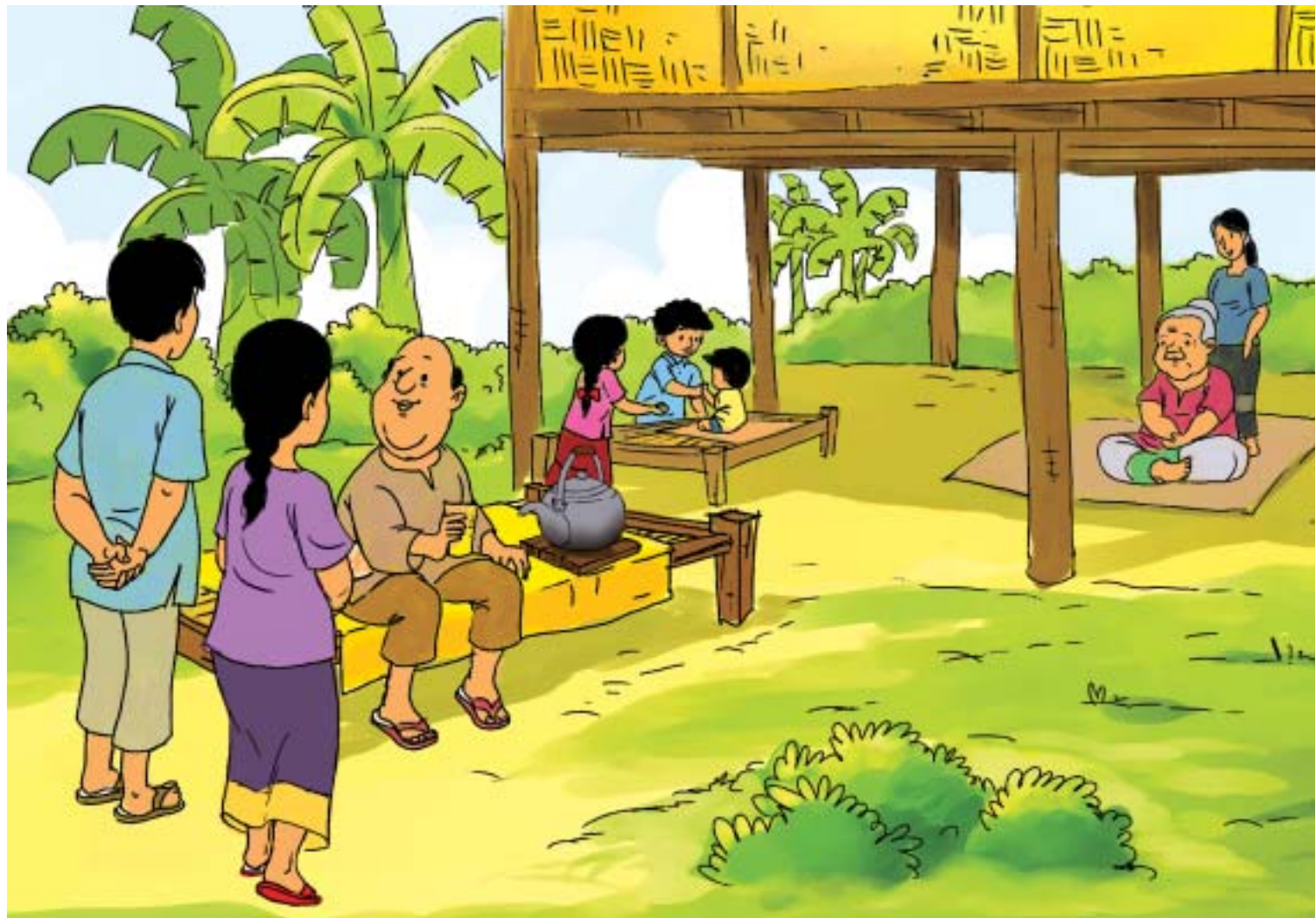
The Angel was surprised at Meena's three wishes, but she granted them. And in her dream, Meena saw the villagers become healthy and happy.



Meena told Say about her dream the next morning. She decided that she would try hard to make her wishes come true.



Later that day, the village head and Meena's friend Dara visited Meena's house. They talk about building latrines in their village.



Meena and her family were able to build a low cost, clean, and qualified latrine, with Dara' help.



Soon, Meena's first wish came true. Other people in the village also built their own latrines...



...And Keo flew around and made sure that everyone use them!



Meena and Say also explained to the villagers that they should use the clean water from the well for drinking, bathing, and washing food and utensils.



Once again, Keo flew around the village, reminding children drink or bath in water that is clean.



Though two wishes had been fulfilled, many children in Meena's village continued to suffer from diarrhea. Meena called a meeting of her friends to do something to achieve the third wish and make people healthy.



Meena and her friends explained to the others that it is important for everyone to wash their hands with water and soap or ash before eating, and after using the latrine or cleaning a baby.



It was not long before Meena's third wish also came true. With clean latrines, safe, clean water, and clean habits, all the villagers became healthy and happy.



Meena was happiest of all, for all her wishes had come true!

