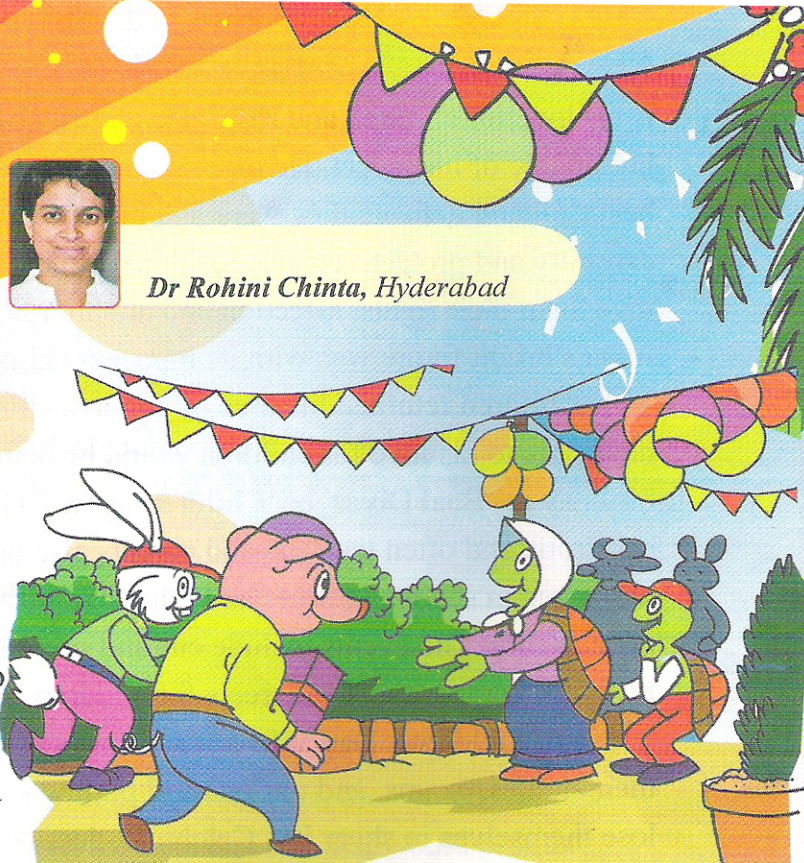


Plumpy Gets a Gift!



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Plumpy pig and Fluffy rabbit were very excited. They were going to Tintu tortoise's birthday party. Tintu's house was up on the hill and the path leading to Tintu's house was decorated with red and green balloons tied to the trees. The balloons looked beautiful against the blue sky. Looking at them made Fluffy very happy.



"Hey! Plumpy! Look at all those beautiful balloons! Aren't they lovely?"

shouted Fluffy excitedly. But Plumpy could not see anything! Plumpy was a pig and pigs cannot see the sky and they cannot look up! Plumpy felt very sad!

"Don't worry Plumpy!" Fluffy said trying to cheer up Plumpy. "I will lead the way. And when we reach Tintu's house I will pull down the balloons and give them to you. Then you can see them!"

"Okay!" Plumpy said cheering up a bit. Just then, it started to rain. Fluffy and Plumpy rushed to take shelter under a tree. Polly sparrow was sitting on the tree. Seeing the two friends she chirped happily "Hi! Fluffy and Plumpy! Look at the beautiful rainbow up in the sky!" This made Plumpy further sad. He never saw a rainbow or the clouds or the stars or even the birds fly. He was really very unhappy now! He wouldn't talk! The friends

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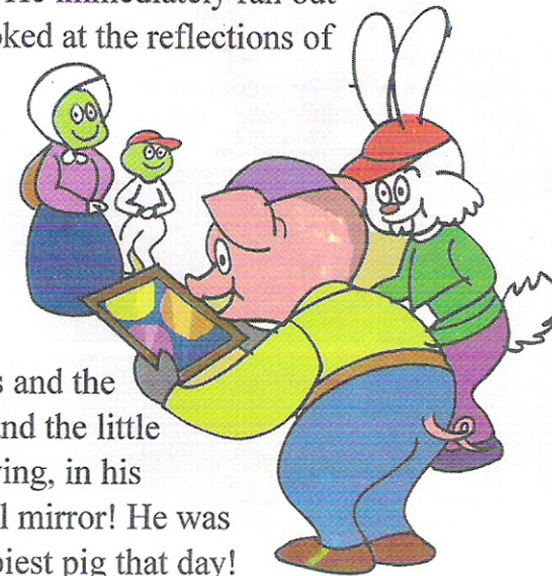
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Have you ever noticed a green chameleon on a mango tree or red chameleon sitting on a brick wall? The surprising fact is that a completely blind chameleon will still take on the colours of its environment.

stood quietly till the rain stopped and then they went to Tintu's house.

Tintu was very happy to see his friends. The house was beautifully decorated with red and yellow and blue and pink flowers! They had chocolate cake, honey buns, four different ice-creams and lots of chocolates too! They played lots of games. It was a grand party! Plumpy forgot all about his unhappiness. And when it was time to go, Tintu's mother gave them lovely return gifts! And you know what Plumpy got! Surprise! He got a beautiful, gold-bordered mirror!

Oh my! Plumpy was really happy! He immediately ran out and looked at the reflections of



balloons and the clouds and the little birds flying, in his beautiful mirror! He was the happiest pig that day!

And his friends were happy too for him! ●

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*Hey kids, this is going to be super exciting.

All you need to do here is to find out the name of a famous personality, hidden in the bubble below.



Take out one letter at a time and fill in each box to complete the name. Here is the bubble for you this time.

CLUE: He is the best ever cricketer India has produced.