



Dear Parents and Teachers

Read out this story to the little ones with suitable gestures and voice modulation so that they listen to you with rapt attention.

—Editor



The Rainbow Cottage

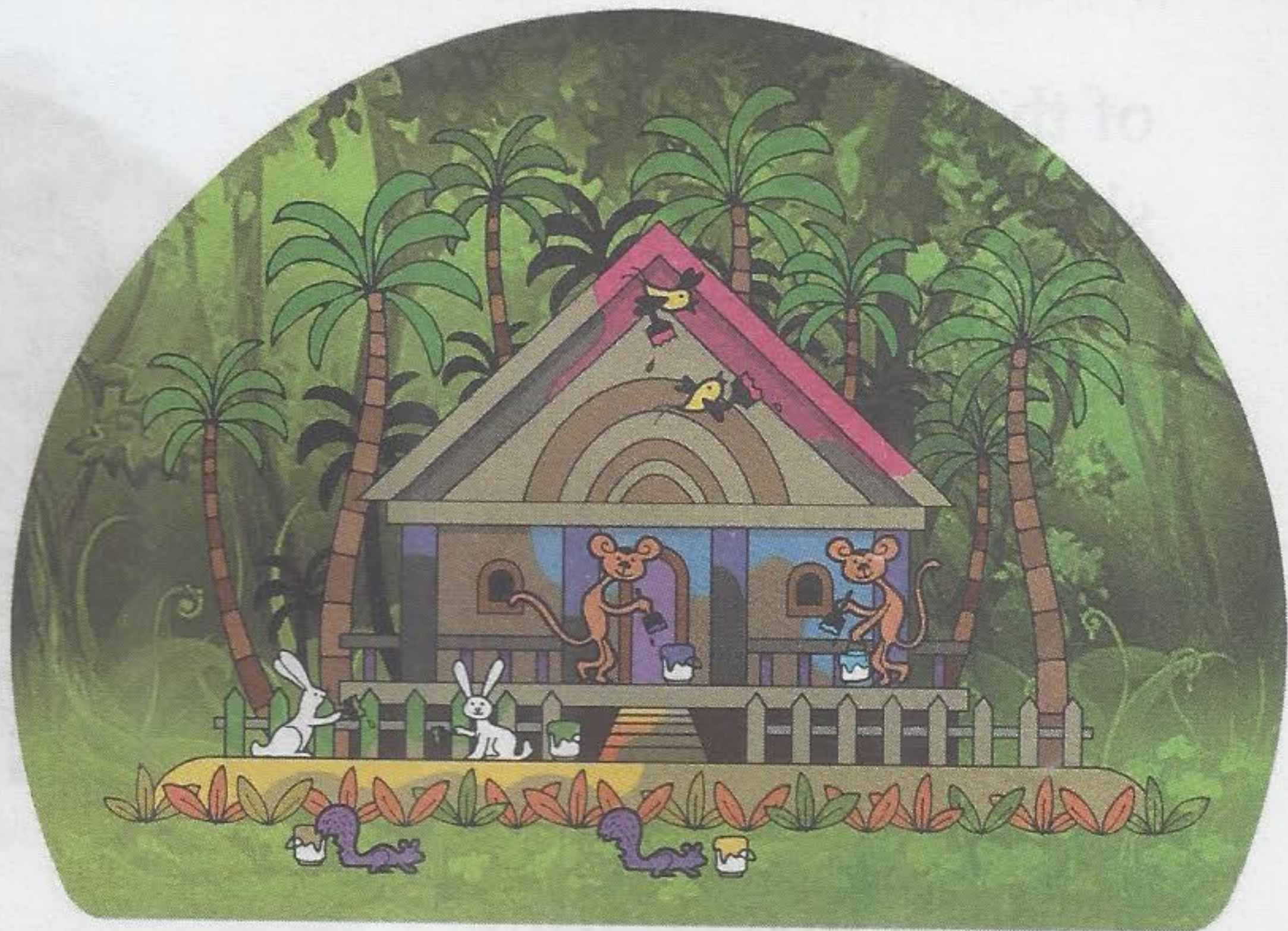
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In a little cottage at the edge of a forest, there lived two lovely kids, Anu and Mittu. They loved their cottage and shared it with the animals around. Birds lived on its roof, rabbits played near its fence, monkeys swung on its swings and squirrels ran across the ground. The kids loved the animals and played with them all-day long. It was a happy little place. But there was just one problem. The cottage looked dull and dusty, no matter how hard Anu and Mittu cleaned it. The kids and animals too felt sad about it.



One day, when Anu and Mittu went to pluck fruits in the forest, the animals had an idea to beautify the cottage. They started painting the cottage. The birds liked pink, so they painted the roof, pink. The rabbits liked green and they painted the fence, green.

The monkeys liked blue, and they painted the walls, blue. The squirrels liked yellow, so they painted the path, yellow. After completing the work they hid in the nearby trees and waited for Anu and Mittu to come back.



By evening the kids came back from the forest with lots of fruits. Just as they were about to open the gate, all the animals came out

Observe the picture and write the names of the animals.



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