



Level 3

An Amazing World

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The Seetabadi Fair takes place every year in a village in Rajasthan.
This year too, Lalchand set up shop. A shop of turbans!



He decorated the shop with colorful turbans from all over the country and set aside the Rajsthani turbans for sale.

Not only did the colorful shop attract people at the fair, it also drew huge crowds from the villages nearby.

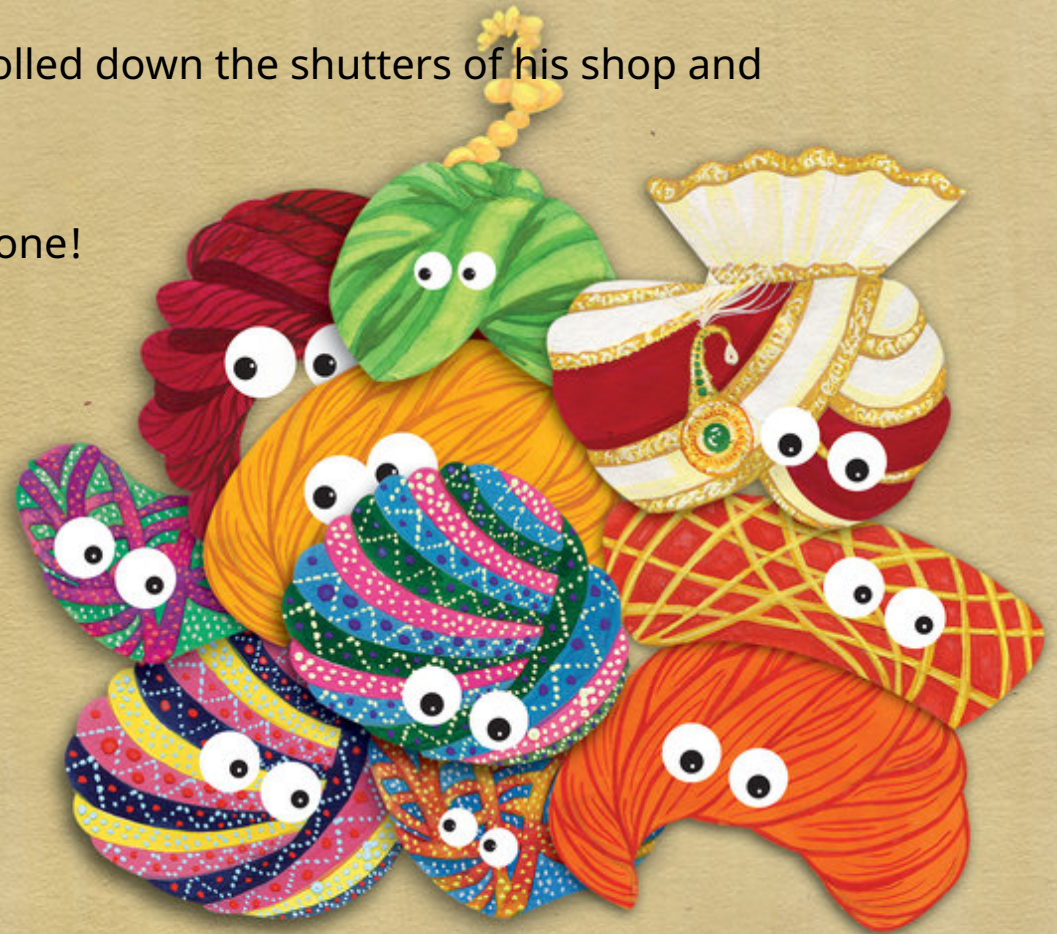
Anyone who looked at the shop of turbans was amazed at the variety of turbans!



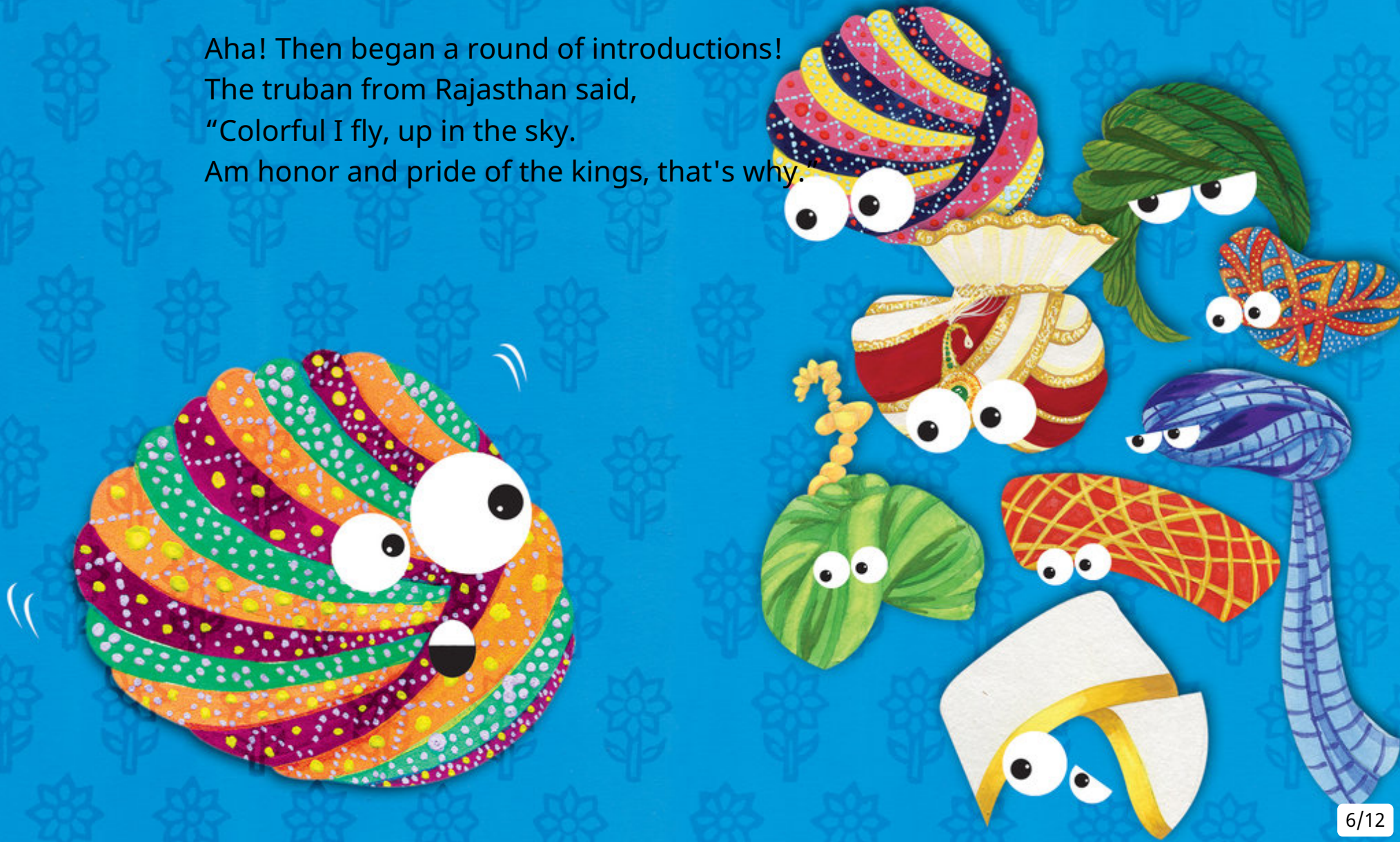
Slowly, night fell. The sweet shops and the merry-go-rounds closed down.

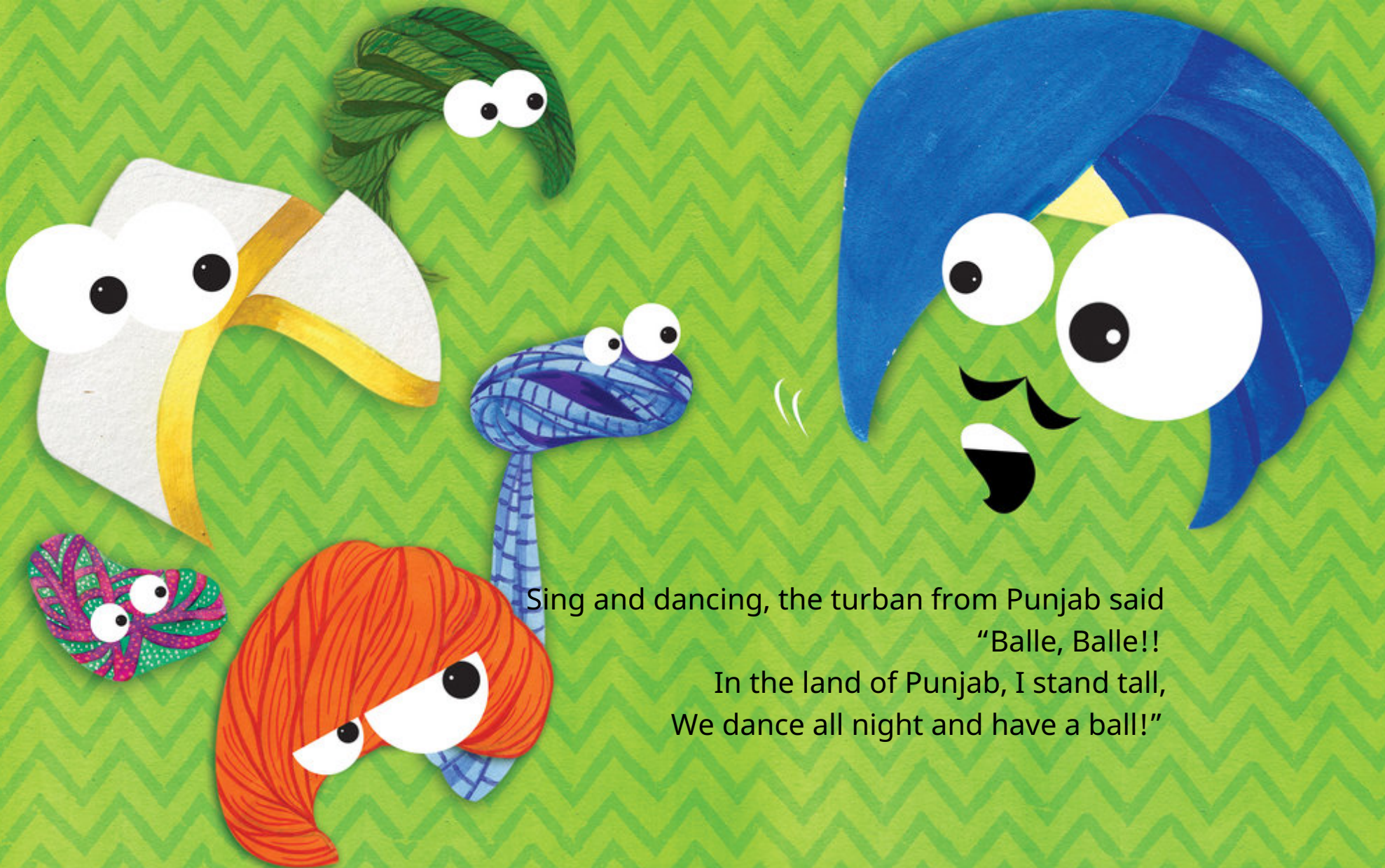
Lalchand was also tired. He rolled down the shutters of his shop and went to sleep.

Now, the turbans were left alone!



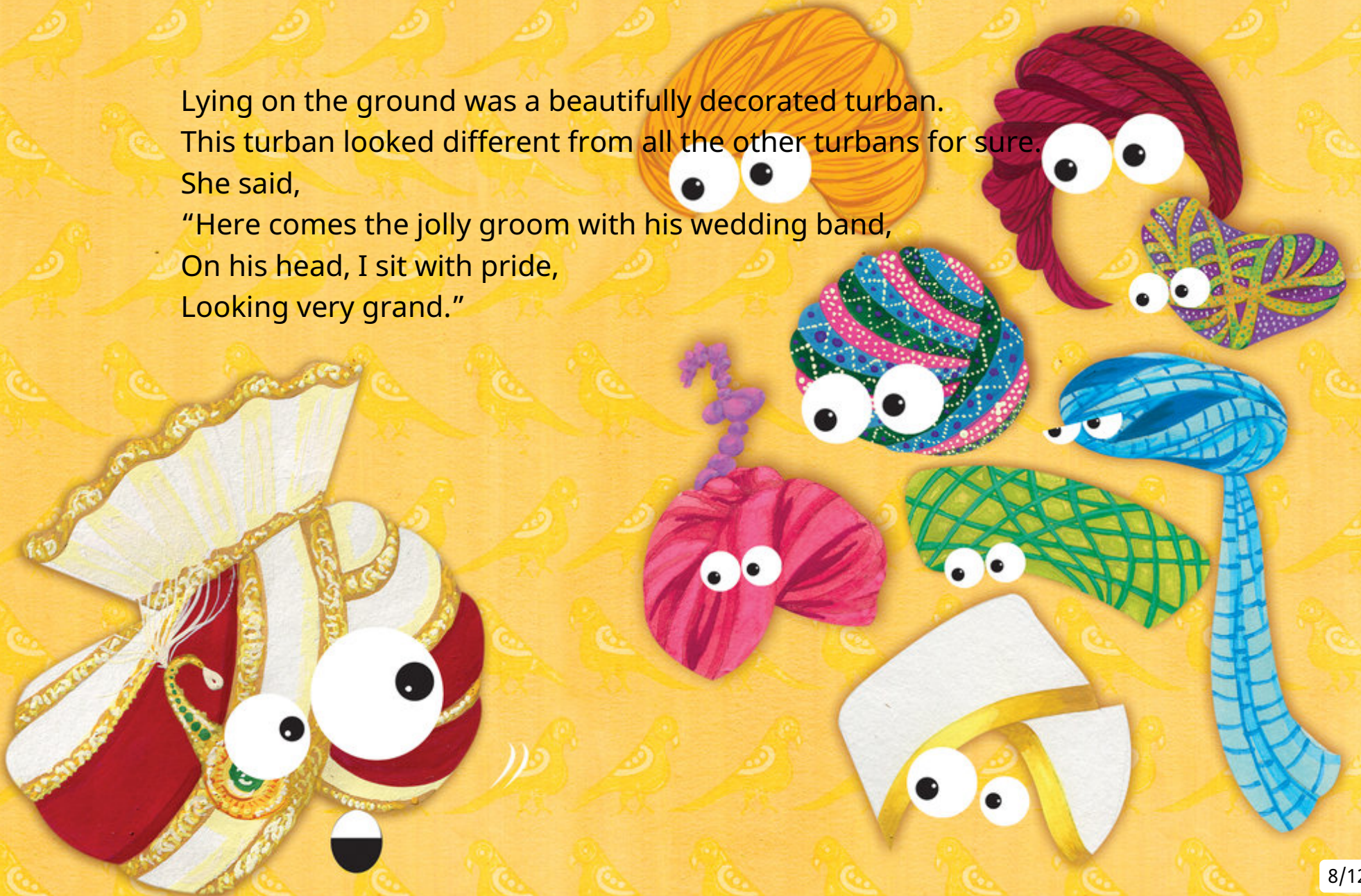
Aha! Then began a round of introductions!
The truban from Rajasthan said,
"Colorful I fly, up in the sky.
Am honor and pride of the kings, that's why."

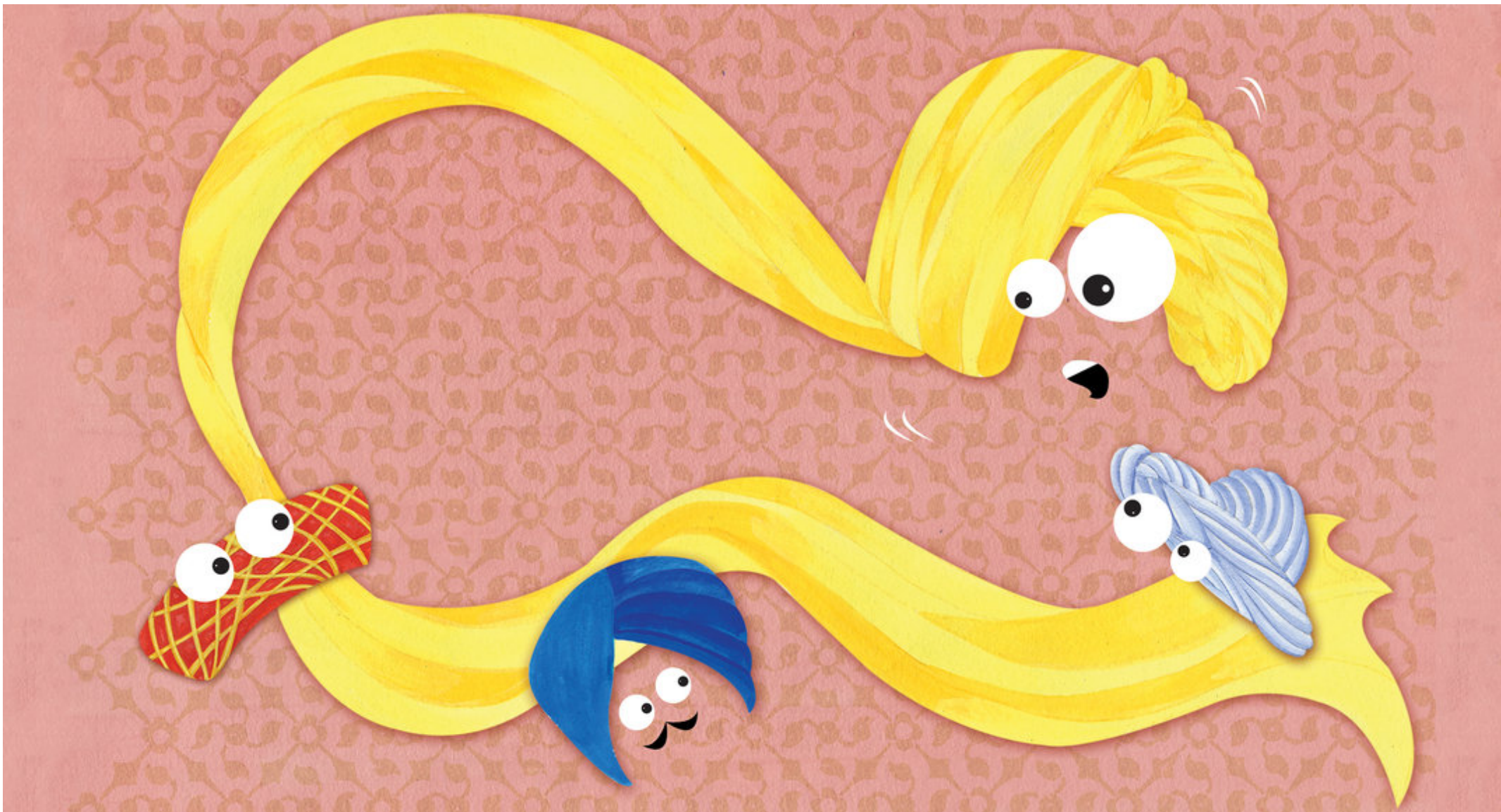




Sing and dancing, the turban from Punjab said
"Balle, Balle!!
In the land of Punjab, I stand tall,
We dance all night and have a ball!"

Lying on the ground was a beautifully decorated turban.
This turban looked different from all the other turbans for sure.
She said,
"Here comes the jolly groom with his wedding band,
On his head, I sit with pride,
Looking very grand."





The nine yard yellow- coloured turban introduced herself.
“Look at me, I'm nine-yards long,
Tied around the farmer's head, who sings a happy song.”
Nine yards long! Such a long turban thought the other turbans, unable to stop staring.



All except one of the turbans introduced themselves. Eyeing the other turbans as they spoke about themselves, she waited for her turn.

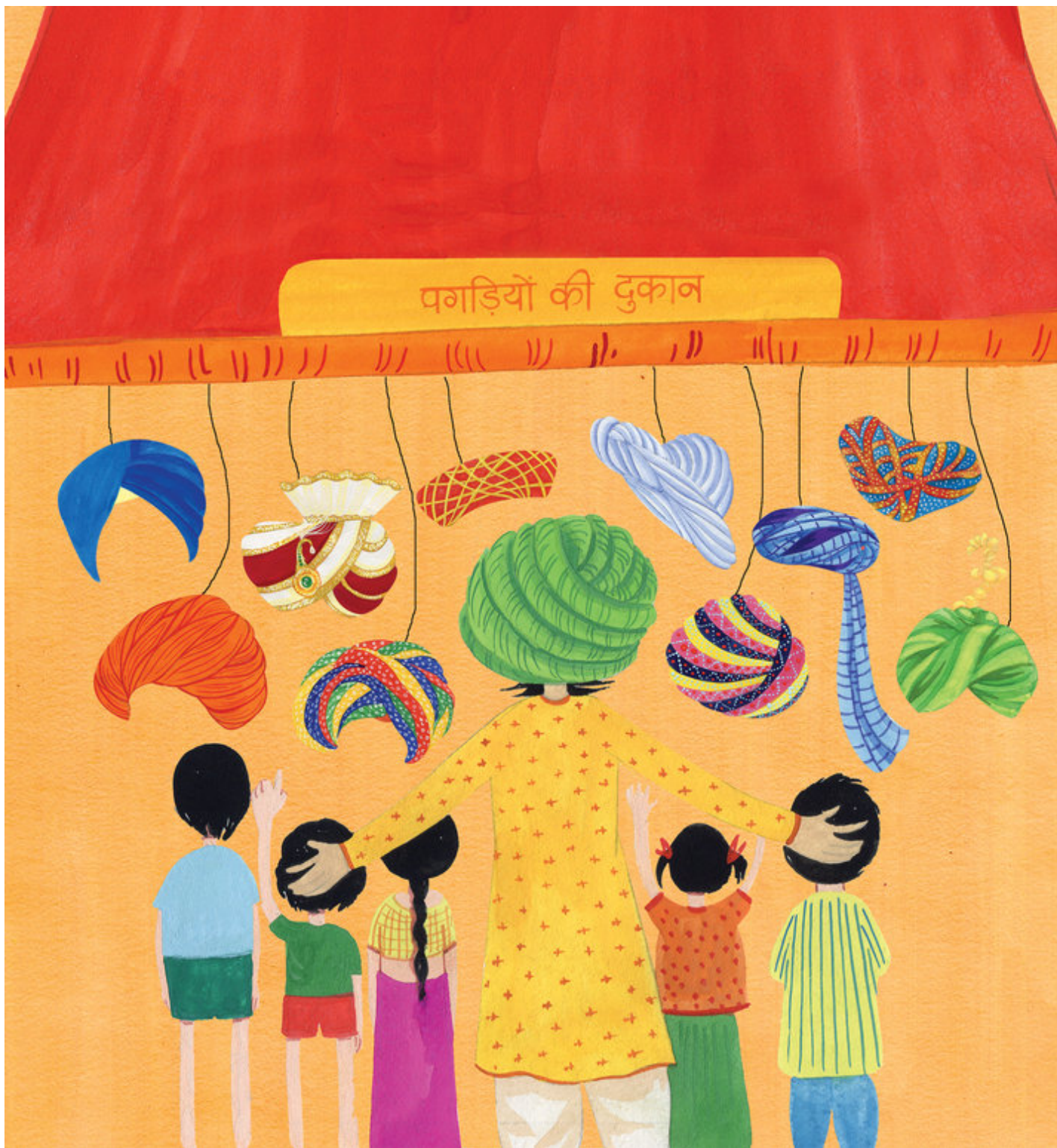
She smiled and said,
“My master is so roly-poly,
goes to bed with a puffed-up
belly.

A name that's spread so wide
and far...

I am the turban from Marwar.”



The night grew darker. The turbans chatted away merrily, so much so that they lost track of time. The whole fair had gone to sleep, but you could hear the sound of chatter from Lalchand's shop.



The next morning, Lalchand opened his shop. Slowly and steadily, children began to gather around the shop.

Lalchand, the turbans, and the children were very happy!!

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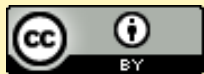


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(English)

Turbans are synonymous with cultural tradition of India. The story is an informational narrative about different kinds of turbans which are commonly worn in India. The turbans have been personified to introduce themselves one by one in an interesting poetic form. Vibrant, striking and colorful illustrations add life to the story.

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