



Today is Rashid's first day at school. After reaching his classroom, he sat down on a bench. He sat beside a boy named Hassan.

Hi, I'm Rashid.
What's your name?

I'm Hassan. Nice to meet you,
Rashid. Where are you from?



I'm from Chittagong. Where are you from, Hassan?

I'm from Rajshahi. When did you move to Dhaka?



I moved here just last month.
Why did you choose to come
to this school?

Well, my parents thought it
was a good school.

Why did your parents choose
this school for you?



My parents heard good things about this school too. Do you have any siblings?

Yes, I have a younger sister. How about you? Do you have any siblings?



No, I am an only child. What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play football. What about you? What are your hobbies?



I enjoy reading books. What's your favorite subject in school?

Math is my favorite subject. How about you? Which subject do you enjoy?



I really like science. Is it your first day in this school?

No, I've been here for a couple of years now. How about you? Is it your first day?



Yes, it's my very first day.
What do you think about our
new teacher?

I think she's nice. How about
you? What do you think about
her?



I did not meet her yet, so I'm not sure. What's your favorite book

I love adventure stories. Do you like to read adventure books?



Yes, I do. Which adventure book is your favorite?

I really like "Treasure Island."
Did you read it?



No, I did not. What is it about?
Who is the main character?

It's about pirates and treasure
hunting. The main character
is a boy named Jim Hawkins.
Did you read any books with
pirates in them?



No, but that sounds interesting. Can you recommend any other books with pirates?

Sure, you should read "Peter Pan" too. It's another great one. Have you heard of it?



Yes, I've heard of it. By the way, what class do we have now?

I think we have Chemistry class now. But the teacher is late. Why do you think the teacher is late?



I think the teacher is late because of traffic. How long does it take for you to come to school?

It takes 30 minutes if there is no traffic. And 1 hour if there is traffic. Do you know when our tiffin period is?



Tiffin period starts from 1pm.
Now it is 11am. So two hours
later.

Okay thank you for telling me.
What did you bring for tiffin?



I brought noodles. What about you?

I did not bring tiffin. I brought 100 taka. I will buy tiffin from the canteen.



What will you buy?

I am not sure yet. Do you know what is good here?



Buy the chicken burger from the canteen. It is very delicious.

Thank you for telling me. Oh look, the teacher is here.



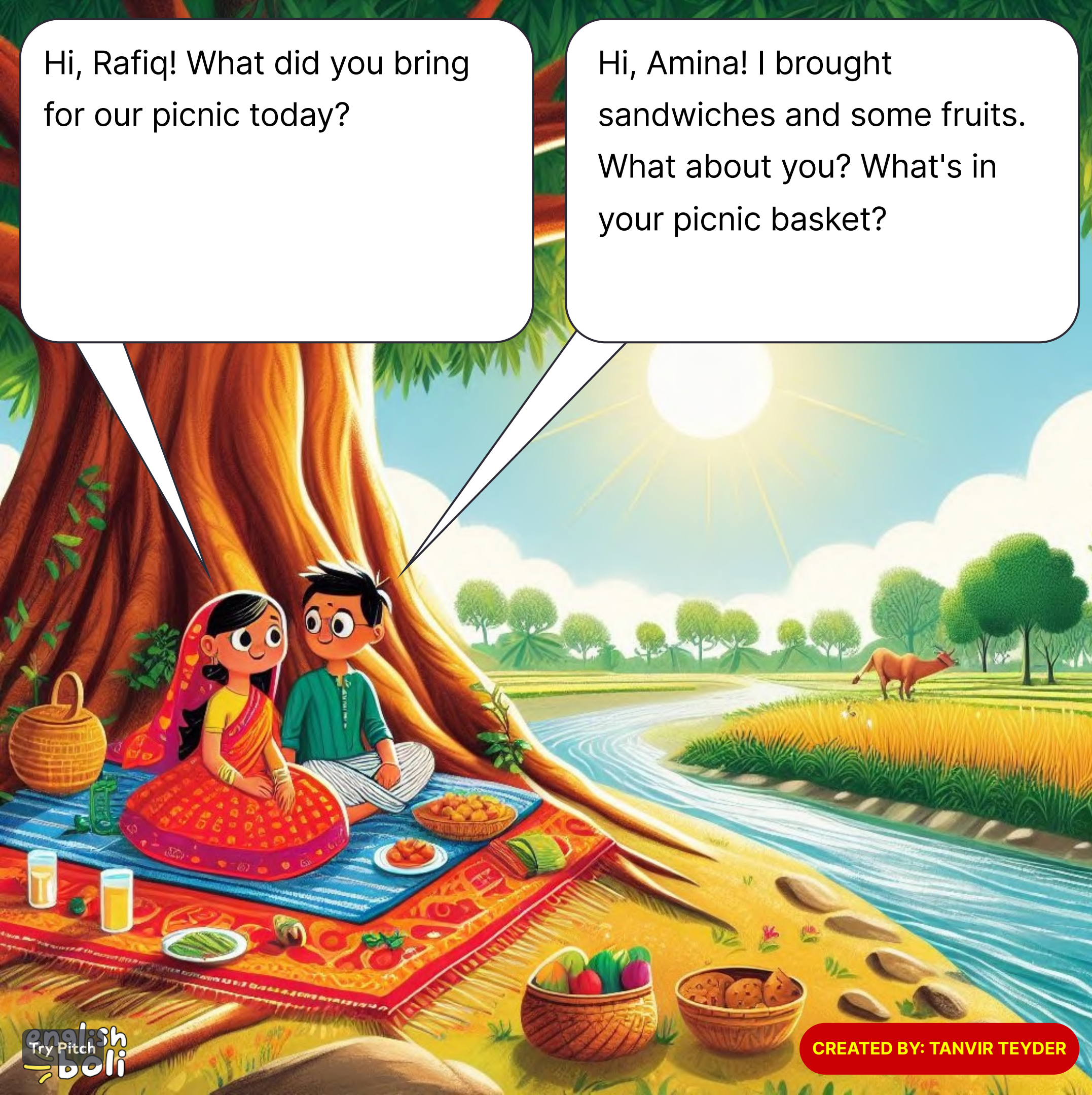


Once upon a time, in a quiet village in Bangladesh, there were two friends named Amina and Rafiq.

They loved to spend time together. During one sunny afternoon, they decided to have a picnic beside a river.

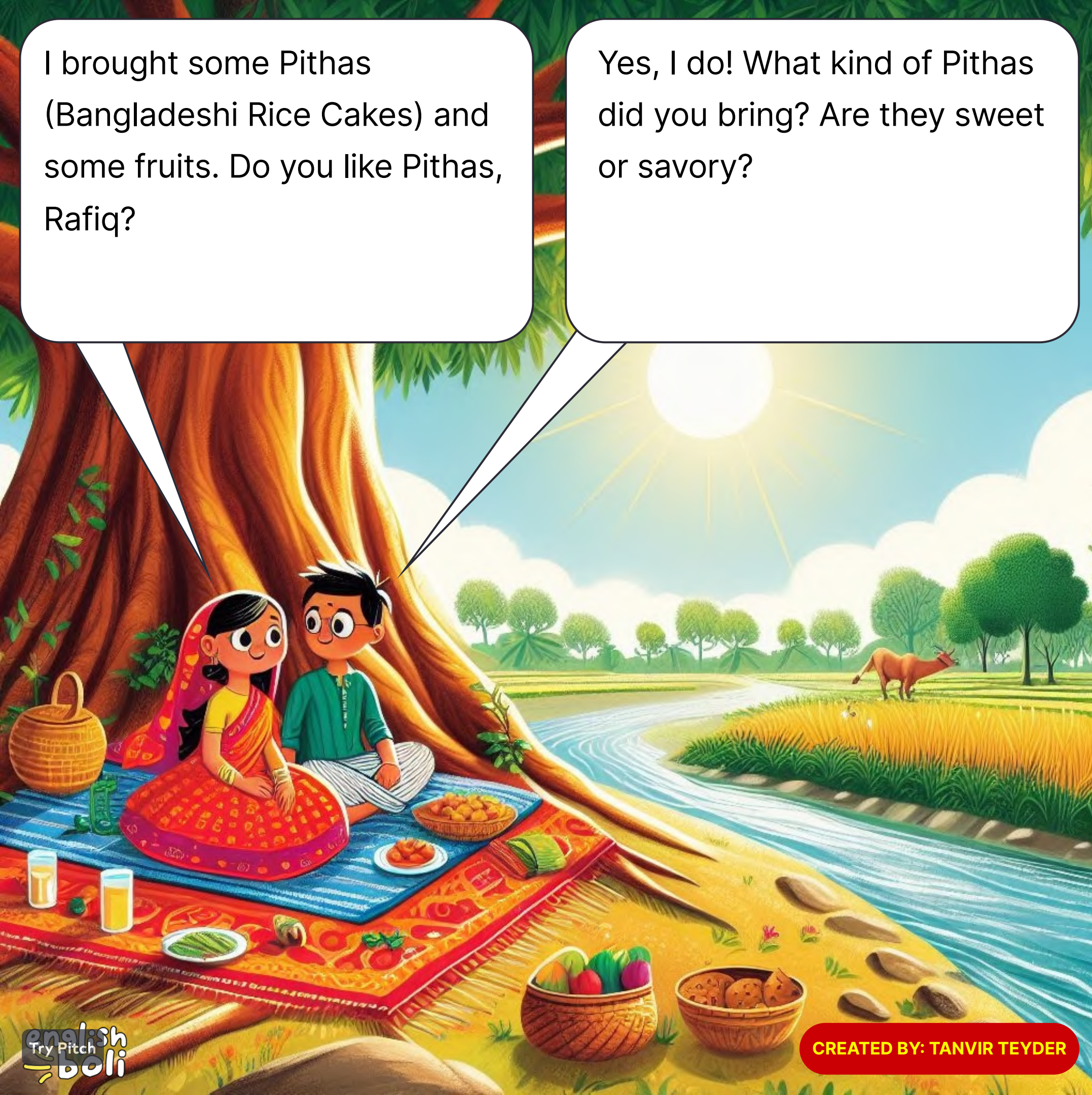
Hi, Rafiq! What did you bring for our picnic today?

Hi, Amina! I brought sandwiches and some fruits. What about you? What's in your picnic basket?



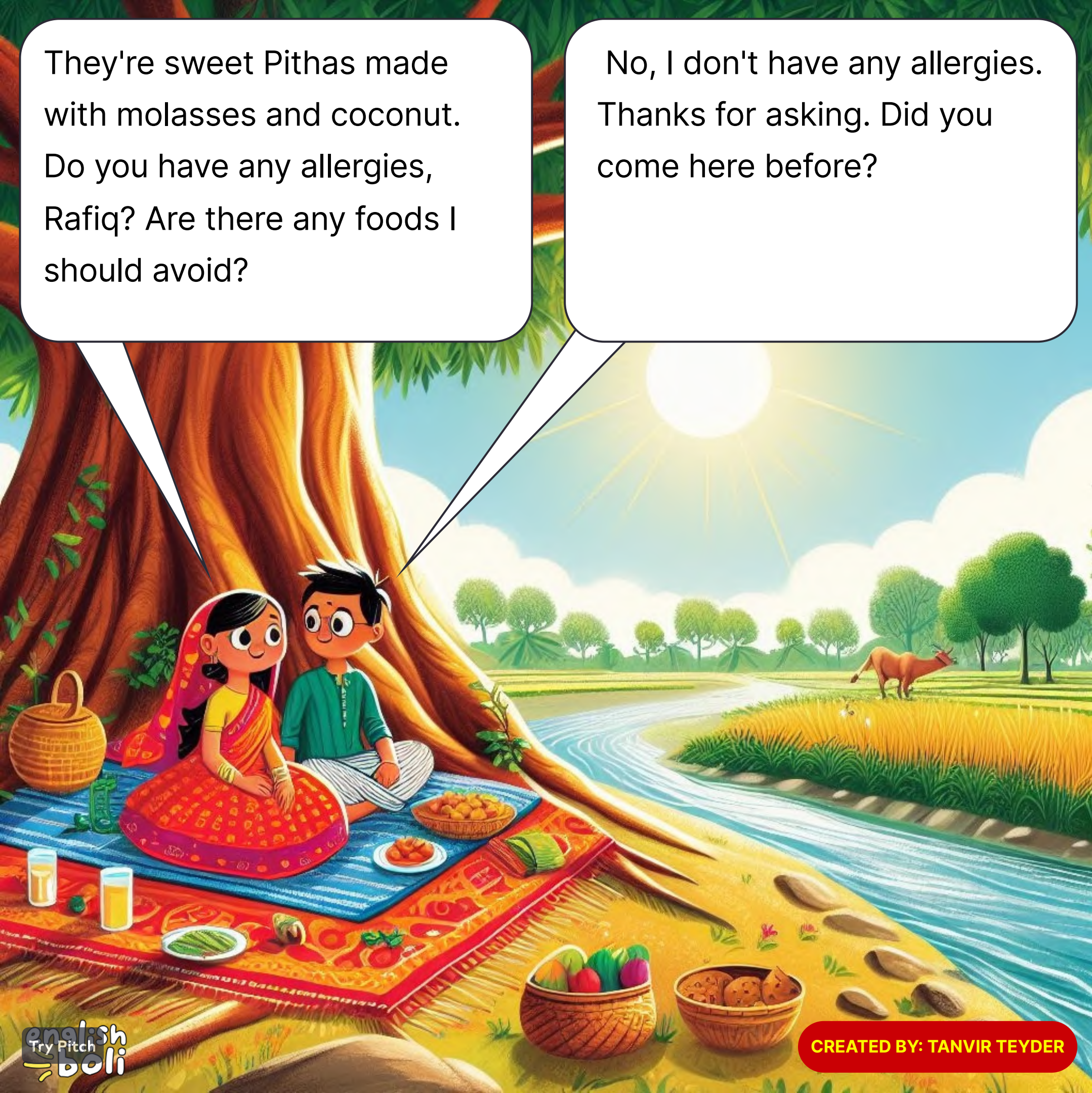
I brought some Pithas
(Bangladeshi Rice Cakes) and
some fruits. Do you like Pithas,
Rafiq?

Yes, I do! What kind of Pithas
did you bring? Are they sweet
or savory?



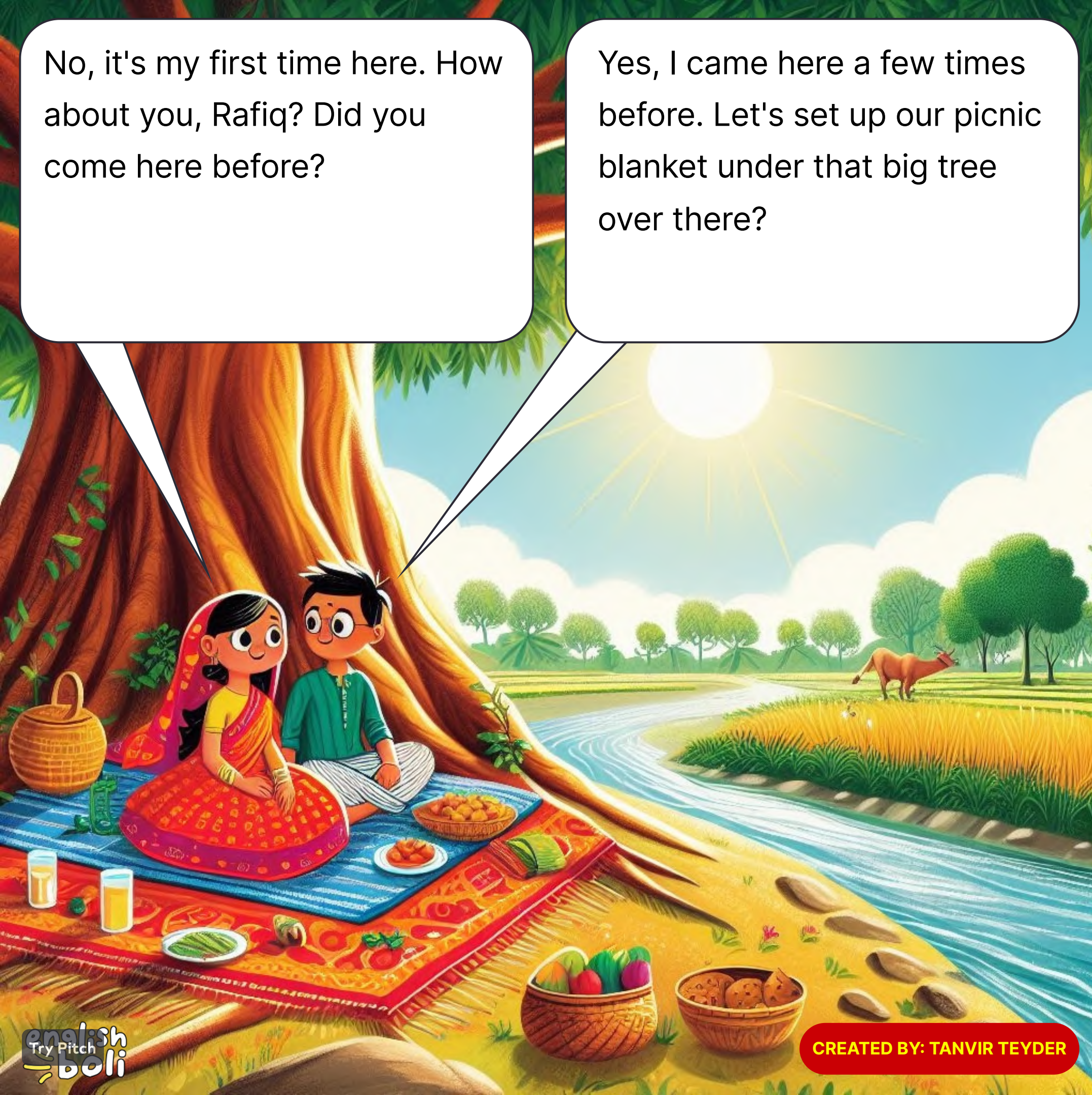
They're sweet Pithas made with molasses and coconut. Do you have any allergies, Rafiq? Are there any foods I should avoid?

No, I don't have any allergies. Thanks for asking. Did you come here before?



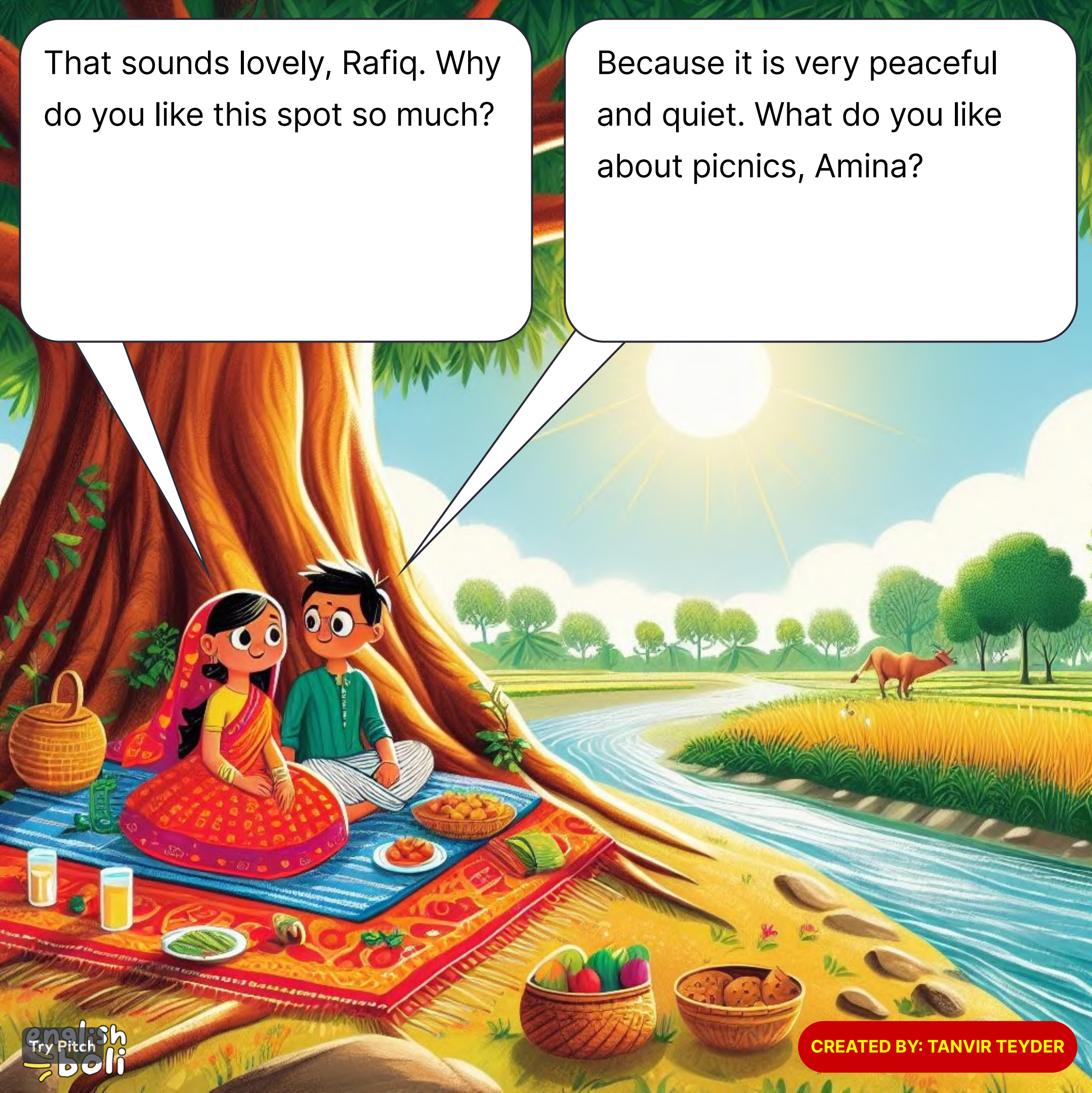
No, it's my first time here. How about you, Rafiq? Did you come here before?

Yes, I came here a few times before. Let's set up our picnic blanket under that big tree over there?



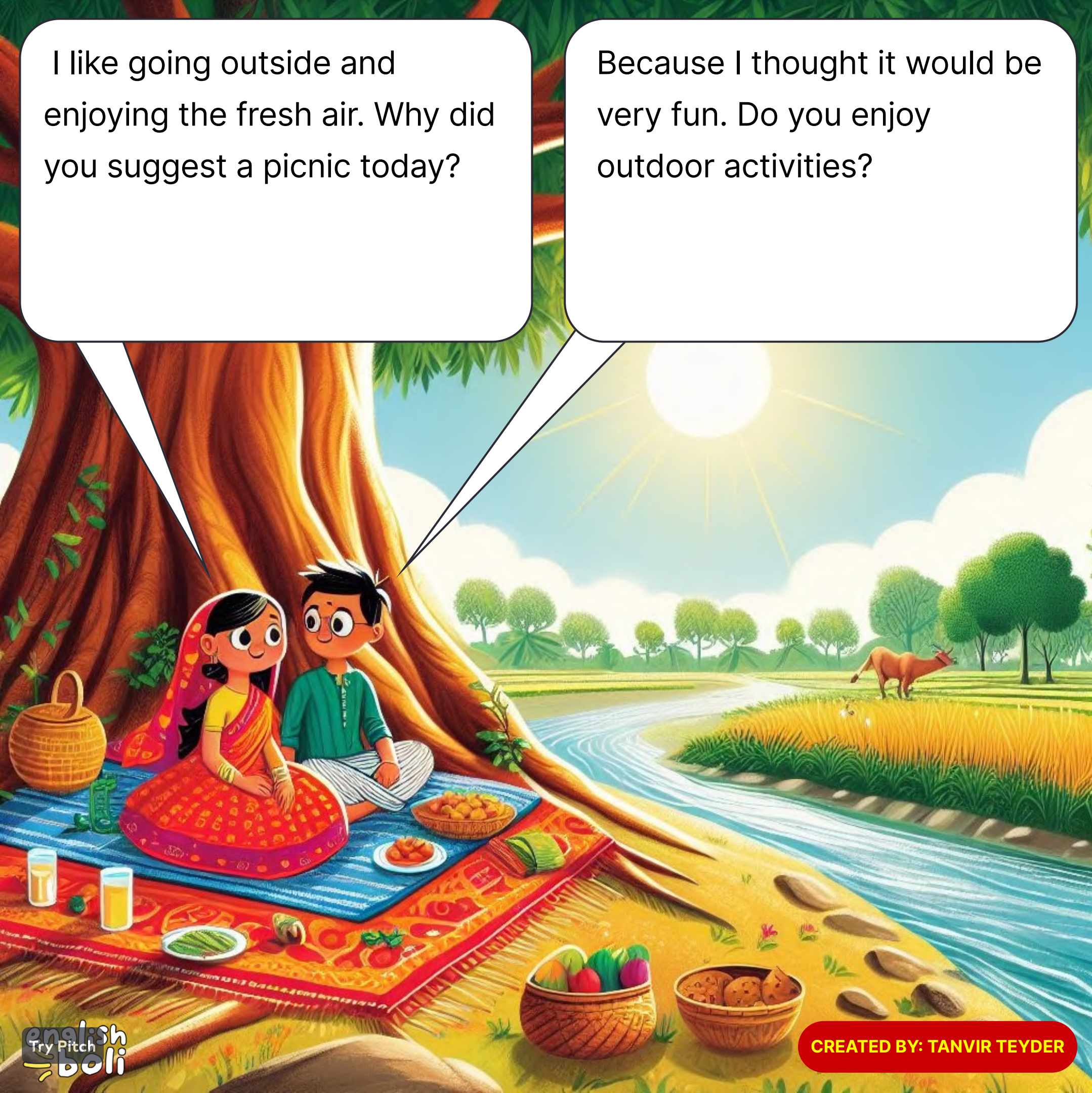
That sounds lovely, Rafiq. Why do you like this spot so much?

Because it is very peaceful and quiet. What do you like about picnics, Amina?



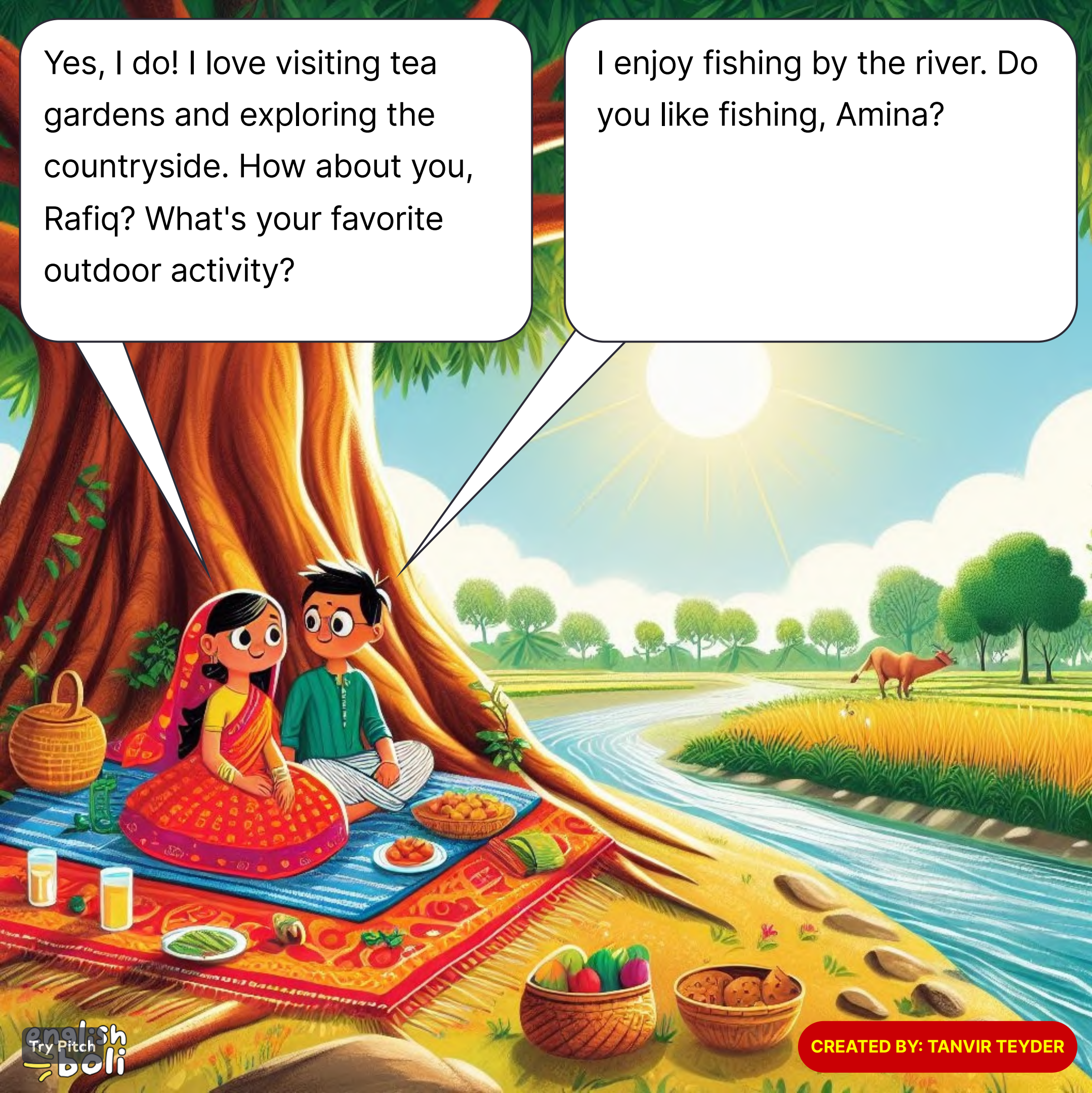
I like going outside and enjoying the fresh air. Why did you suggest a picnic today?

Because I thought it would be very fun. Do you enjoy outdoor activities?



Yes, I do! I love visiting tea gardens and exploring the countryside. How about you, Rafiq? What's your favorite outdoor activity?

I enjoy fishing by the river. Do you like fishing, Amina?



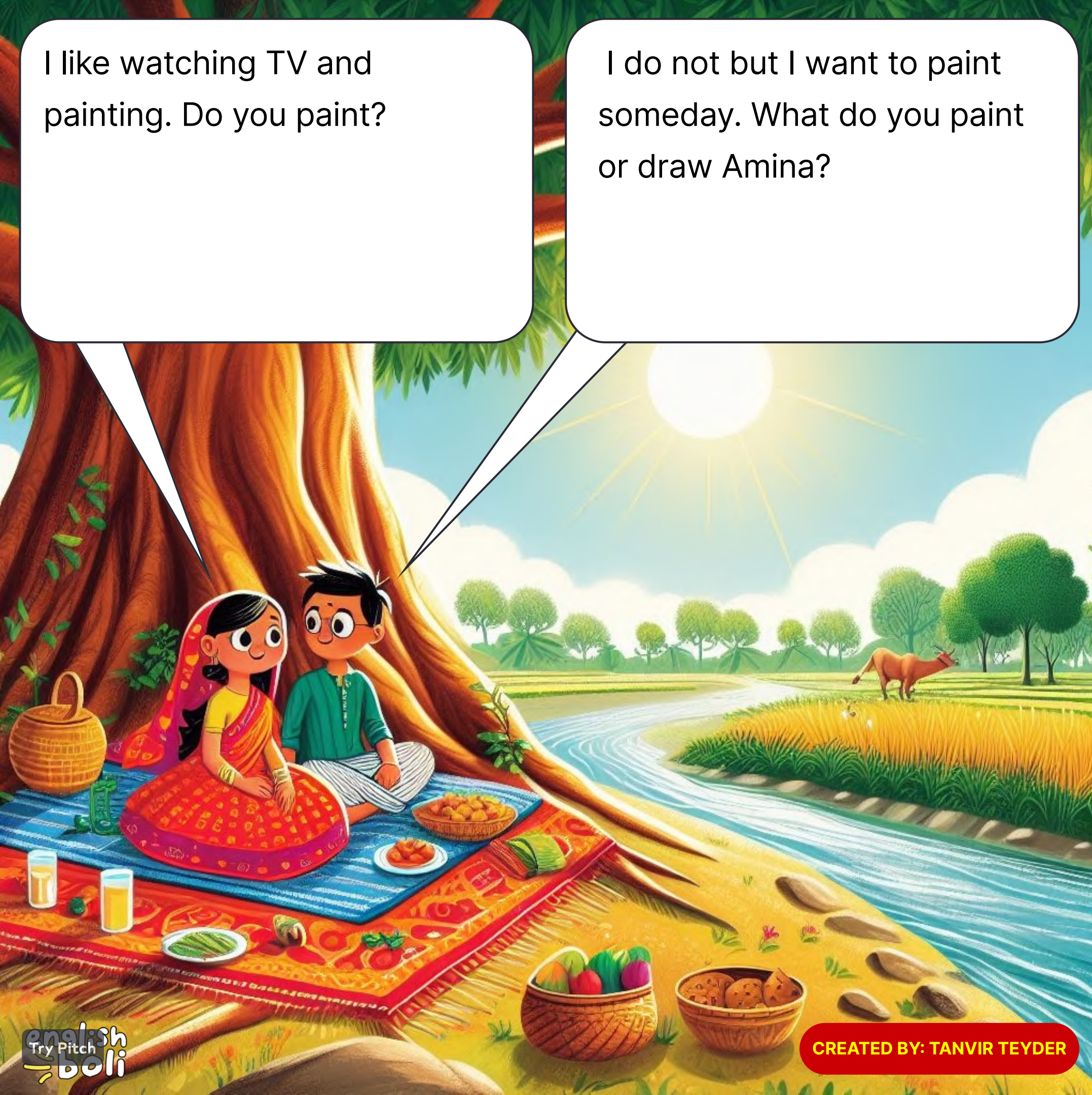
I've never tried it before. How do you catch fish? Can you show me someday?

Of course! It's fun. Do you have any hobbies, Amina?



I like watching TV and painting. Do you paint?

I do not but I want to paint someday. What do you paint or draw Amina?



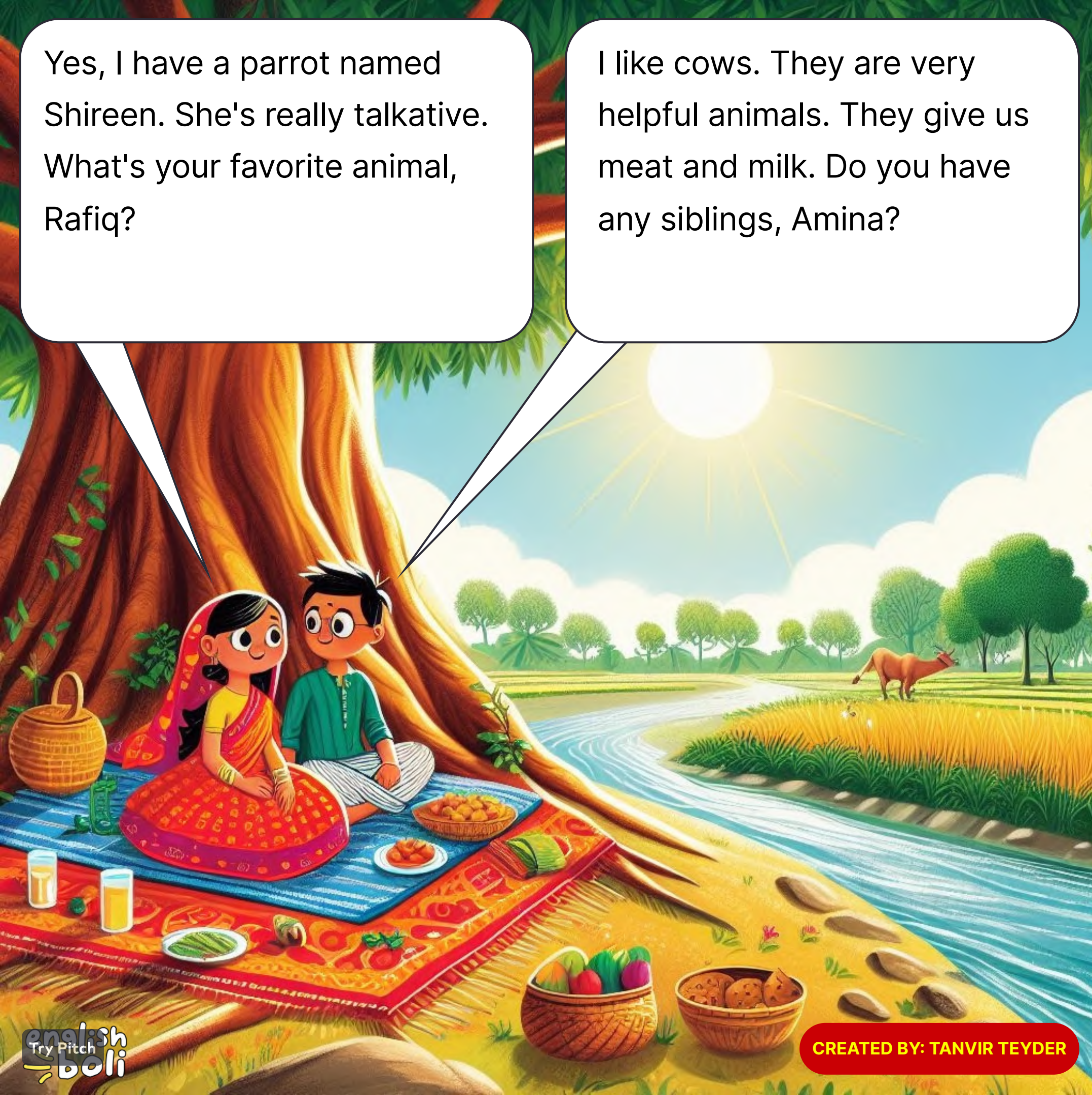
I paint and draw pictures of animals. Do you have any pets, Rafiq?

No, I don't have any pets. Do you have any pets, Amina?



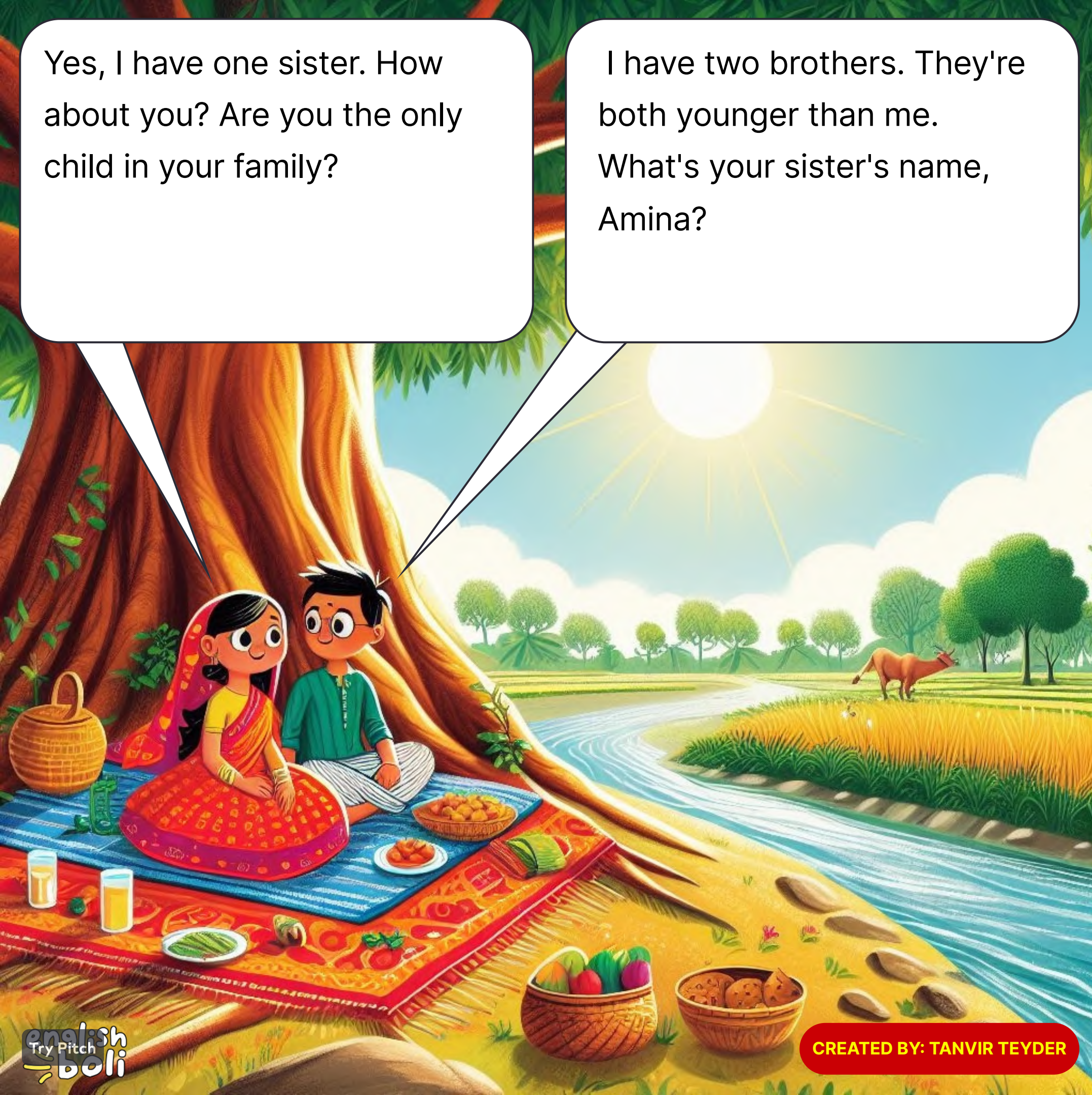
Yes, I have a parrot named Shireen. She's really talkative. What's your favorite animal, Rafiq?

I like cows. They are very helpful animals. They give us meat and milk. Do you have any siblings, Amina?



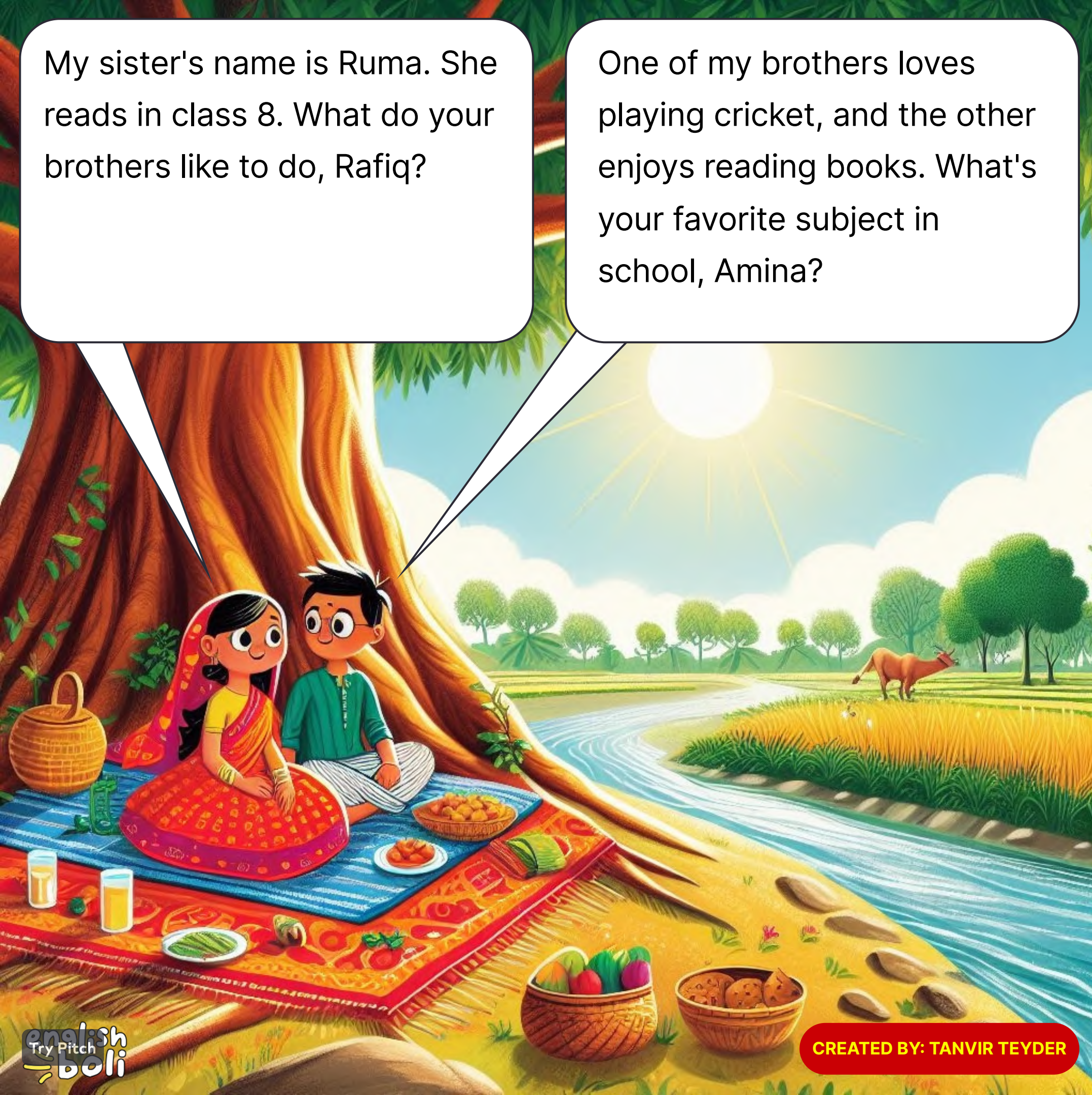
Yes, I have one sister. How about you? Are you the only child in your family?

I have two brothers. They're both younger than me. What's your sister's name, Amina?



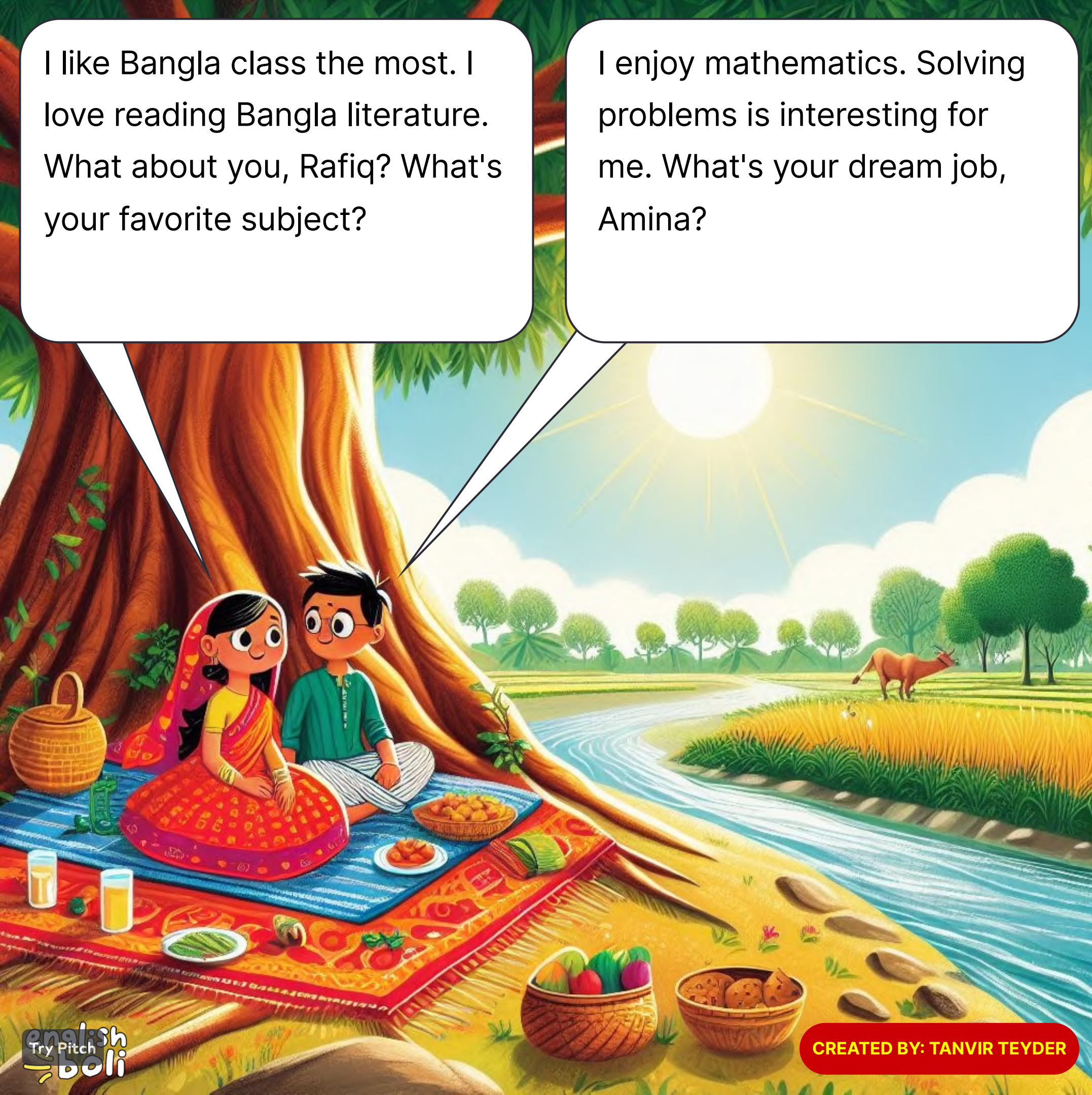
My sister's name is Ruma. She reads in class 8. What do your brothers like to do, Rafiq?

One of my brothers loves playing cricket, and the other enjoys reading books. What's your favorite subject in school, Amina?



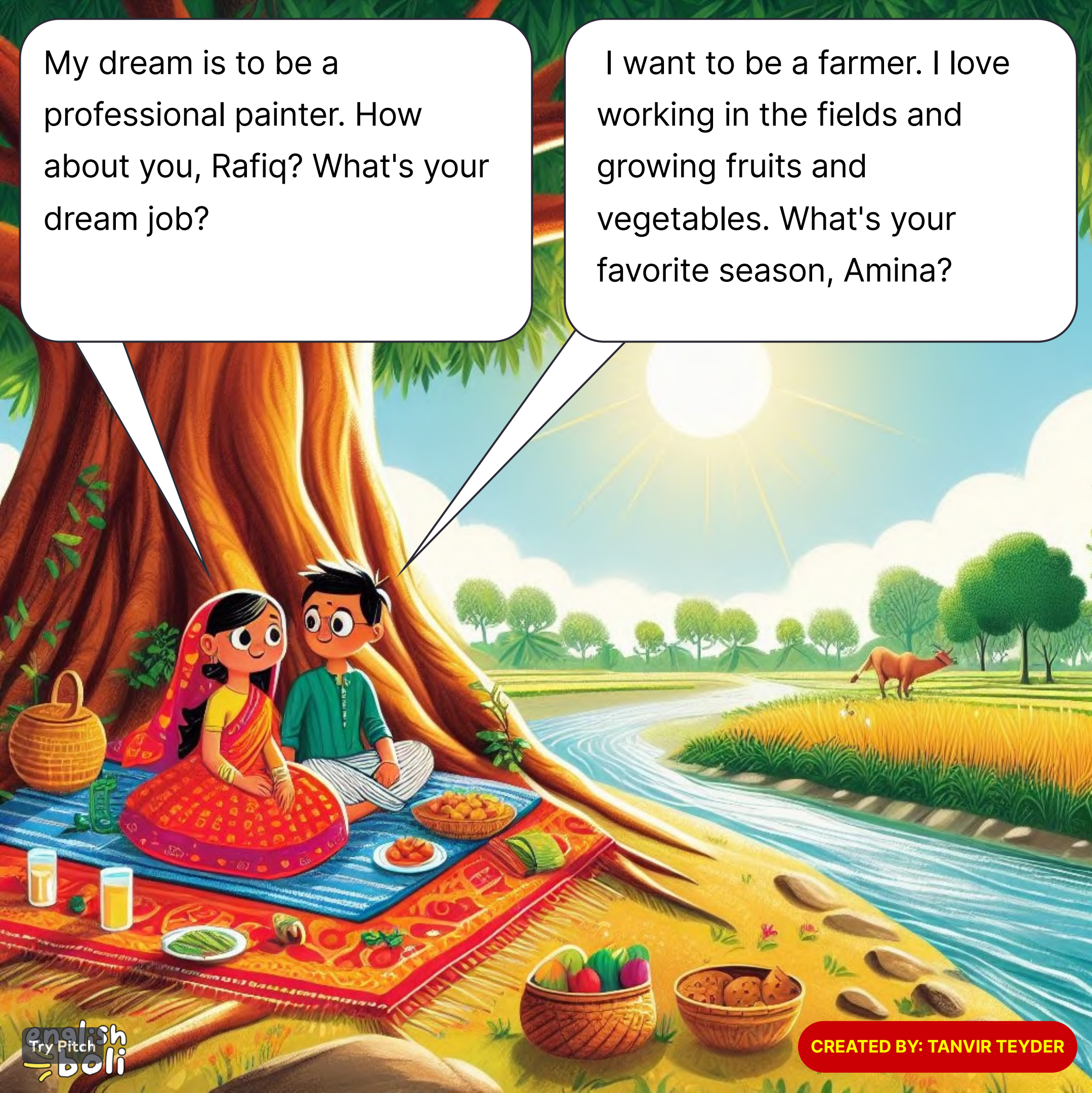
I like Bangla class the most. I love reading Bangla literature. What about you, Rafiq? What's your favorite subject?

I enjoy mathematics. Solving problems is interesting for me. What's your dream job, Amina?



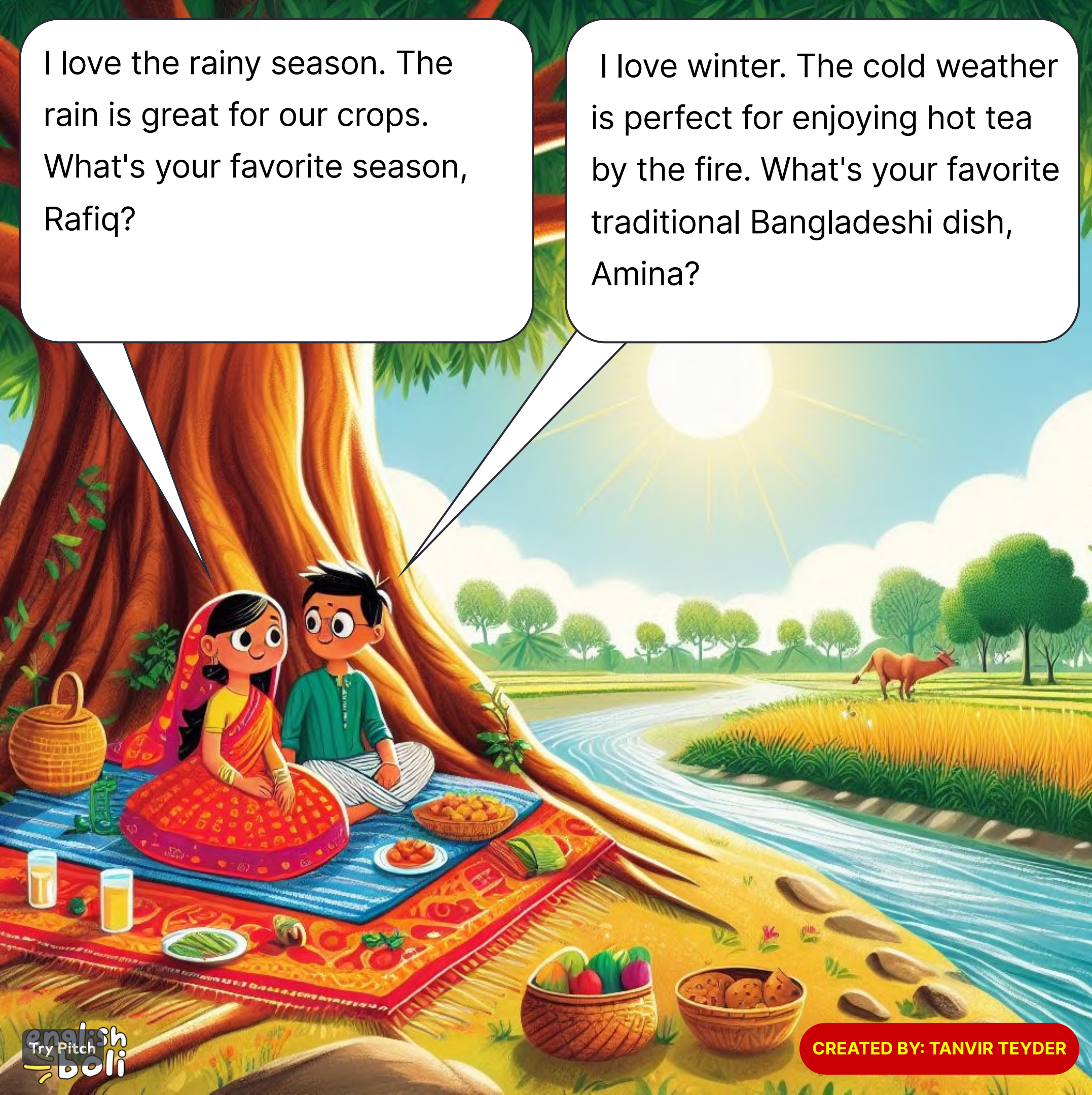
My dream is to be a professional painter. How about you, Rafiq? What's your dream job?

I want to be a farmer. I love working in the fields and growing fruits and vegetables. What's your favorite season, Amina?



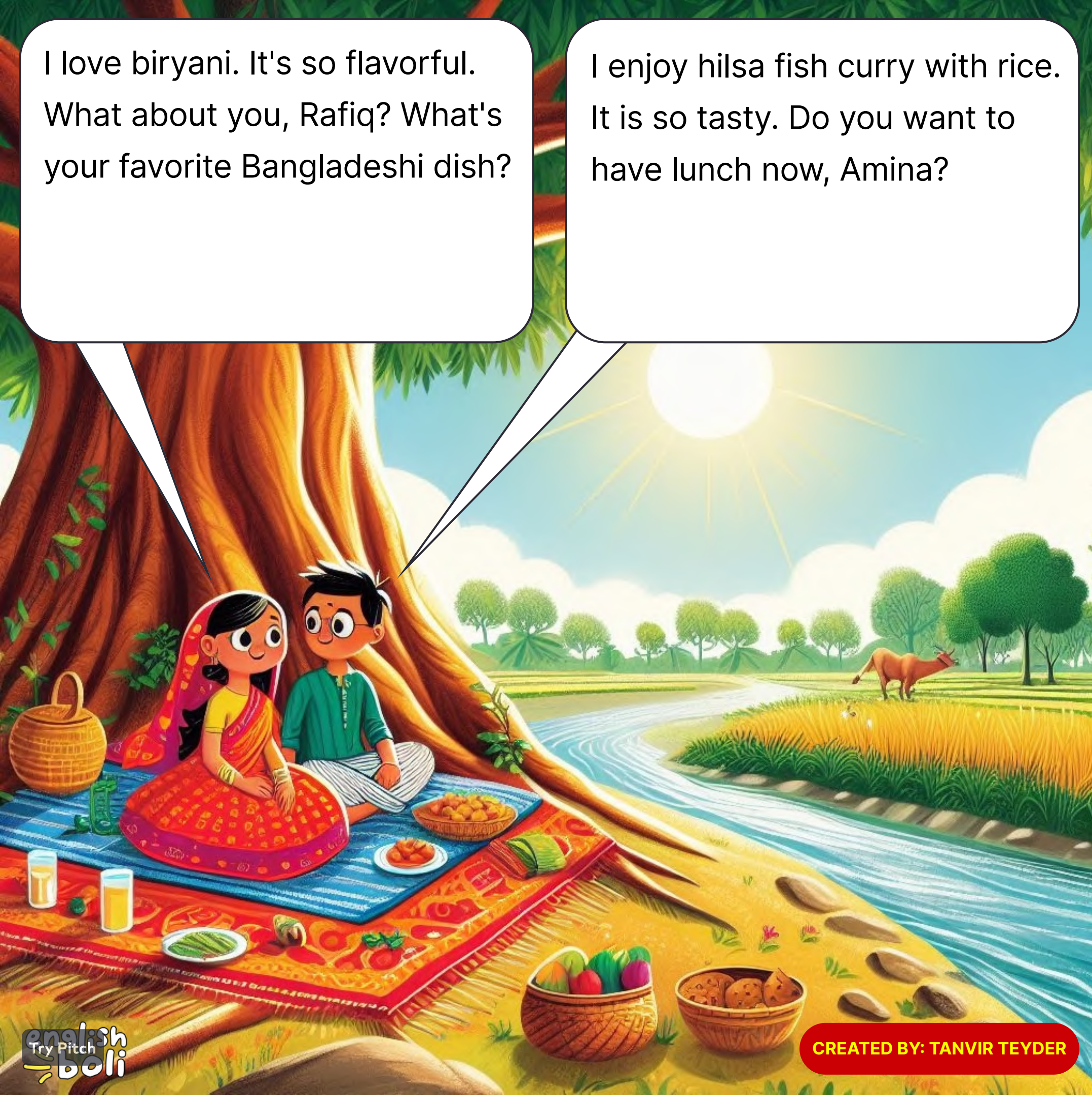
I love the rainy season. The rain is great for our crops. What's your favorite season, Rafiq?

I love winter. The cold weather is perfect for enjoying hot tea by the fire. What's your favorite traditional Bangladeshi dish, Amina?

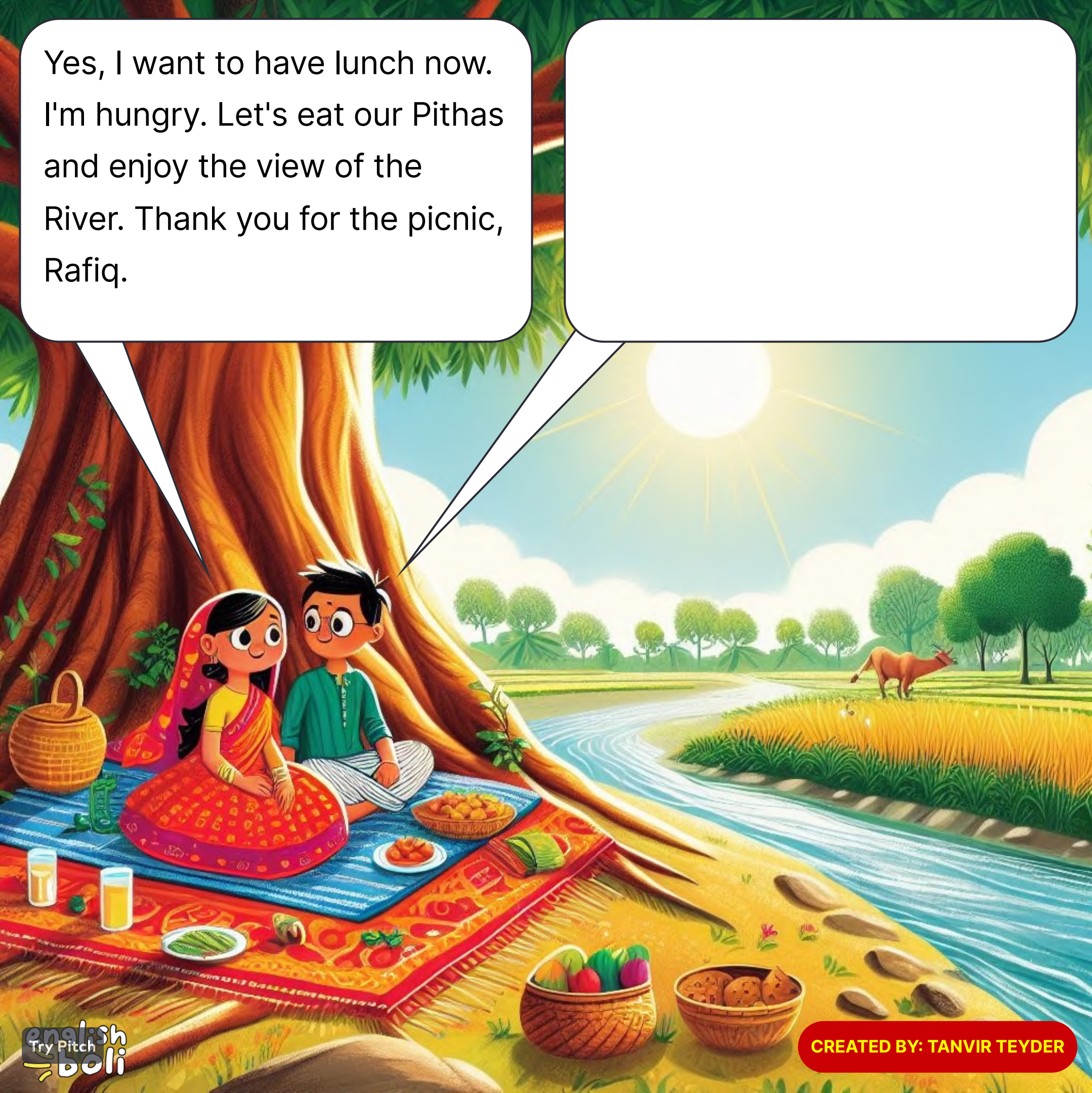


I love biryani. It's so flavorful.
What about you, Rafiq? What's
your favorite Bangladeshi dish?

I enjoy hilsa fish curry with rice.
It is so tasty. Do you want to
have lunch now, Amina?



Yes, I want to have lunch now.
I'm hungry. Let's eat our Pithas
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