

A Guide to the Tamil Words in the Story:

Tamil is an ancient language spoken by more than 70 million people around the world. While it is most widely spoken in southern India, it is an official language in Sri Lanka and Singapore, and a major language in Malaysia, Mauritius, Fiji, and South Africa.

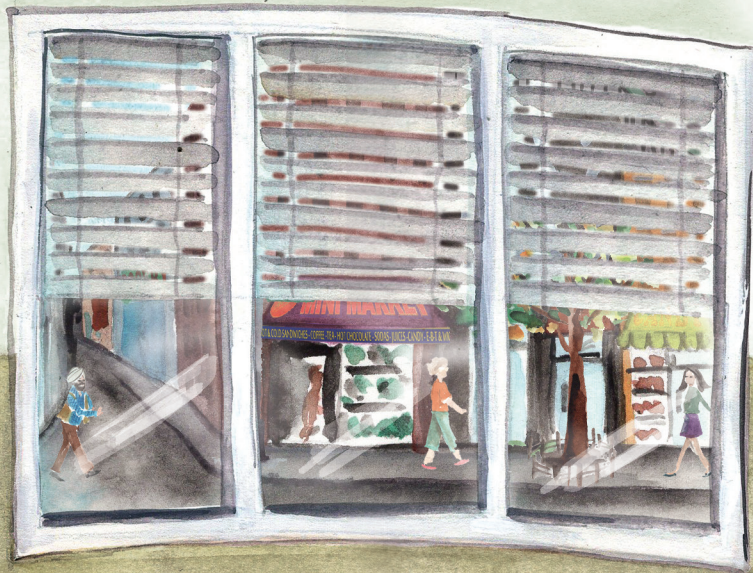
Aamaam (aah-MAHM): yes

Adavu (a-duh-VOO): footwork

Aramandi (a-rah-MUN-dee): a basic pose in bharatanatyam, comparable to demi-plié in ballet

Bhava (BHAA-vuh): emotion





MUDRAS

Kanna (kun-NAH): dear, usually used as a term of endearment for a child

Mridangam (mri-DHUNG-uhm): a double-sided drum popularly used in southern India

Mudra (mu-DRAA): hand gesture

Thatha (thaa-thaa): grandfather

Vaanga (VAAN-guh): come