



Level 2

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Frog lives in a garden. Shebaro kacoka tokoro aji.

Everyone there makes fun of him. Ha~le~kai~roñ yaraha~chie marita eberahu laabo.

Nobody plays with him. Halikai jaro maberaka labu



One day, Frog is so sad that he runs away.

Aba kasakabo, Shebaro nokanay katoron ldarejiñ aban moñ.

He jumps into a house and hides under a boy's bed.

Lododa Aba shequa oloko kena wajilie donkokona abon yakaton.



The boy's mother comes in and looks at his homework. Le elonchie oyo anda kena dokon tho bahonmăkabo.

"You don't have good grades," she tells the boy.

"Bui ko amaretwa sanae, Masheba kan

"Don't you want to become a smart boy?"

Andoñ tho kai~ne~kochie wajillie?"

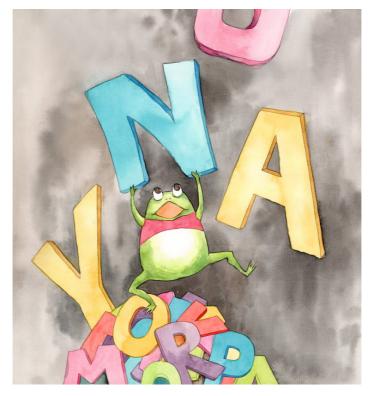


But the boy doesn't work hard at all. Th' le wajeli ko makeboka tatani wabo.

In fact, he's so lazy that oneday, all the alphabets and Kaidoma, sabakaidoma aba kasakabo, tomaqua borotai kena

numbers in his books fall off their pages!

Keshadai lo kaatan olokoto chekeda to banna ouria!



Frog is still under the boy's bed. He jumps up with Shebero yara keka tho donkokonai abon. Lododa ayoun

excitement when he sees all the letters and numbers. halekabai abo ladokon bena tomaqua borotai kena wa keshedaho

"I'll learn all of them!" he says. "Then I will be smart, and no "Thomaqua" damarikotoafan!" La. "kena daichefa, kena

one will make fun of me!"
Aba jaaleko marichiefa beraho dama!"



The letters and numbers are dusty from not being used for so long.

Tho borotai kena keshadai erabae wakeli mayouraton nadoma.

Frog cleans all of them.
Shebero tho makqua fadokoda.



Frog learns how to spell and write with the help of the letters.

Shebero marikotwa kena sani assan to borotai oma keshidaho borataadai

The numbers help Frog learn how to count and do math.

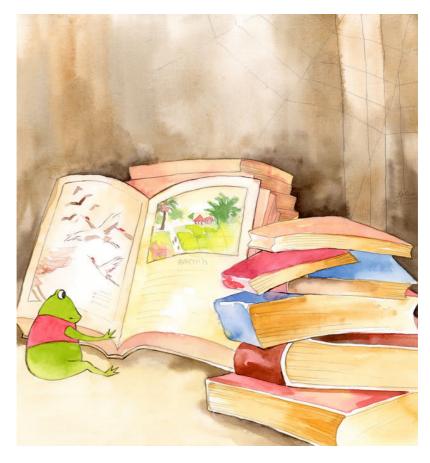
Tho keshidwai borata shebero aichin kesheda kena

ammareko.

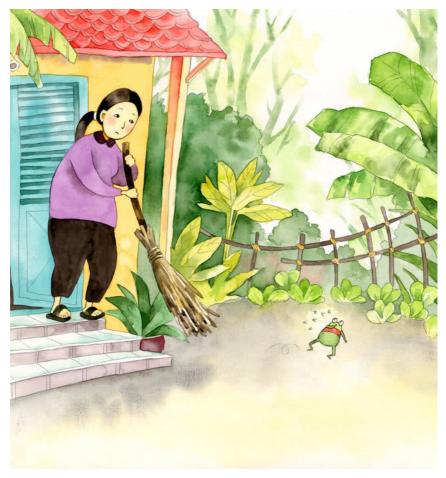


Frog studies hard over the next month...

Shebero korobokota tatanae abaro katchie adjako...



...And now, Frog can read like an expert! ...Kena karo, Shebero ree' dakoma kamarikochie wabo jain!



Uh-oh! One day, the boy's mother discovers Frog in the house.

Aki! Aba kasakabo lee elonchie oyo aita shebero tho bahu olokon.

He is forced to leave. Bosalae, karoowabo.



But Frog has learned so much already, and continues to Karo shebero aitha hamai~ron hebe, kena ousen keba tho

learn back at the garden. Tokoro aji amarekotwanbia.

"Frog can read, write and do math," say the other frogs. "Shebero redakoma, boroton kena keshada," na aba~ shebero.

"Wow! Can you teach us, Frog?"
"Akai! Bodokotali wamon, shebero?"



The next day, the lazy boy opens his notebook.

Tho kasakabo ajaki, lee, hoo~yeachie elonchie toroda lo kata.

"What! Where are all the letters and numbers?" he screams. "Amai! Haloun tho da' boroton? La shemakon."

He doesn't know that Frog took all the letters with him, and Laitako shebero nokon tomaqua laabo. kena

is now the smartest in the garden! Karo aitachie wabo tho tokoro banjie!



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The Smart Frog (English)

A lonely frog sneaks into the bedroom of a lazy boy. Soon, he finds letters and numbers and learns how to read and do math. What will he do with his new talents?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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