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Here Comes the Camel and Other
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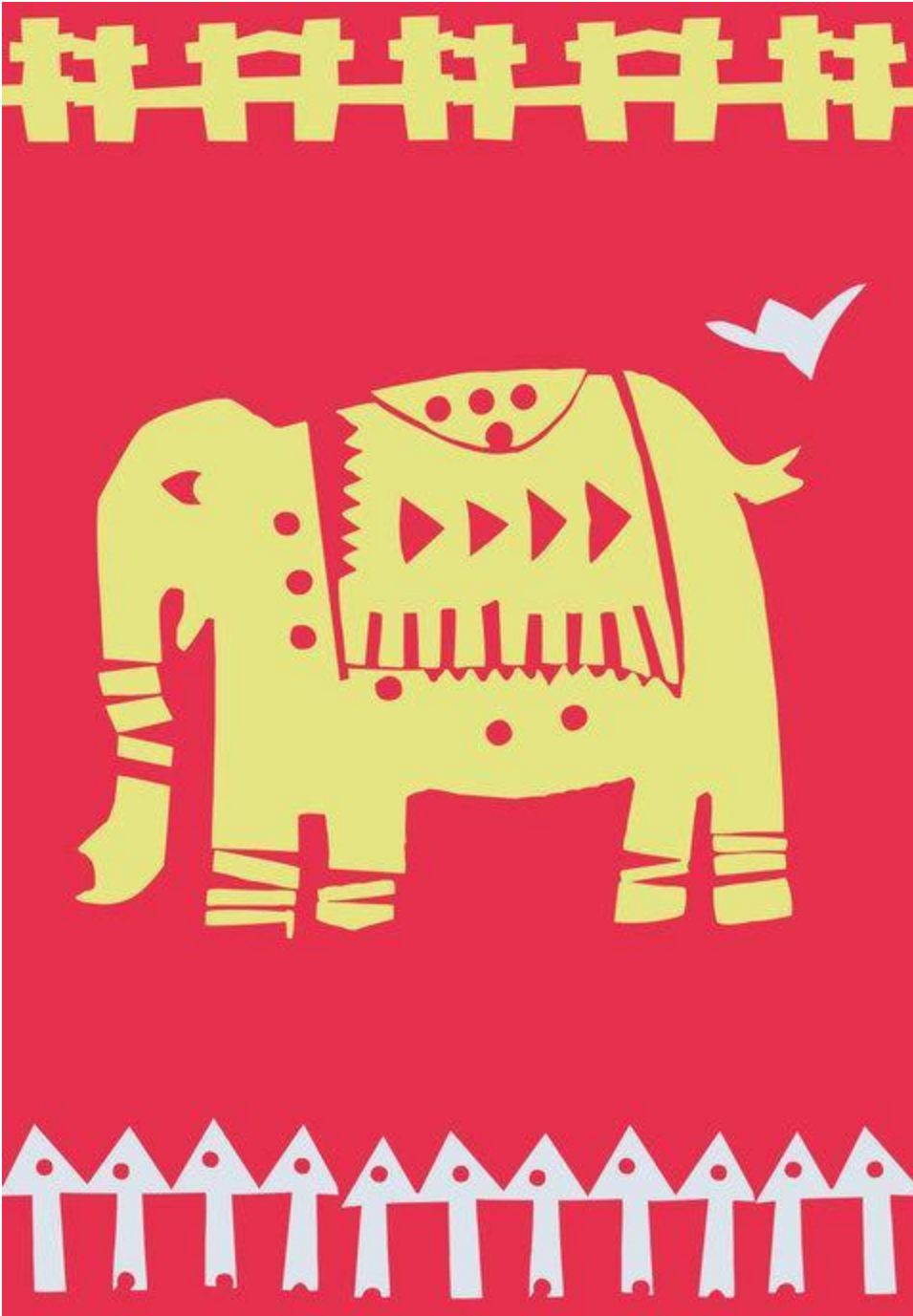
Butterfly I met a butterfly, yellow,
black and brown. Hovering over

flowers, flying up and down. She sits
so near I touch her with no fear. At
once she flies away, she sits but
doesn't stay.



Thump Thump Thump Thump goes
the elephant! Thump Thump the

elephant comes! He lifts his trunk, he lowers it. Wading into the water, his trunk becomes a shower.



Bump Bump goes the elephant!
Bump Bump the elephant comes!

Bananas for his big fat tum, he eats
ten and counts one! Burp Burp goes
the elephant! Burp Burp the elephant
comes!



Off to School Leaves are green and
flowers red. Ready for school as you

leave the bed. Left your pencil,
dropped your book! Pick them up and
off to school!



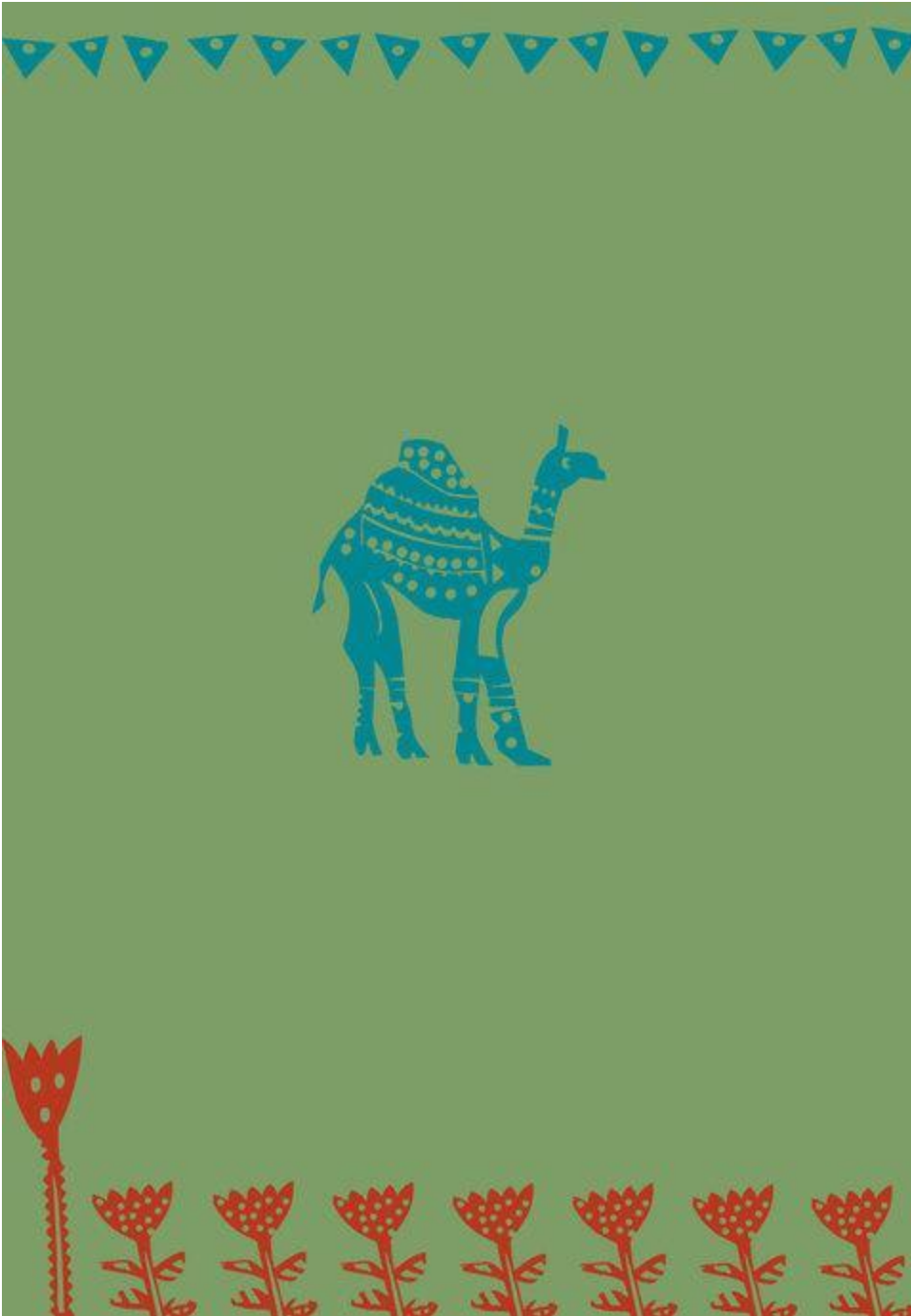
Flying High Lovely little butterfly,
yellow and blue butterfly. She looks

like a petal on a flower, crossing
flower beds afar. A wave of colour,
with her wings aflutter, she looks so
bright. Her quiet flight, in the
morning light.



Here Comes the Camel Here comes
the camel rocking gently down the

road! Such a tall animal! Here comes the camel! With a neck so tall, and a back so high, the camel gently goes by.



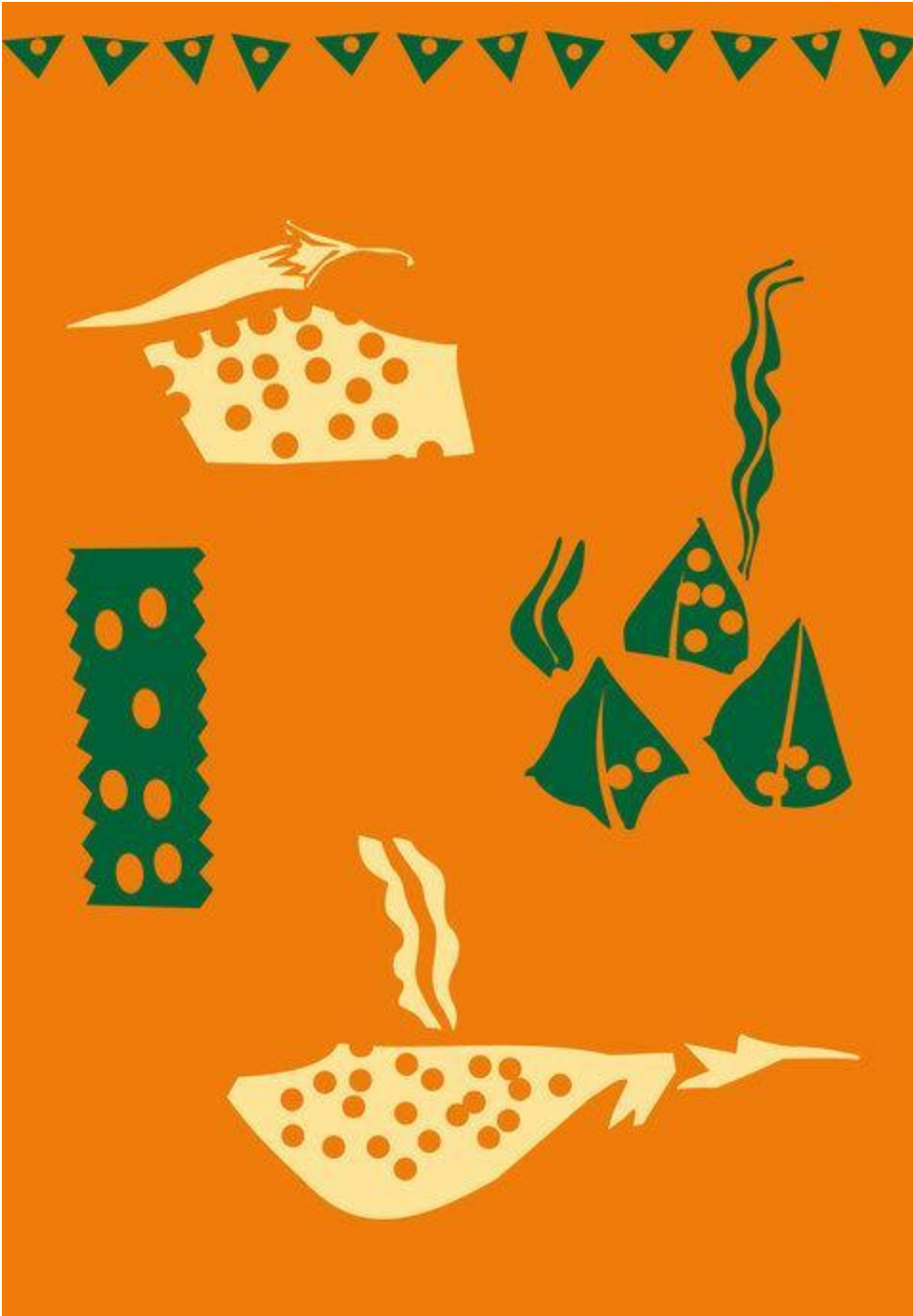
His feet like the sand, carrying loads
across the land, walking quietly on

the sand. When he tires, he will sit.
On his right or his left? That is his
own SECRET!



Peacock Look how the peacock
dances, on dainty steps he advances.

All his feathers in an arc, glowing
hues light and dark. When the sky
turns cloudy grey, the peacock begins
to sway. Moving gently on his feet,
dancing to the rainy beat!



Food So Precious! How about some idli-dosa, or a nice hot samosa? Let

us eat some sweet mithai, yummy
rabri and malai! Would you like some
poori bhaji, or fried brinjal bhaaja?



Spongy fresh dhokla is nice, to
gobble up in a trice. But do not hurry

when you eat, careful not to spill any treat. Because FOOD is so precious, and also so DELICIOUS!



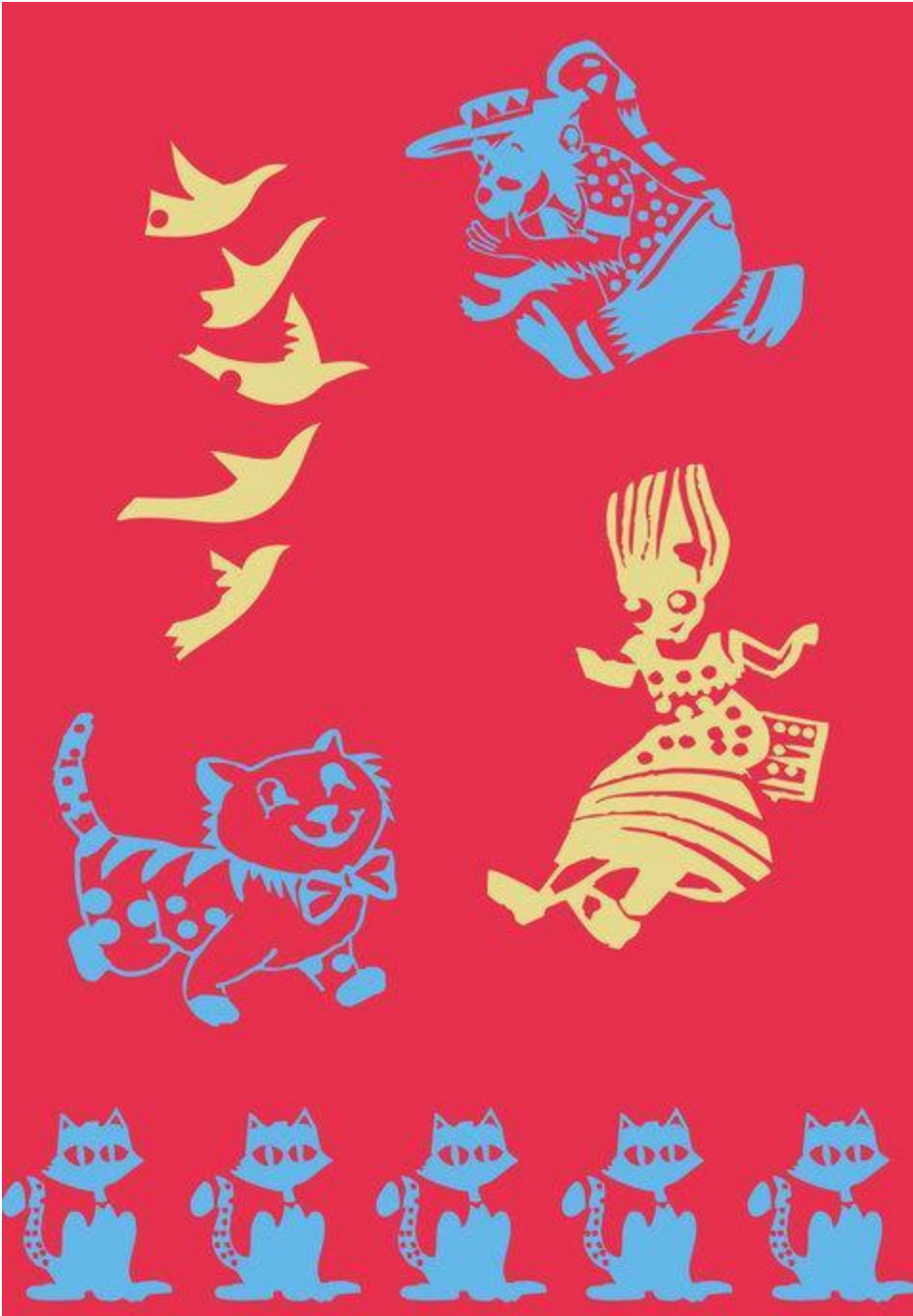
Drip Drop Drip Drop raindrops! Can
I touch them as they Plop? Eyes shut

and face upturned, for silver beads on
curling lashes. Eyes open to see what
splashes! Leaves and branches
dripping wet. Birds shedding little
droplets! Silver sheets on roofs and
walls, I see the rain as it falls!



The Race A tumbling red tomato,
racing green peas! Stumbling came

the cauliflower, not far behind is
coriander! Who will reach the finish
line in this race against time?



Swinging High To and fro swings the
doll, pulled by the bird so small.

Uncle Monkey hides a smile, in his
hat of the latest style. Aunty Kitten is
also here using her fat glasses to peer.
She also wants to have a go to touch
the sky, to and fro!



Umbrella Who went to the market
with Papa? His dear old umbrella! He

is safe from the beating sun with his
dear old umbrella! His bag in his
right hand, guess what the left
demands?



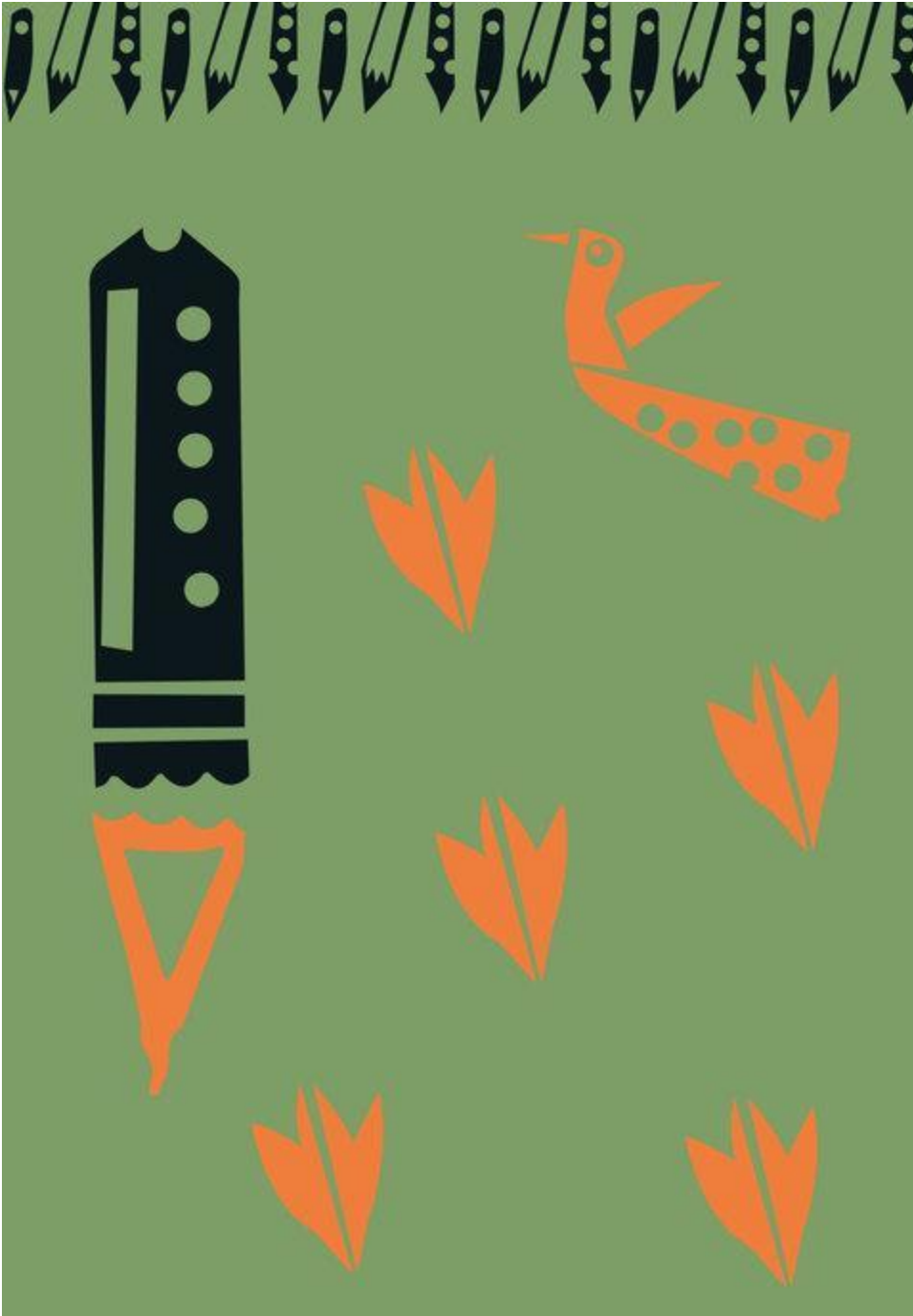
When the rain comes pouring down,
Umbrella-time all around! It gets wet

but keeps Papa dry. Like a roof on his head that is not very high!



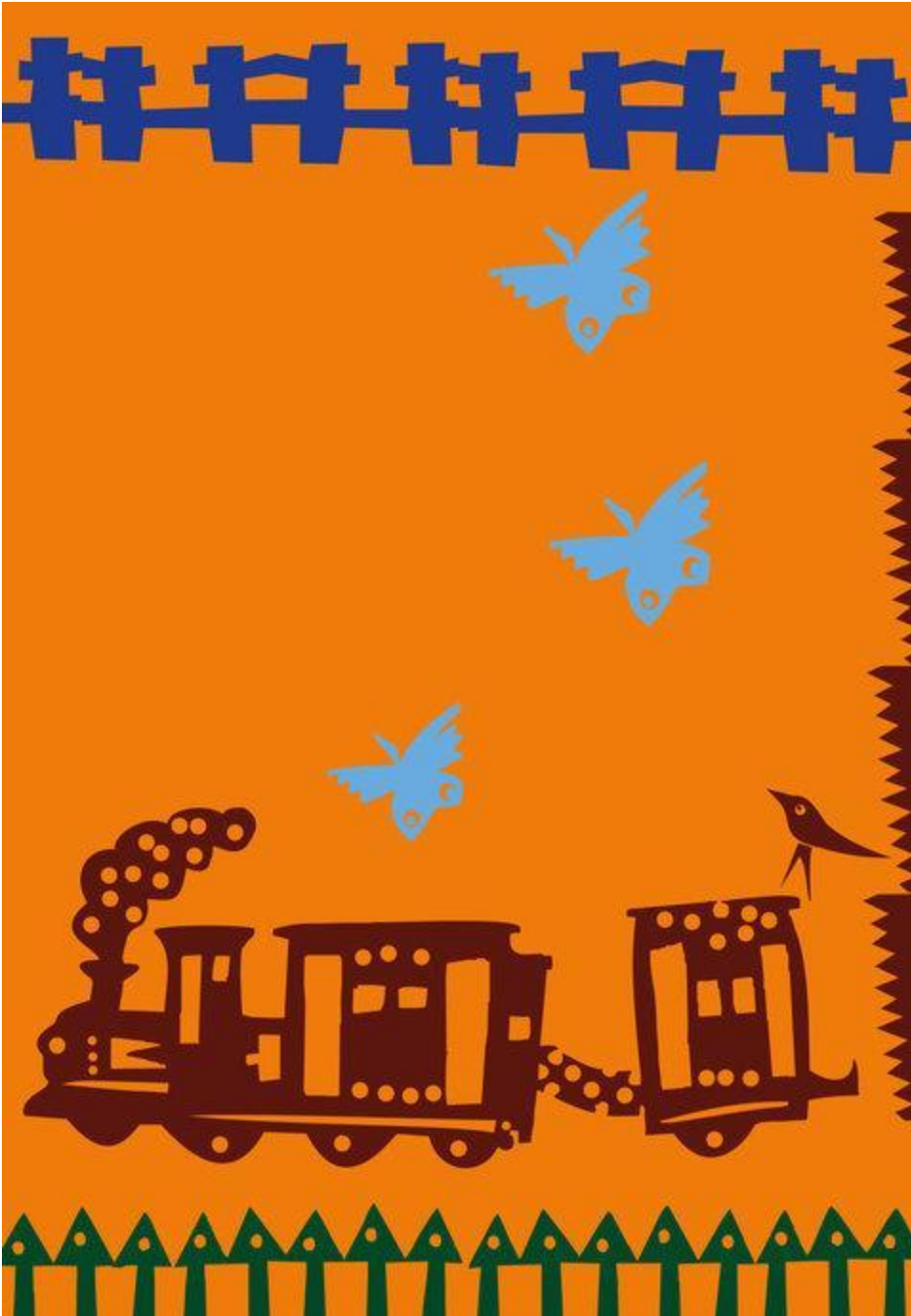
Paper Boat Let us make a paper boat,
in the water it will float! Away floats

the paper boat running to a river
unknown. Dancing on the swirling
waves, a little speck as it sails away!



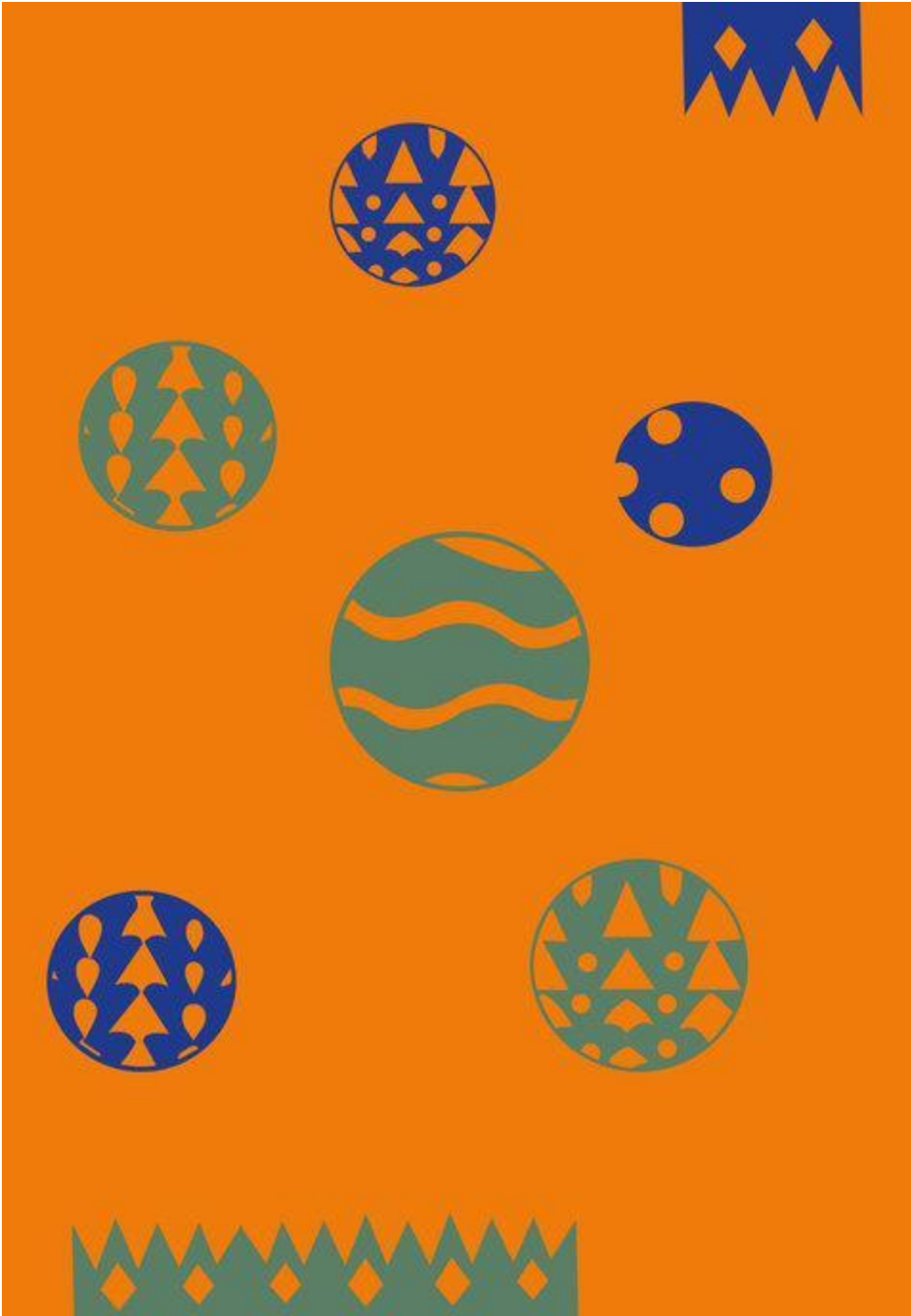
My Pencil My pencil is so special, it
jots down letters neat. In maths, it's

hard to beat! Leaves and flowers,
plants and pots, lions and birds, it
draws in a shot! Drawing lines for a
house so tall, my special pencil does
it all!



Chugetty Chug There goes the train,
Chugetty Chug! On the tracks,

Chugetty Chug! The longest whistle
in the land, Chugetty Clack! Not the
slow passenger train, the fastest
sleekest streaking Mail! Chugetty
Clack Goes the train!



My Ball Bounce Bounce goes my
ball! Run Run runs my ball! I like to

run for my ball! Quickly hides my
naughty ball! Bounce Bounce comes
my ball! I'm happy when I find my
ball!



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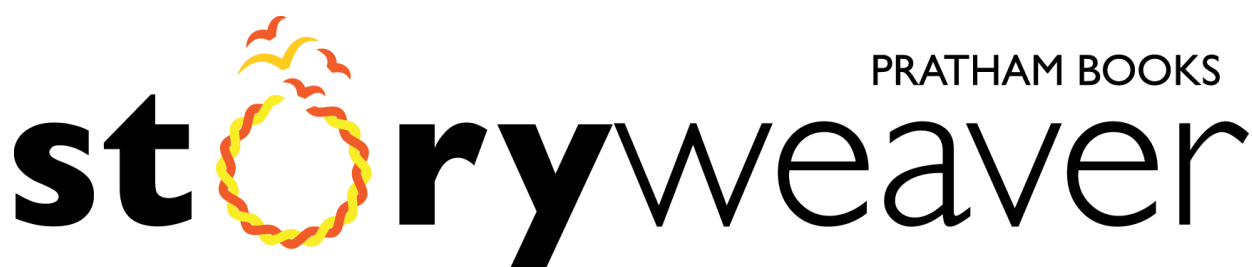
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