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The Ant and the Green Mung Bean

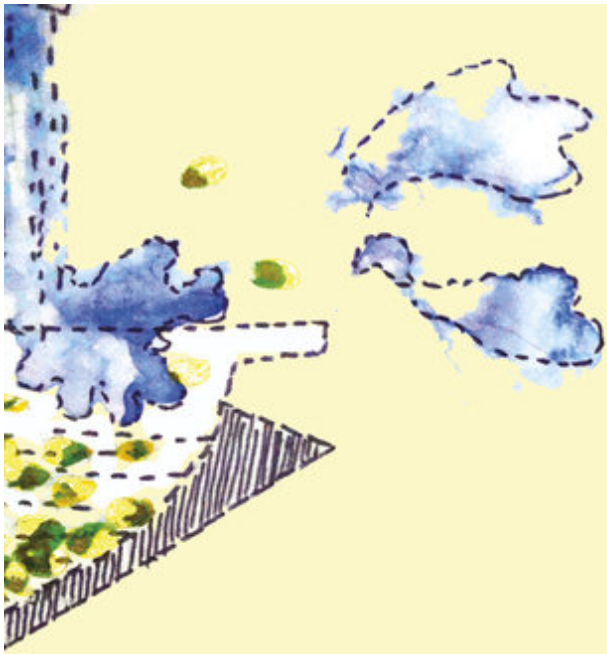
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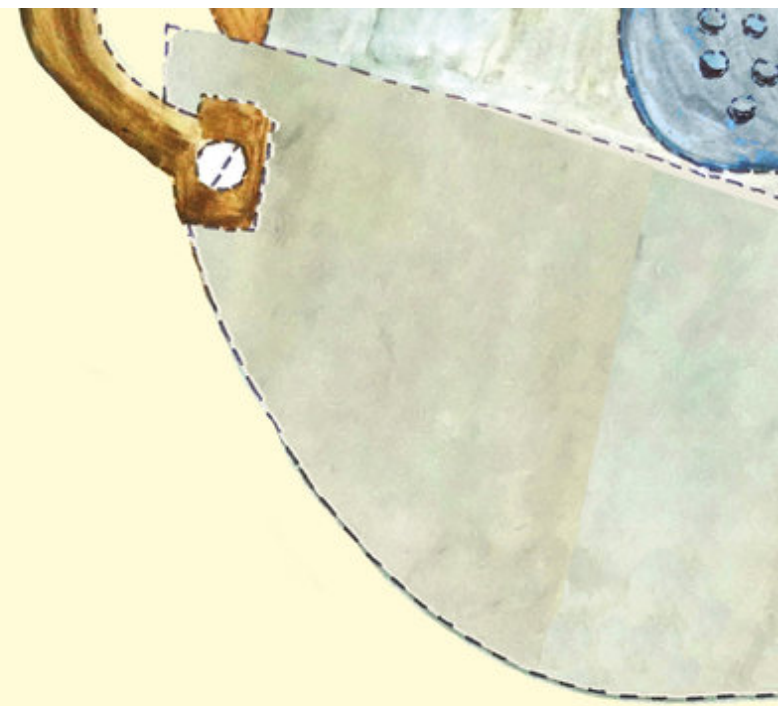
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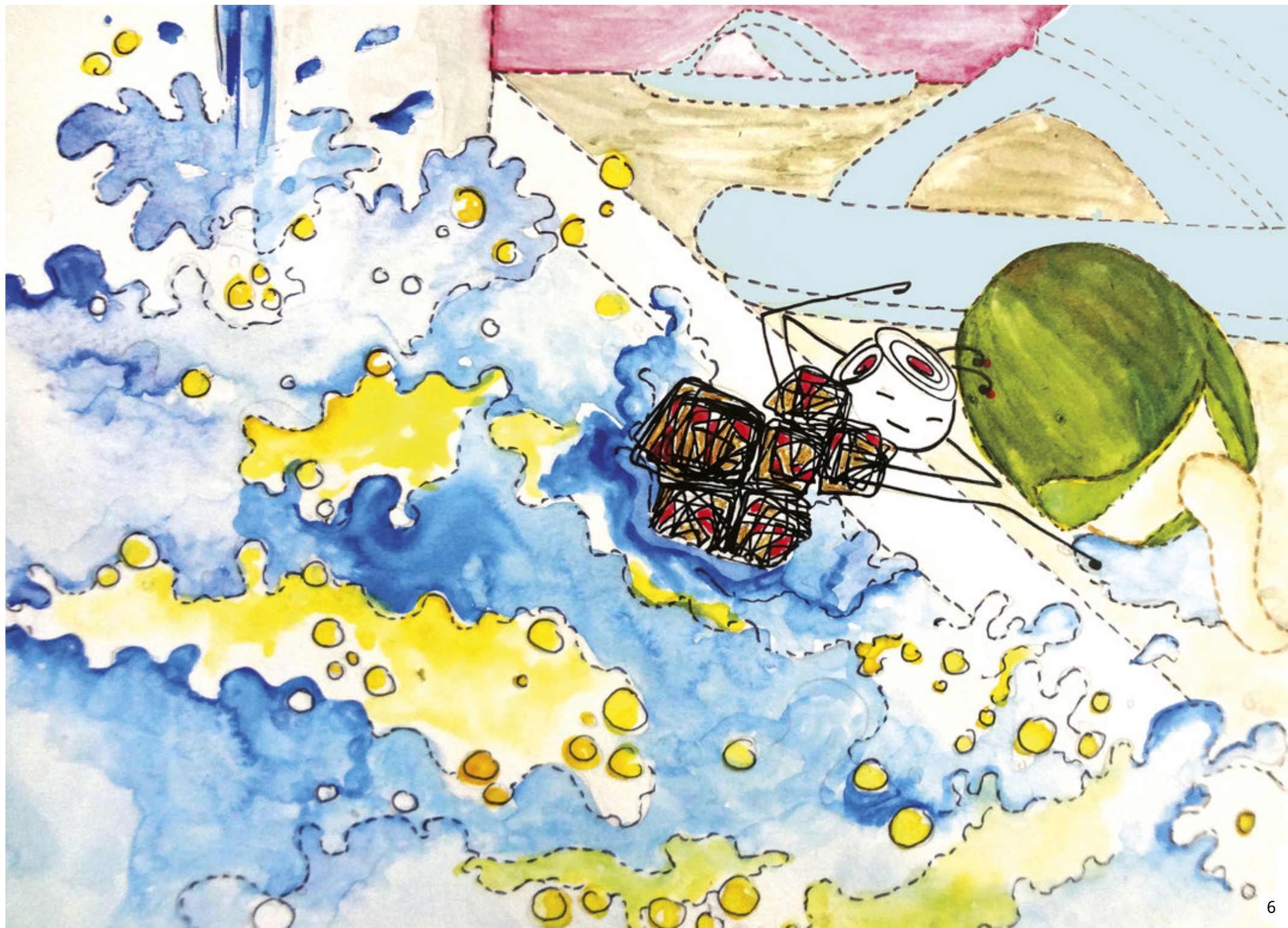
One day, an ant went looking for food.
She found a sprouted green mung
bean in the kitchen.





The ant tried to pick up the green mung bean.
It was very heavy. The ant then started
to pull it to take it home.

Her home was far away.

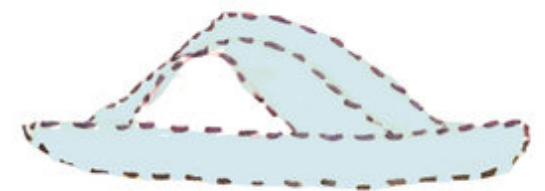




On her way home, someone had left a tap open.
Water was flowing from it.

The tiny ant thought it was a river!
Somehow, she crossed it.

Her home was very far away.



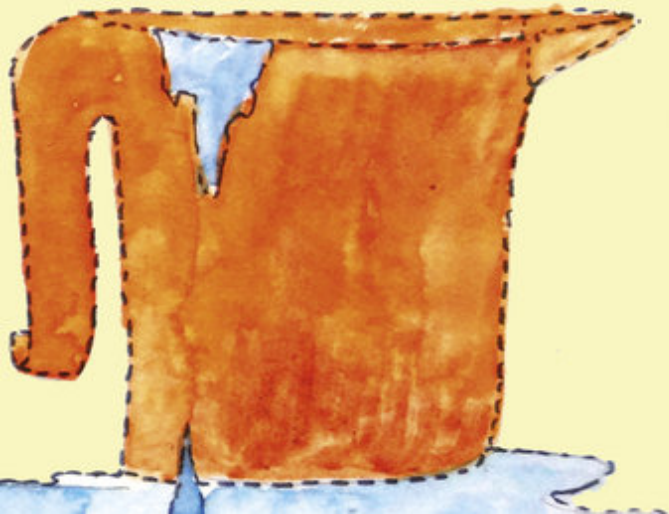


Then the ant saw a bucket.
She held on to the green mung bean
and tried to climb it.
She tried hard but she kept slipping down.





Soon another ant came up to her.
They talked to each other.
Now, they both went around the bucket
while pulling the green mung bean.

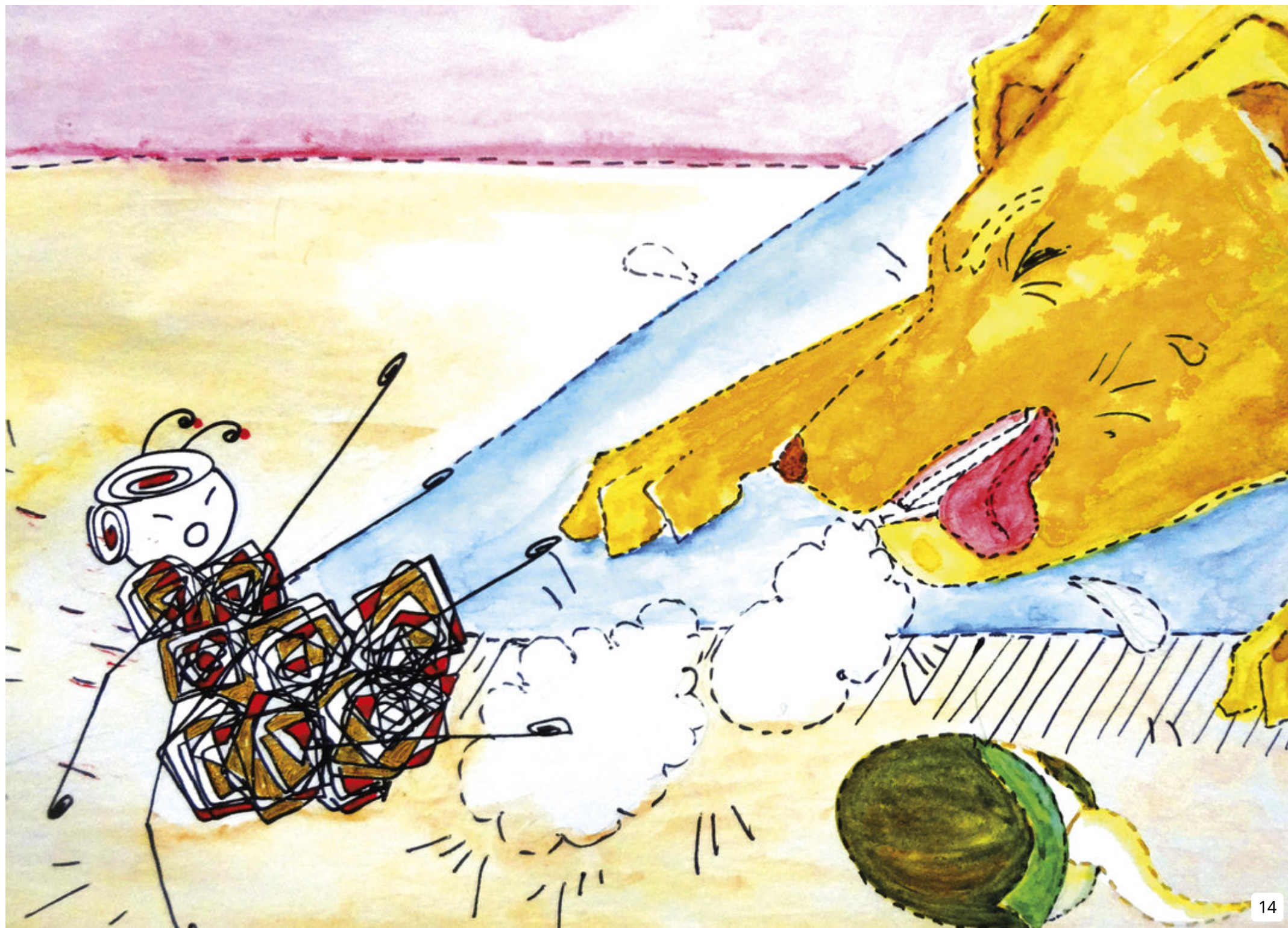




Further ahead, a woman was
cleaning her house. Swoof!
The ant fell to one side and
the green mung bean fell on the other.

The ant ran to get her green mung bean.
Her home was still very far away.





Next, the ant came close to a sleeping dog.
The dog sneezed loudly!

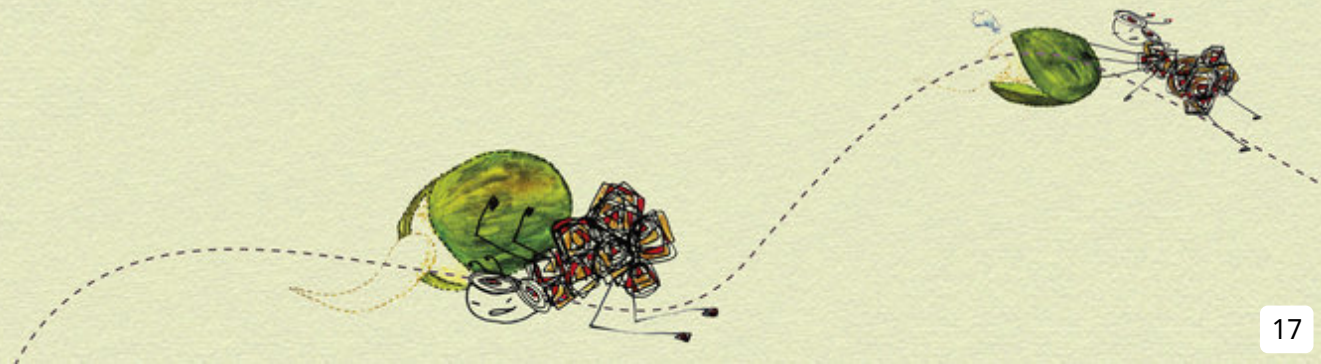
The green mung bean rolled off
near the dog's mouth.





The ant carefully went near the dog.
The dog opened one eye and looked at the ant.

The ant took the green mung bean and began walking.
Her home was very far away.







Close by, a chick was pecking on some grains.
It saw the green mung bean and tried to peck on it.
Ah, now my green mung bean is gone,
thought the ant sadly.

Just then, the chick's mother called out
from under the papaya tree.
Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!

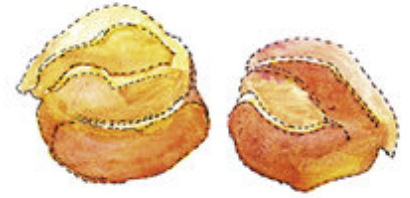




The chick left the green mung bean behind,
and ran towards its mother.
Once again, the ant picked up the green mung bean
and started walking home.

Her home was still...
Oh, it was right in front of her now!





Do you know your beans?

The ant in this book found a green mung bean with a sprout.

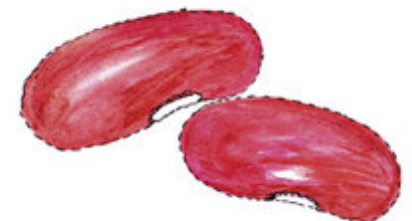
Sprouted beans are very good for our health. We can make sprouts with pulses like rajma, chickpea, black gram and horse gram.

Bean Games

Get to know the different kinds of pulses by playing this game with your friends. Ask an adult to give you different kinds of pulses from your kitchen, like chickpea, rajma, toor dal, soy bean, mung bean and peas and learn their names.



Put them all in one bowl. Blind-fold one person. She has to feel the pulses and guess the name. See how many she gets right. Another way to play this game is to make all the players close their eyes. Then, everyone tries to separate the different kinds of pulses into different groups.



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The Ant and the Green Mung Bean

(English)

A tiny ant finds a big green mung bean. She wants to carry it home. There are many problems on the way! Will she be able to do it? Follow this ant to find out.

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



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