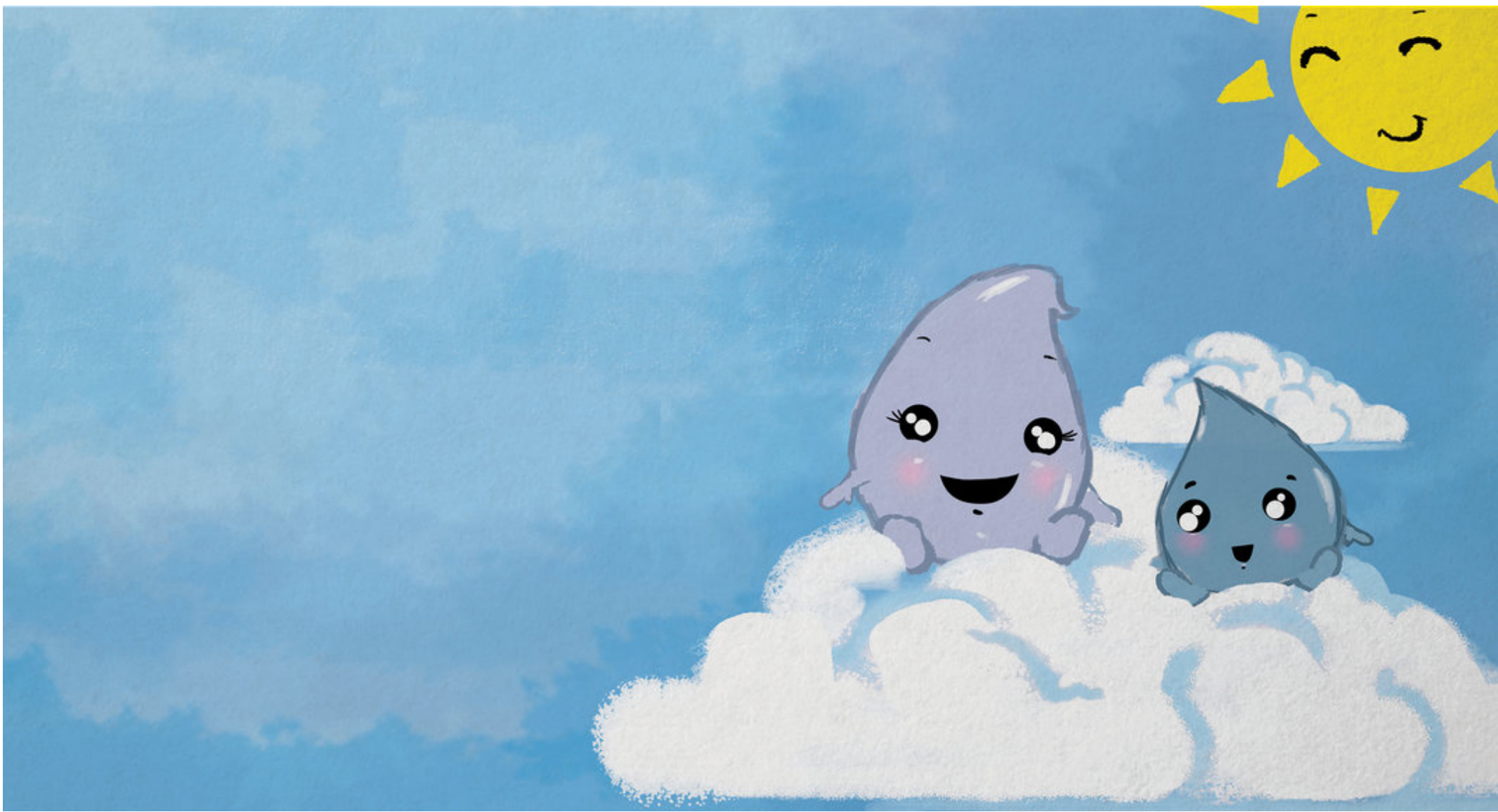




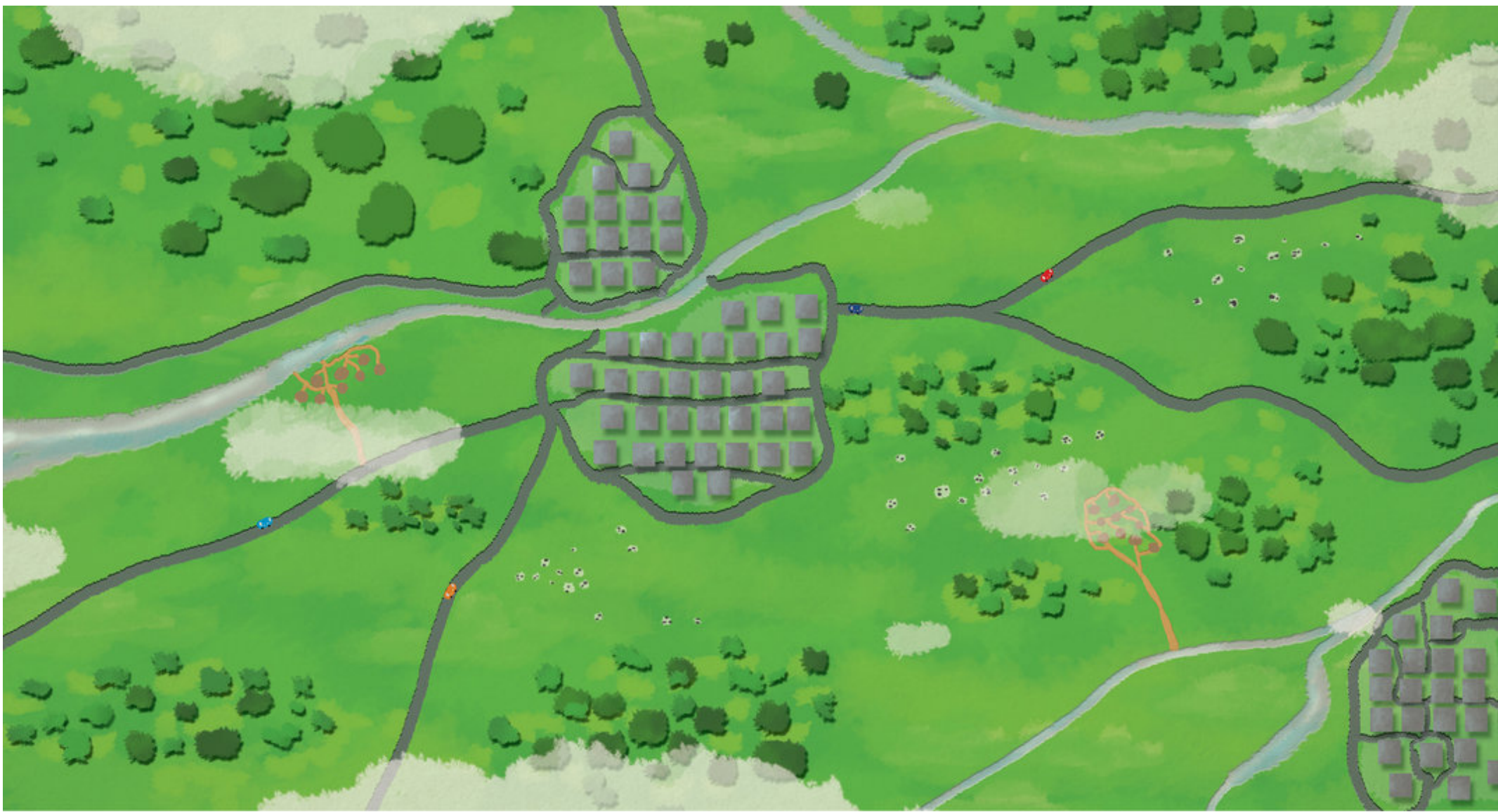
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Level 2



One hot day, little Tone sits with the other cloud droplets and looks down from the sky. Everything looks so interesting from way up here in the clouds.





The trees look like little soft green balls. The rivers look like silver ribbons. The mountain tops look like ice cream scoops. The buildings look like little grey boxes.

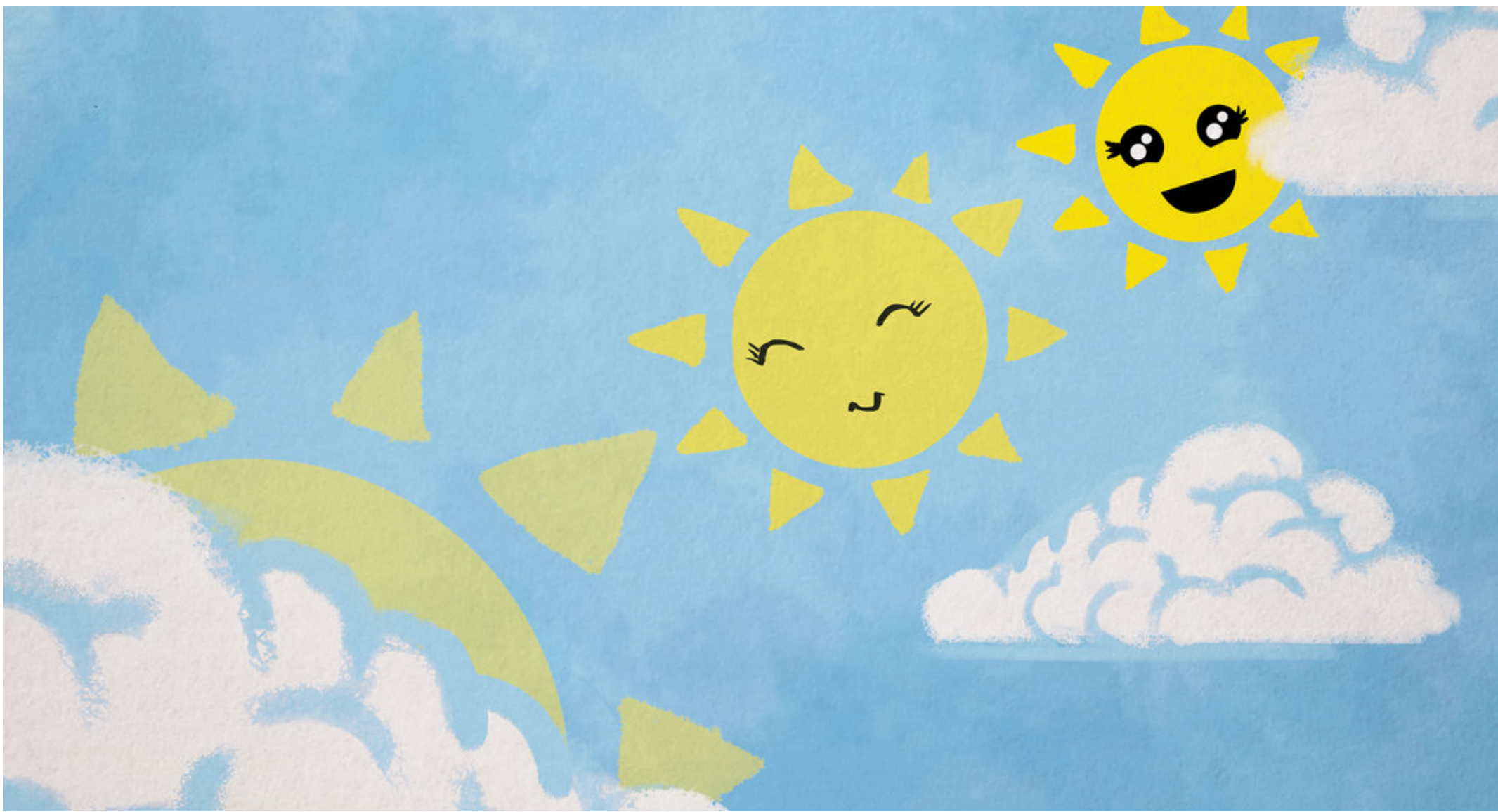


“What else is down there?” Tone asks her friend Nyunyu.


“My daddy says there are people and animals and trees and cars,” says Nyunyu.

“Wow! So much to see!” says Tone.

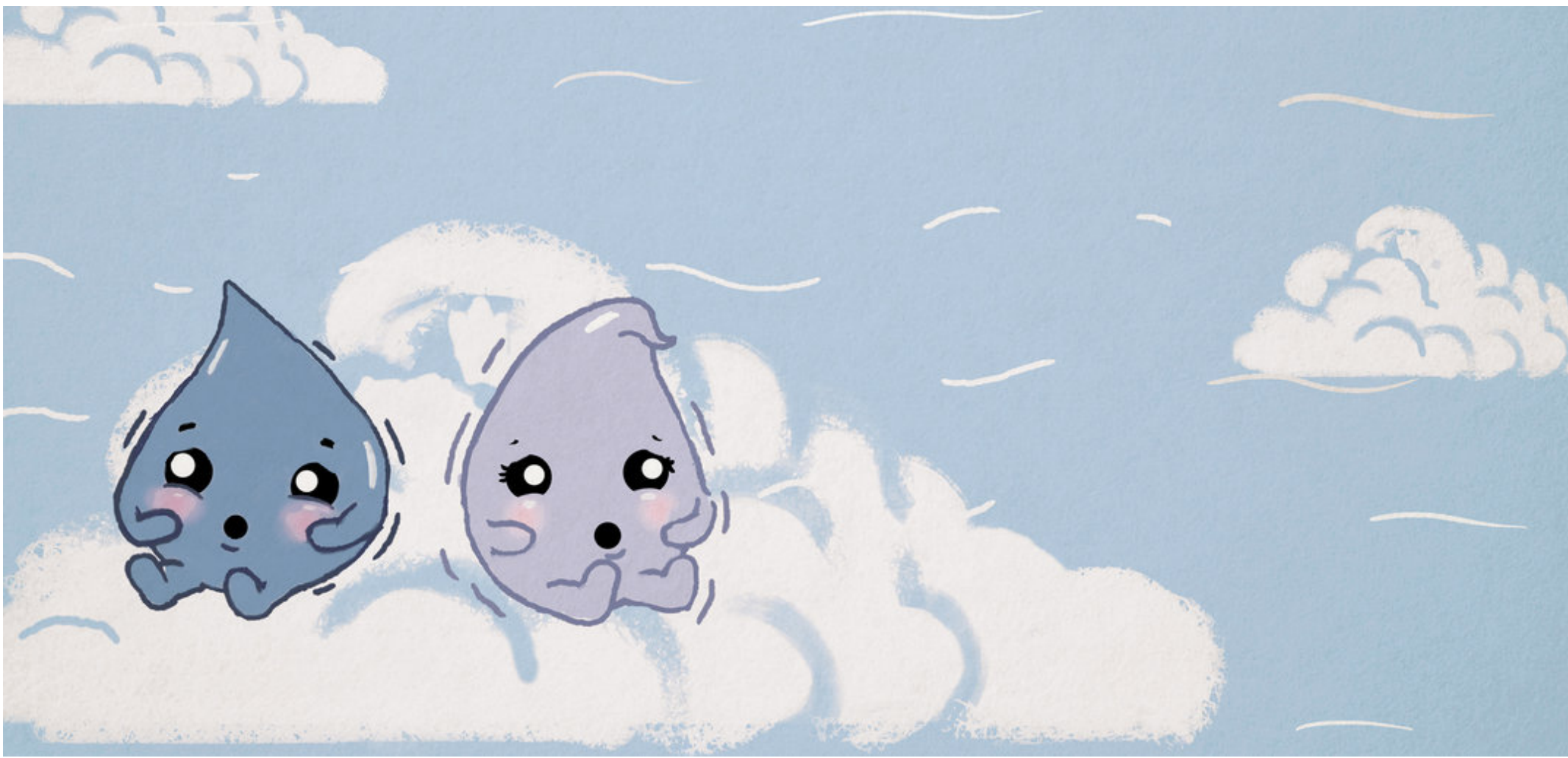




As the day carries on, their friend Ms Sun rises higher and higher in the sky until Tone and Nyunyu and the other droplets cannot see her anymore.

The background is a solid light blue. There are two large, fluffy white clouds, one in the top left and one in the bottom right. Scattered throughout the sky are numerous thin, yellow, wavy lines of varying lengths and curves, representing wind or air currents.

Mr Wind comes along whistling  
a sweet, sweet tune.

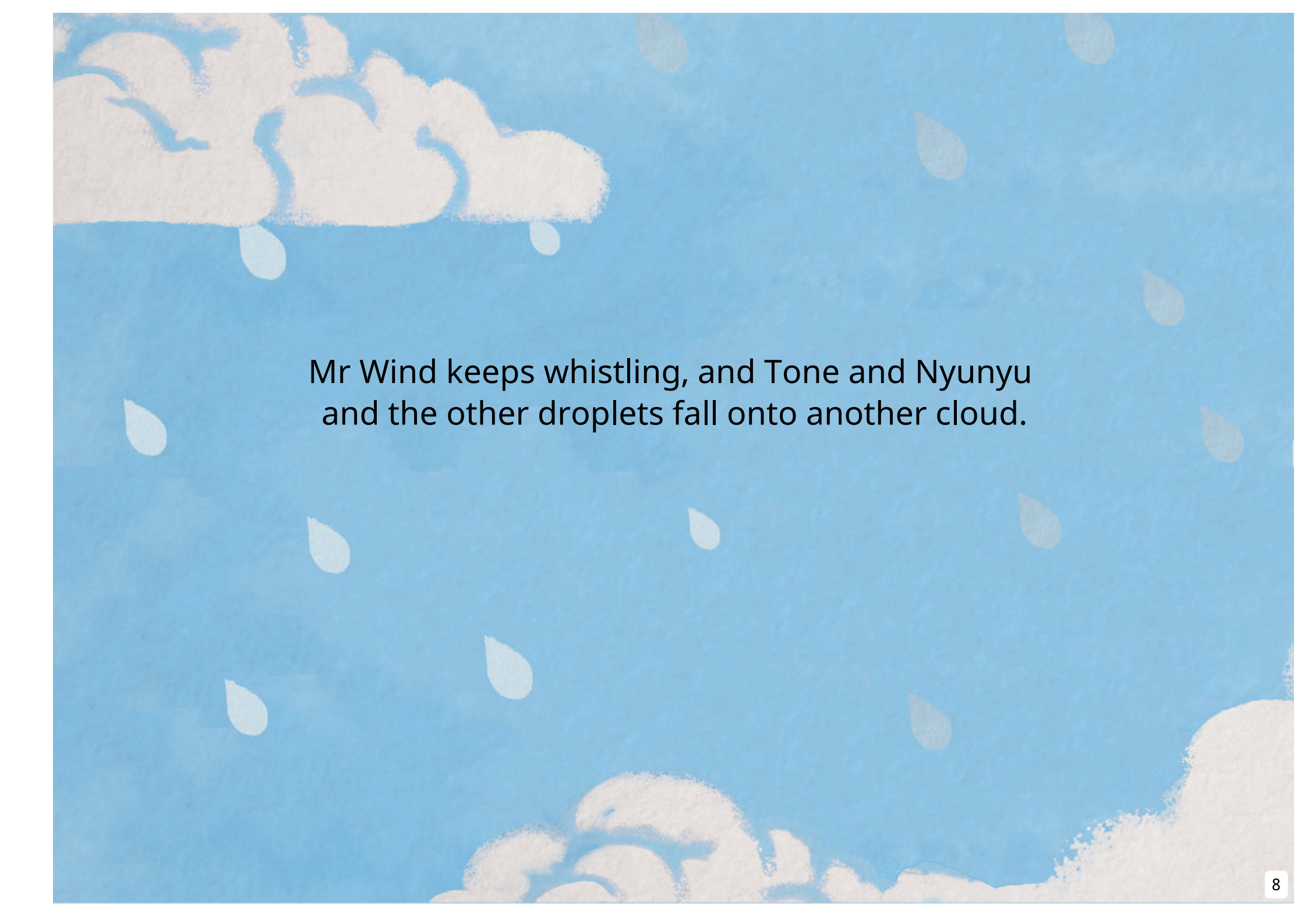


His whistles blow Tone and Nyunyu and their droplet friends off their cloud.

“Brr!” says Tone.

It’s getting very cold.



The background of the slide is a solid blue color, representing a sky. There are two large, white, fluffy clouds: one in the top left corner and another in the bottom right corner. Numerous white, teardrop-shaped raindrops are scattered across the blue sky, appearing to fall from the clouds. The text is centered in the middle of the slide.

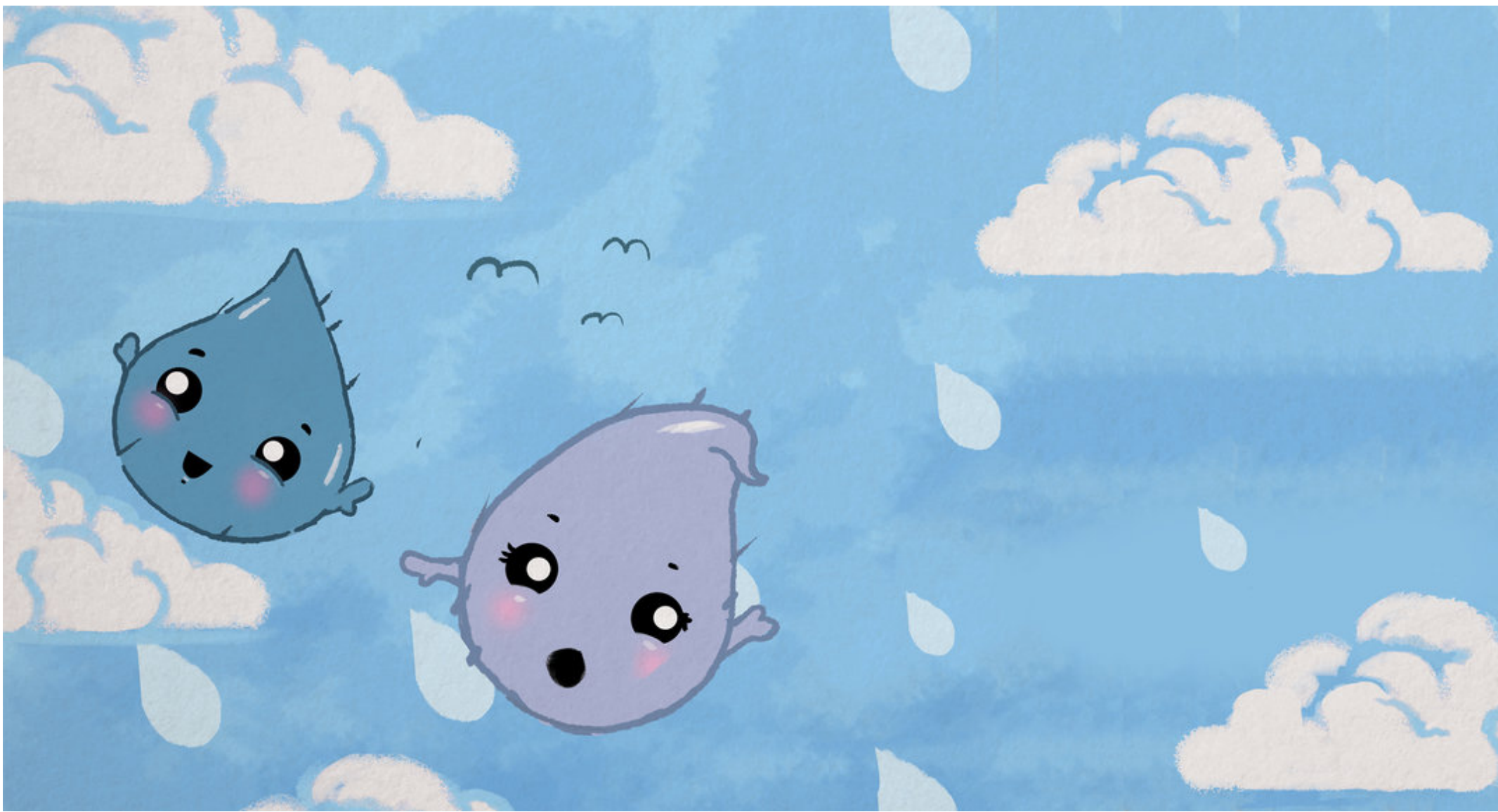
Mr Wind keeps whistling, and Tone and Nyunyu  
and the other droplets fall onto another cloud.






**BOOP!**

They bounce off the cloud and then fall far, far towards the earth.



“Look at me fall, Nyunyu. I’m going faster than you!” says Tone and she races with Nyunyu to see who will be the fastest.



The background is a stylized illustration. The left two-thirds of the image is a solid blue sky. There are three white, fluffy clouds: one in the top left, one in the top center, and one in the bottom left. Three white, teardrop-shaped raindrops are falling from the clouds. On the right side, there is a vertical strip representing a building. It is light beige with three windows. Each window has a brown frame and is divided into four panes. The windows are looking out onto the blue sky. The building has some faint, darker beige lines suggesting architectural details.

They fall past clouds and birds  
and very tall buildings.



Down, down, down they go.

Faster and faster.





“Look at that, Tone. What is it?” says Nyunyu.

“Hmm, I see red and orange, yellow and green, blue and purple,” says Tone.

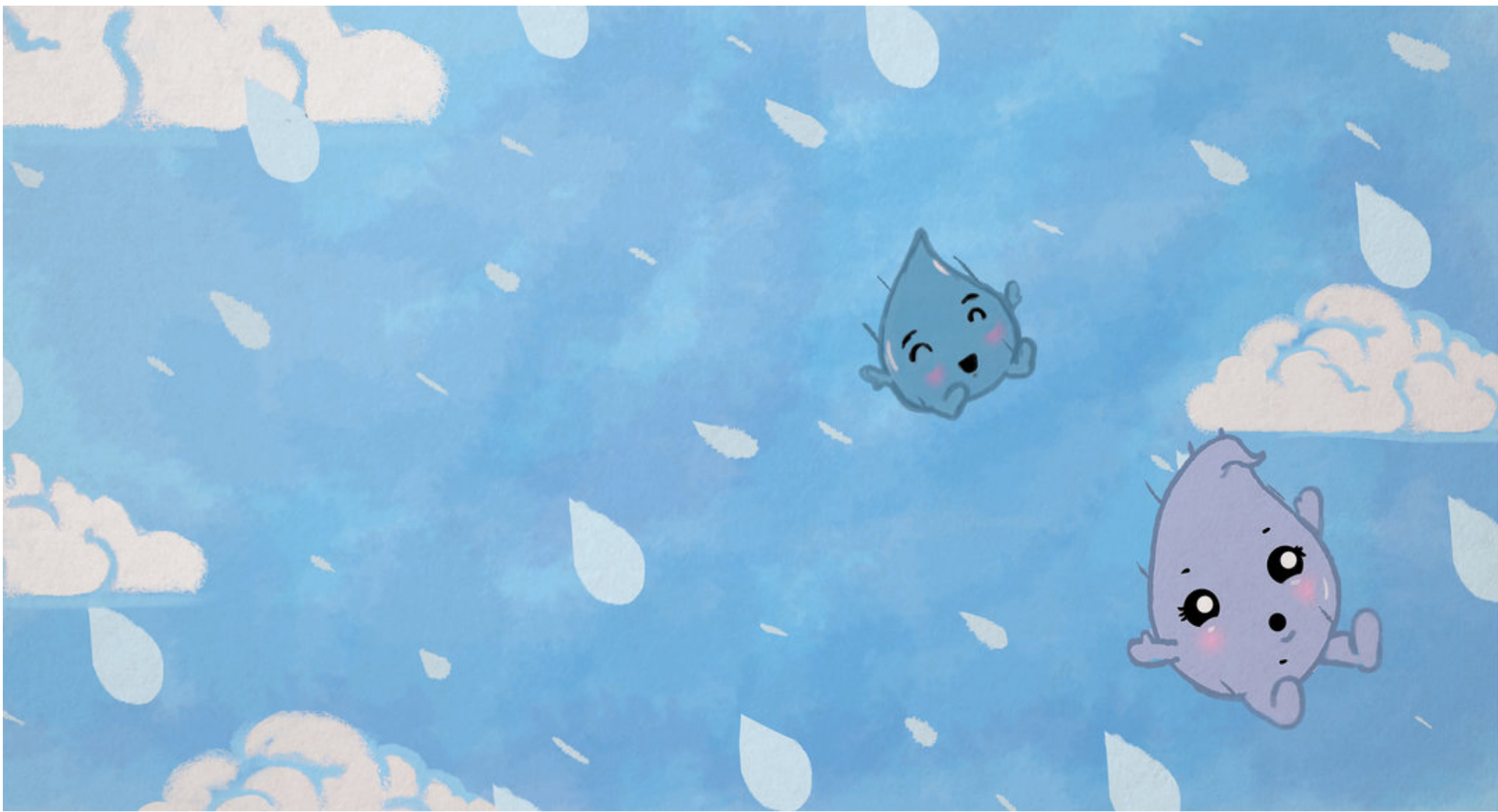


"It looks like a big ball!" says Nyunyu.



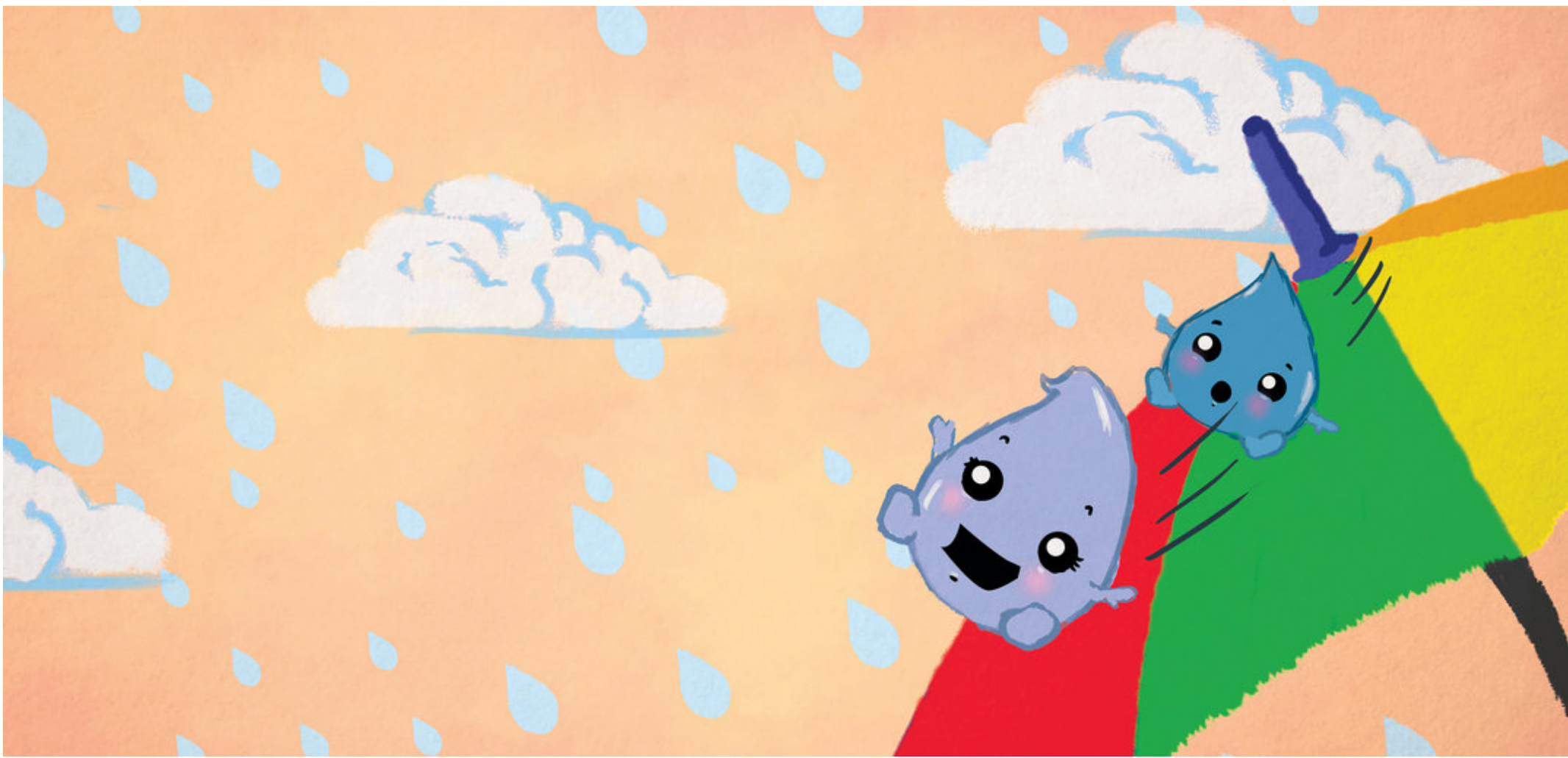


“It looks like a rainbow!” says Tone.



Down, down, down they fall.

**“Whee!” “Whee!”**

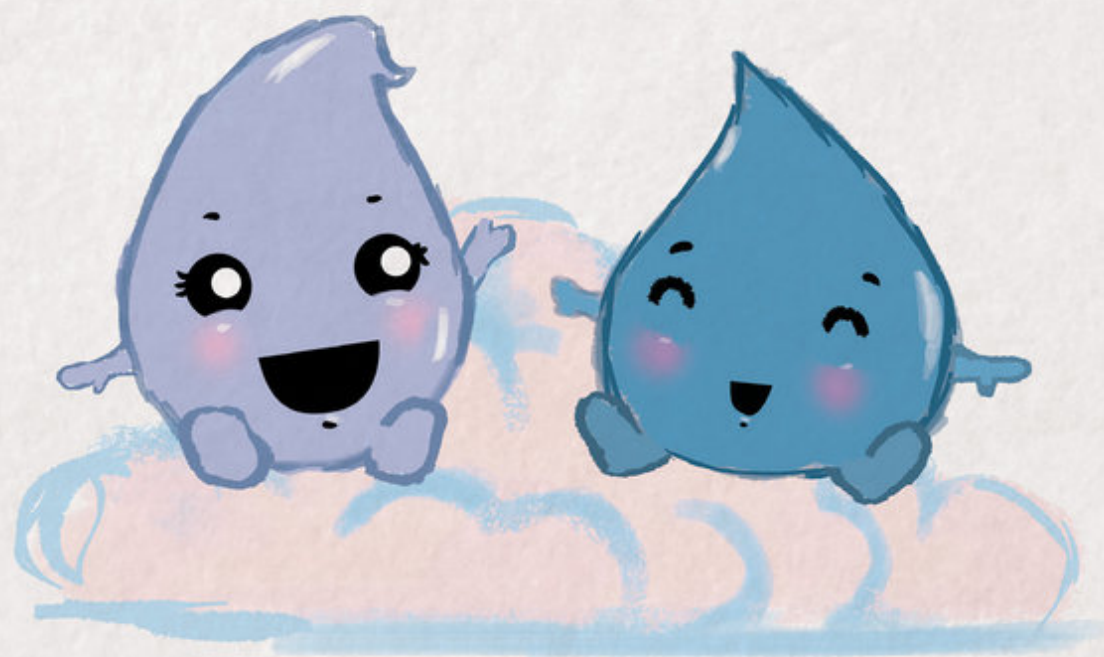


**SWOOSH!**

They slide down the big, bouncy, colourful thing.

“It’s an umbrella!” shout Tone and Nyunyu.







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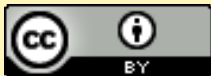
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# Tone's Big Drop

(English)

Tone the raindrop is wondering what's way down there on the ground.  
She and her friend Nyunyu go on a journey 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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