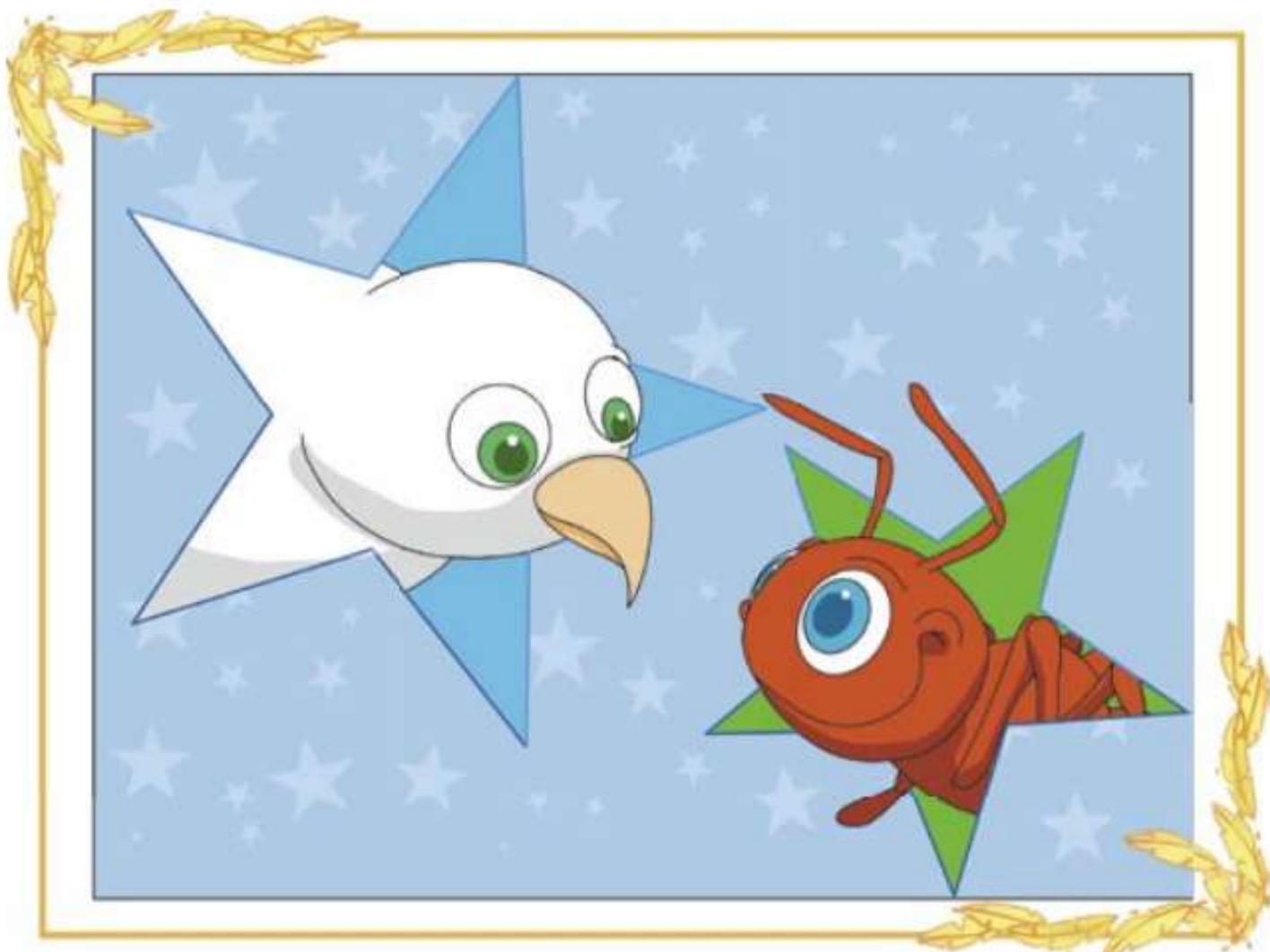
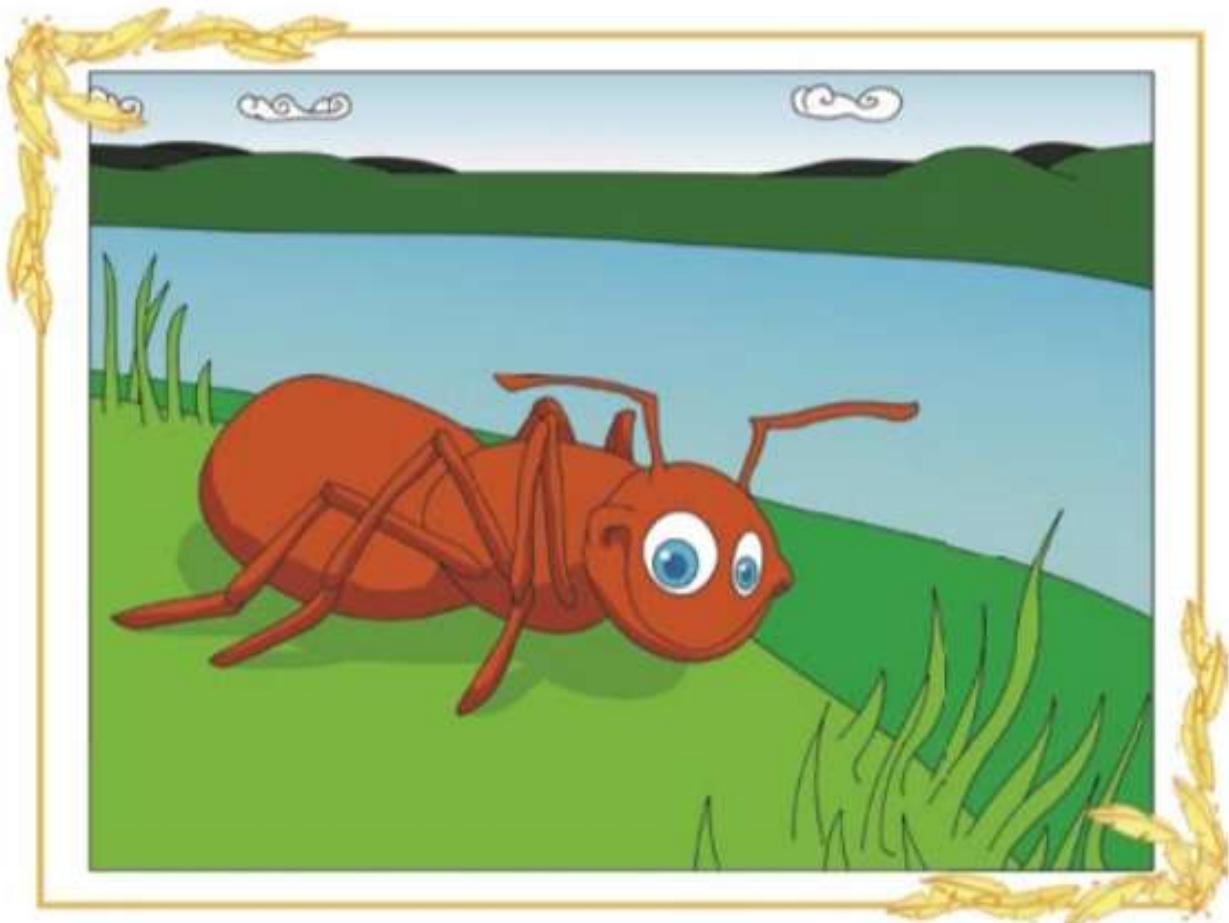
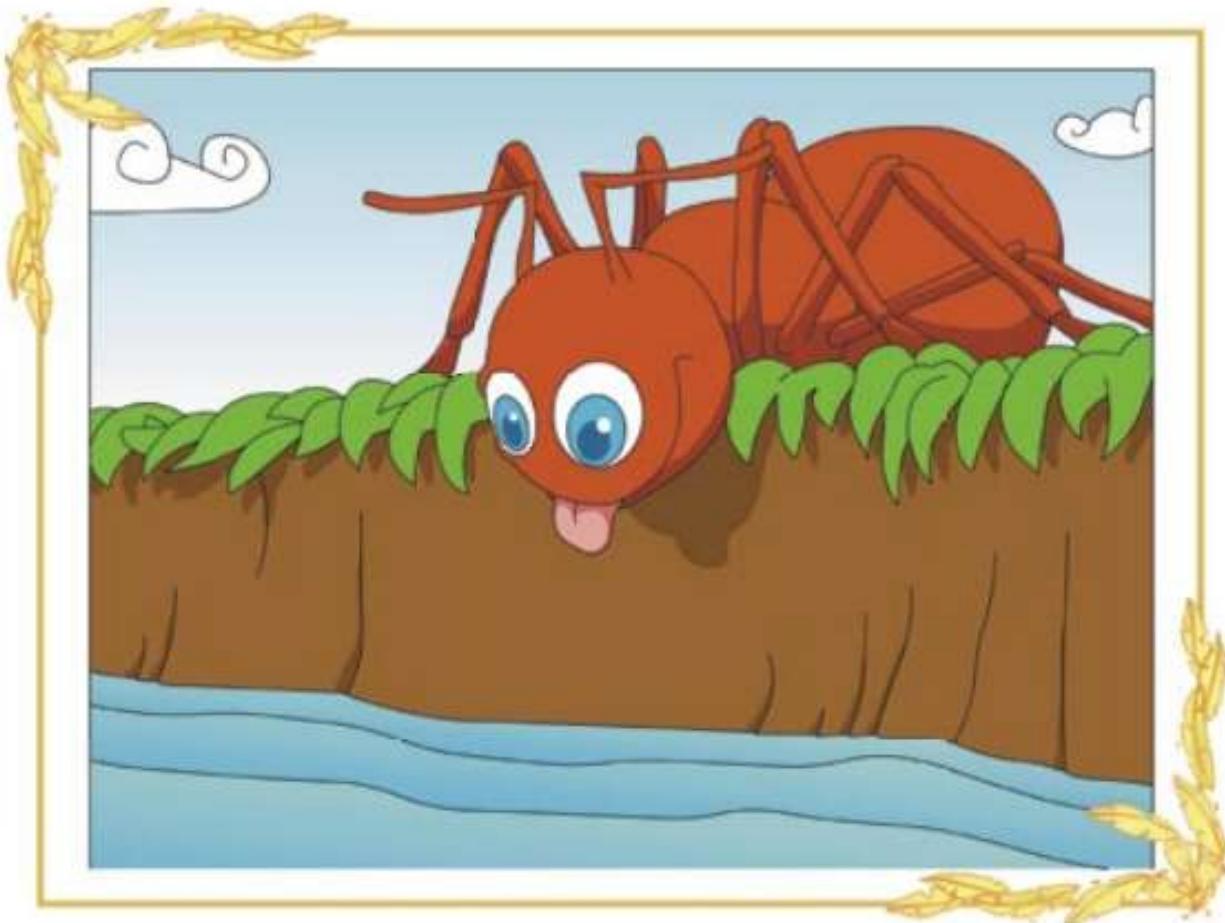


The Dove and the Ant





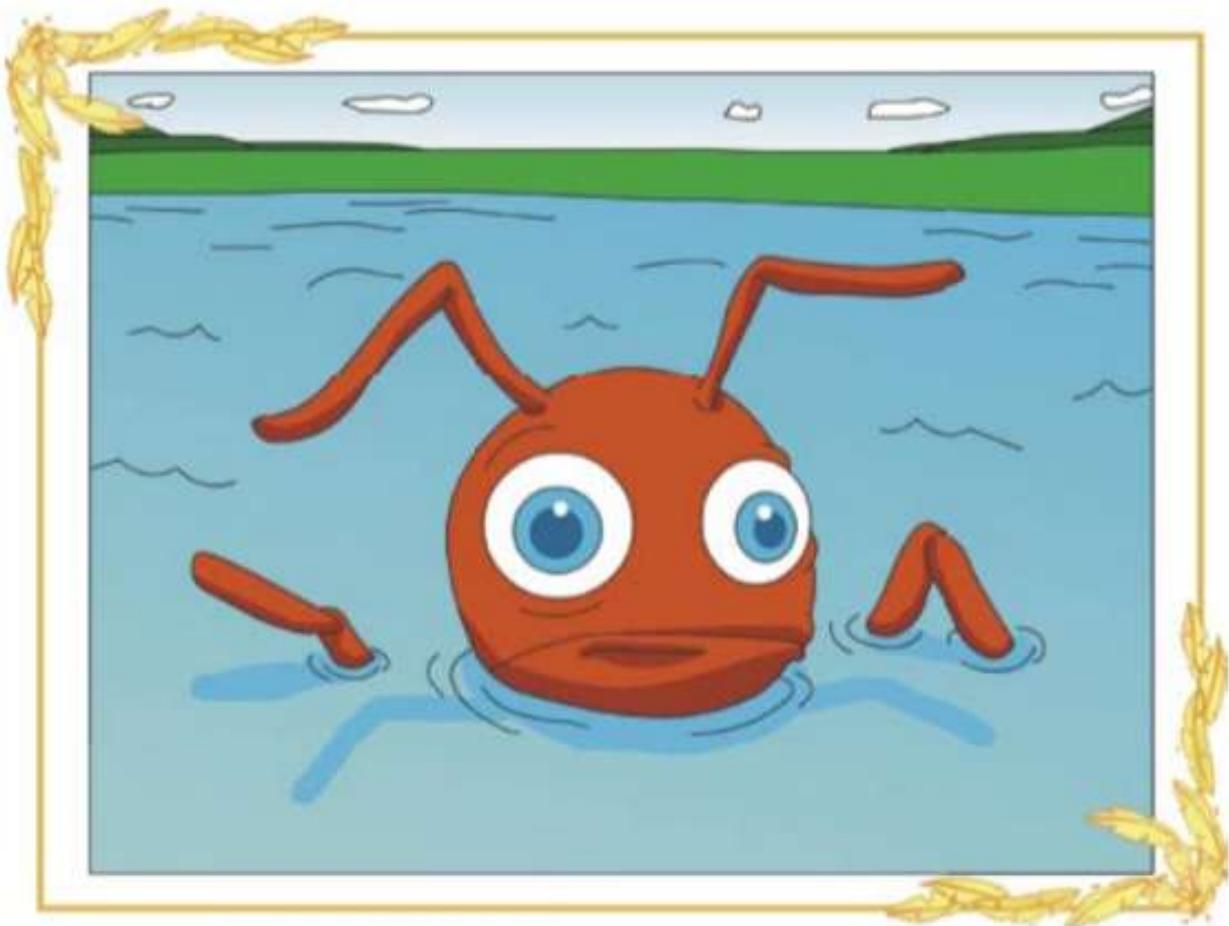
One day an ant went down to the river to
get a drink.



He was so thirsty that he stretched his head over the bank to take the biggest gulp he could.



Suddenly, he fell in.



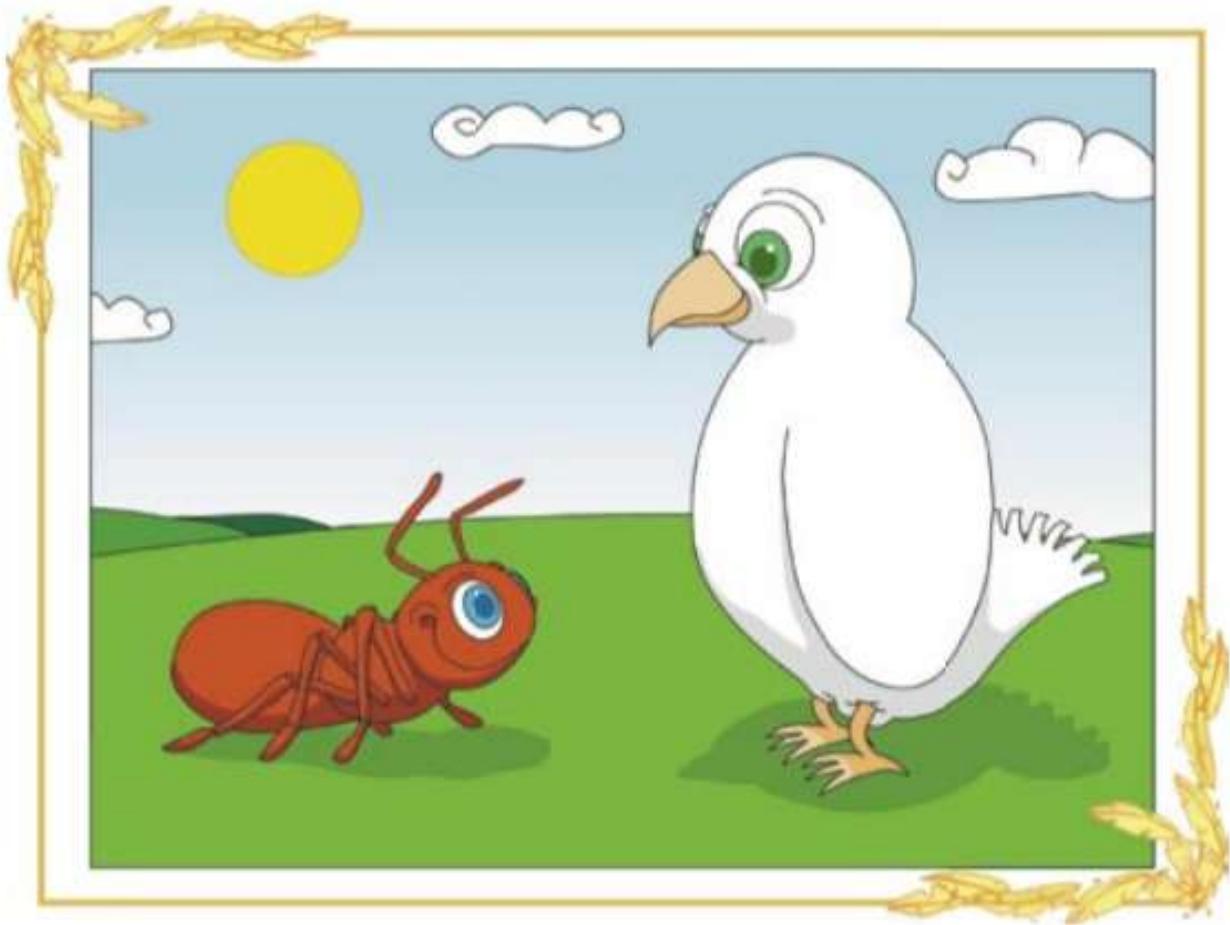
Soon, he was swept far into the river. He feared that there was no hope.



Up above, a dove saw the poor ant in the river.



She swept down, picked him up and saved him.



"Thank you," said the ant. "You saved my life."



Many days later, the ant saw a man who was trying to hurt the dove.



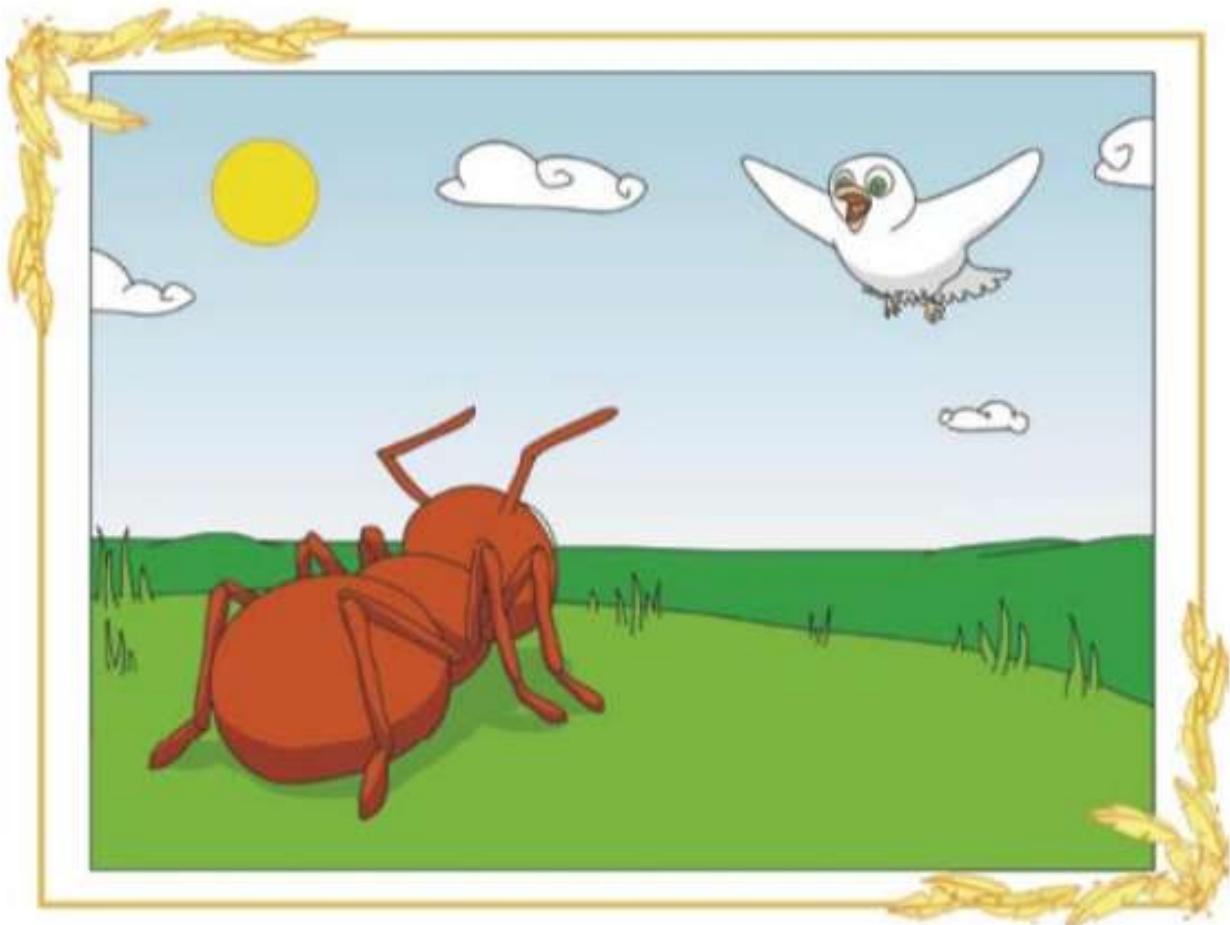
The ant hurried over to the man and bit him
on the foot.



The man screamed and hopped up and down on his good foot!



The dove took this chance to fly away.



From above, the ant heard, "Thank you.
You saved my life."



Moral: Little friends can turn out to be BIG friends!