

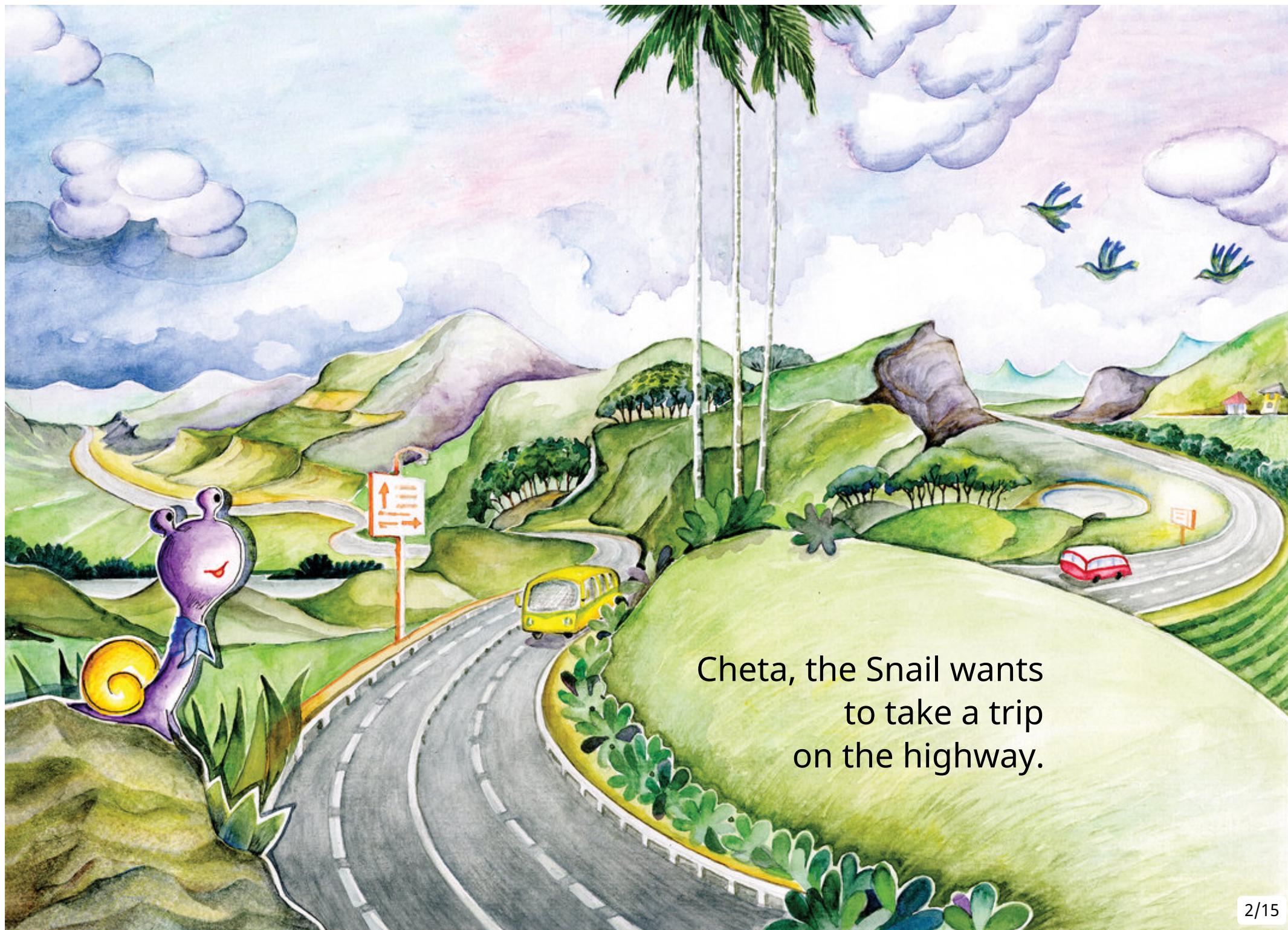
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The Snail's Wonderful Journey

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Cheta, the Snail wants
to take a trip
on the highway.



He sees a bus coming quickly towards him.

The bus stops nearby.
Oh! There is a gecko
on the bus.



The bus slows down to let passengers on and off.

When Gecko sees Cheta, he isn't happy.
"This bus is mine!" he says.

"Well, the road is mine!" says Cheta.

They both laugh.



"I want to ride on the bus like you," says Cheta.

"Then come to this stop early tomorrow morning," says Gecko.



Cheta arrives early the next morning.

But not early enough!
He misses the bus.
"Oh, why haven't they made a watch for a snail?" Cheta moans.



Cheta tries again the next morning.

But, this bus never comes.

"Oh, the bus must have broken down!" moans Cheta. "How unlucky I am!"



I am not going home tonight, Cheta thinks to himself. I will stay right here and wait for the bus.



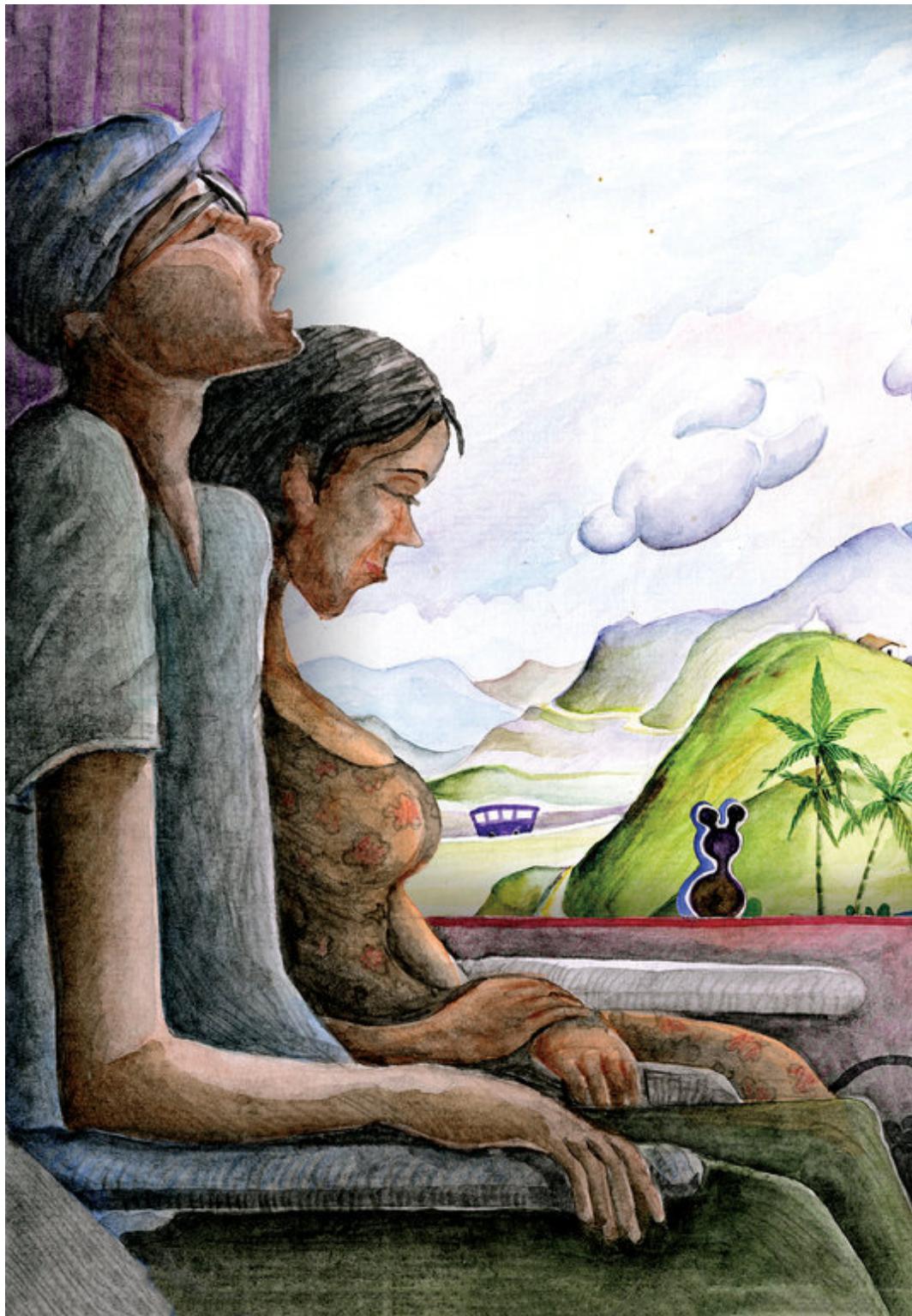
The next morning,
there is a long queue
of people waiting for
the bus.



Cheta the Snail
manages to get on!
But, he is so small
compared to all the
people's feet that
Gecko cannot see him.



"Oh! Cheta still hasn't come," thinks Gecko sadly.



Cheta crawls to the windowsill. He is thrilled to see trees, houses, and mountains passing speedily by.

The bus is so **FAST!**



Riding a bus is like floating through the sky, thinks Cheta happily.



"I never imagined an experience like this," sighs Cheta.
This time, Gecko hears him.
Gecko is so happy to see his fellow traveler.



In the evening, the bus returns to Cheta's stop. Gecko gets off with his new friend.

"What a wonderful journey we had today!" says Cheta.



"I want to fly like that again."

"My friend, there are so many different buses!" says Gecko.
"Our adventures will be endless."



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The Snail's Wonderful Journey

(English)

Cheta the Snail wants to take a bus journey. He tries many times to catch the bus, but it is not as easy as he hoped! Will his dream ever come true?

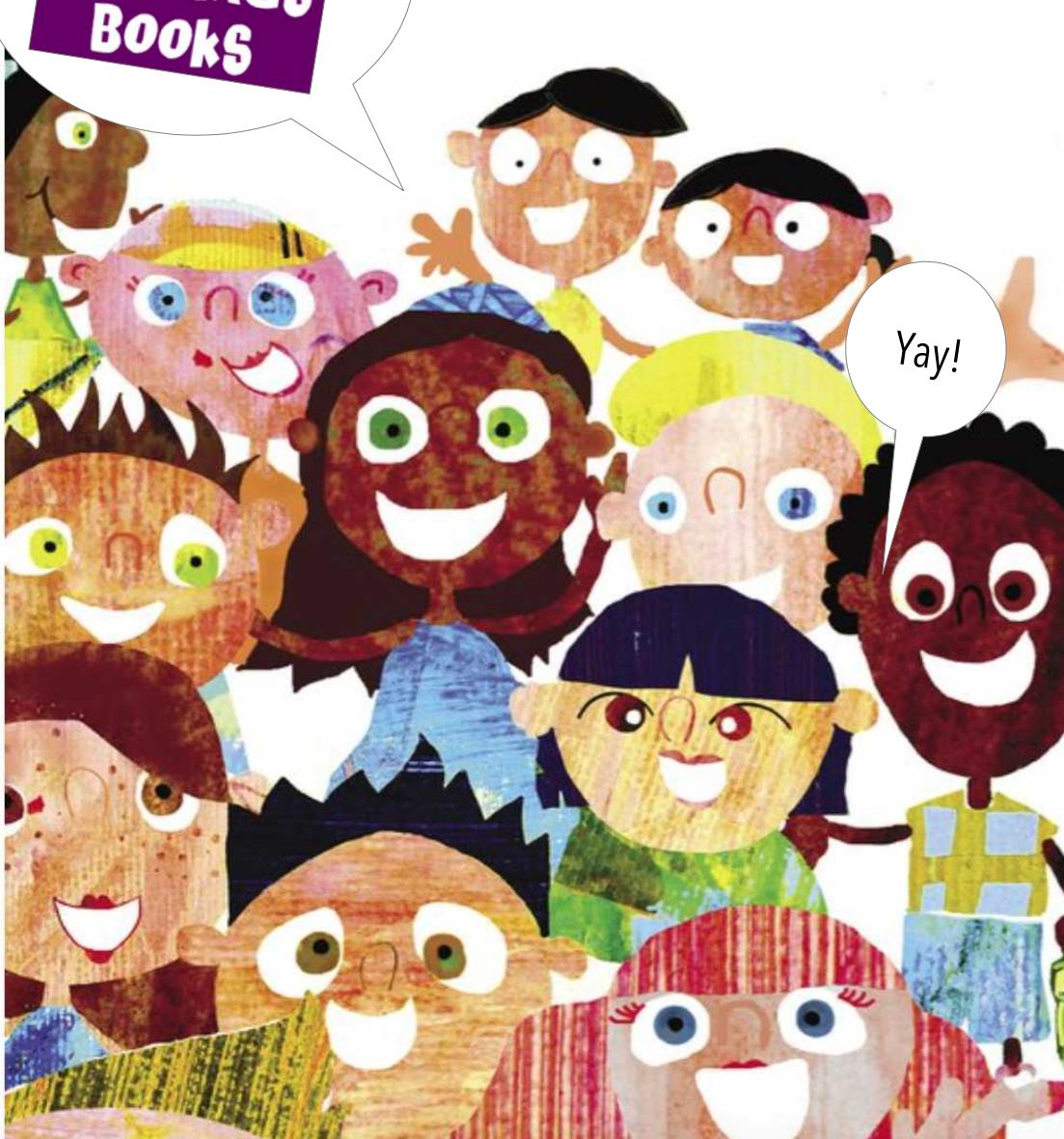
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