



The Snail's Wonderful Journey

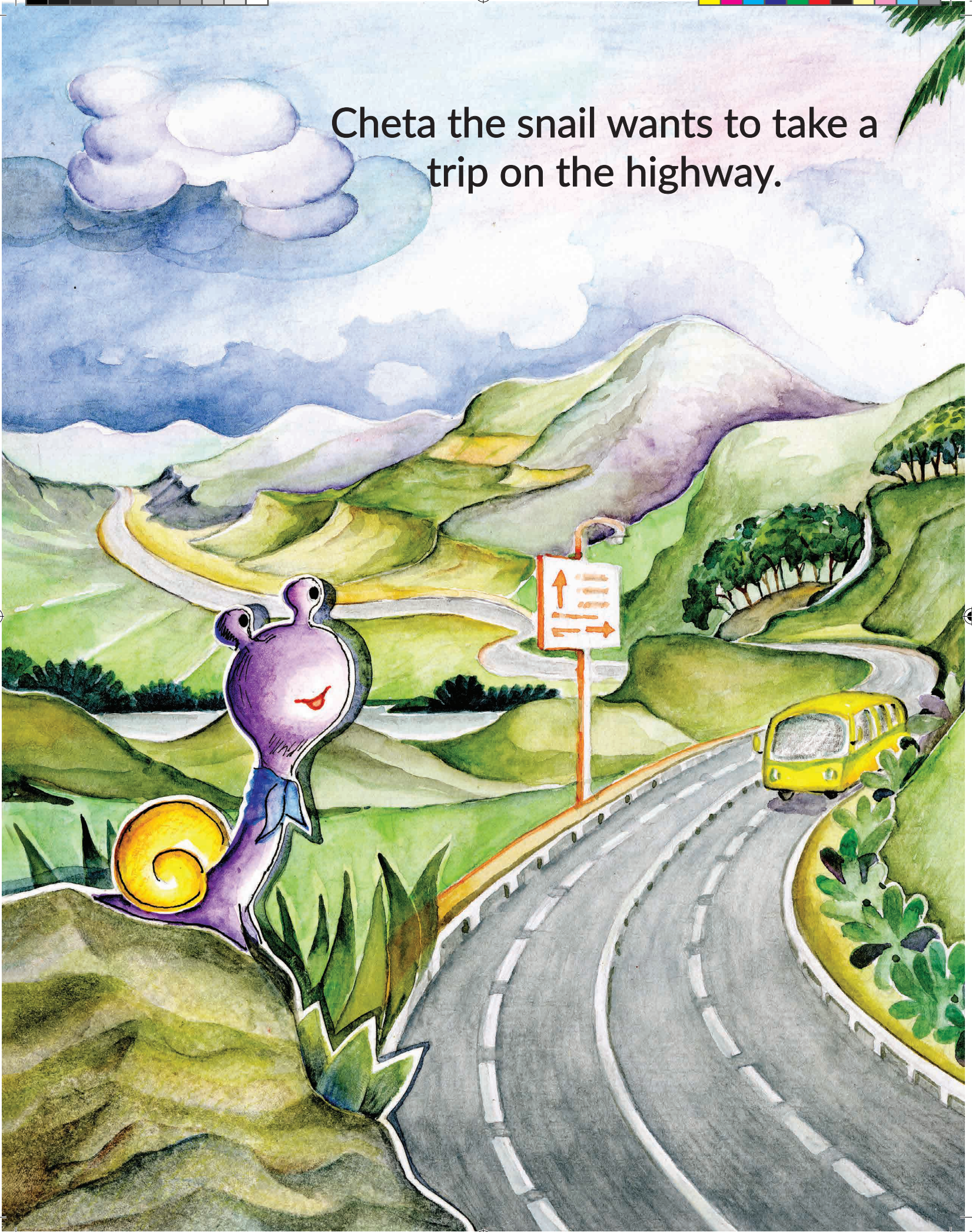


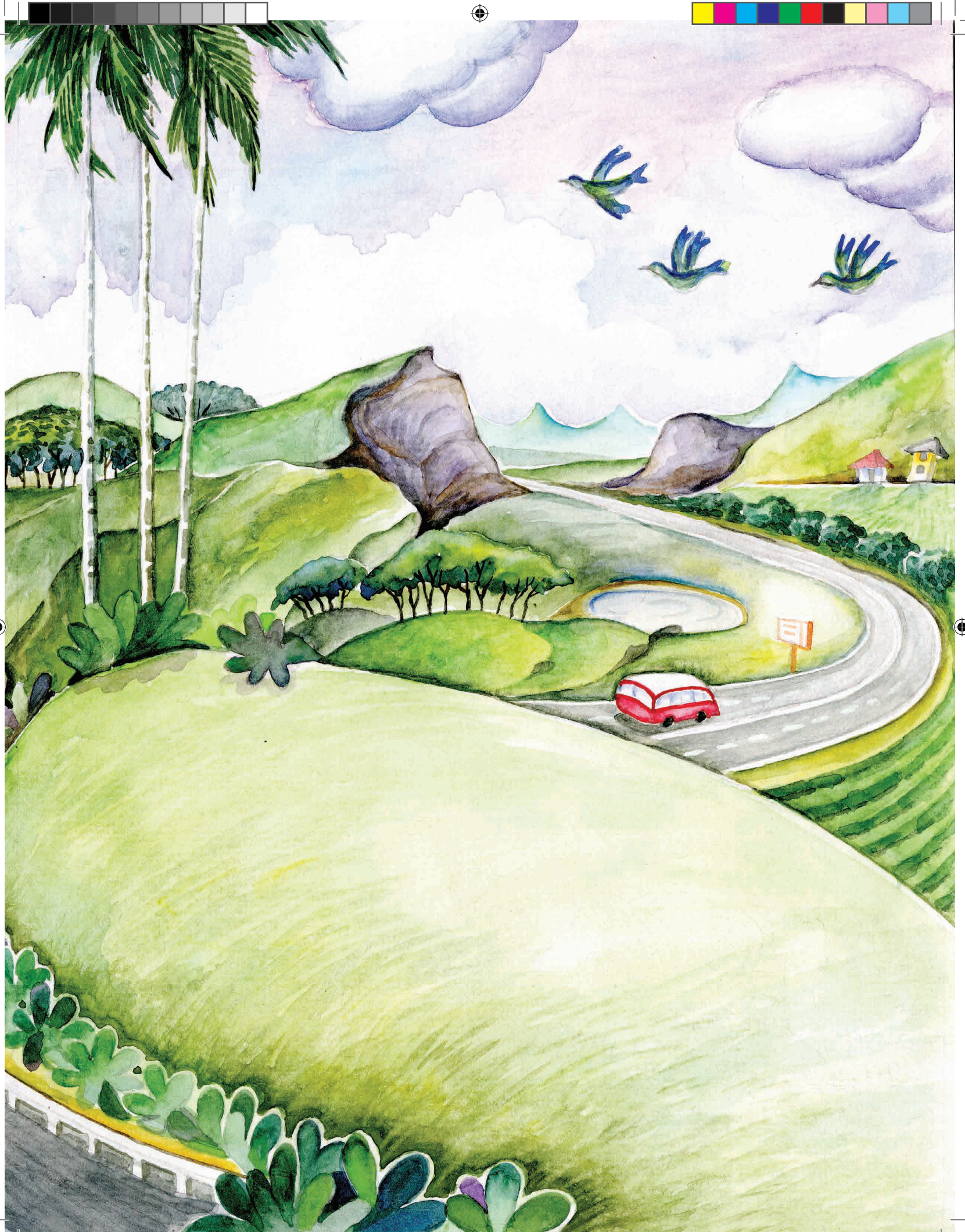
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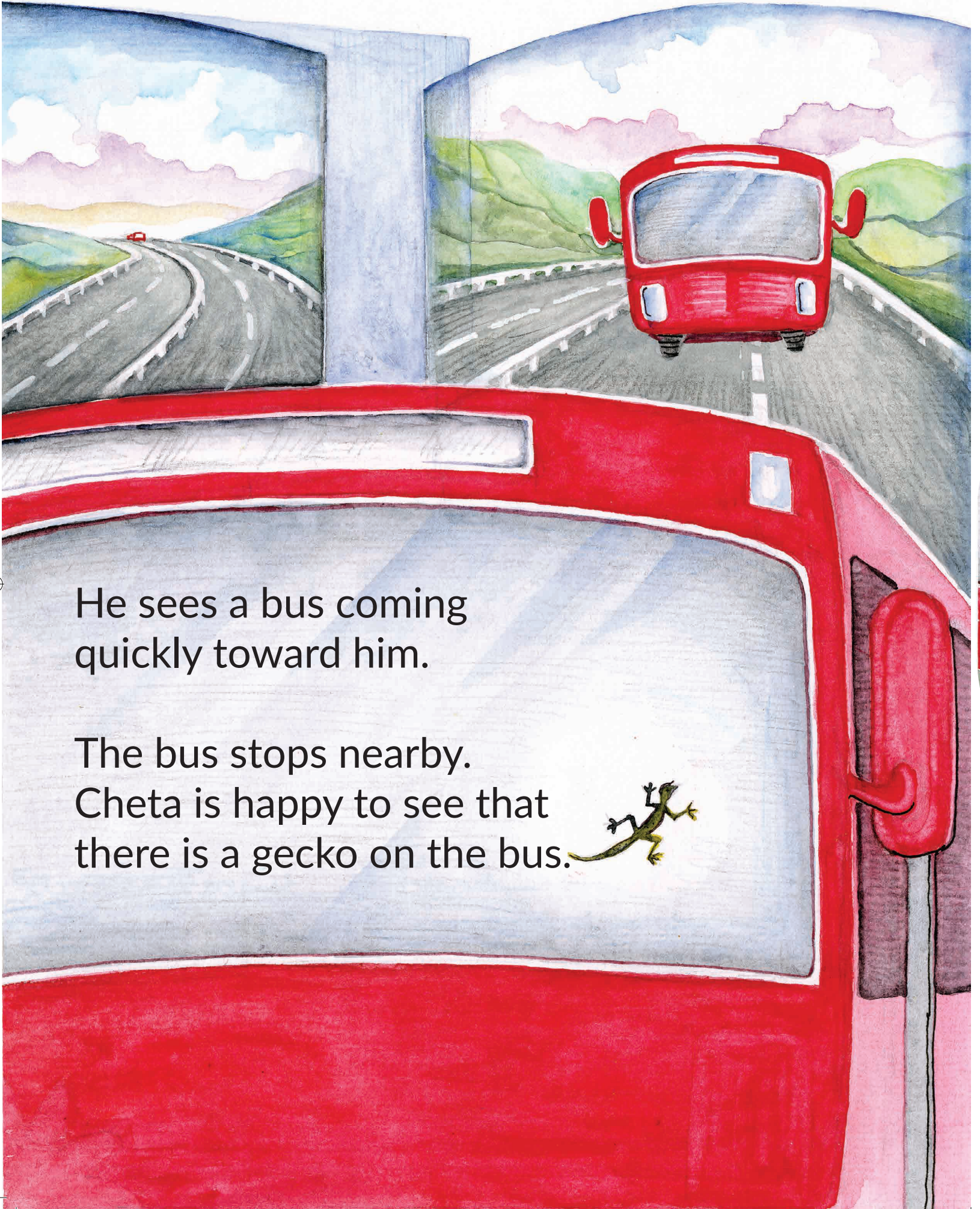




Cheta the snail wants to take a trip on the highway.







He sees a bus coming quickly toward him.

The bus stops nearby.
Cheta is happy to see that 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.

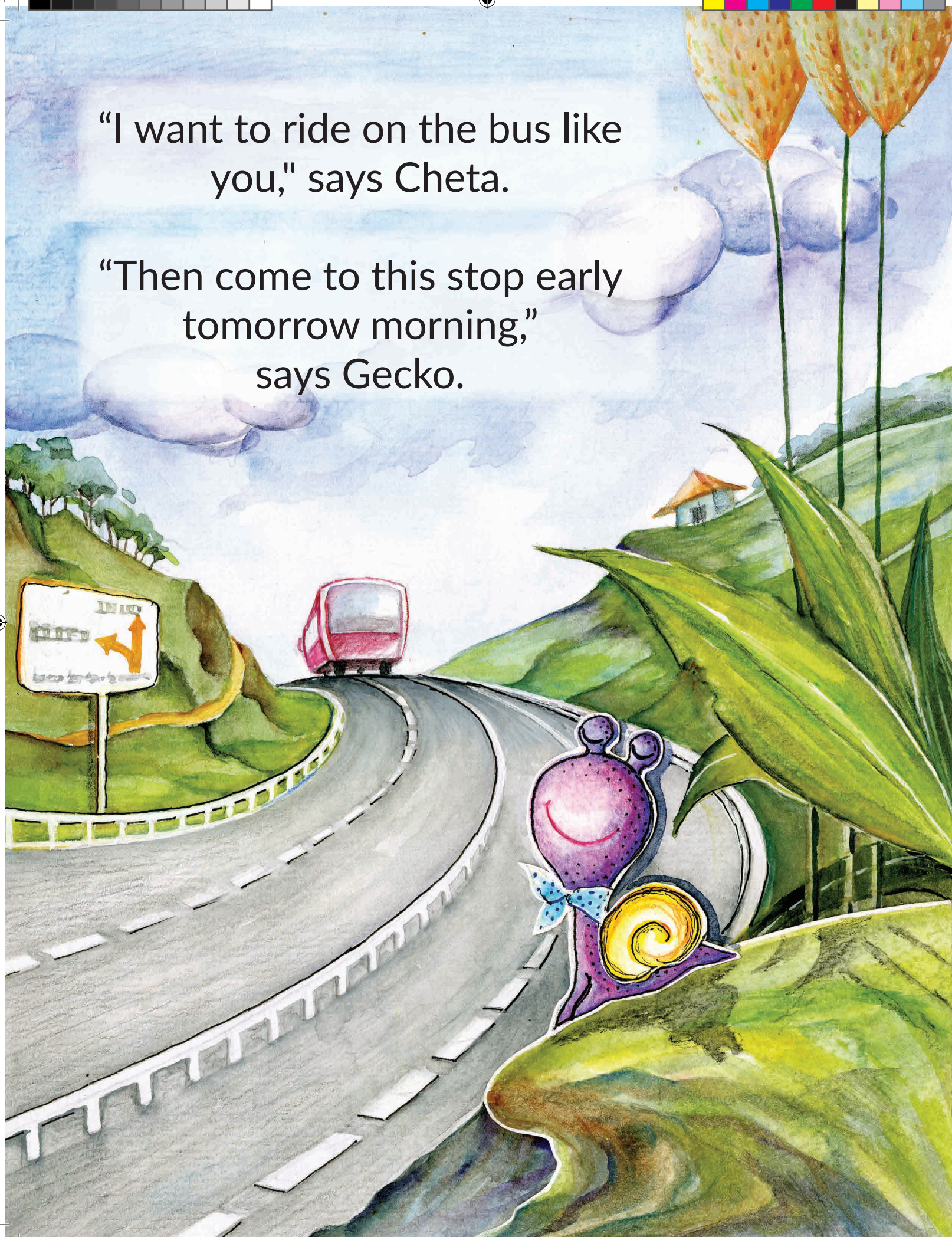
"Well, the road is mine!" says Cheta.

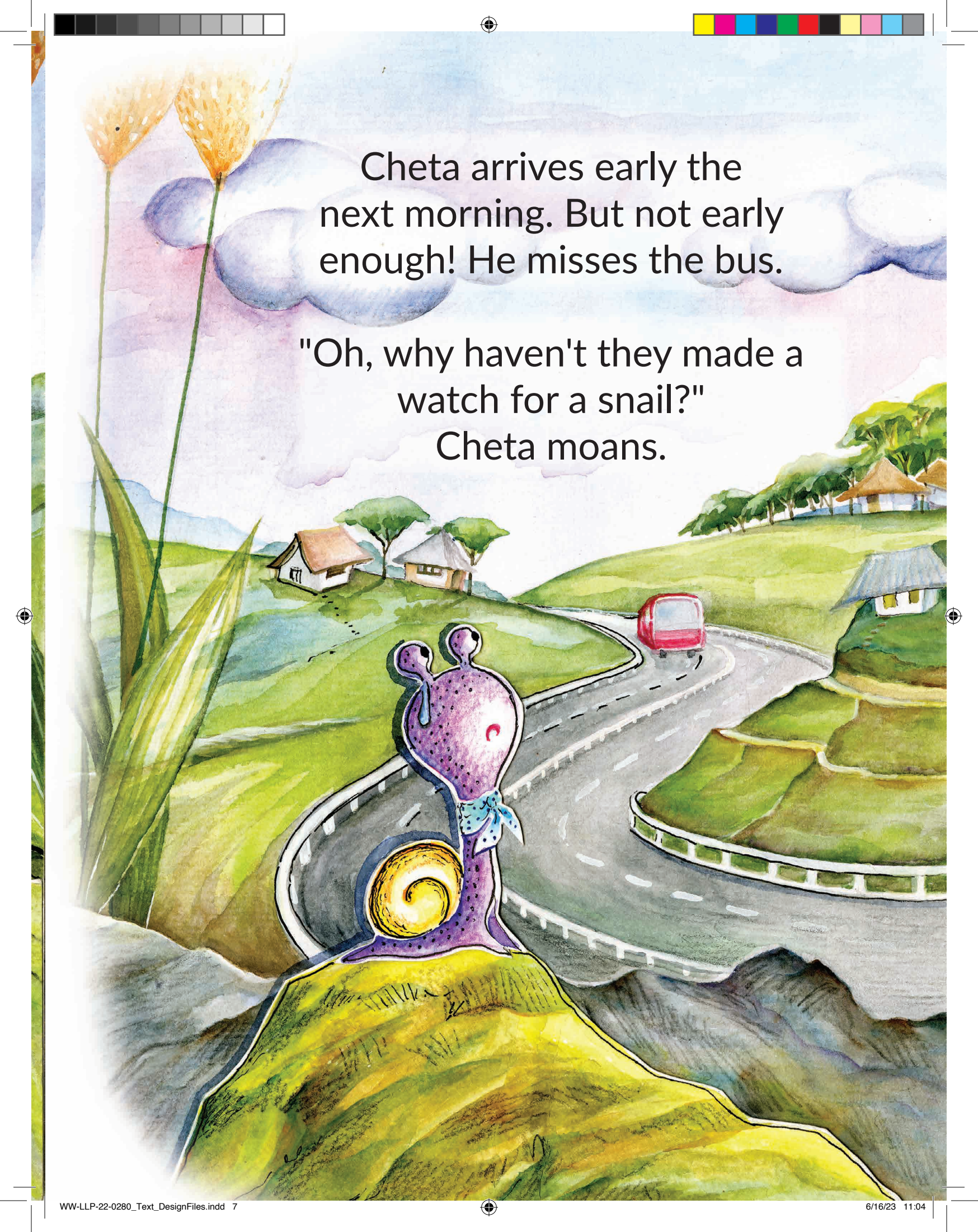
They both laugh.



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

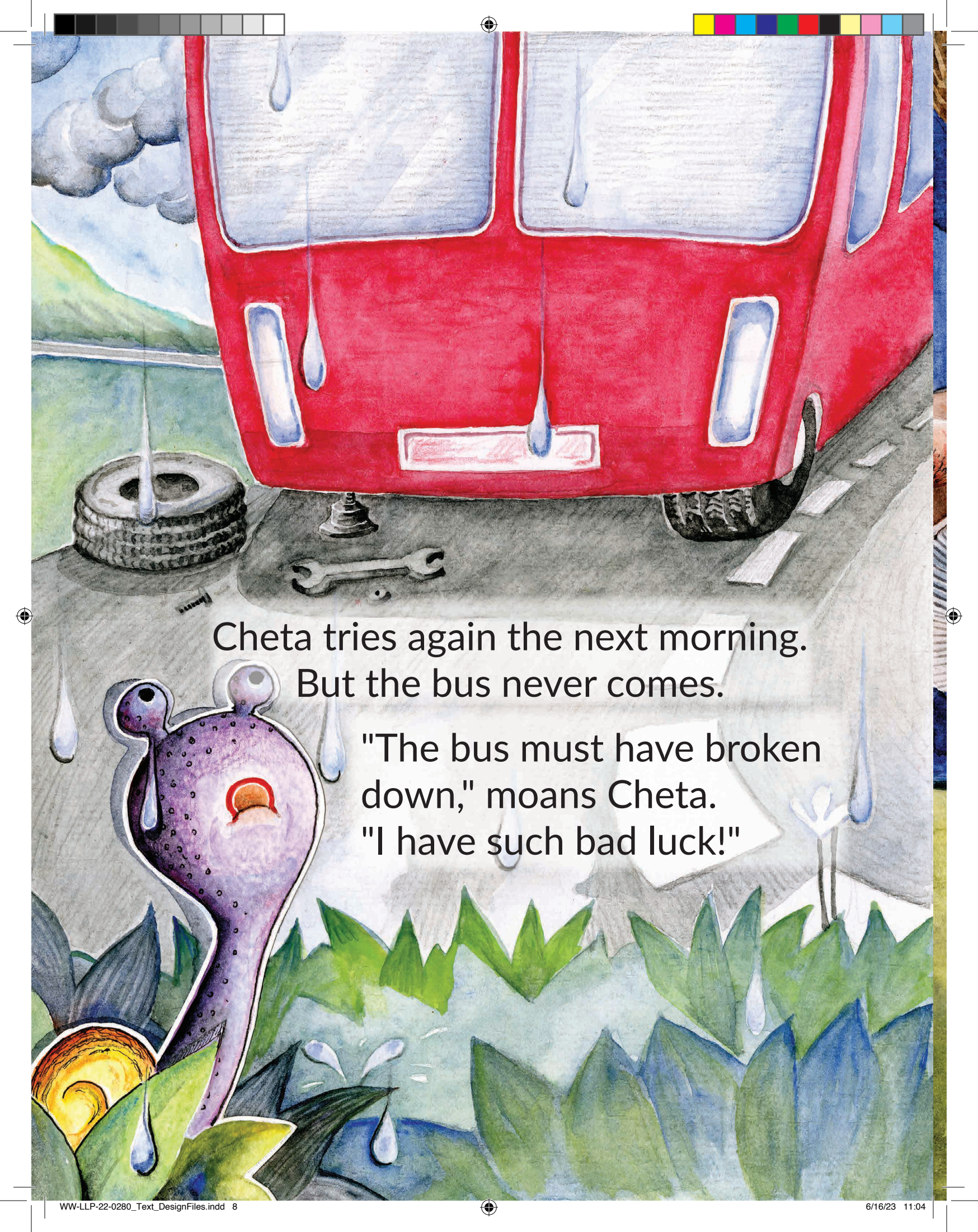
"Then come to this stop early tomorrow morning," says Gecko.





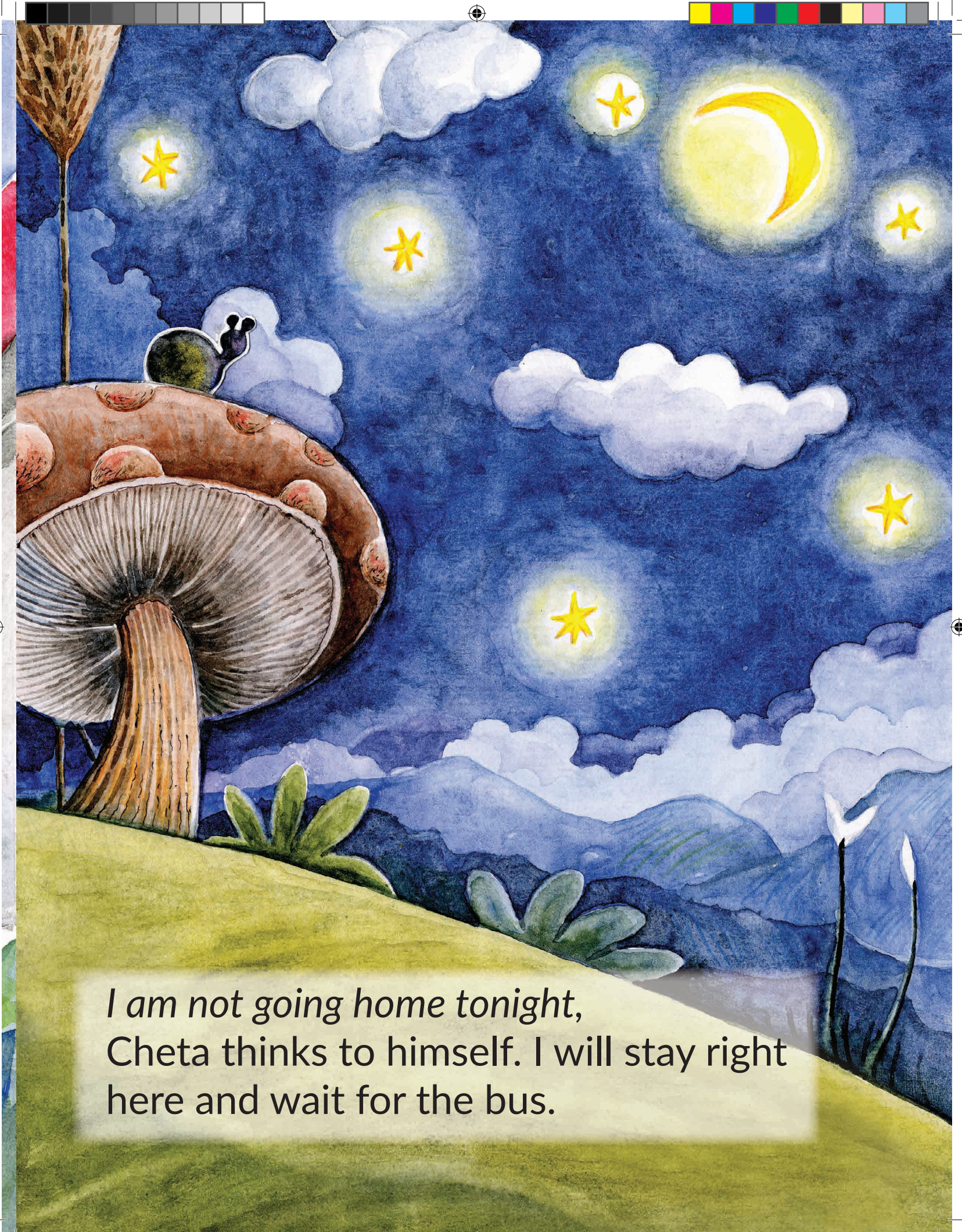
Cheta arrives early the next morning. But not early enough! He misses the bus.

"Oh, why haven't they made a watch for a snail?"
Cheta moans.



Cheta tries again the next morning.
But the bus never comes.

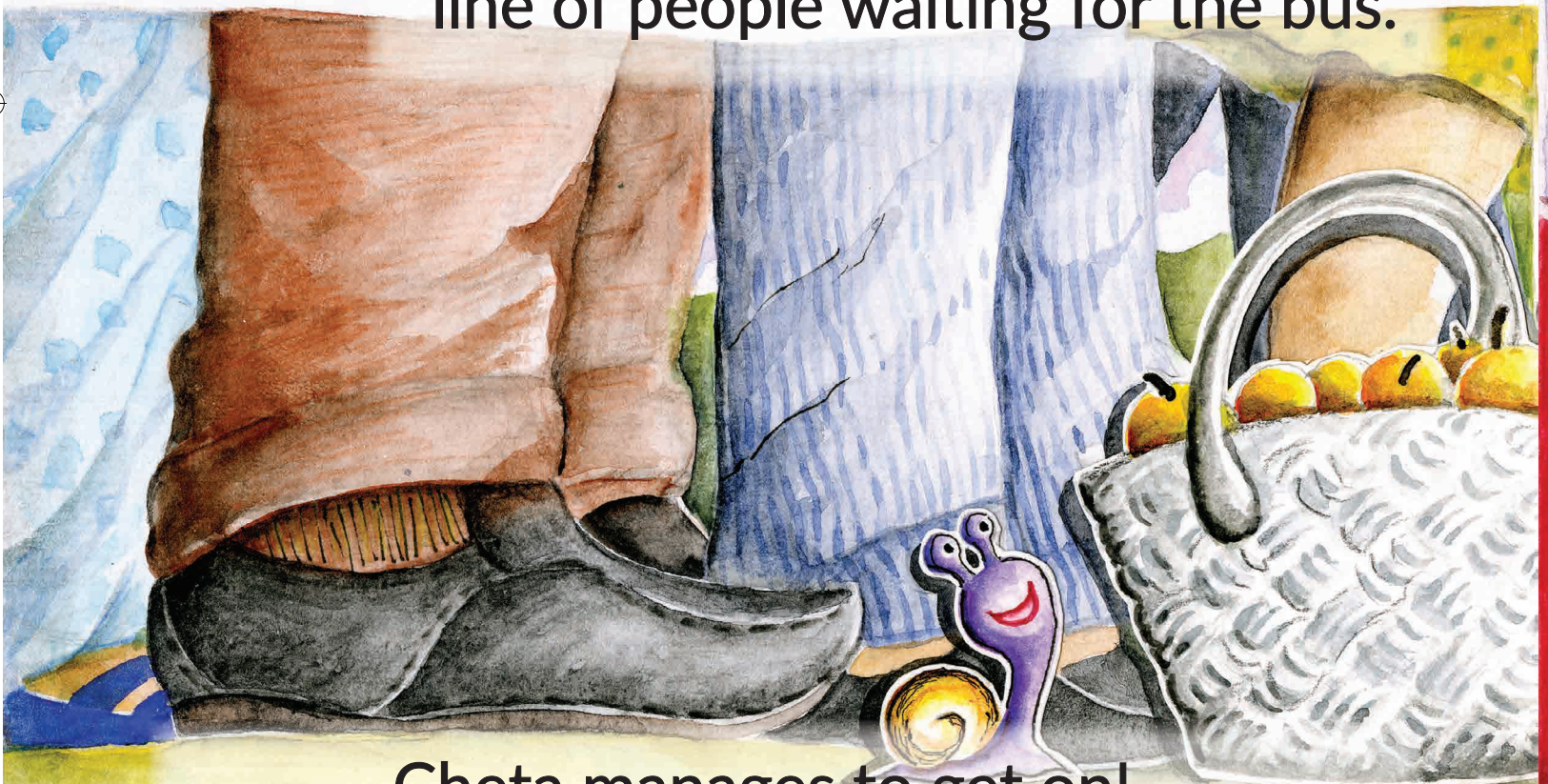
"The bus must have broken
down," moans Cheta.
"I have such bad luck!"



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 line of people waiting for the bus.

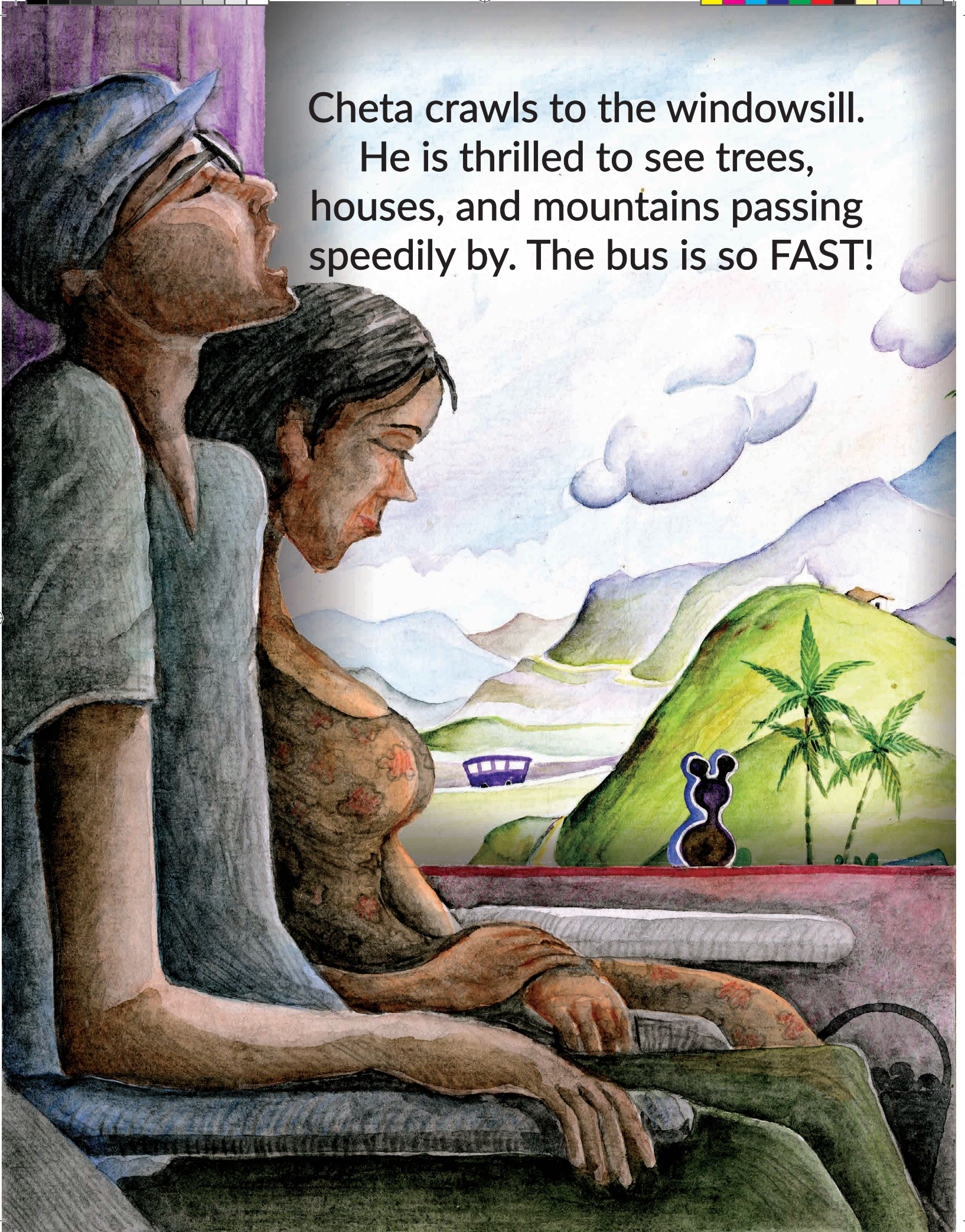


Cheta manages to get on!
But he is so small compared to all the
people's feet that Gecko cannot see him.

*Cheta still hasn't come,
Gecko thinks sadly.*



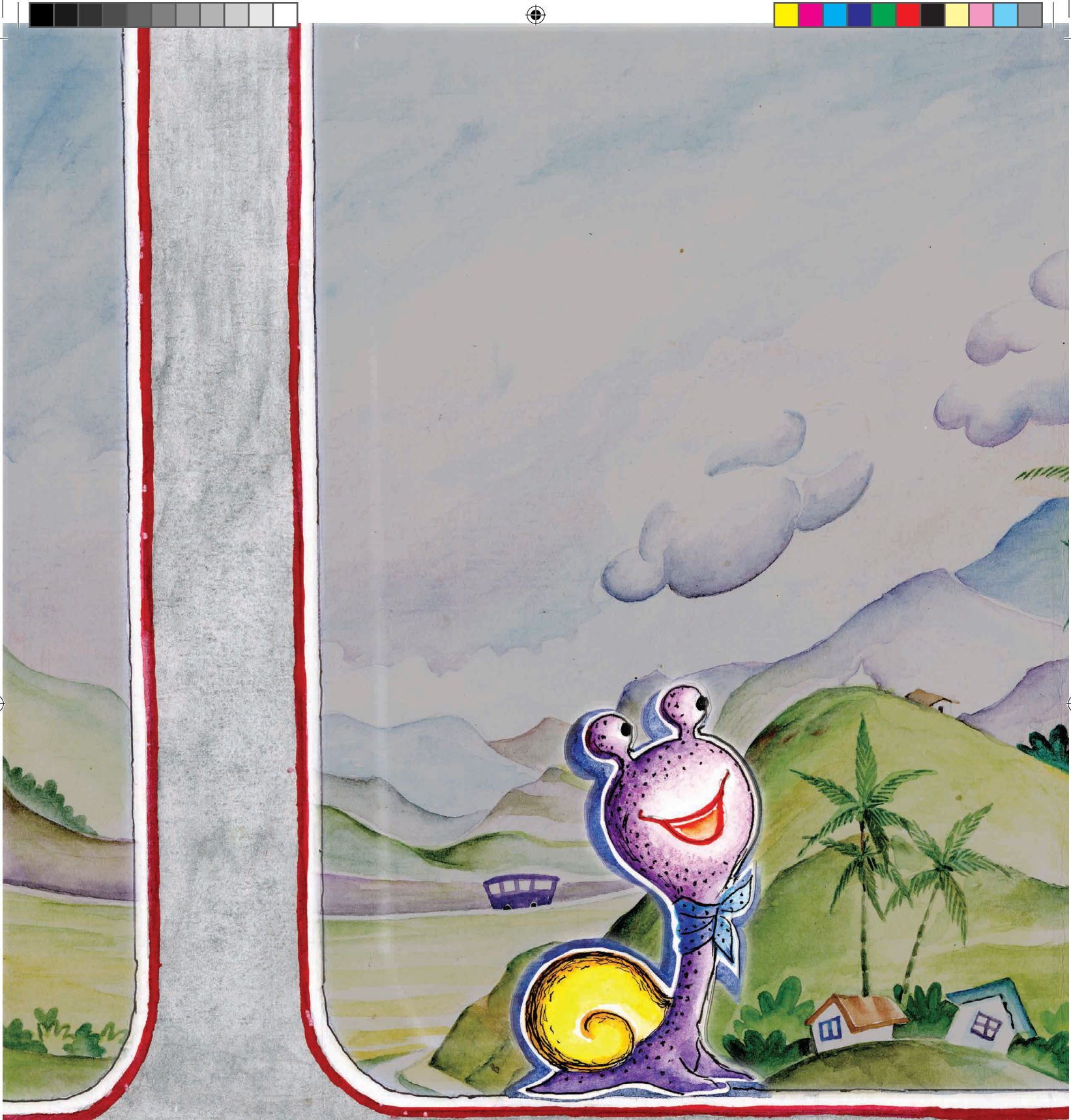
Cheta crawls to the windowsill.
He is thrilled to see trees,
houses, and mountains passing
speedily by. The bus is so FAST!





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

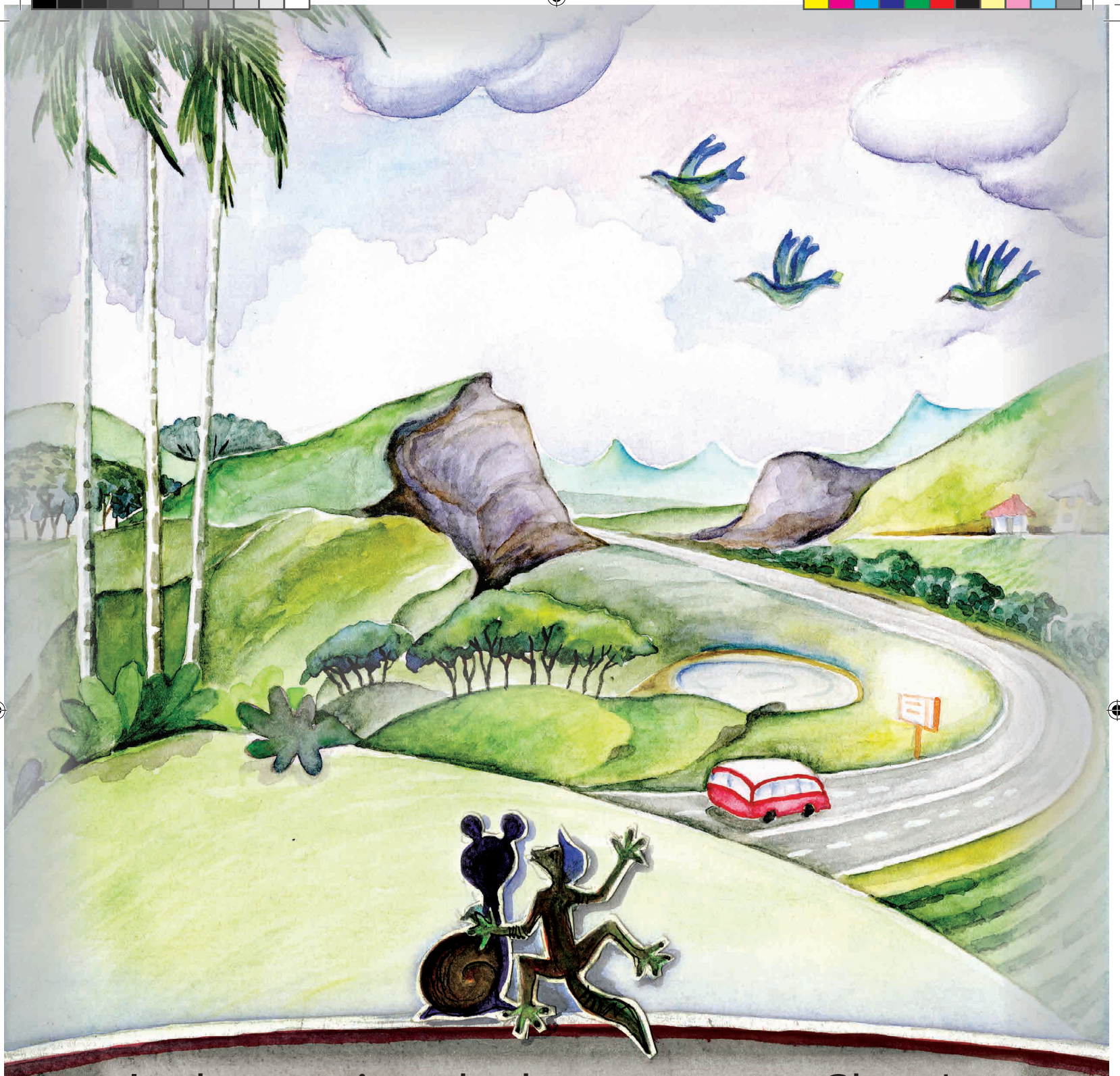




“I never imagined an experience like this,”
Cheta says out loud.



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.