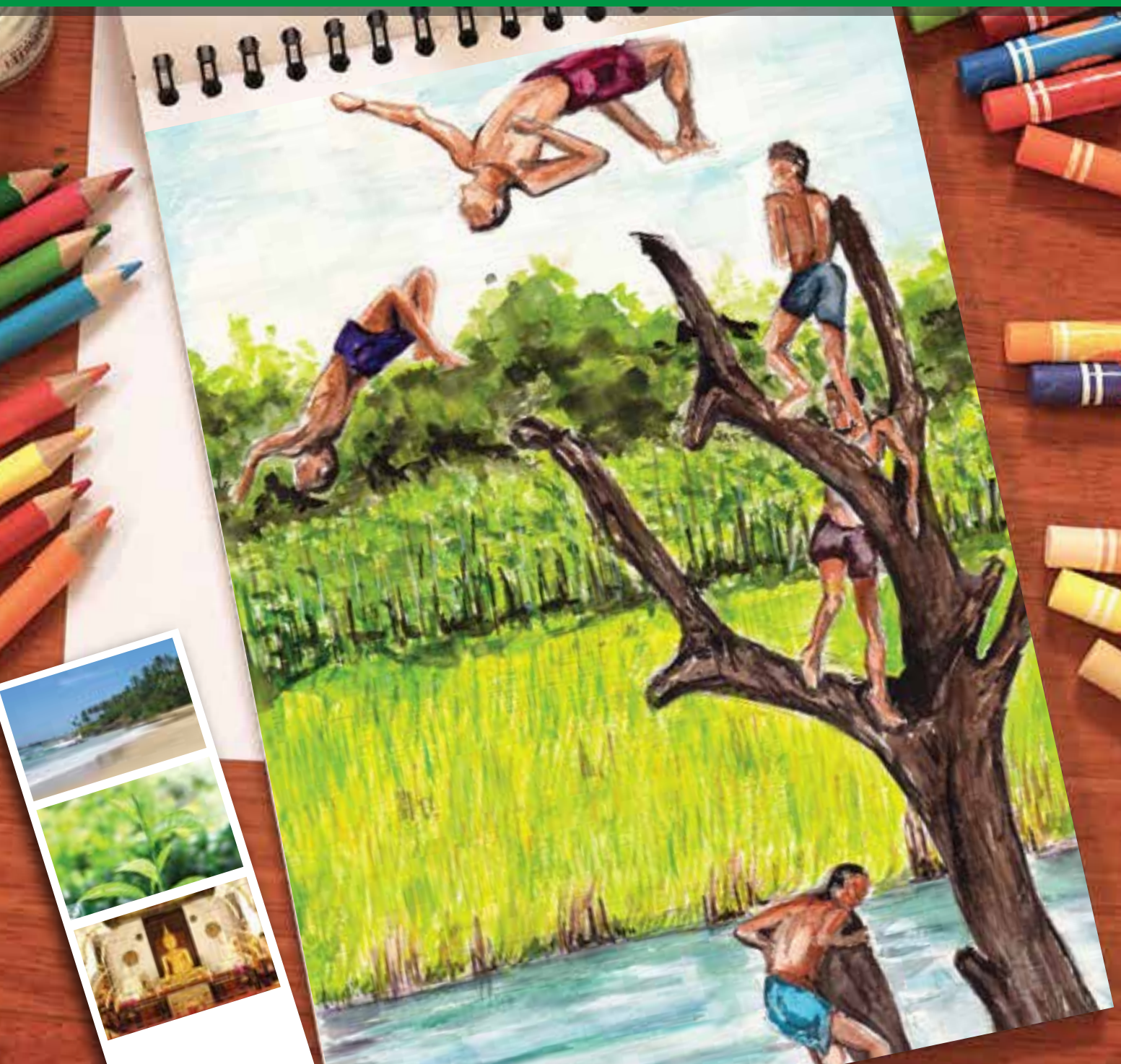


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Art, Picture, Colouring – and Storybook 2

A Book about Art and culture of Sri Lanka for Kids and for Adults
who are young at heart





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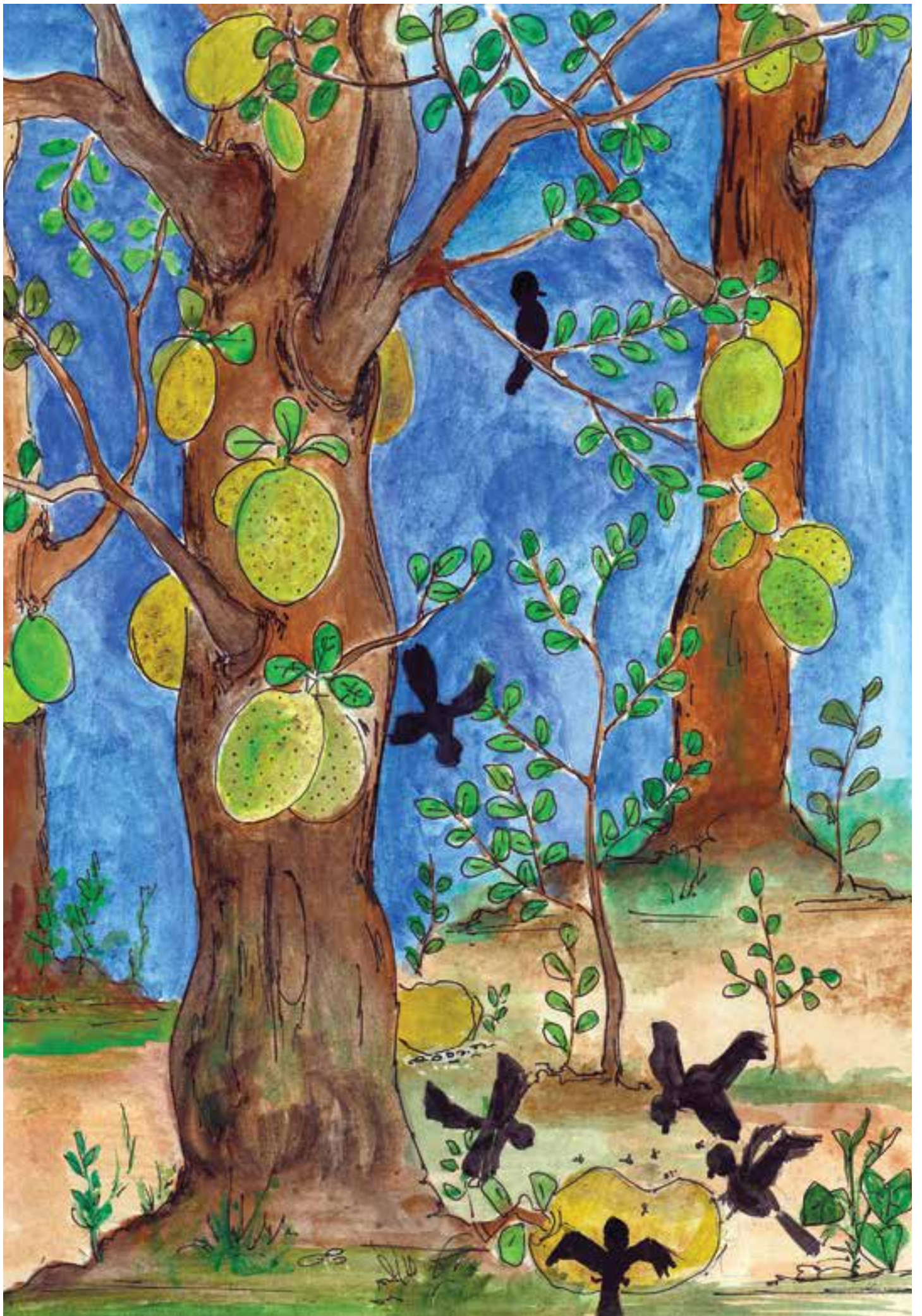
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Editorial

Learn the Arts together and be creative.

This Art, Story, Colouring and Picture book 2 is produced through the cultural work from the children, the teenagers and the adults in Germany and Sri Lanka. Our goal is to introduce the culture of this beautiful Island "Sri Lanka" and show it exemplary.

The Island Sri Lanka is located in the southern from India which is known as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean".

With miles of palm fringed shoreline, Sri Lanka has opulent botanical gardens, wild nature and a galore culture. Specialization is the people who live in this country.

This book is for those who enjoy the beauty and culture of Sri Lanka.

"Pearl of the Orient" - 'Sri Lanka'

Sri Lanka has been known to travellers from ancient mariners to modern day tourists by many different names. Pearl of the Orient, Taprobane, Serendib, Ratnadvipa (Isle of Gems), Zeilan and Ceylon are among others.

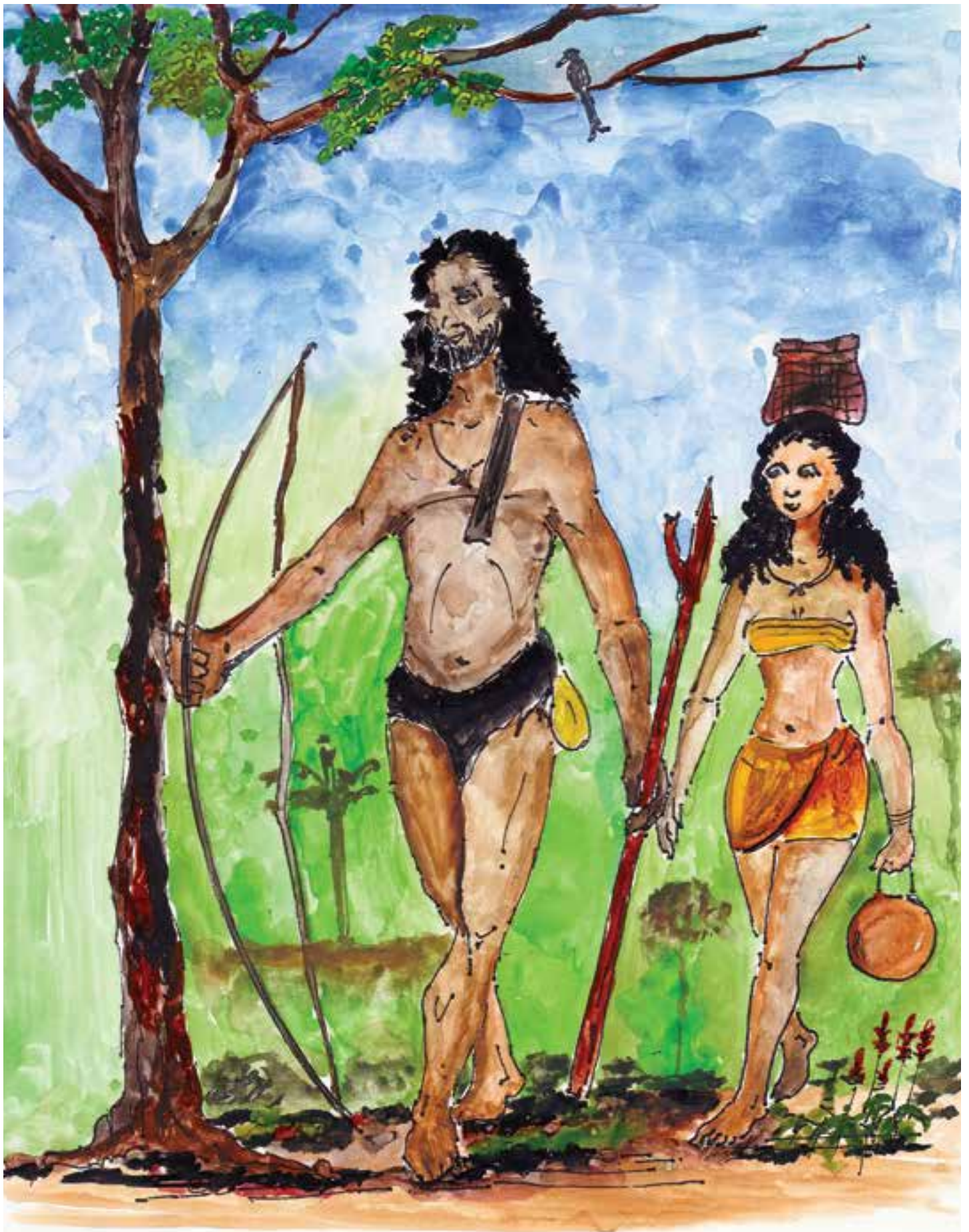
Resembling a water drop shape with unparalleled scenic sights, sounds of birds, culture and crafts; historical ruins, monuments of civilization both ancient and advanced, tropical rainforests to evergreen farmlands to parched scrub jungle, wonderful wilderness and wildlife, extravagant fauna and flora, miles of sandy beach where one can swim, surf, sail, snorkel or simply bathe in the sun. Experiencing all these within a short drive, one from another, makes this beautiful Island, a little world of it's own.

Population comprises of Sinhalese, Tamils, Moors, Malays, Burghers and others. It is a multi-ethnic, multi-religious country tolerant of all faiths - Buddhists, Christians, Hindus and Muslims. Sinhala and Tamil are official languages whilst English is widely spoken and understood.

Veddas the aborigines, traditionally hunters presently relies on small scale cultivations for their livelihood. Agriculture has always been the mainstay of this land. The chief crop is rice while tea, rubber and coconuts being important exports. Spices such as cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg, pepper and cloves are other crops of importance. Sri Lanka has also been a major exporter of precious and semi-precious stones.

The fisheries industry show great promise and potential. The garments industry has grown into a major money spinner.

The legendary hospitality of the Sri Lankans help make an overseas visitor feel immediately at home.

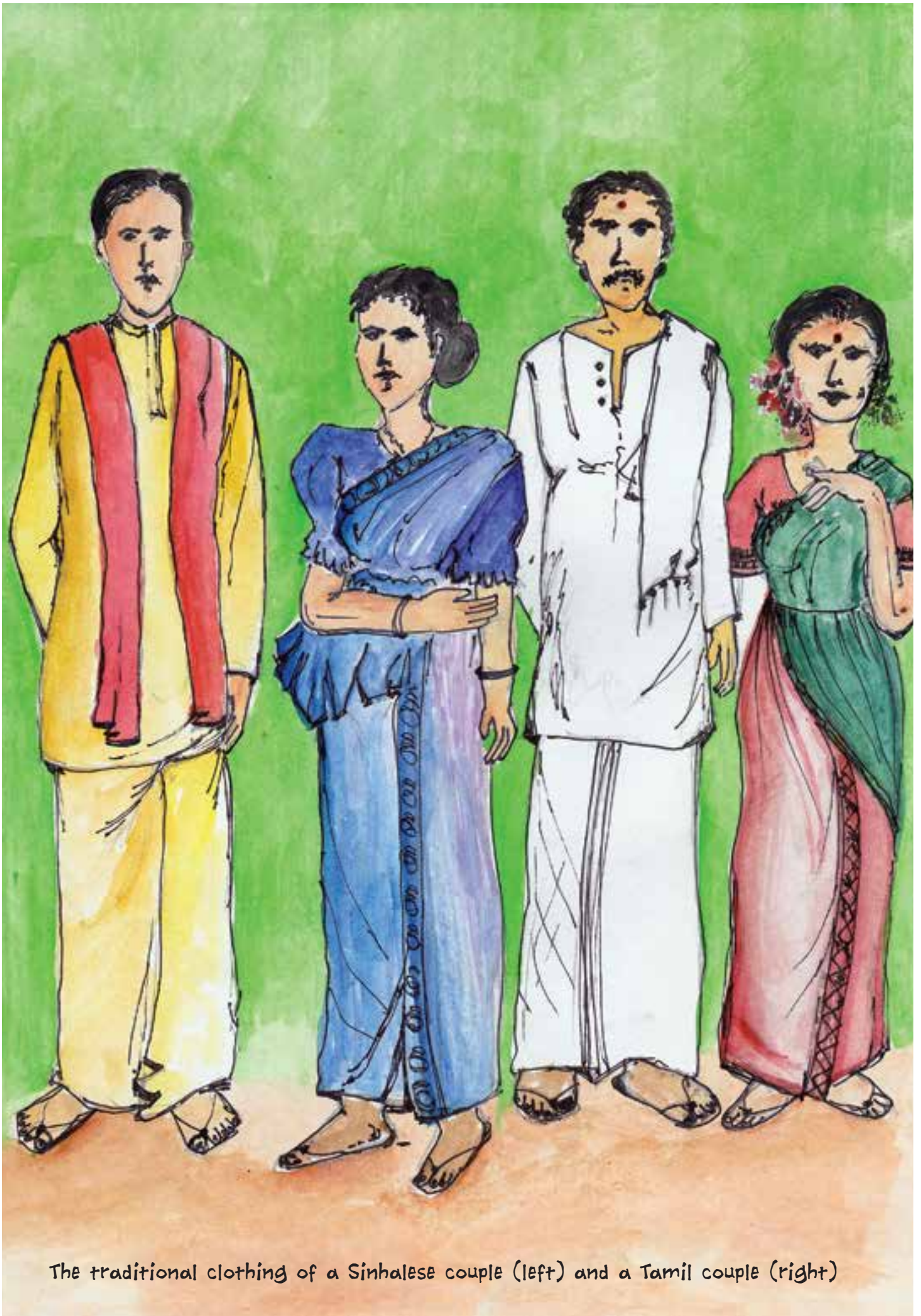


Veddas

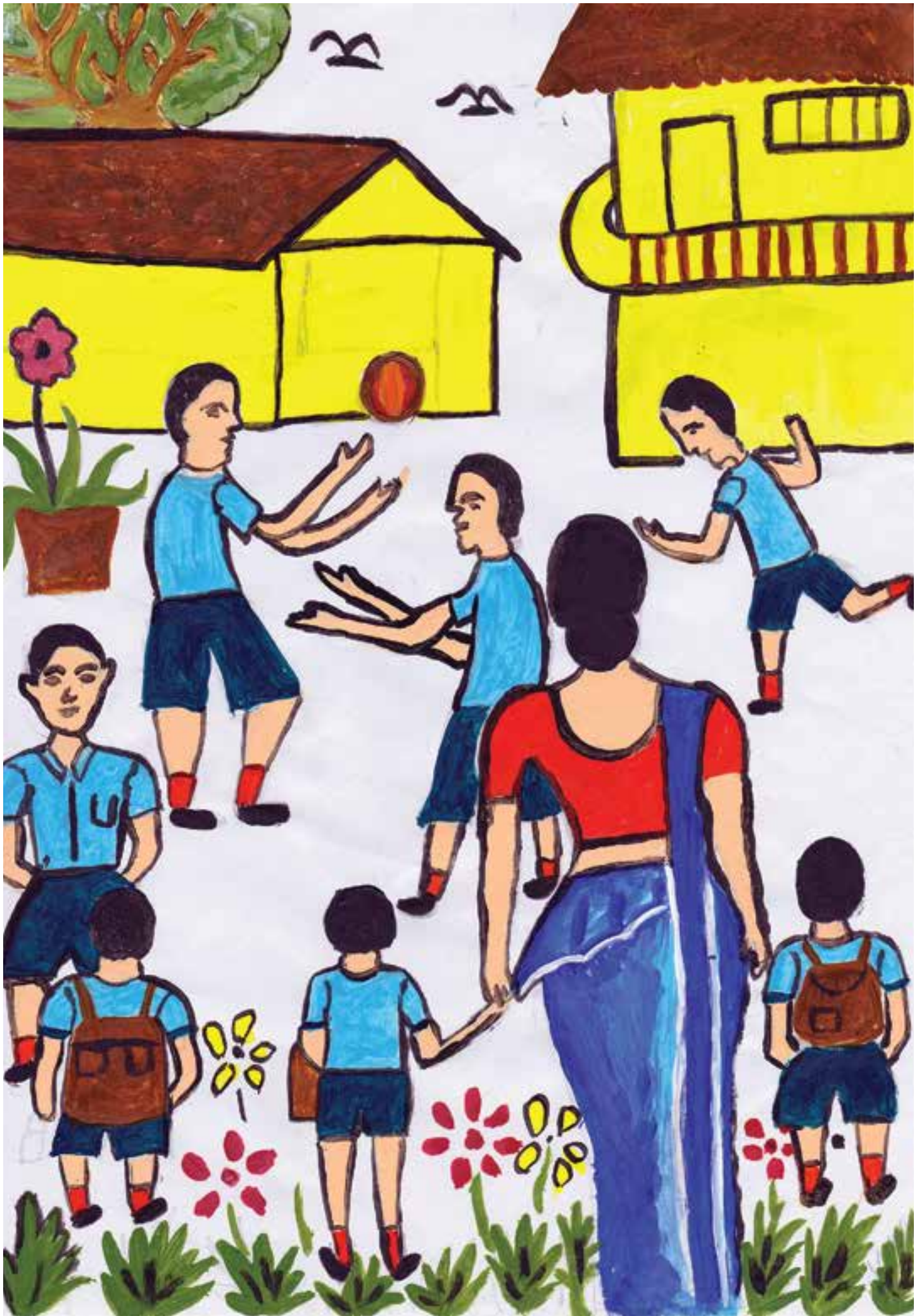
The natives of Sri Lanka. A male Vedda sets off for hunting while a young female accompanies him to collect honey to her pots.



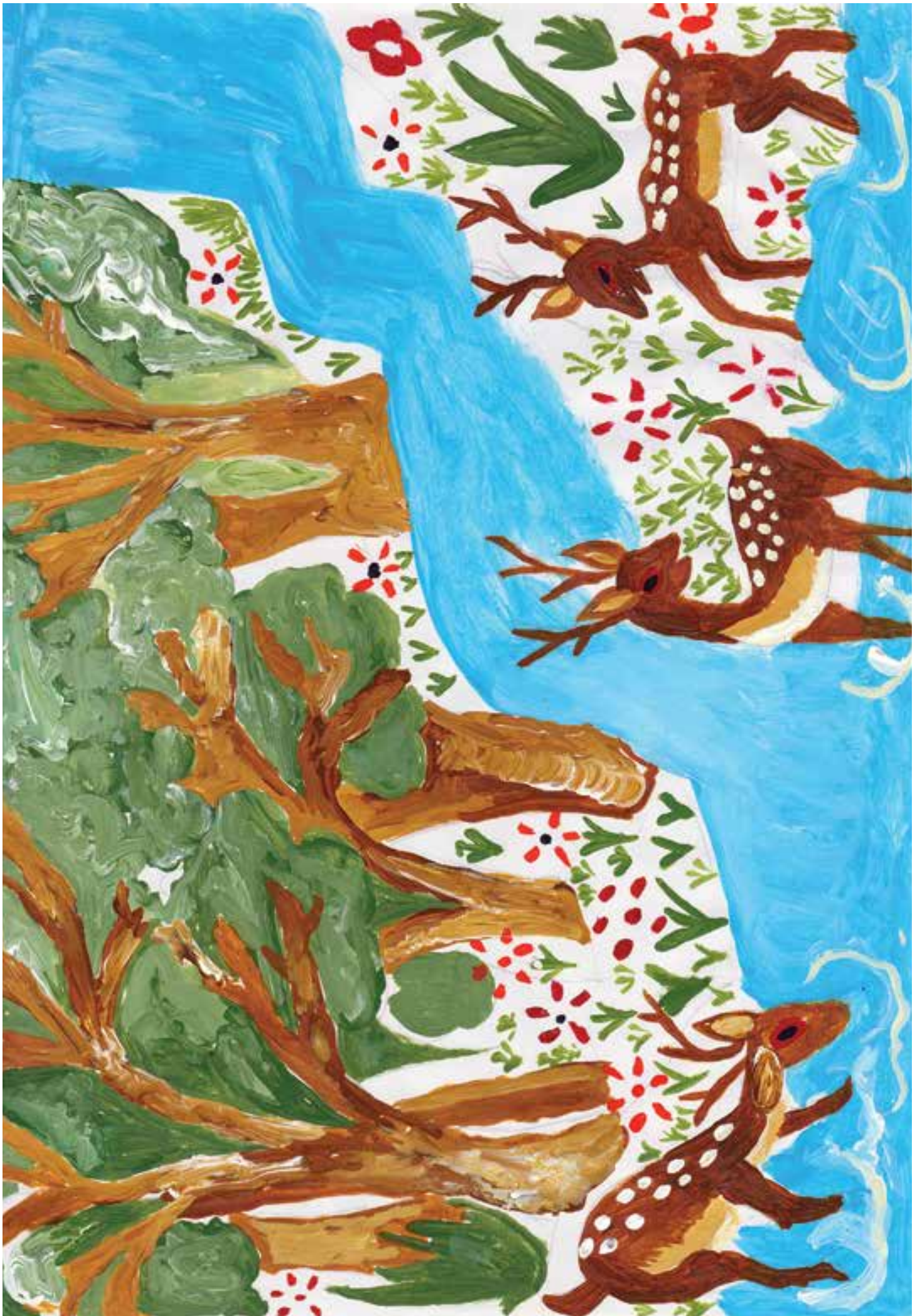
Ayubowan
ආයුබෝවන්
வணக்கம்



The traditional clothing of a Sinhalese couple (left) and a Tamil couple (right)







The people in Sri Lanka tell us one of their folk stories that had taken place at Tangalle. The motive of this story gives ethical value for social life.

There had been two friends. One of them had been tall and strong whilst the other had been short and meek. They had been good friends though they were different in their appearances. They always wanted to help each other.

One day they decided to go hunting. As they approached the jungle, they focused on wild animals but could only find a few deer. They were tired and disappointed and wanted to get back home.

Suddenly, they heard a queer sound :

"Brumm....Brumm!"

The small friend said :

"That sounds like a large bear which could be very dangerous. Let us go away from here."

The big friend said :

"You are a coward! Are you scared of bears? Together we are stronger than the bear. Do not be afraid."

The small friend trusted him and asked : "What shall we do now?"

The big friend answered :

"You go first and try to fight the bear. If you can't kill it, I will come and fight it - then, you can run away."

So the small friend went ahead but could not fight the bear. He shouted for help but the big friend climbed a nearby tree and said :

"I am up on this tree, come and climb it quickly."

The small friend was not strong enough to climb the tree. Led by his common sense, he lay down on the ground breathless, pretending to be dead. The bear came near the man lying on the ground, smelt his ears and slowly left the place.

The big friend came down from the tree and asked :

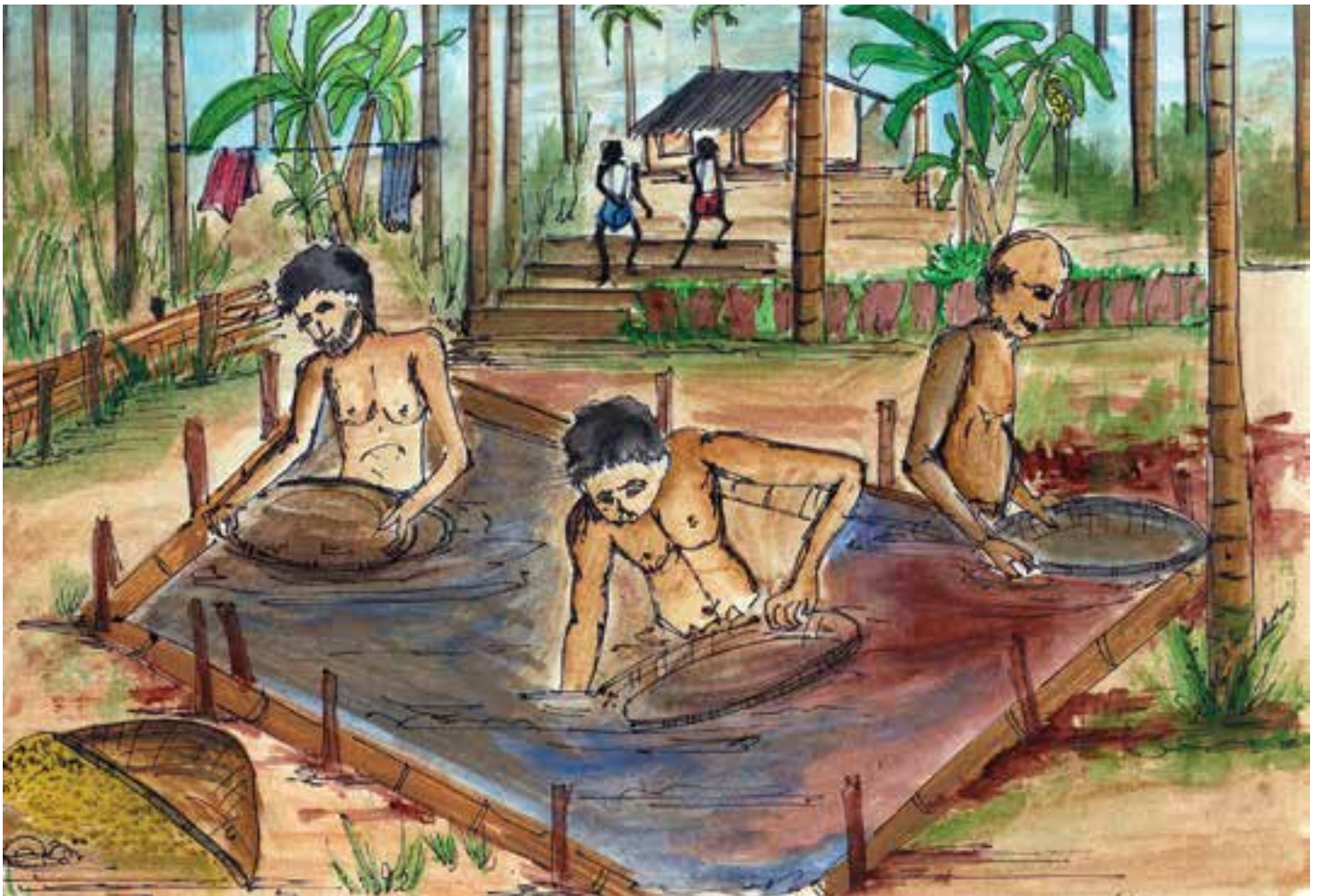
"Friend, what did that bear tell you so secretly?"

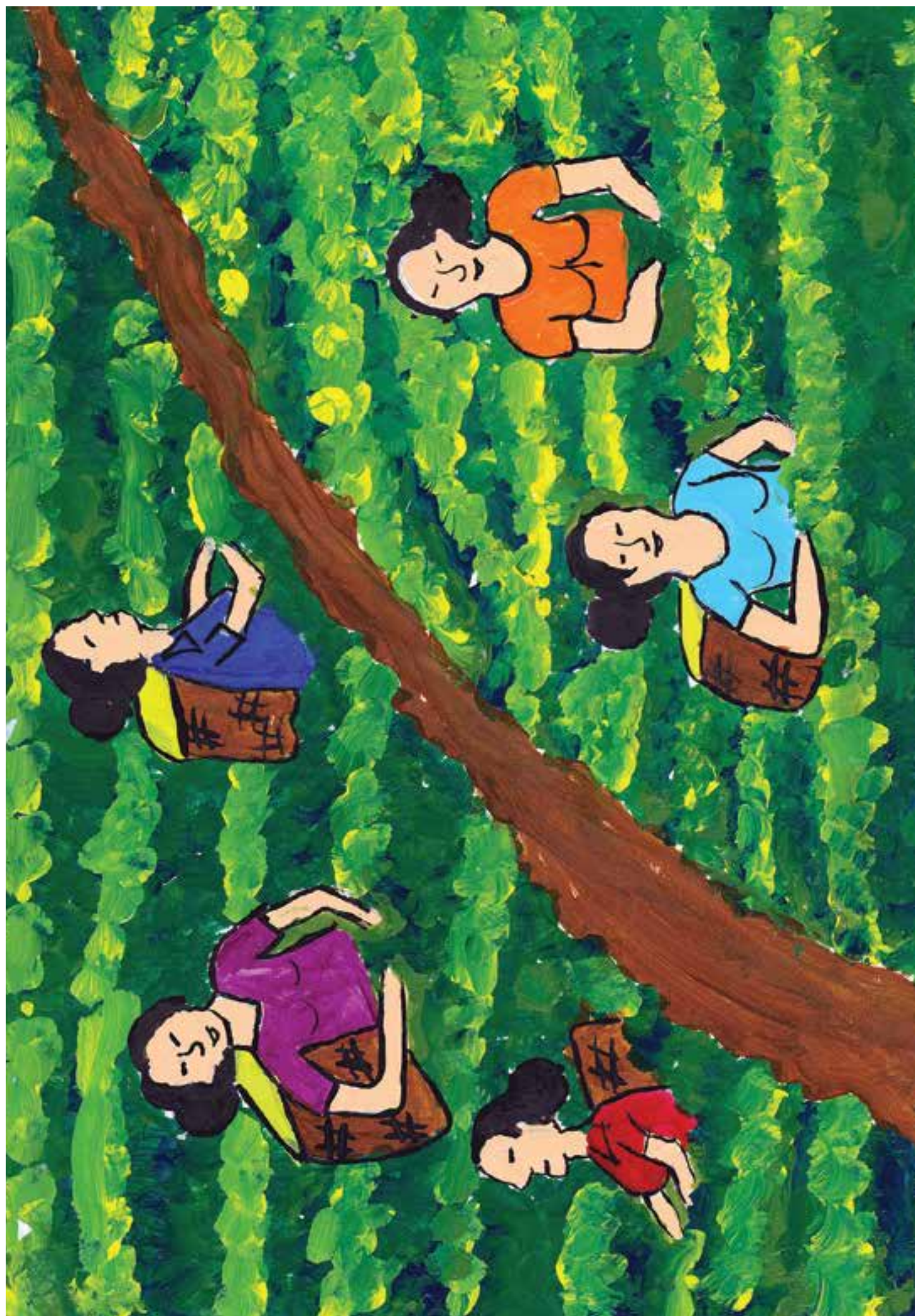
The small friend replied :

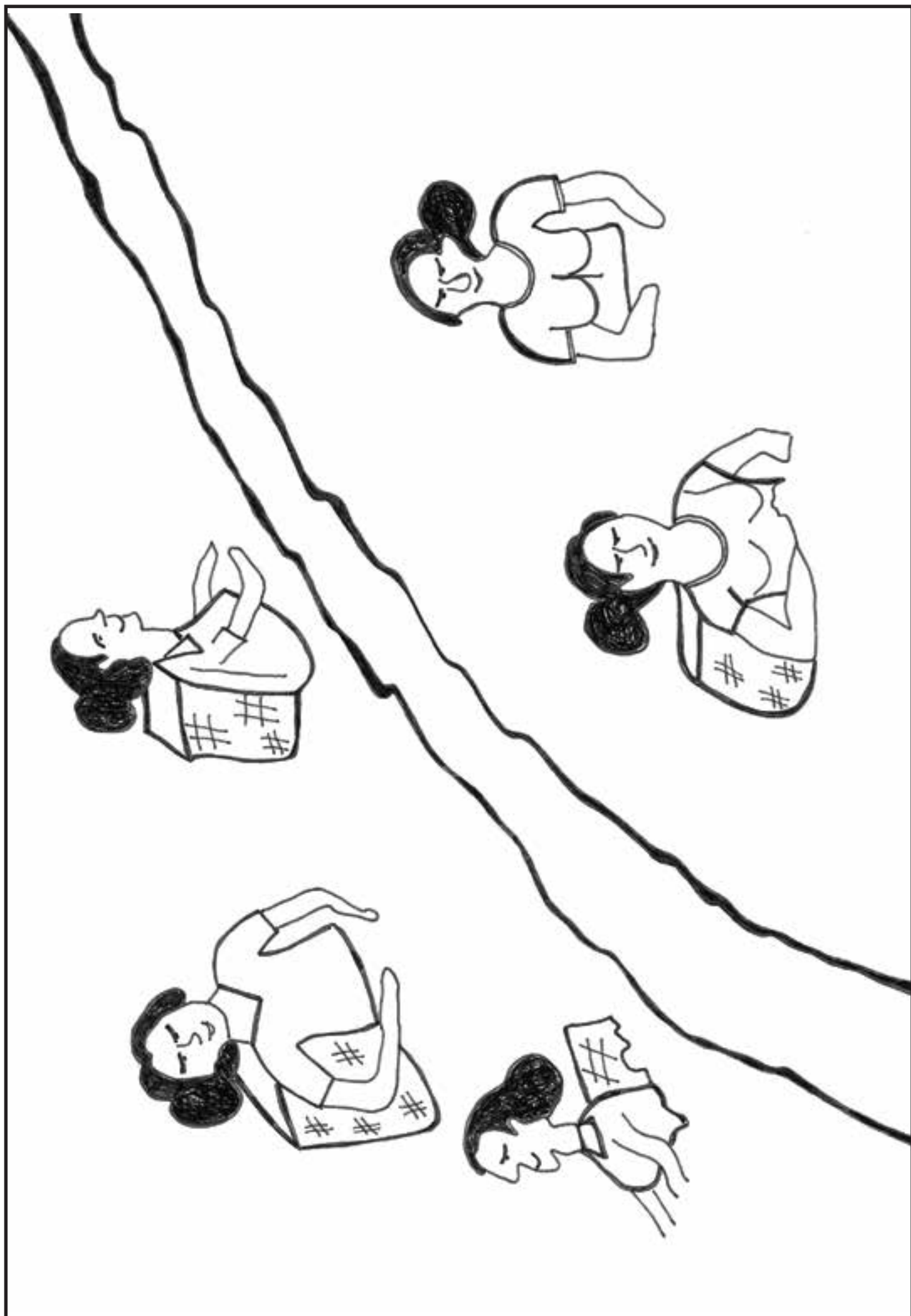
"The bear advised me not to believe a false friend like you".

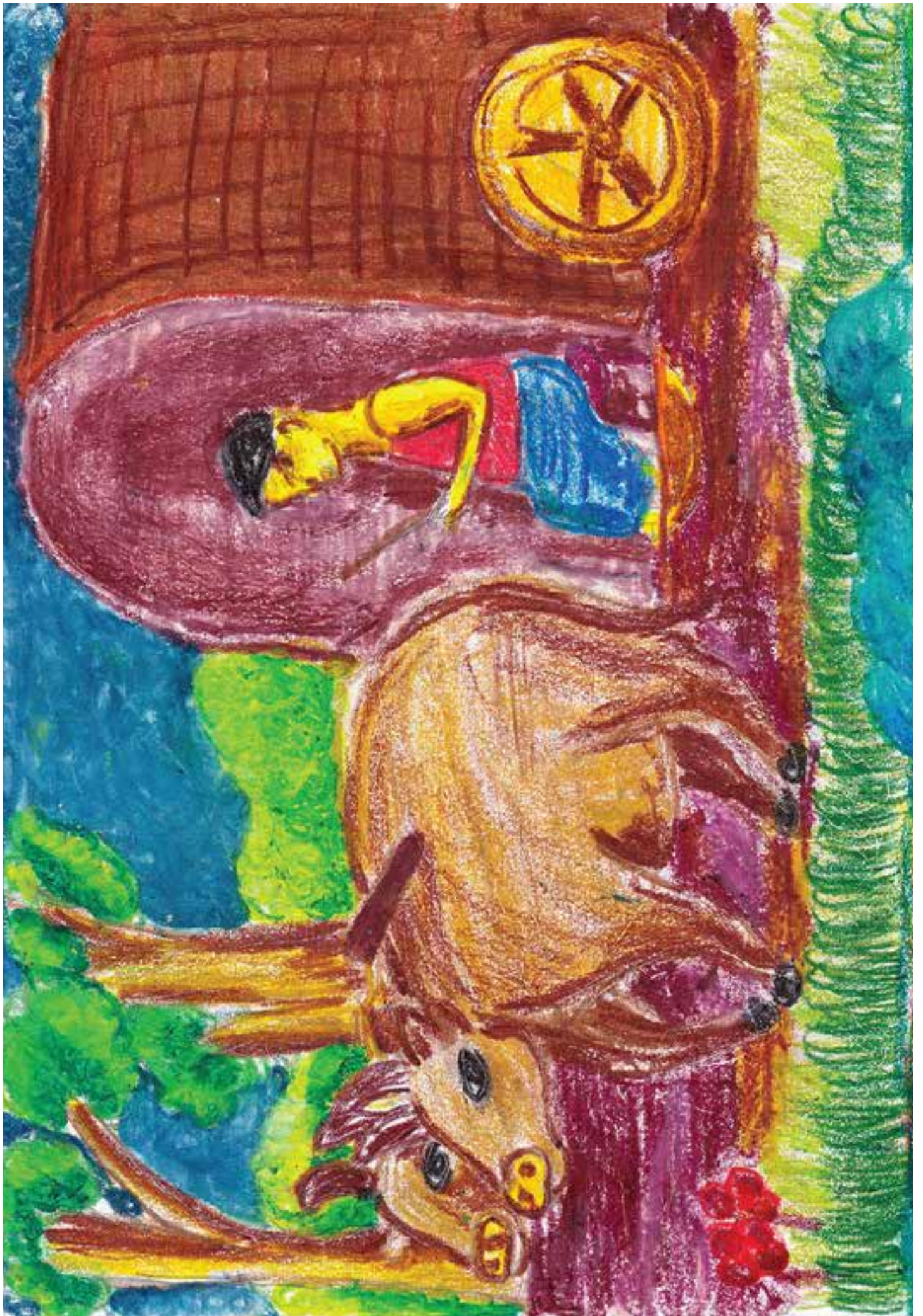
Thereafter, they parted and went on different ways.

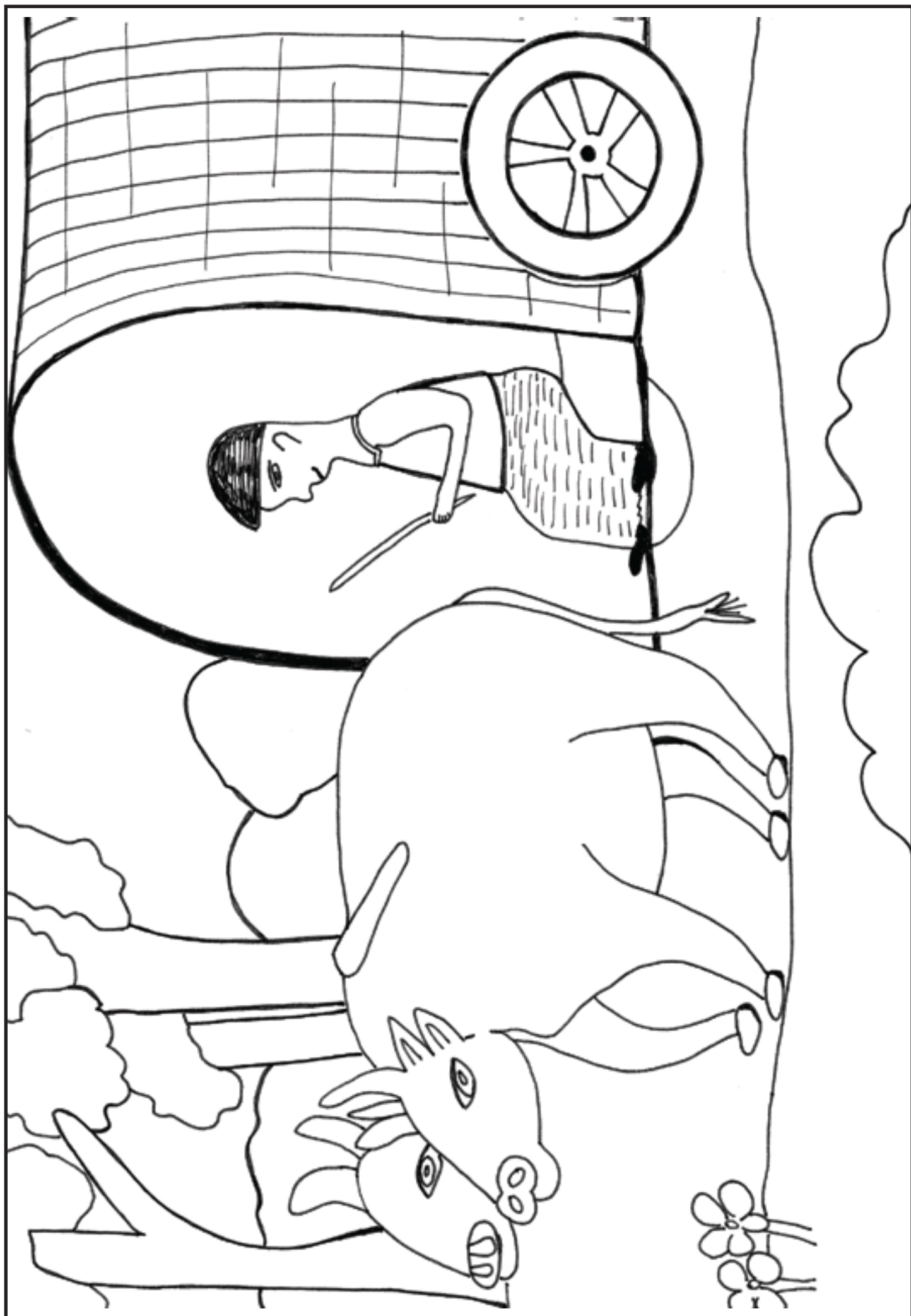


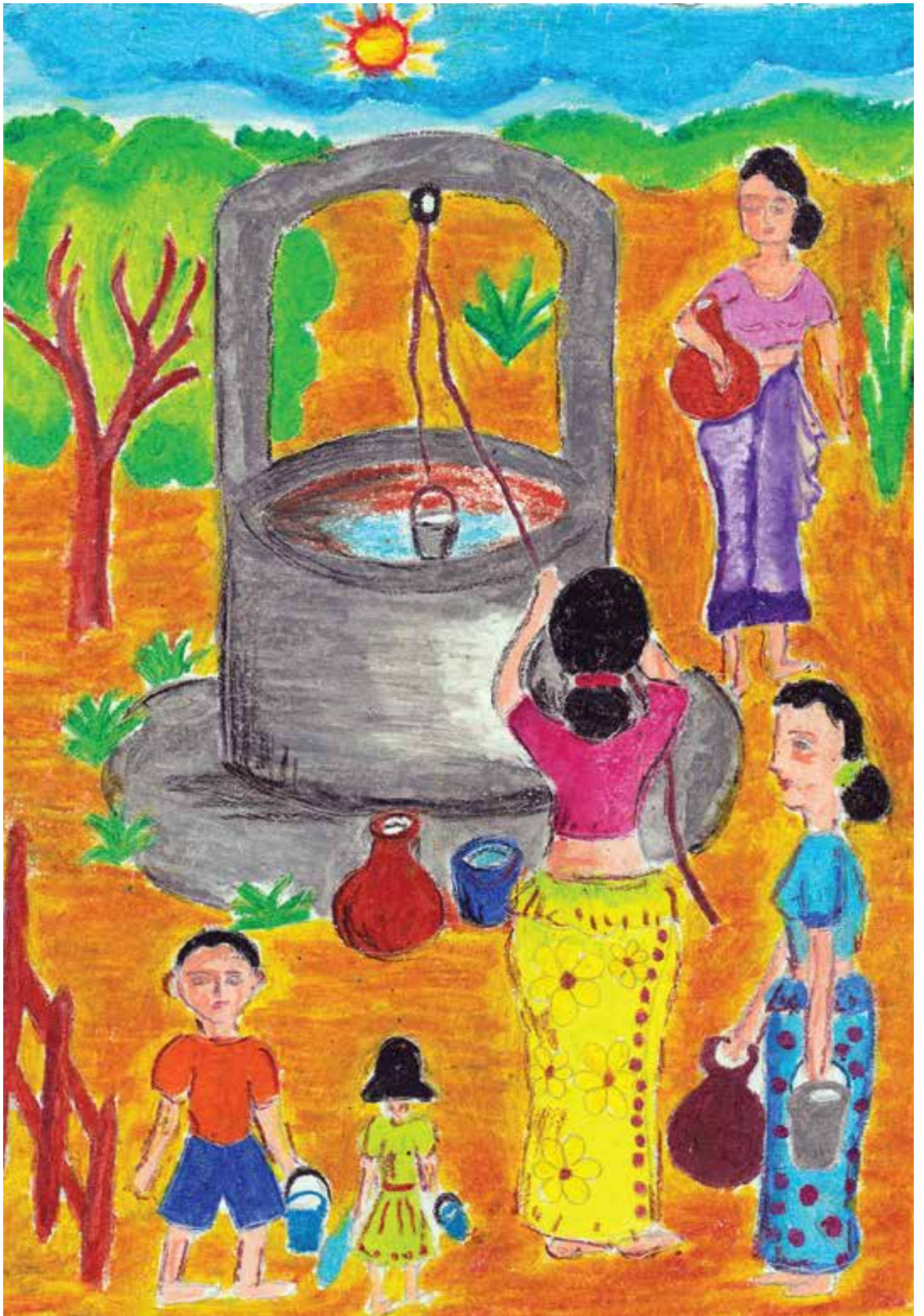


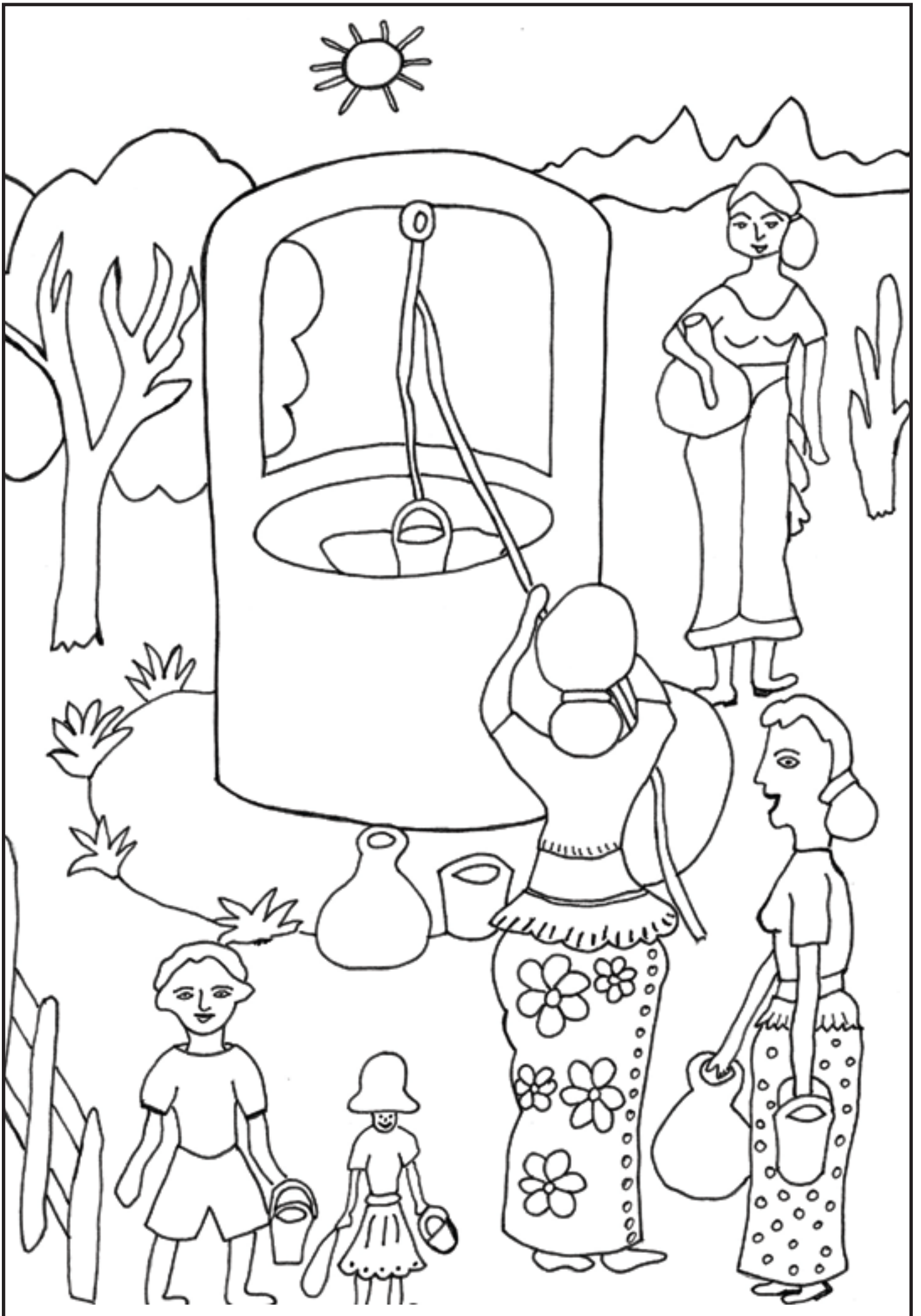


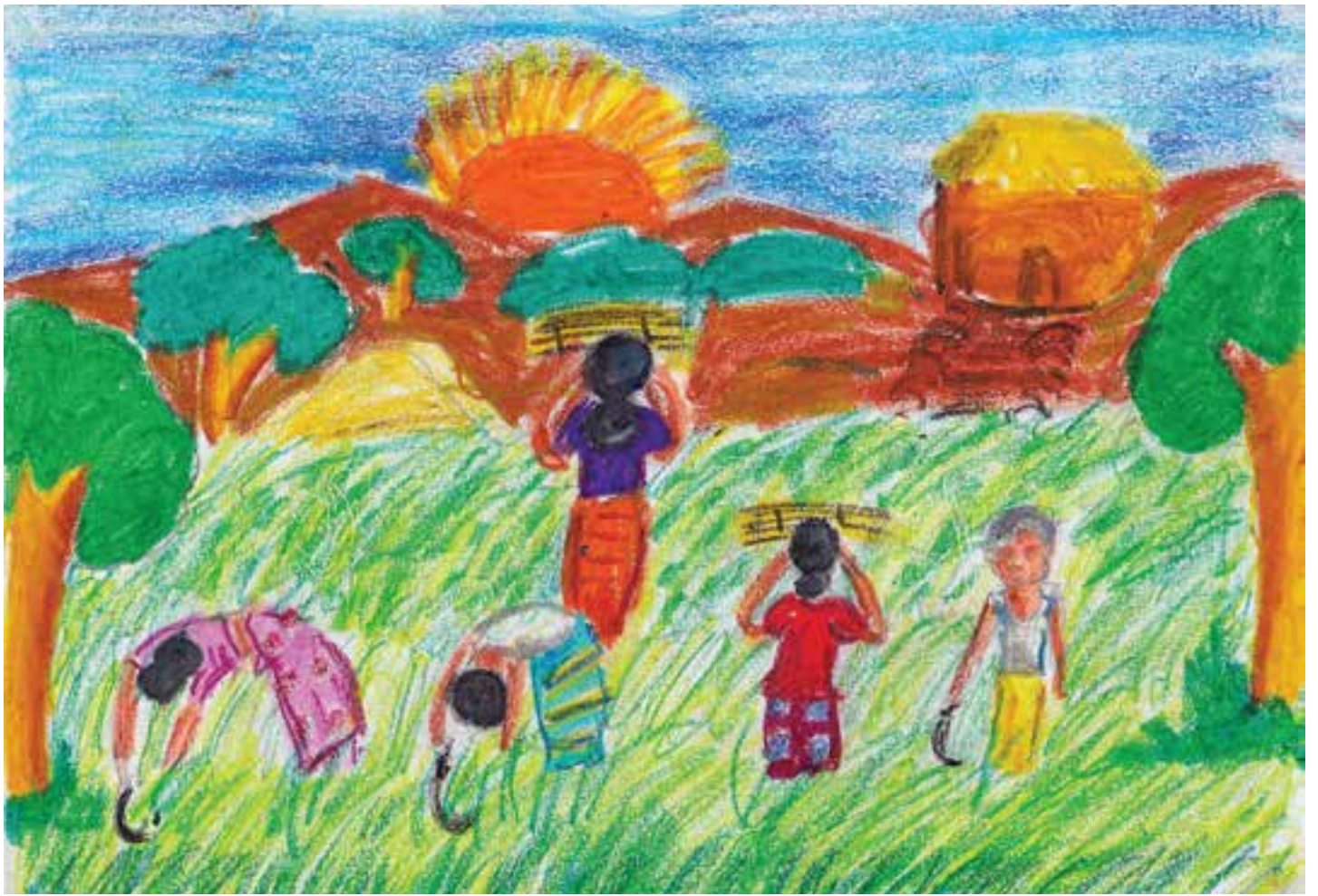


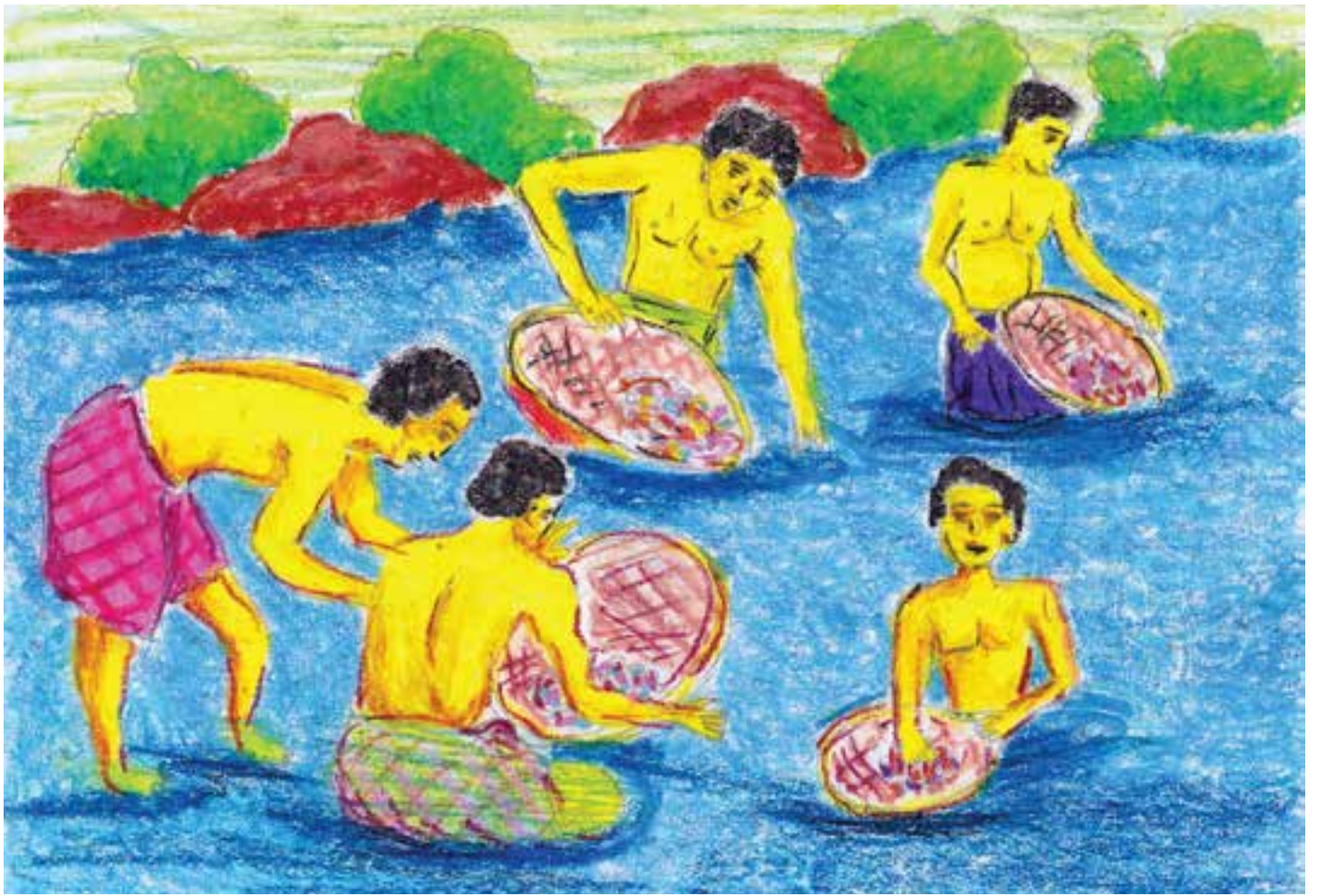


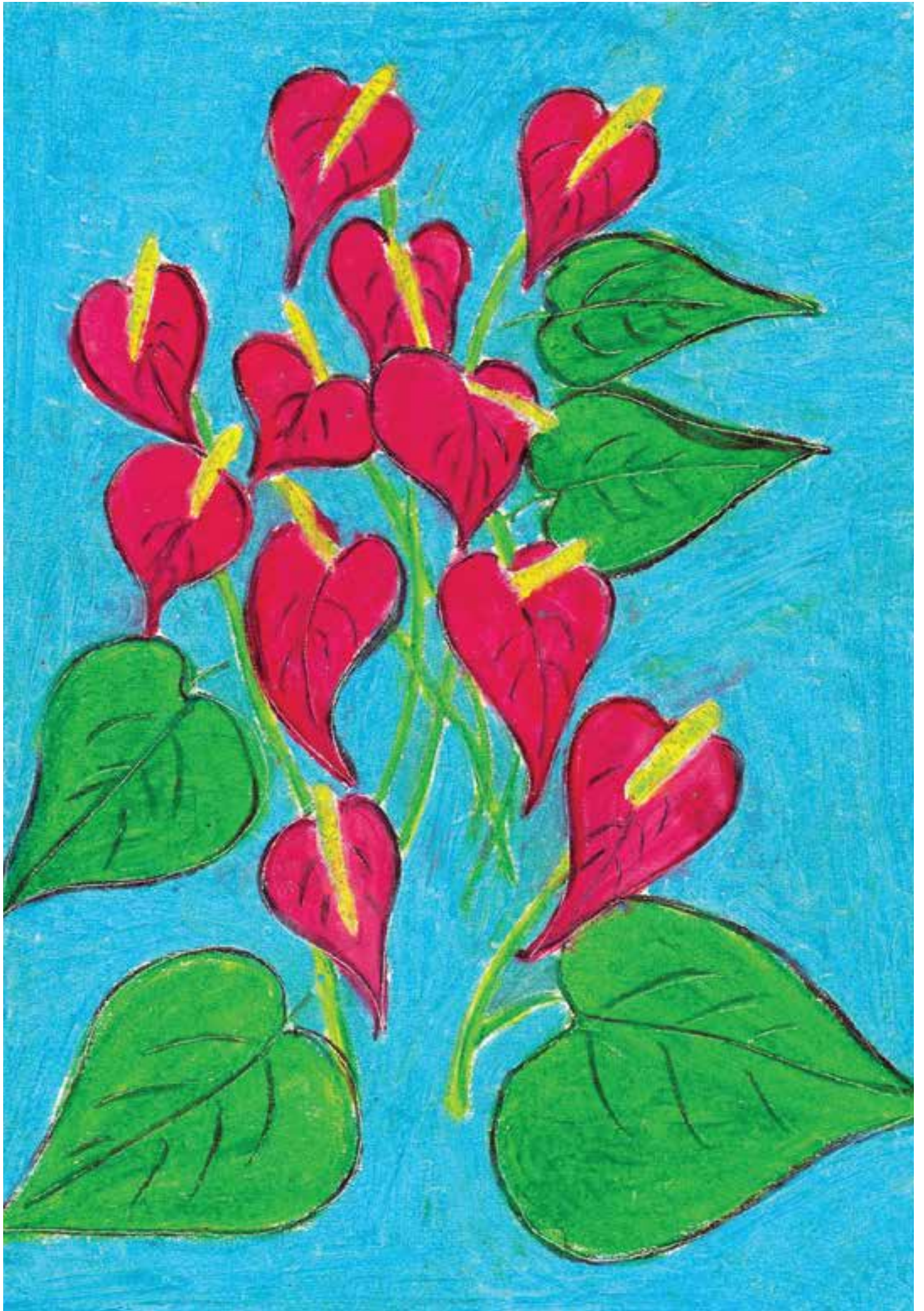




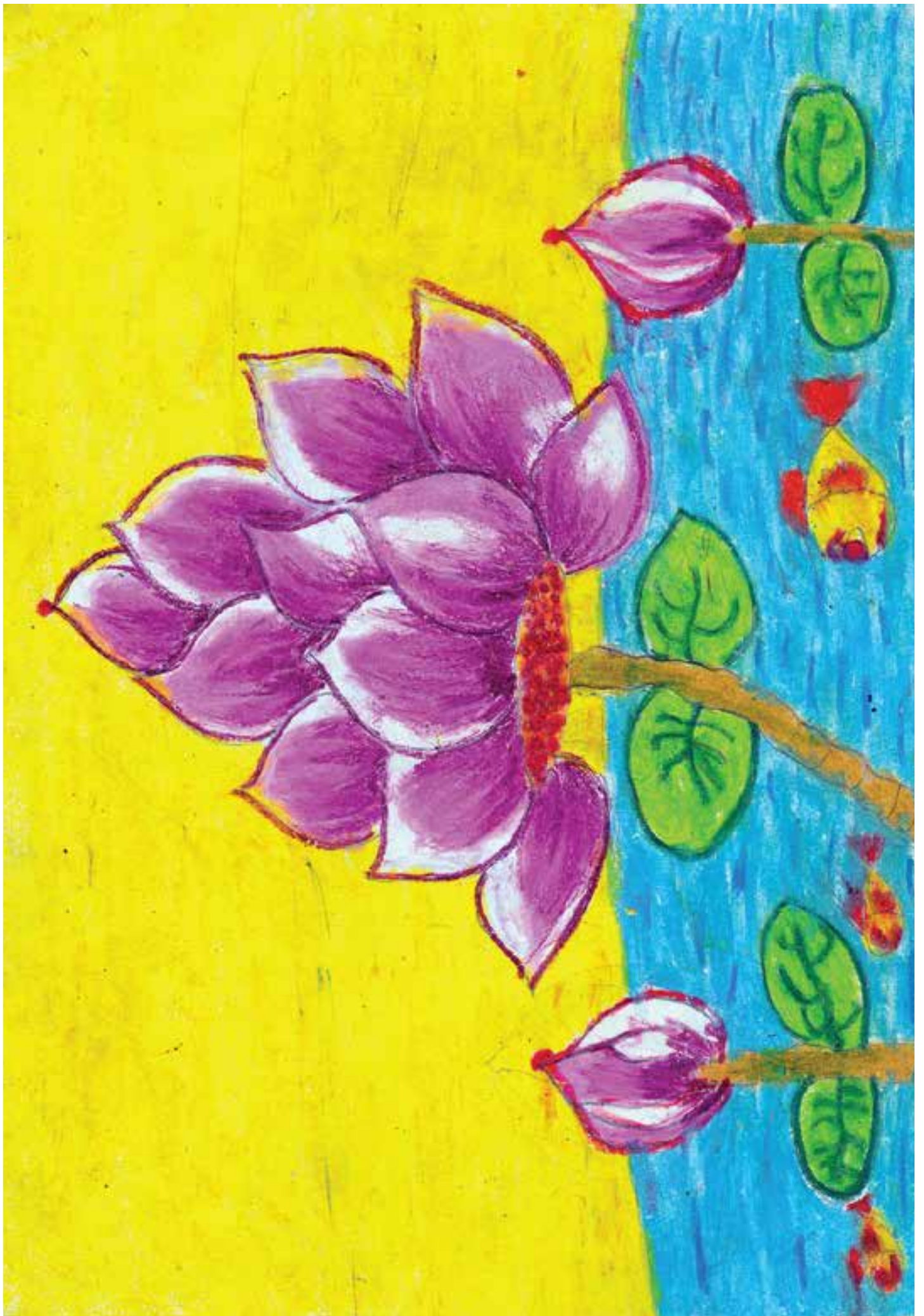


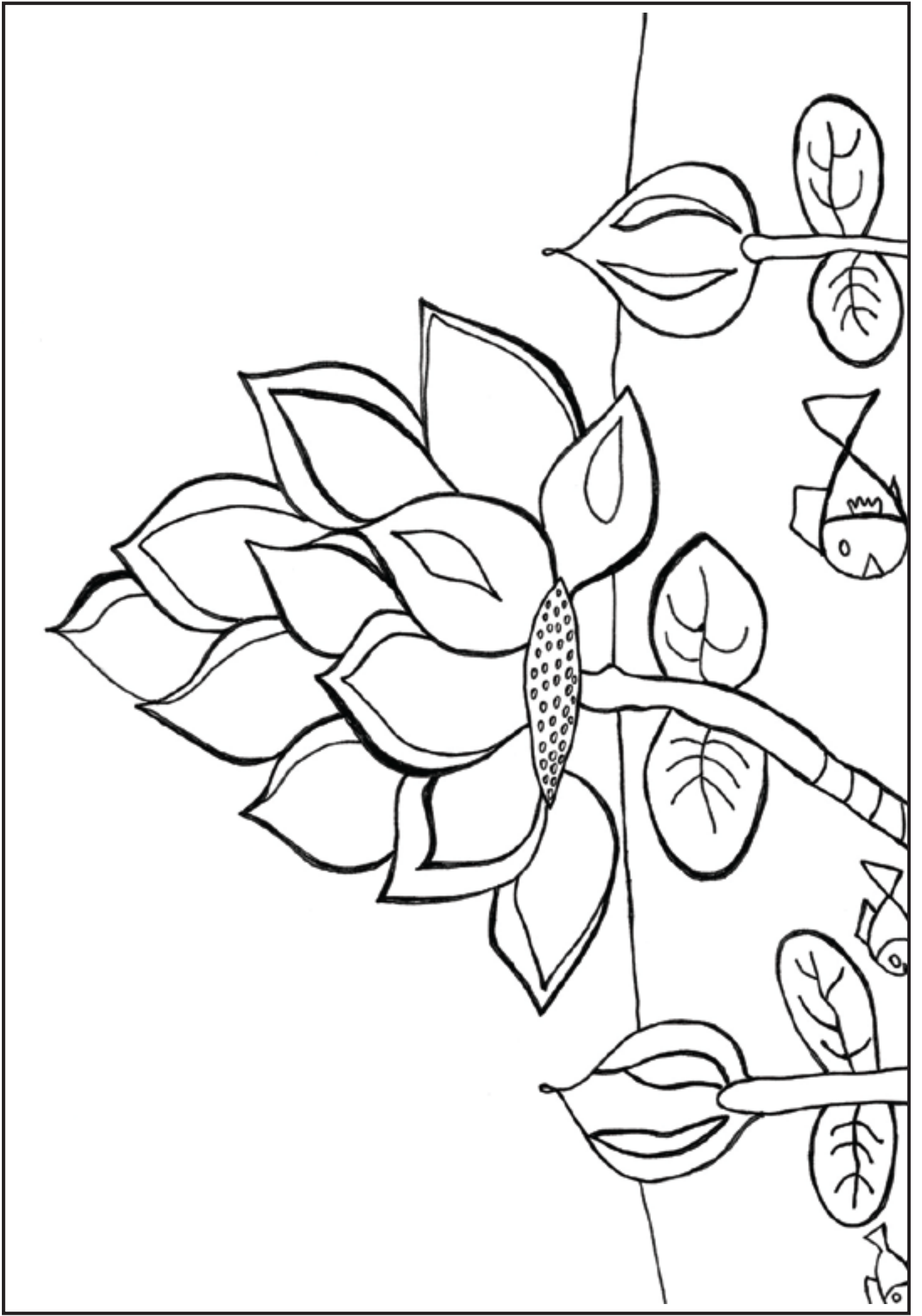




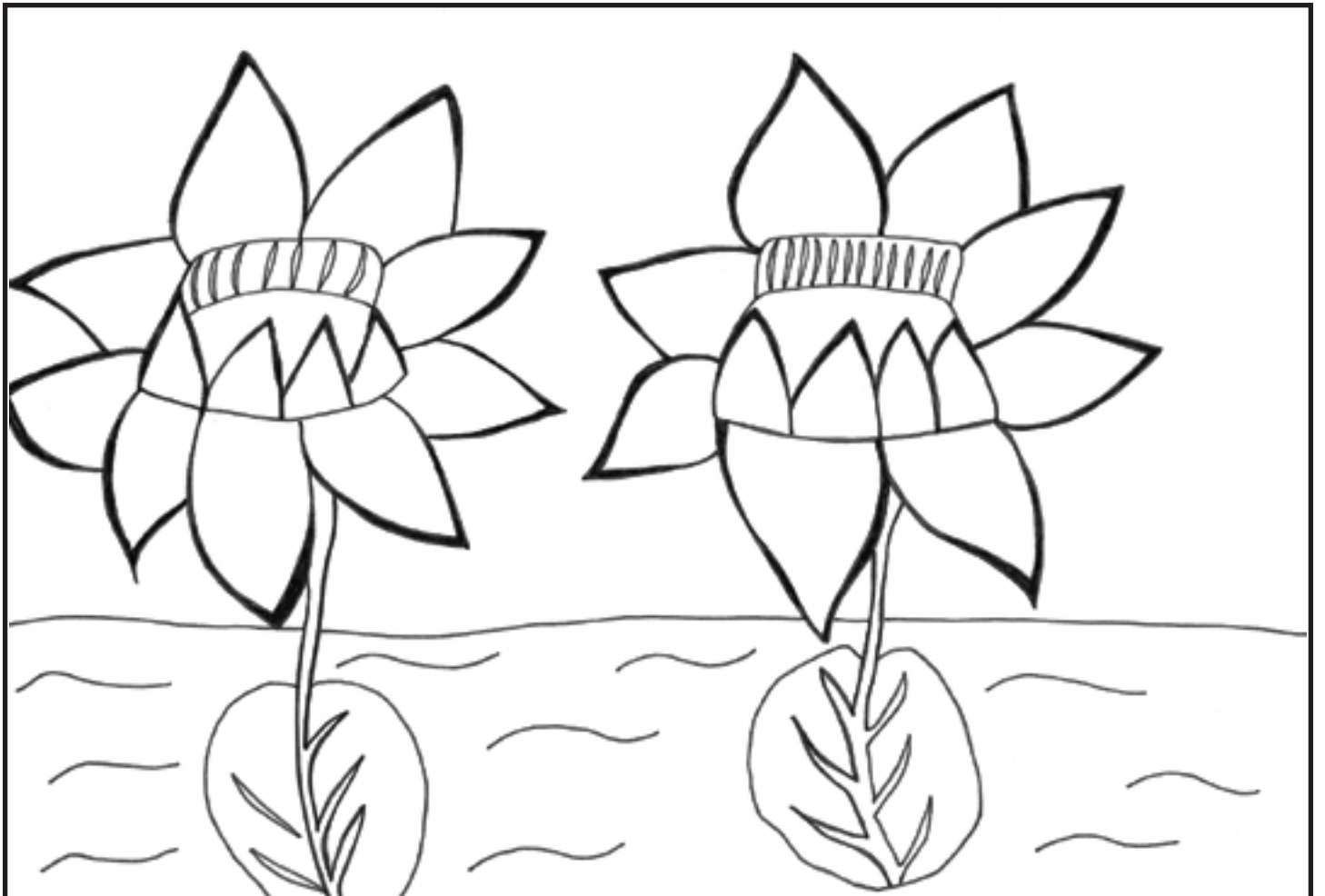




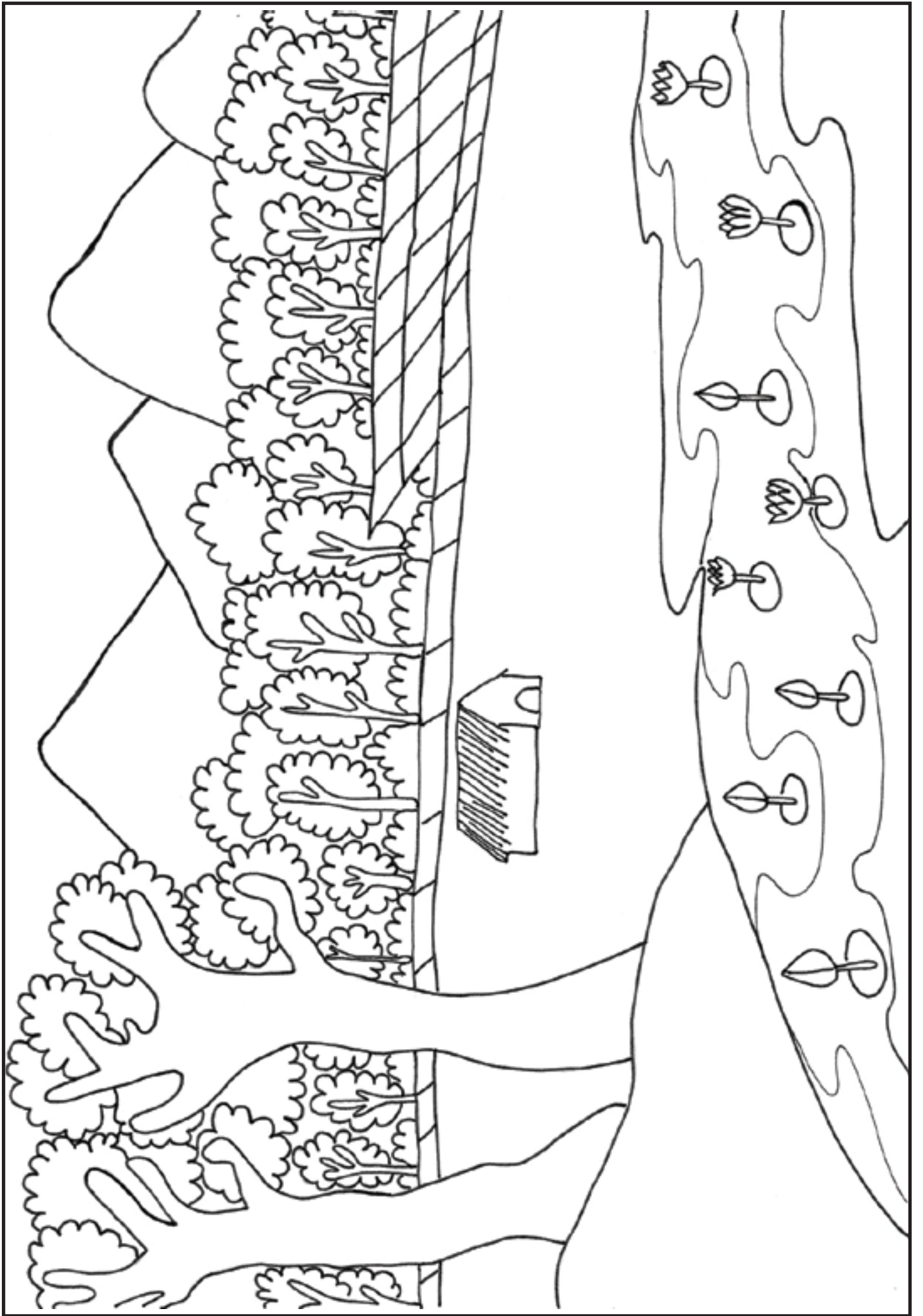




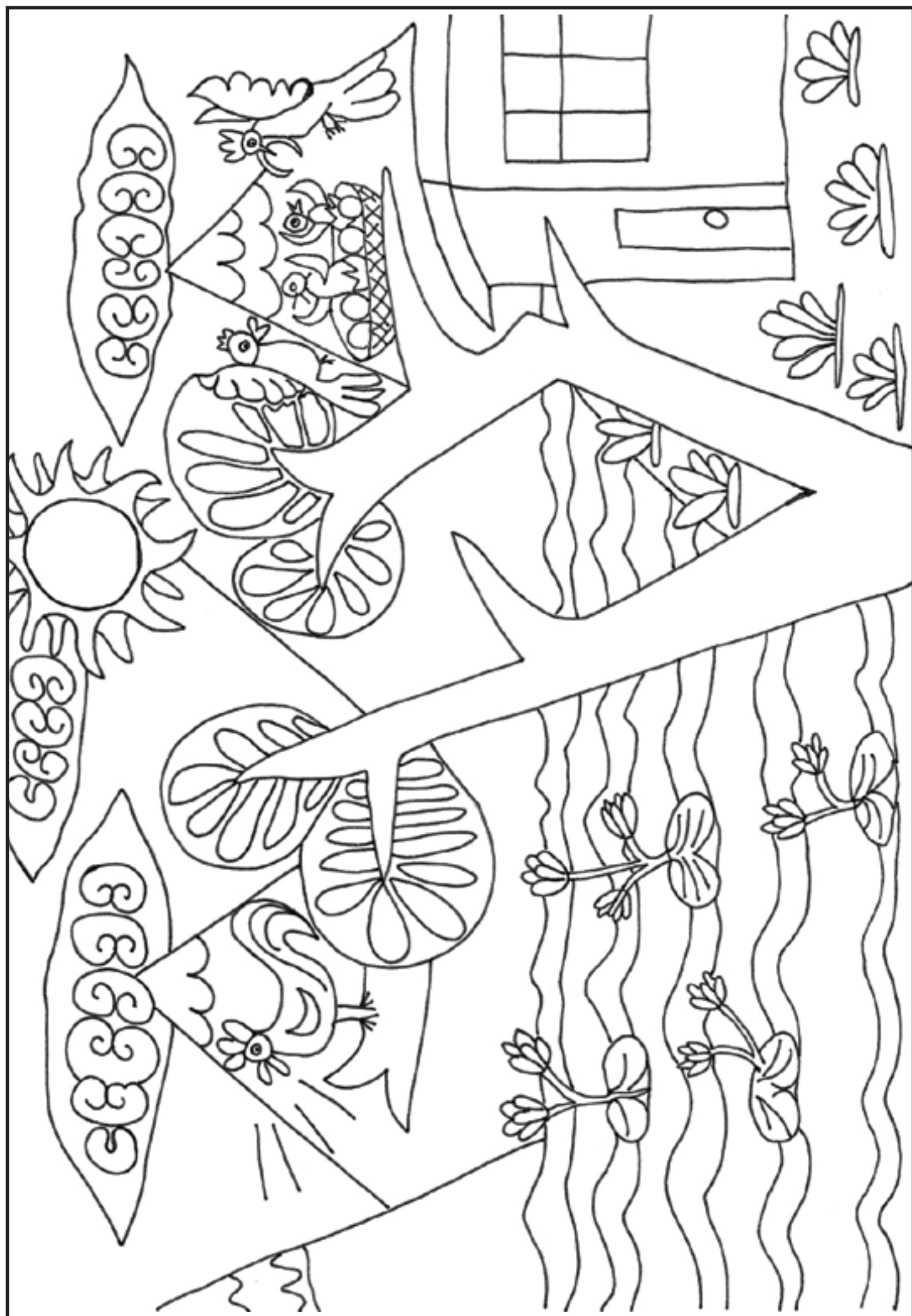




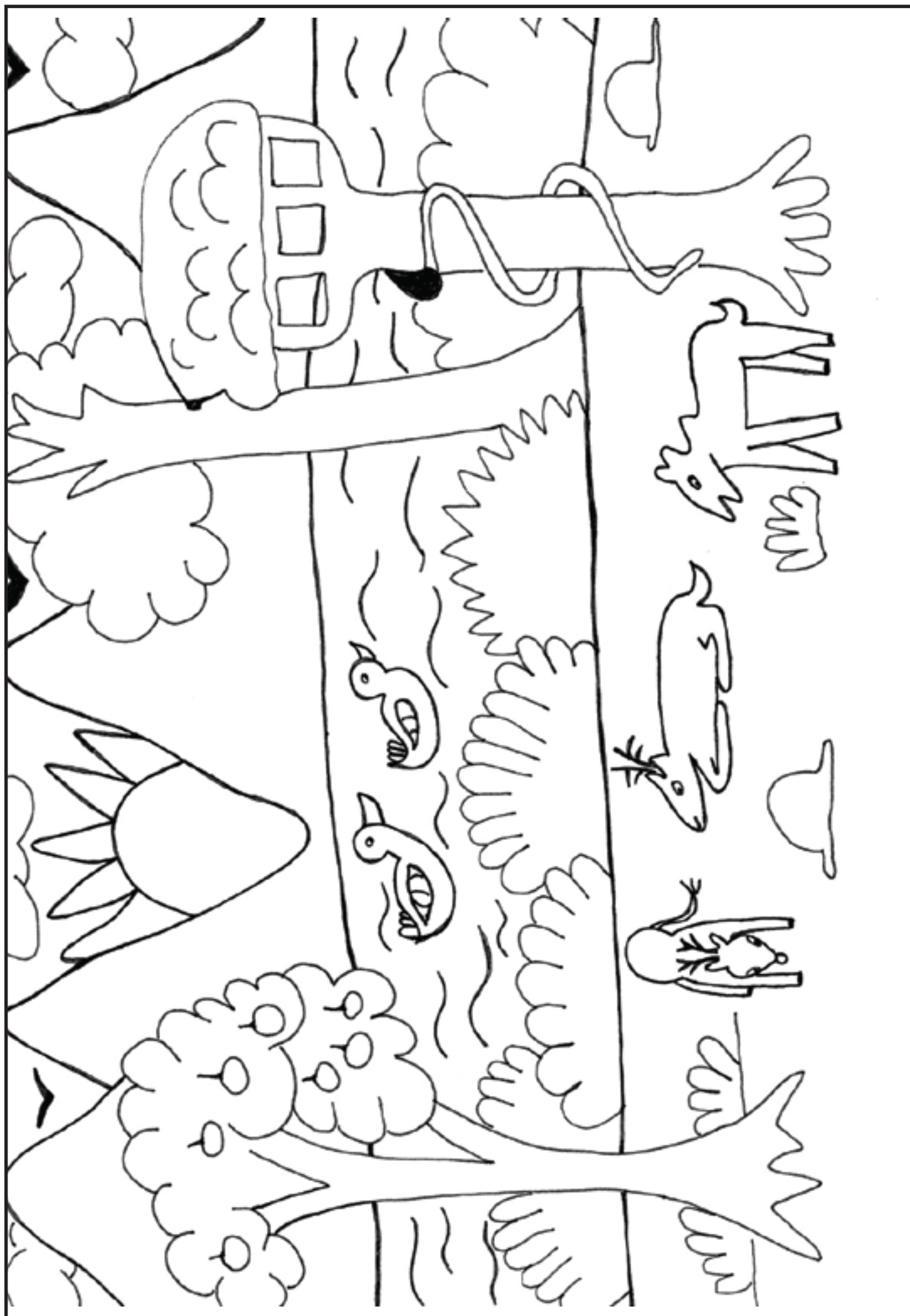




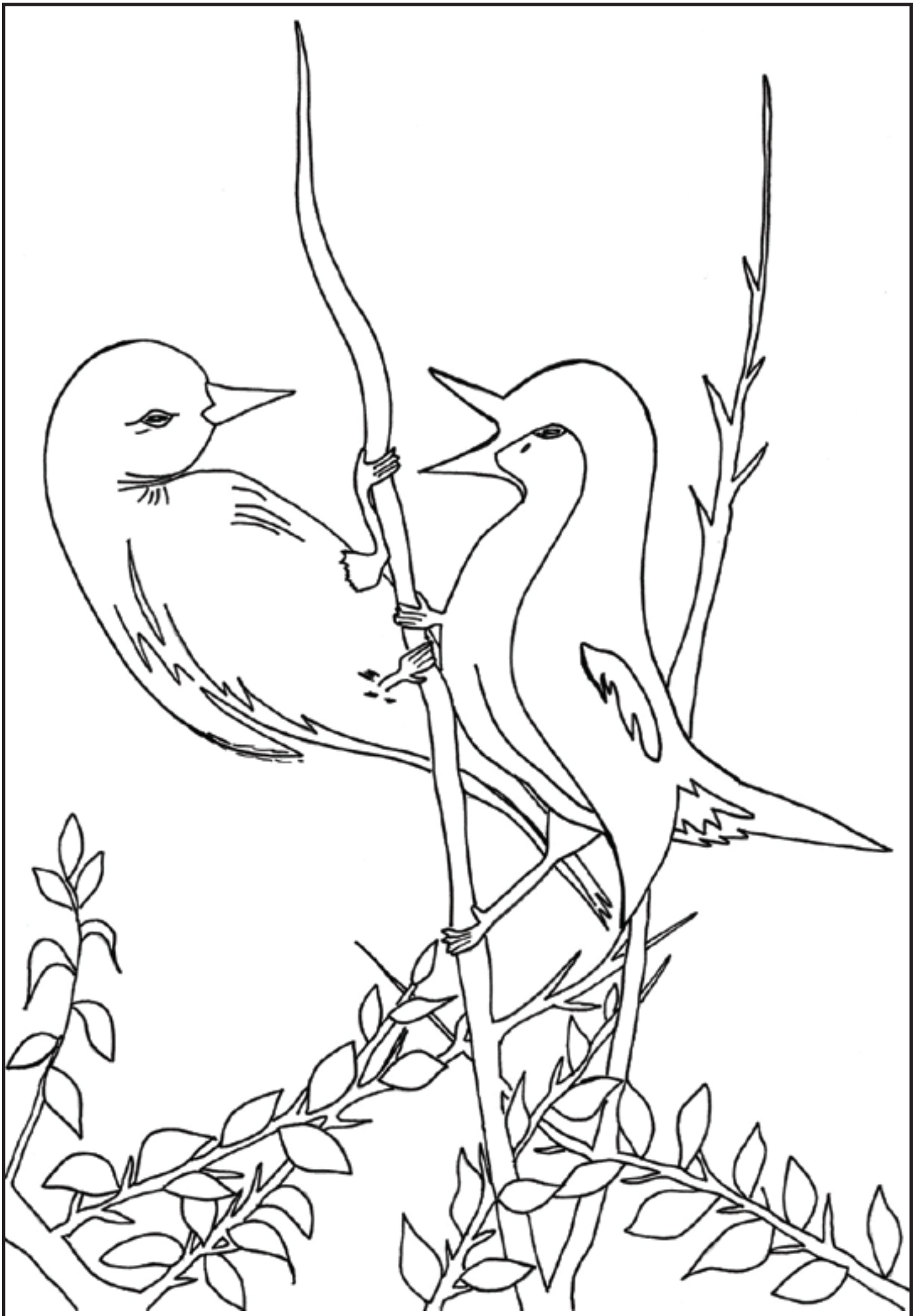


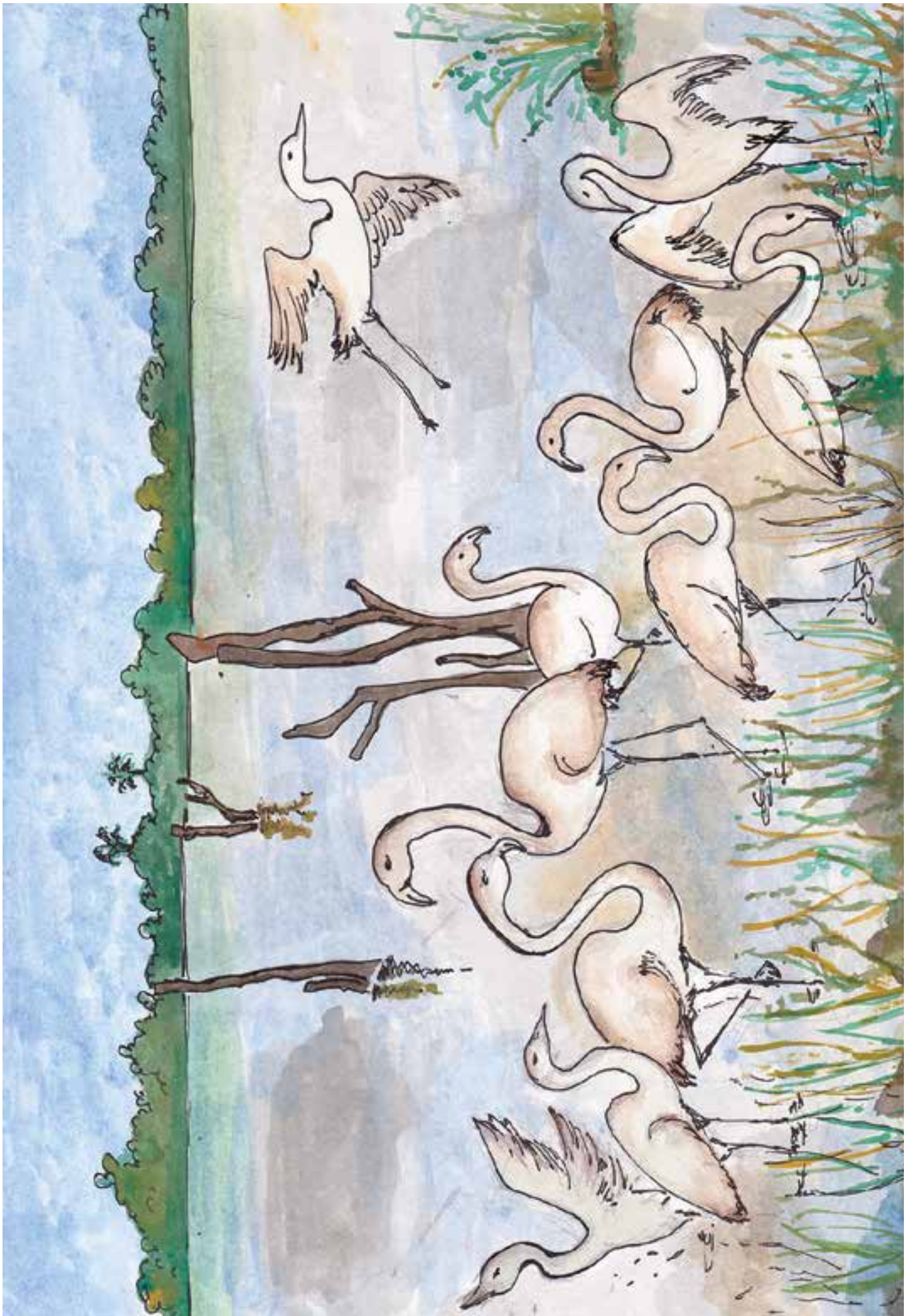


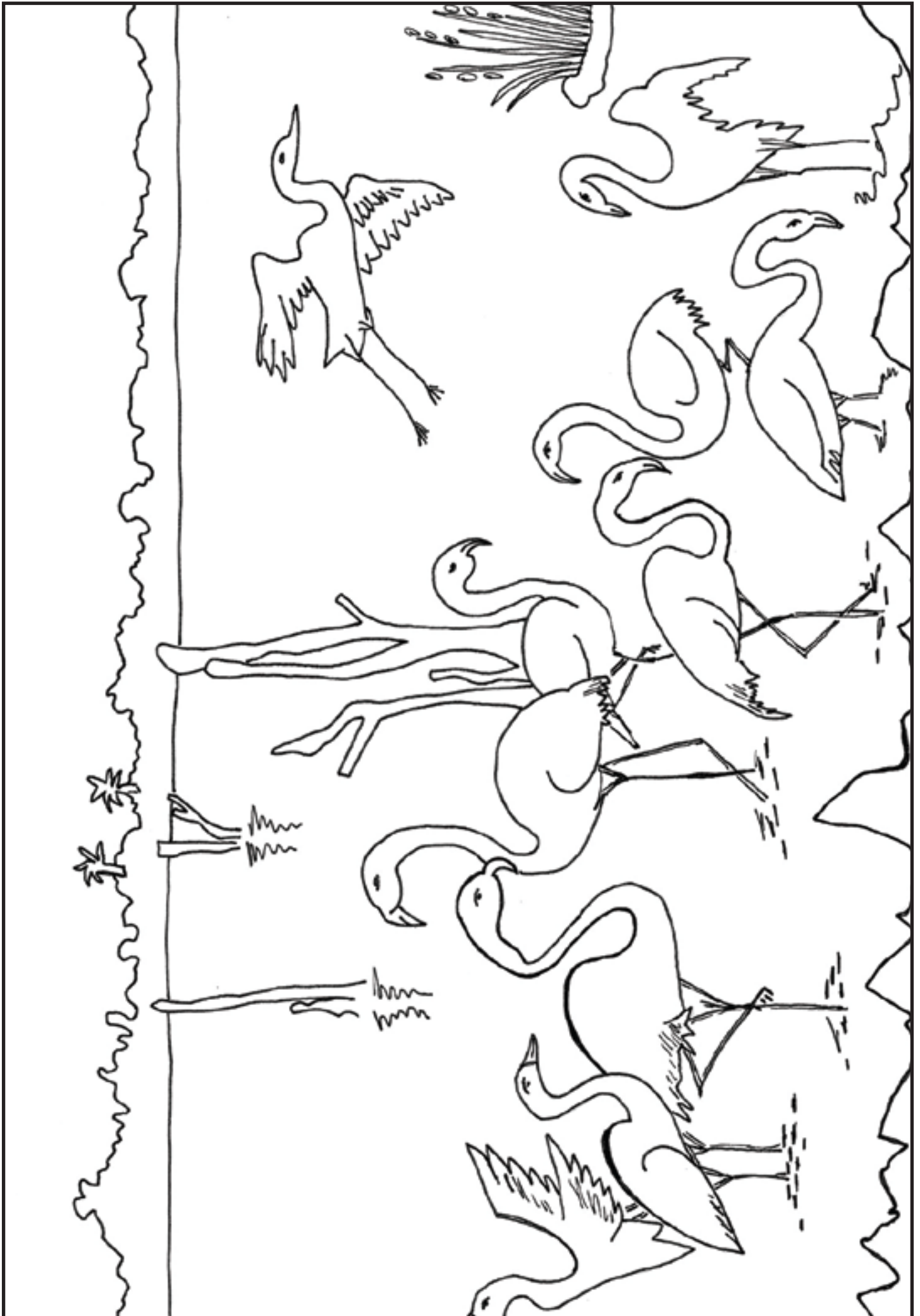






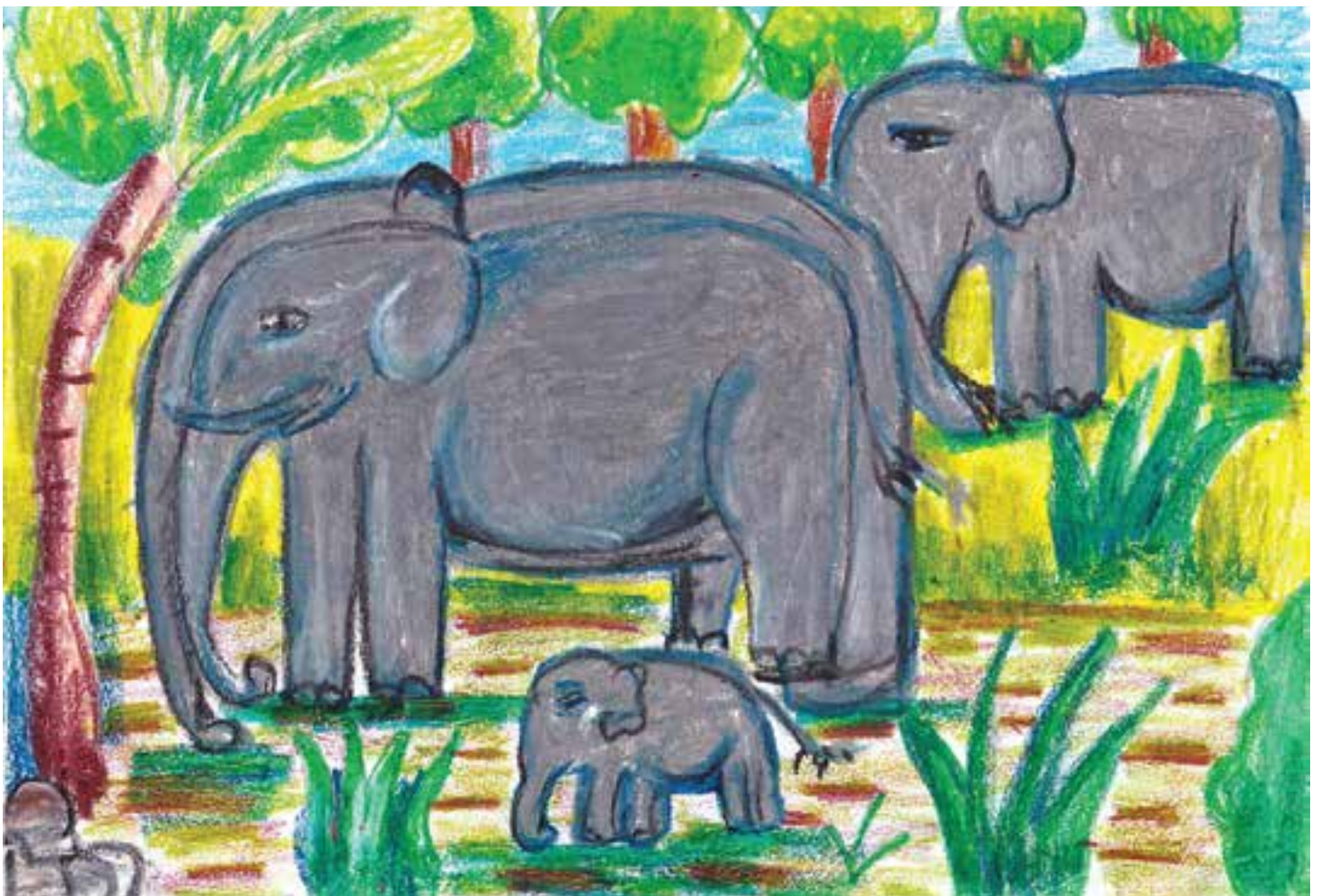
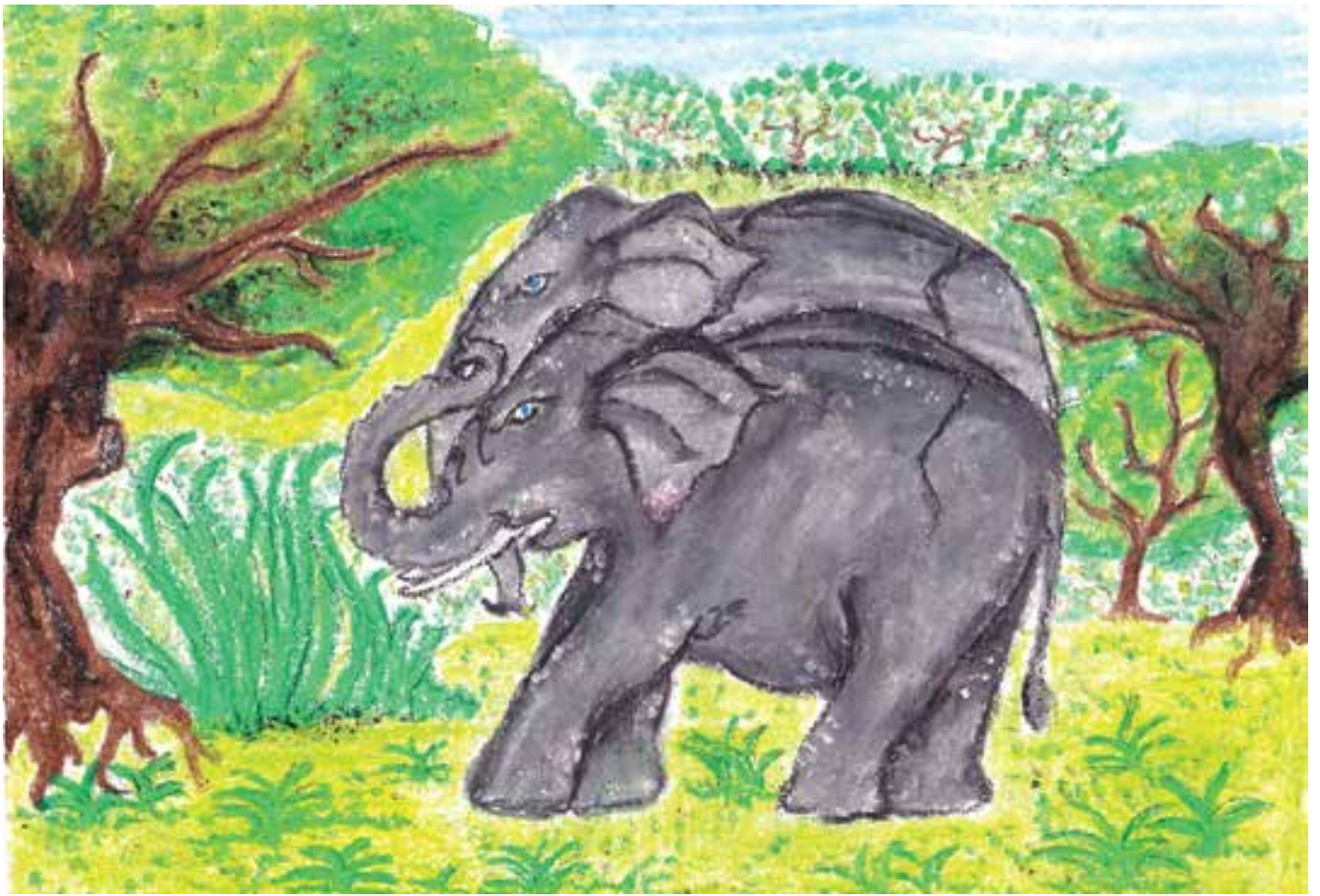


















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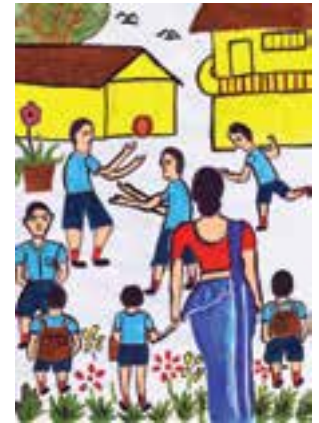
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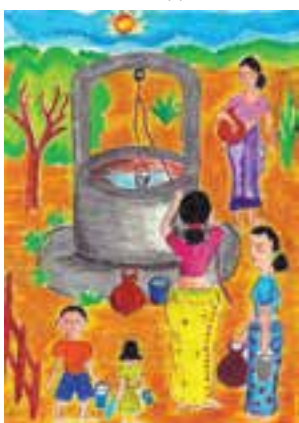
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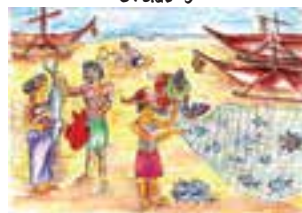
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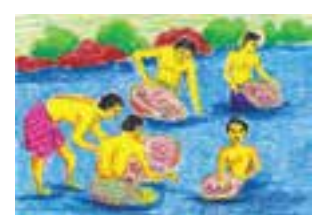
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