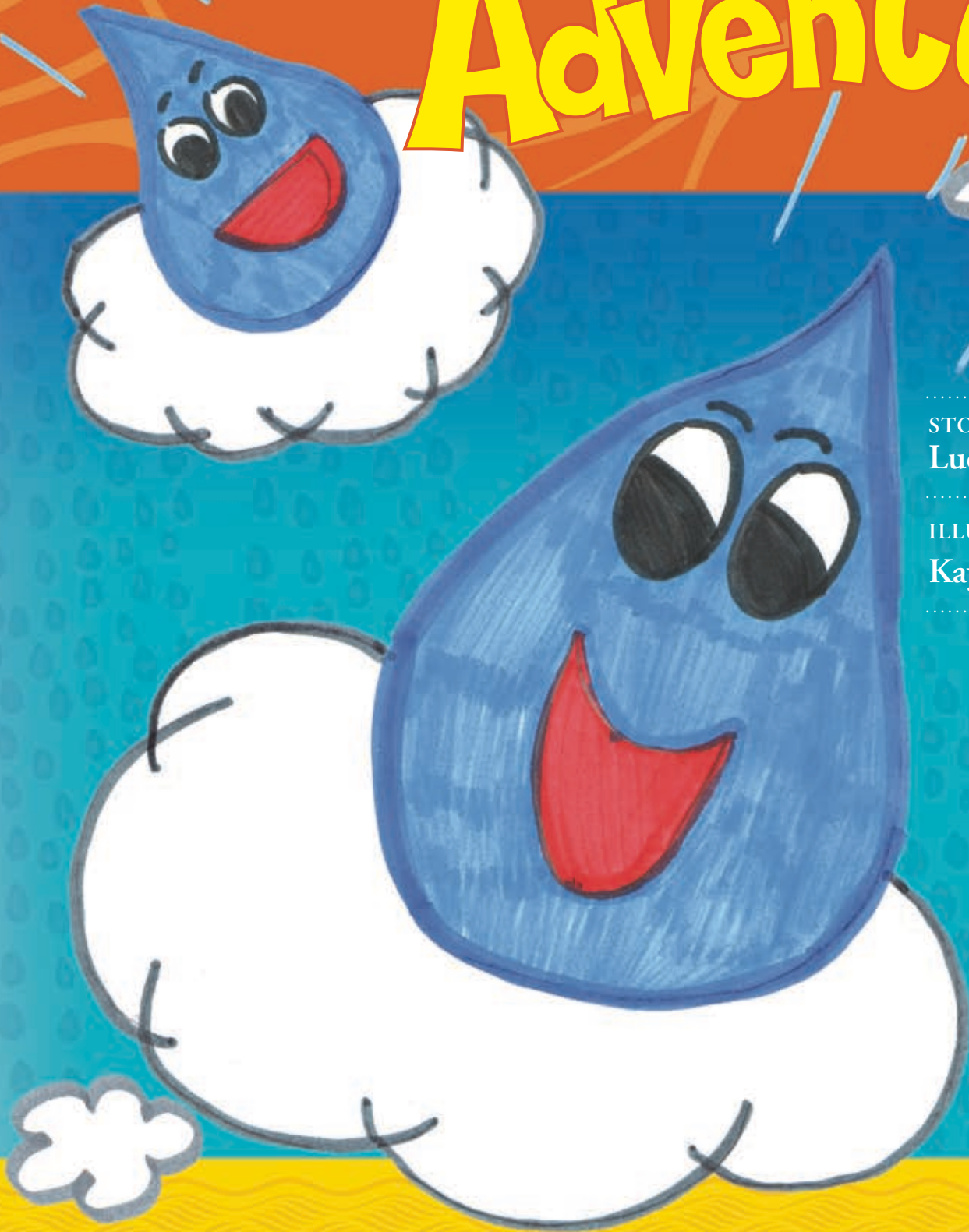


# Gobi's Adventure



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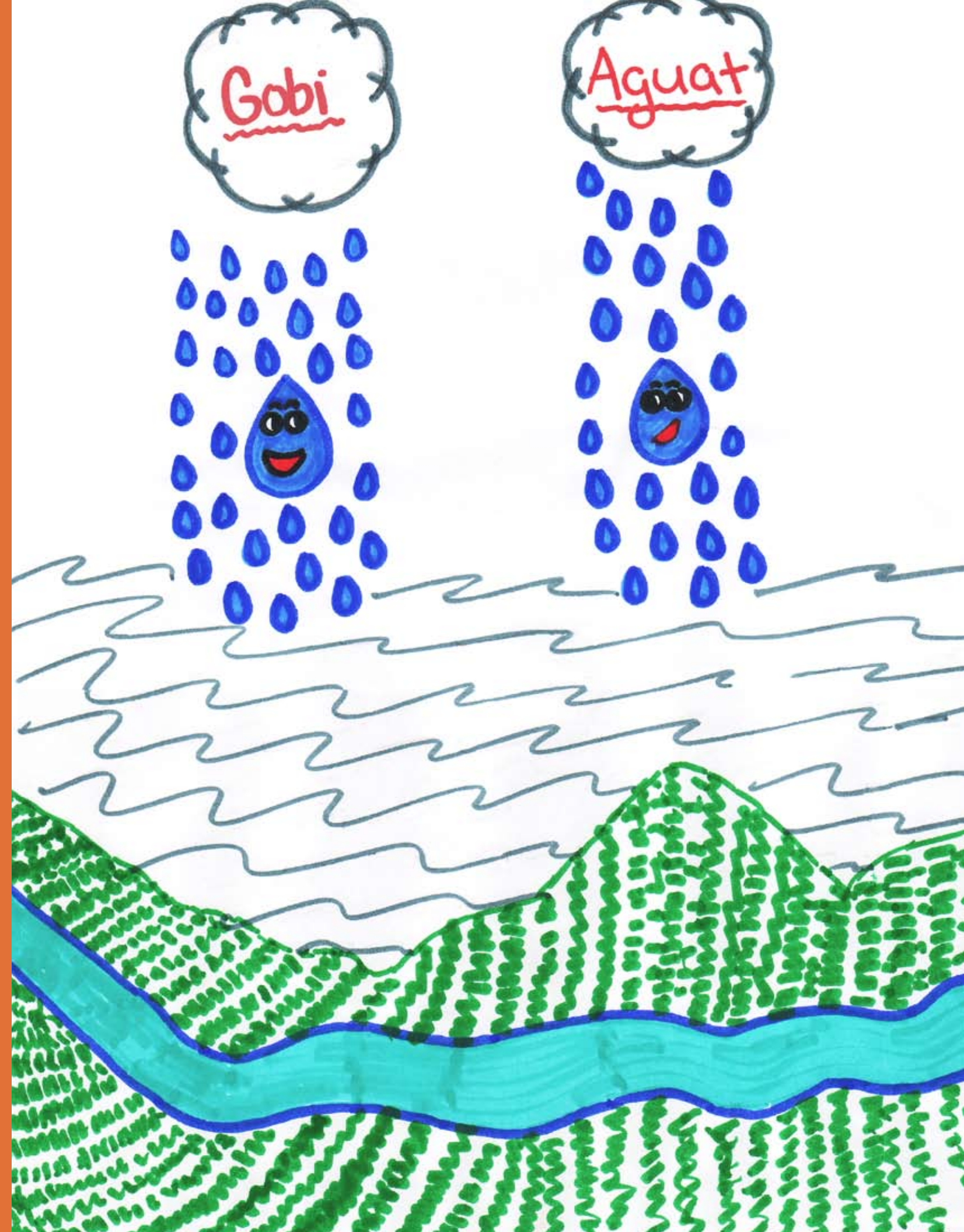
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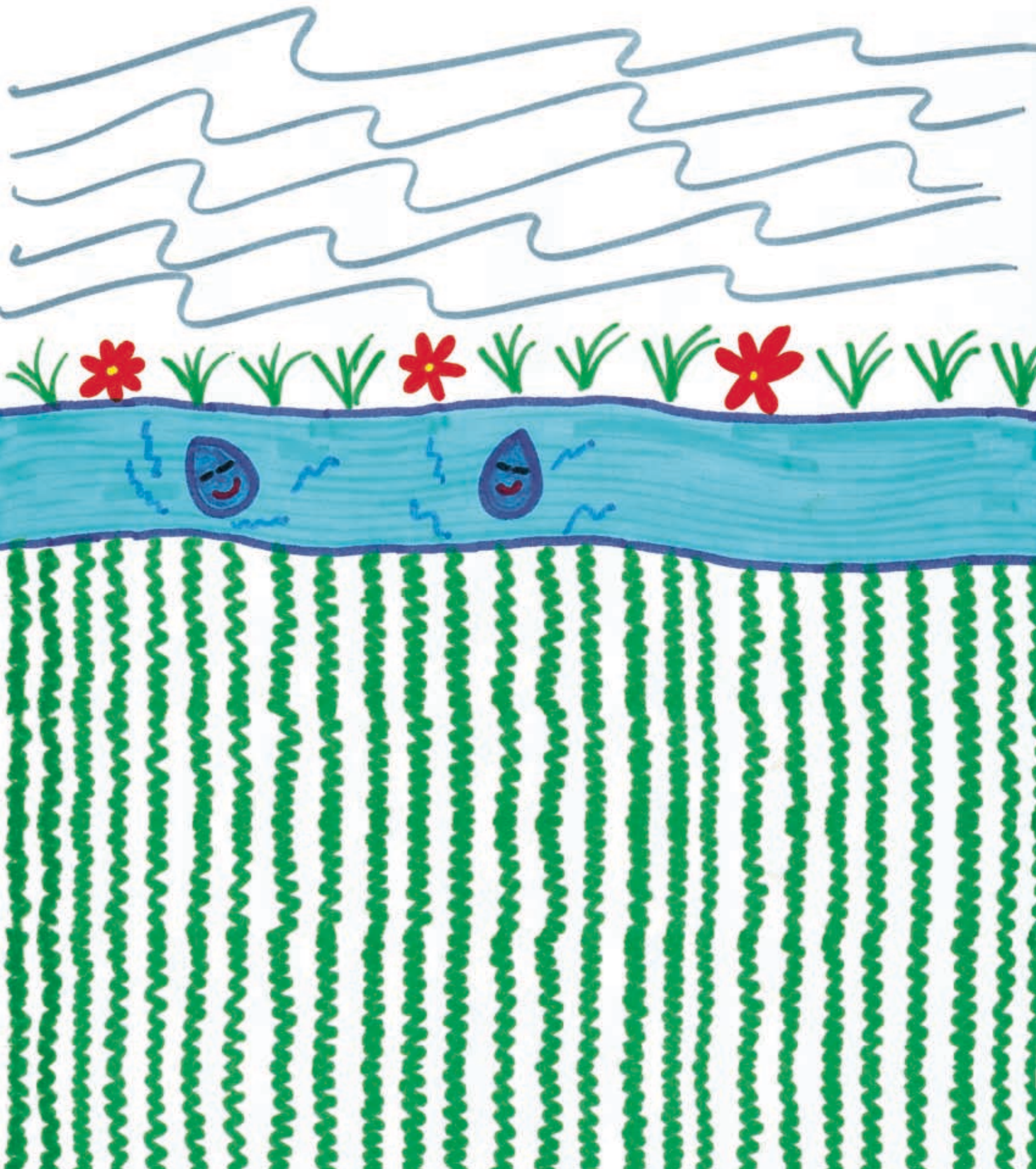
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**Gobi the water droplet** lived with his family in a cloud. Every day Gobi went to the cloud next door to play with his friend Aguat. One day the cloud Gobi lived in started to rain above the Colorado River.

**Aguat's cloud rained, too!**





“Hooray!” Gobi called out to his friend.

“This is a lot of fun!”

“This is scary!”

Aguat cried as they fell toward the river.

**Plop!**

Gobi and Aguat fell into the Colorado River.

“This is so exciting!” Gobi shrieked.

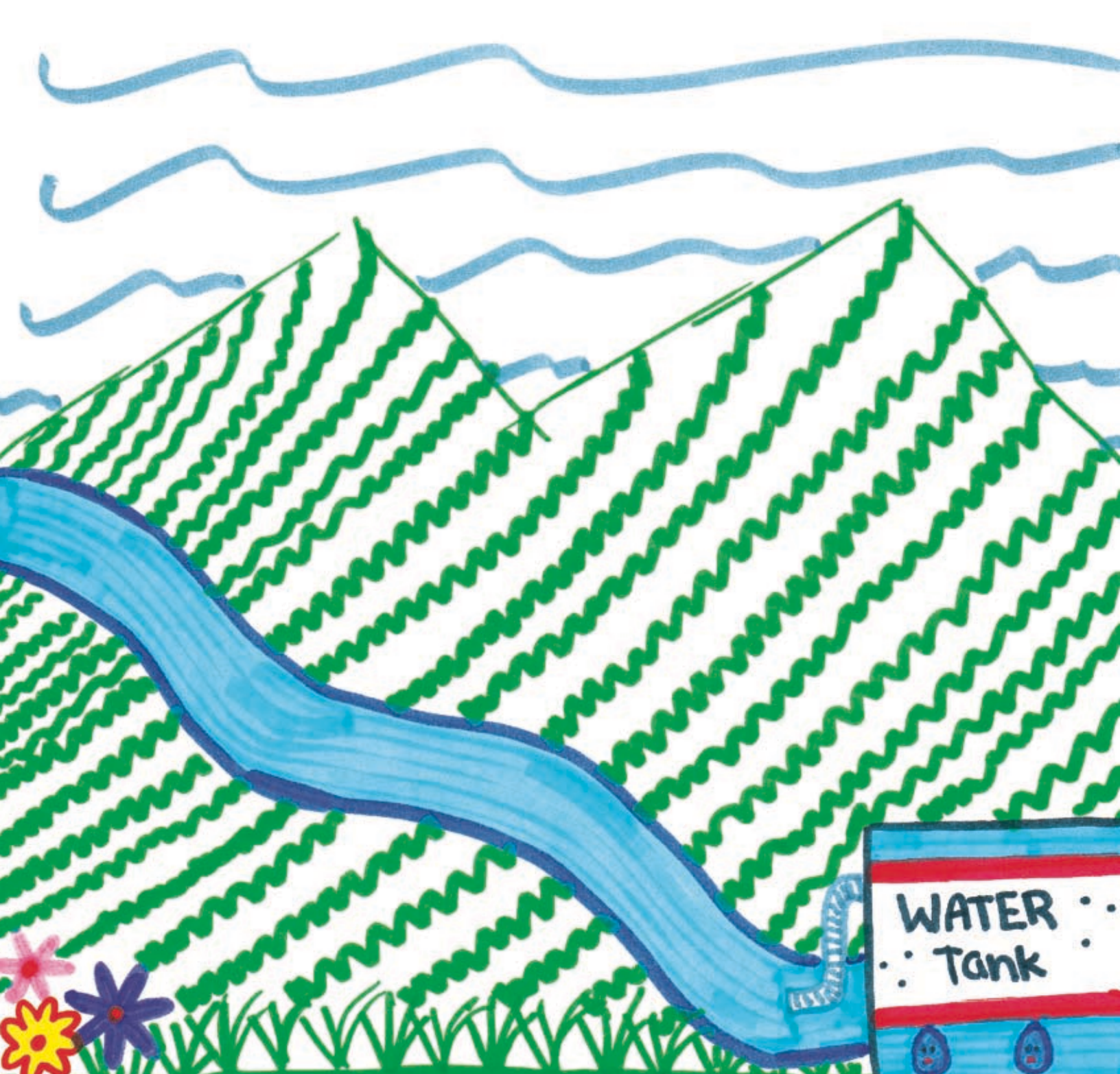
“Yes it is,” Aguat agreed.

“I’ve always wanted to float down a river!

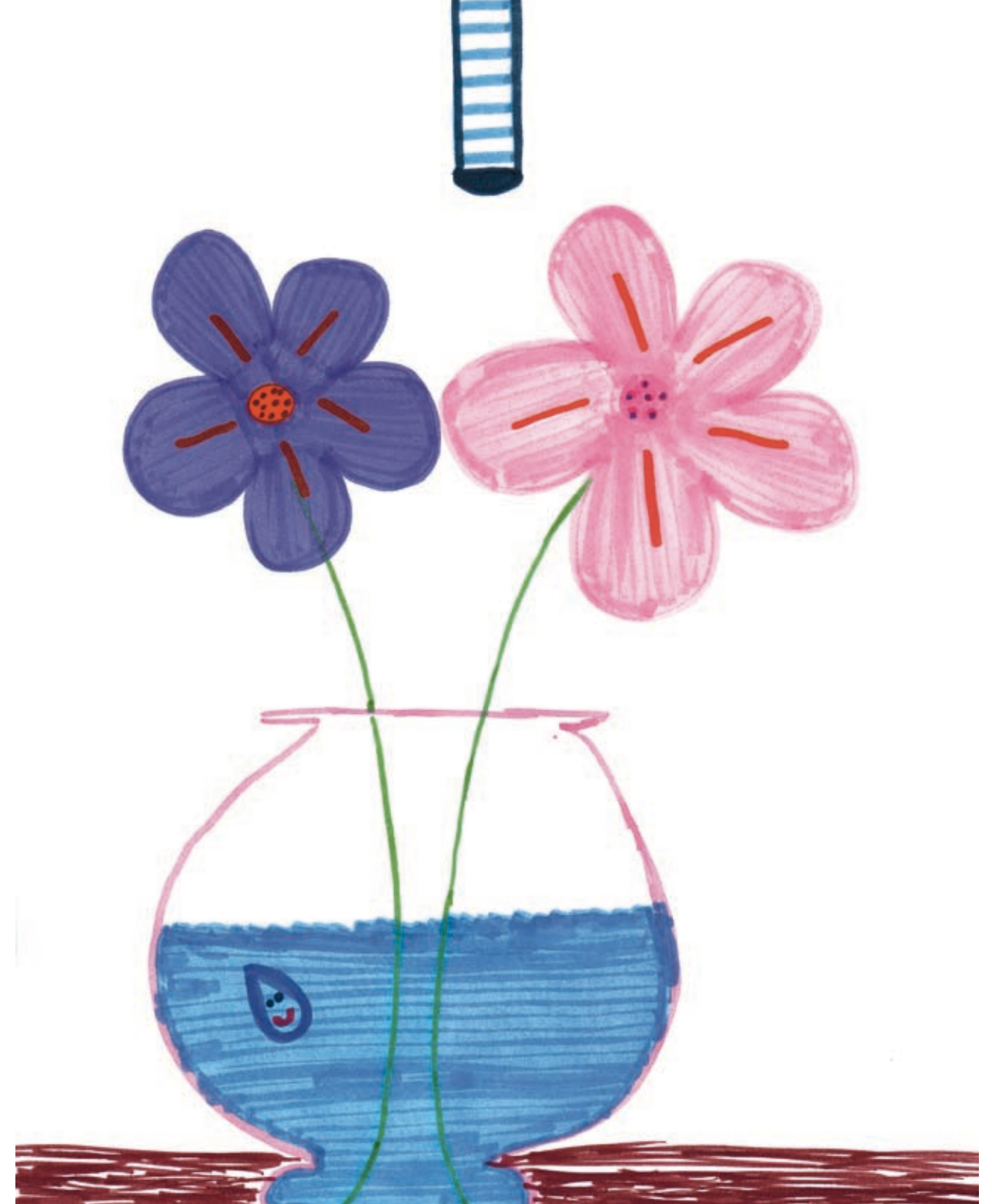
**Do you think we will be used by people?”**

“Oh yes,” Gobi replied.

“I hope our families get to live together in a fish bowl in California!”



Gobi was so excited because he knew the Colorado River was where people in California got their water. The two friends continued to float down the river. Before Gobi and Aguat knew it they were in a water tank.



Suddenly Gobi was sucked down a tube. He was in a vase with flowers. But where was Aguat? Gobi looked around but he didn't see his friend. Where could he be? Gobi saw a fish bowl right next to the vase.

**Could Aguat be there?**

Gobi hopped over to the fish bowl, but Aguat wasn't there. The only thing he saw was a small fish.

"Hello," the fish said.

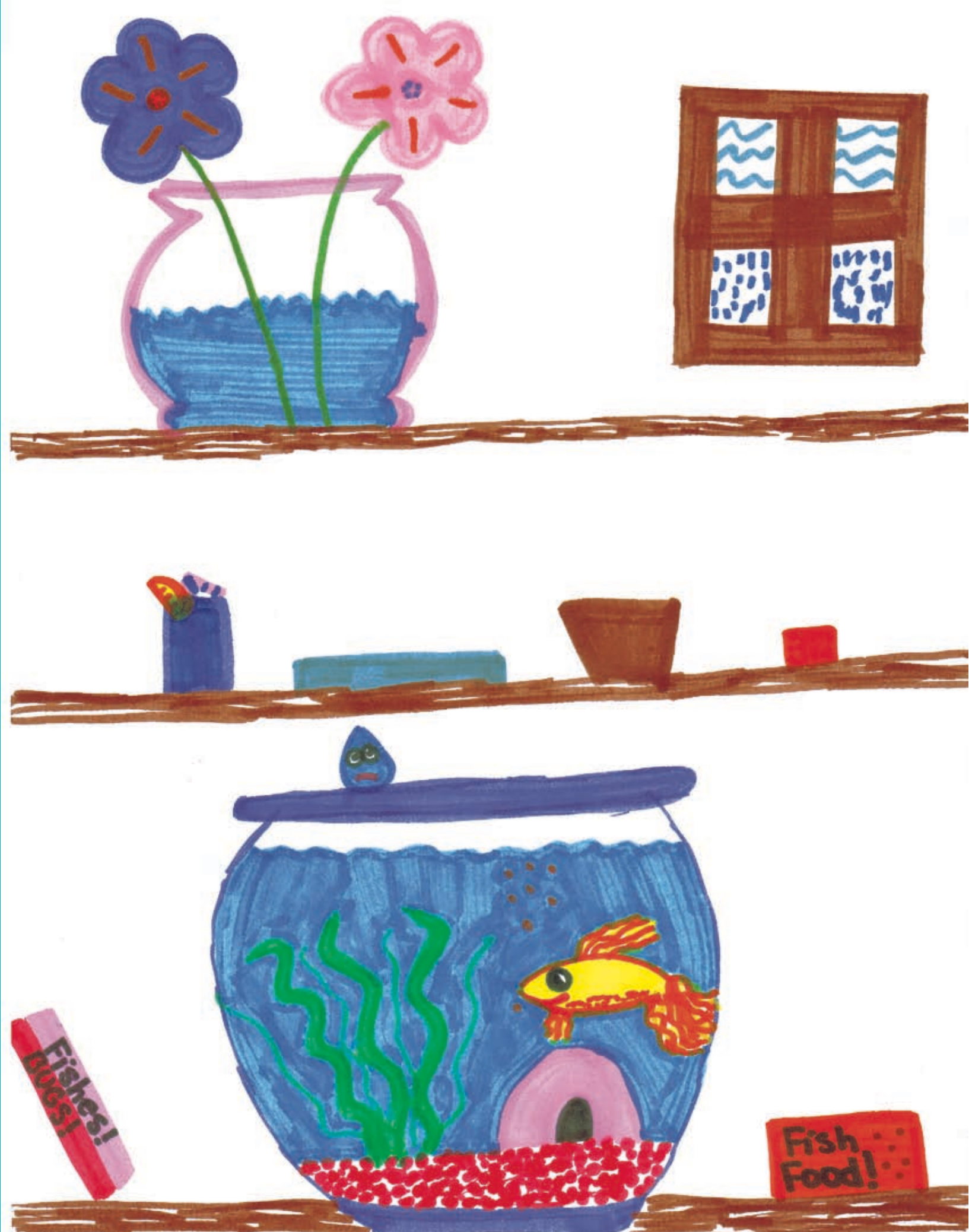
"Hi, what's your name?" Gobi asked.

"Bubbles is my name," the fish said.

"Did I hear you say that you are looking for your friend?"

"Yes," replied Gobi.

**"Do you know where he might be?"**





The fish looked scared and said, “He might have been wasted by the **Water Waster!**”

He is an evil kid who wastes water and uses too much water on his grass. If only he used less water and got California Friendly plants then he could **save more than 50% of his water!**”

Gobi looked out the window and saw the Water Waster.



He was drowning his grass because he was using so much water! Gobi saw Aguat fall out of his hose.

**Oh no! His best friend was being wasted!**

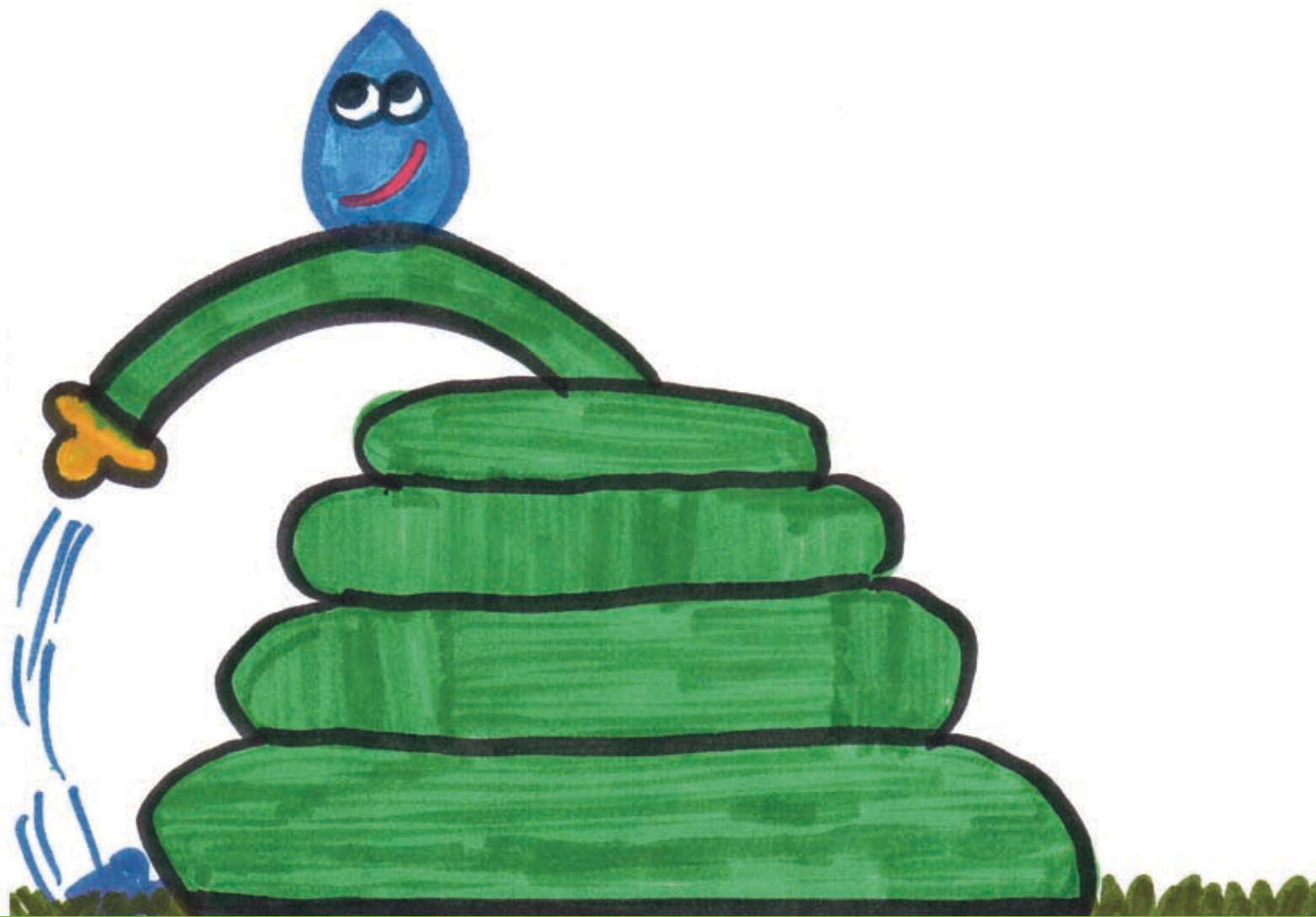
Gobi leaped out of the window to help Aguat.

Could he make it?

**Yes! He made it!**

He was about to save Aguat when the Water Waster saw him and yelled,

**“What Are You Doing?!”**



Gobi was very scared but he explained to the boy,  
“I’m saving my friend because you are wasting  
him and other droplets on your grass!”

The Water Waster started to look sad.  
“I was just trying to help my grass grow,” he said.

“But you are drowning your grass and wasting  
water like Aguat and me,” Gobi cried.

The Water Waster started to cry. He was very sad.  
“I am sorry,” he wailed, “I was just trying to help my  
grass. I did not mean to waste so much water.”

“It’s okay,” Gobi said. “You didn’t mean to waste water.  
Will you promise to never, ever, ever do it again?”

“Okay, said the Water Waster. **“I promise!”**”



From then on Gobi, Aguat, and their families  
lived in the fish bowl with Bubbles, and they  
*all lived happily ever after.*



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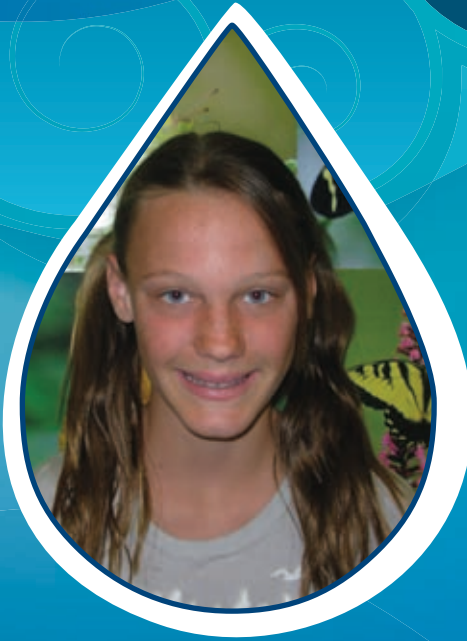
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