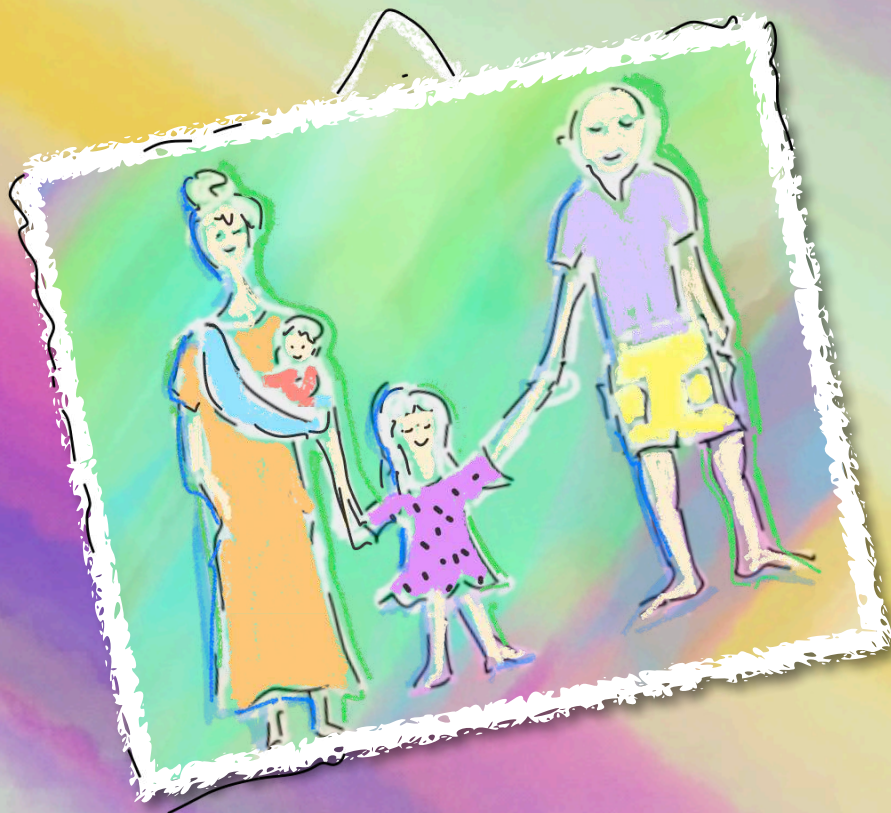




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Once upon a time...

On an empty piece of land there was a tree.

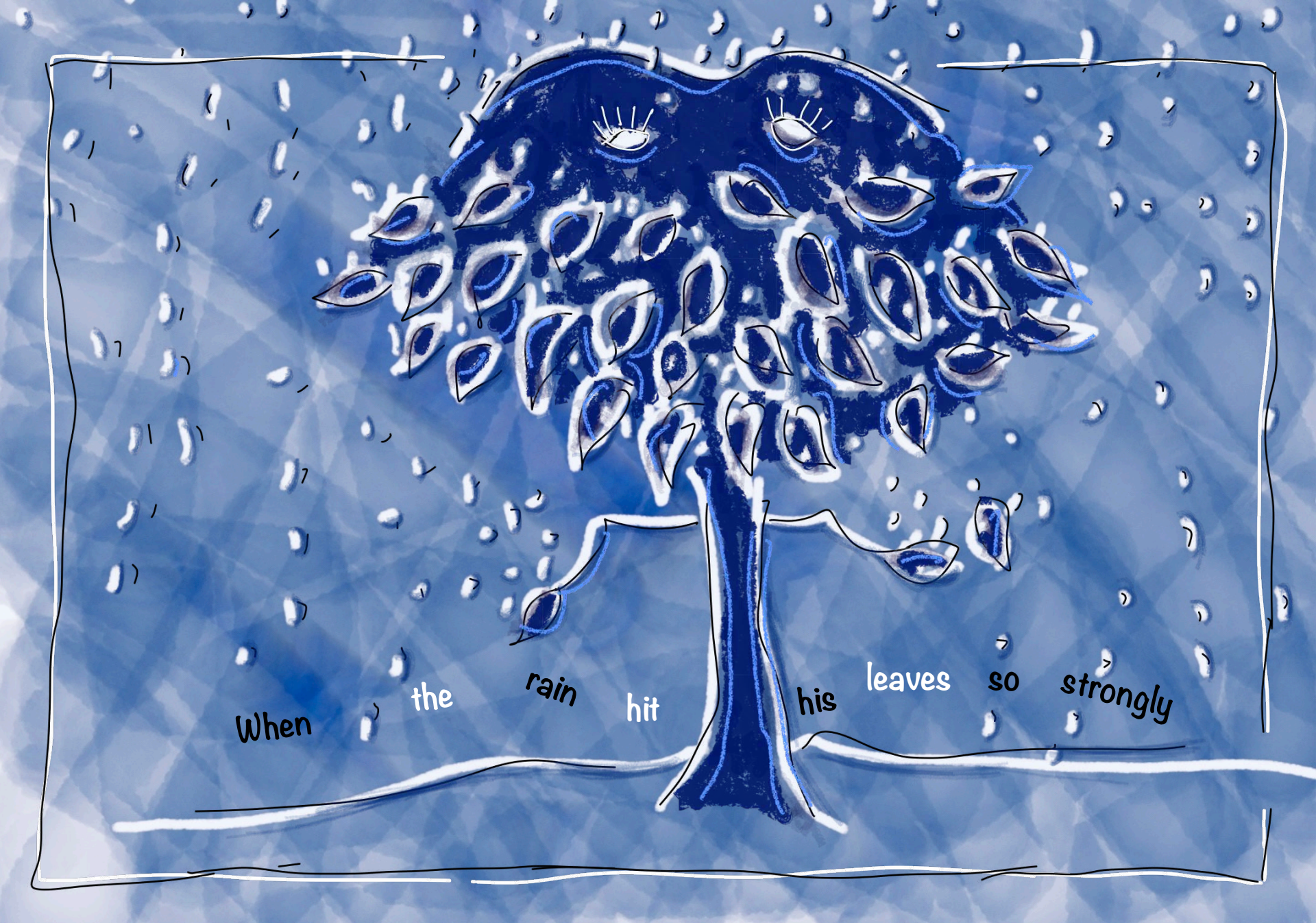


The tree was standing there all by himself for a long long time...



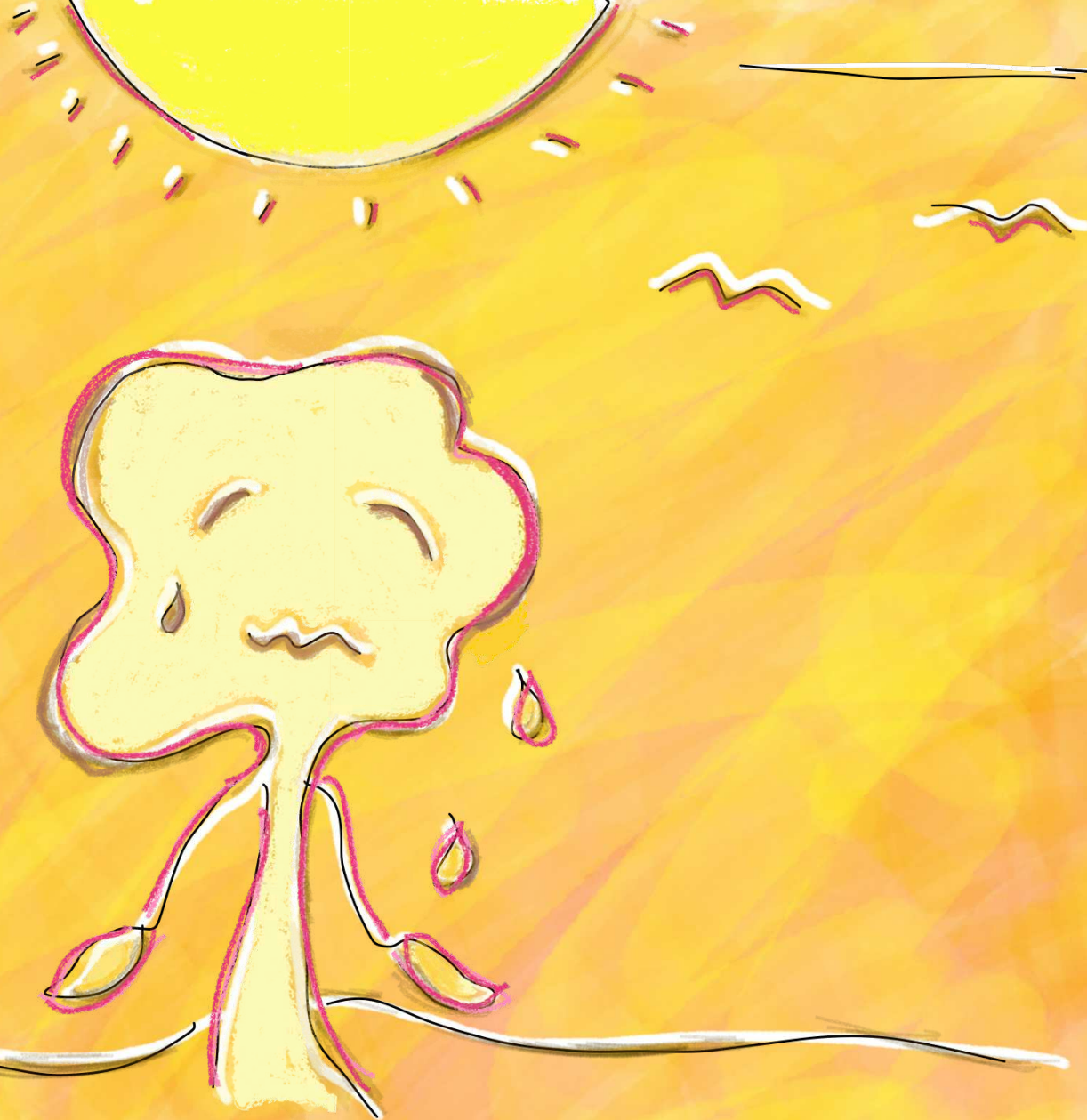


The tree had to stand alone when the wind shook his trunk



When the rain hit his leaves so strongly

And
When
the
sun
was
drying
him
out
completely !

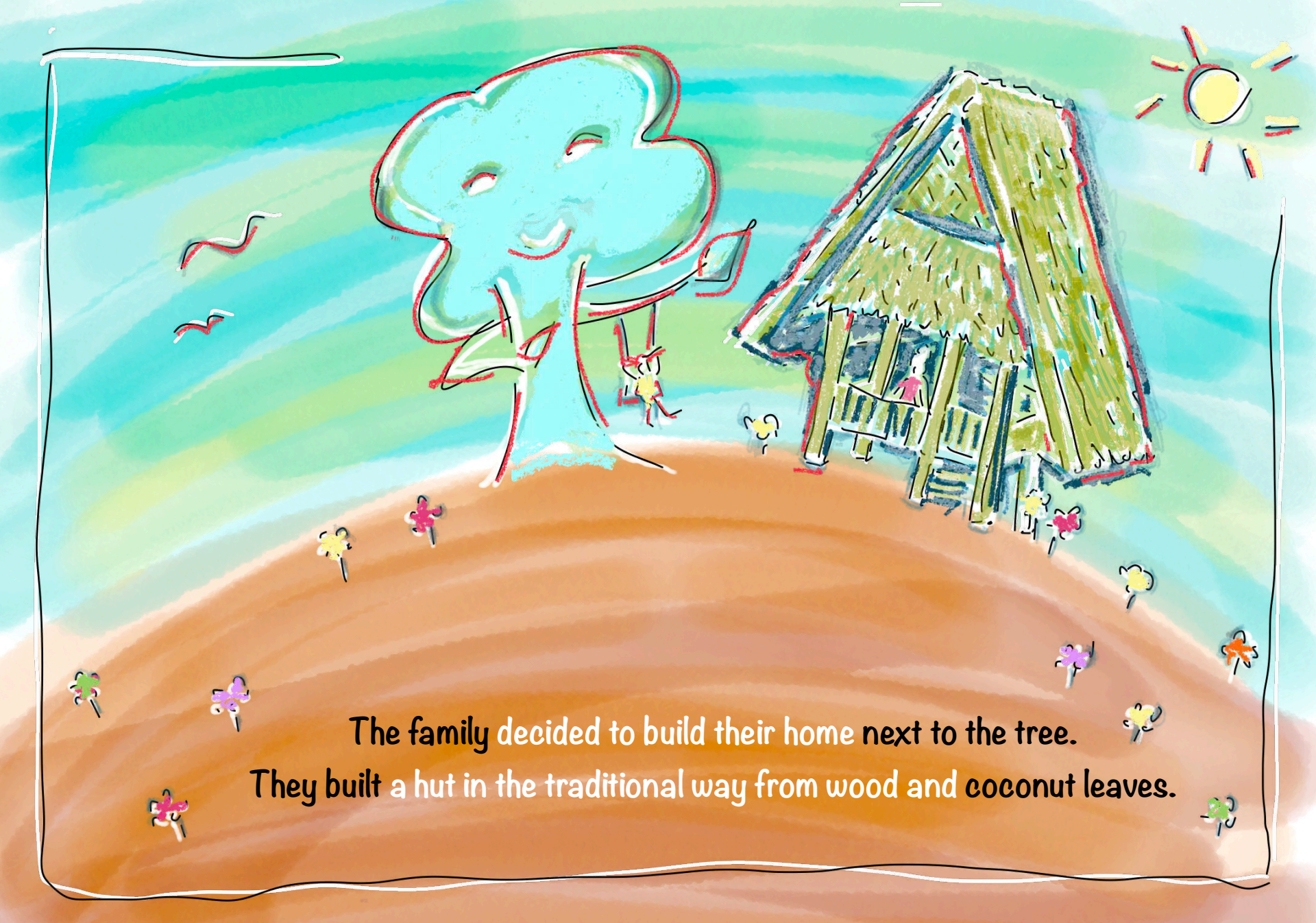


One beautiful morning...

out of the blue...

came a family to give him some company.





The family decided to build their home next to the tree.
They built a hut in the traditional way from wood and coconut leaves.

The first thing they did was to dig a well.
Without water there is no life!

No one will ever forget the moment when the
water started gushing out from the earth!



It was a moment of great joy...
Everyone was dancing.

The years passed...

The family loved the tree.

&

The tree loved the family.



But their love wasn't enough for him.
The tree was jealous, he wanted a
family of his own.



The next day he told the family his story:

“Many years ago there was a big forest here. I was the youngest of all trees.”





“So many animals and people were visiting us every day,
enjoying our fruits, shade  and the fresh air” 



“One day some people came with very bad ideas!

They wanted to make many things out of the forest: furniture, railway tracks, paper...”

“So they cut the whole forest except for me!
I was too young and not useful for them.”





“They had no clue what they had done to themselves. They didn’t know what it means to have no forest.”



"It means no animals, no fruits, no shade, no rain, no stars!
It means that our planet is suffering and so do we!"





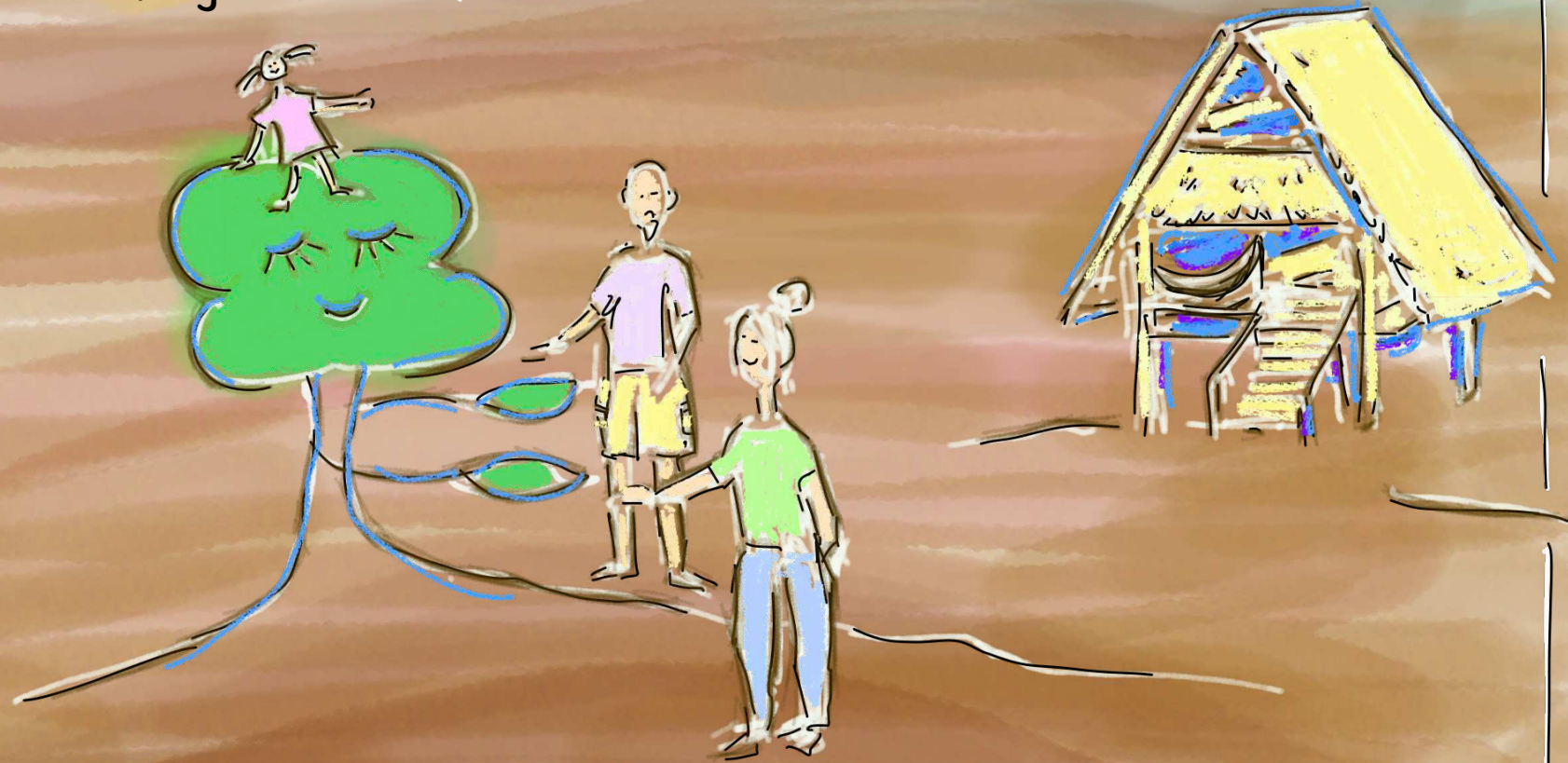
“Many years had passed. Slowly, slowly I managed to grow one branch and another branch, new leaves , flowers, fruits...Until I became a mature tree.”



But I am lonely... I miss my forest family...



“We can help you to get your family back!”
said the family with lots of excitement.



“We will plant many trees around you... You won’t be lonely anymore!”



Every day for many years the family planted new trees.

Many people joined the family in the effort of bringing back the forest.

They were all watering the trees,
one day the young trees matured

feeding them with love until
and joined the lonely tree.

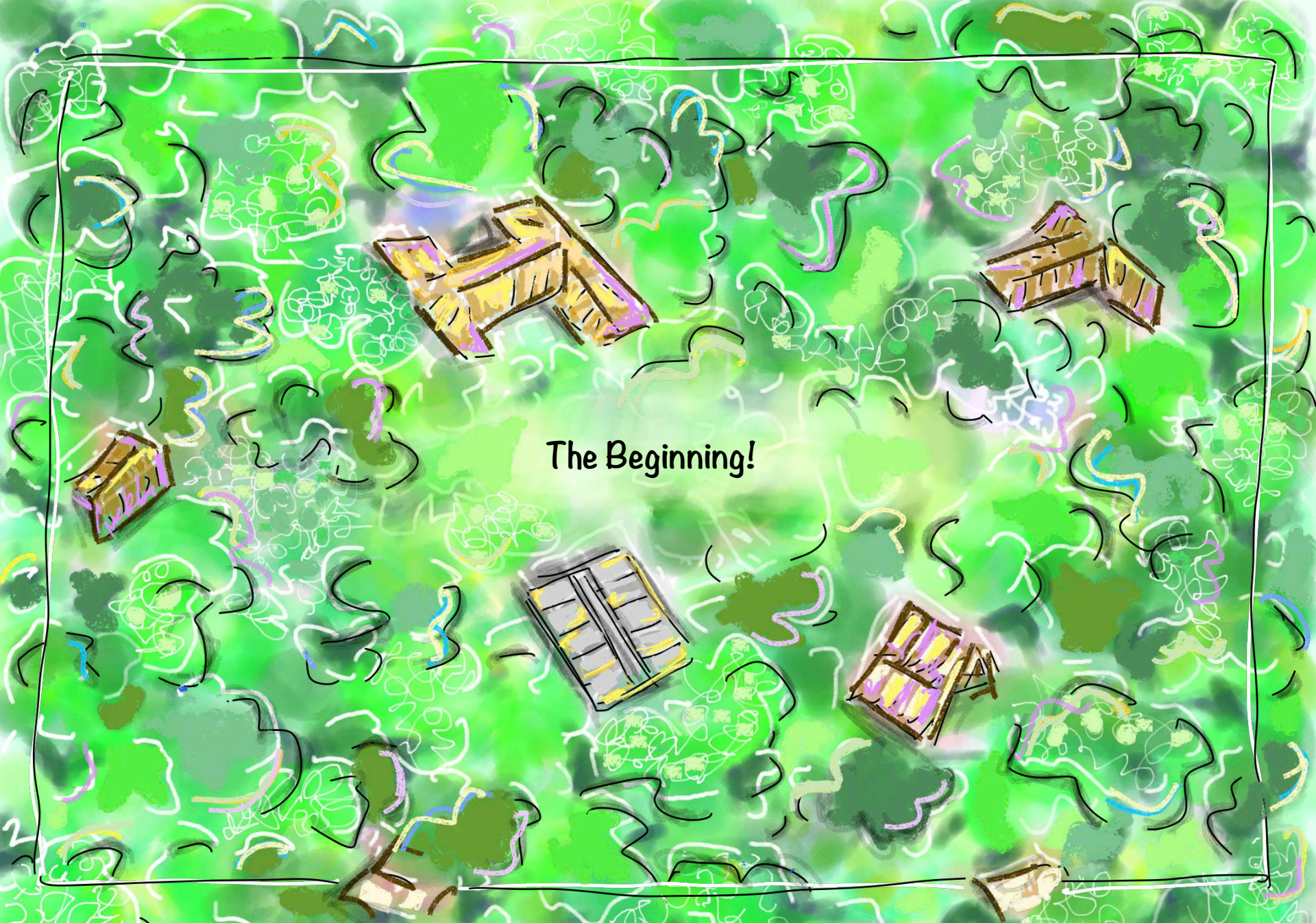




The tree was so happy. Many birds came to visit him day and night.

A vibrant, hand-drawn illustration of a lush green forest. In the foreground, a family of five (a man, a woman, and three children) stands holding hands. To their left is a small hut with a thatched roof, perched on a wooden frame. A blue dog and a grey cat are near the hut. To the right of the family is a peacock and a white goat. Further right, a group of children are playing. The background is filled with tall, colorful trees and numerous birds flying in the sky. The sky is a mix of green and yellow, suggesting a bright, sunny day.

Finally after all these years he got a new family...Not only of trees and animals but also of people who are committed to protect him and the planet.



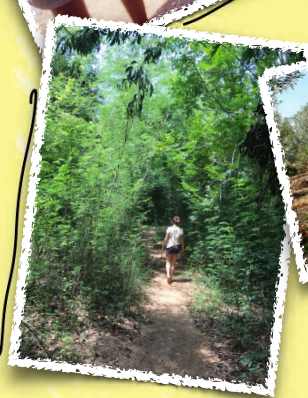
The Beginning!

"A Family & a Tree" is based on the true story of the Rozin Family who followed their hearts until destiny brought them to an empty piece of land in South India where they started a reforestation project named Sadhana Forest. Today, after 20 years of work, they have established 8 centers in India, Haiti, Kenya and Namibia, where they share their knowledge and help people living on arid lands to turn their homes into lush food forests.





The Rozin Family





'A Family and a Tree' tells the story of the only tree that was here on the land 22 years ago. He was so lost and alone. But all of that changed!

Based on a true story of Sadhana Forest

