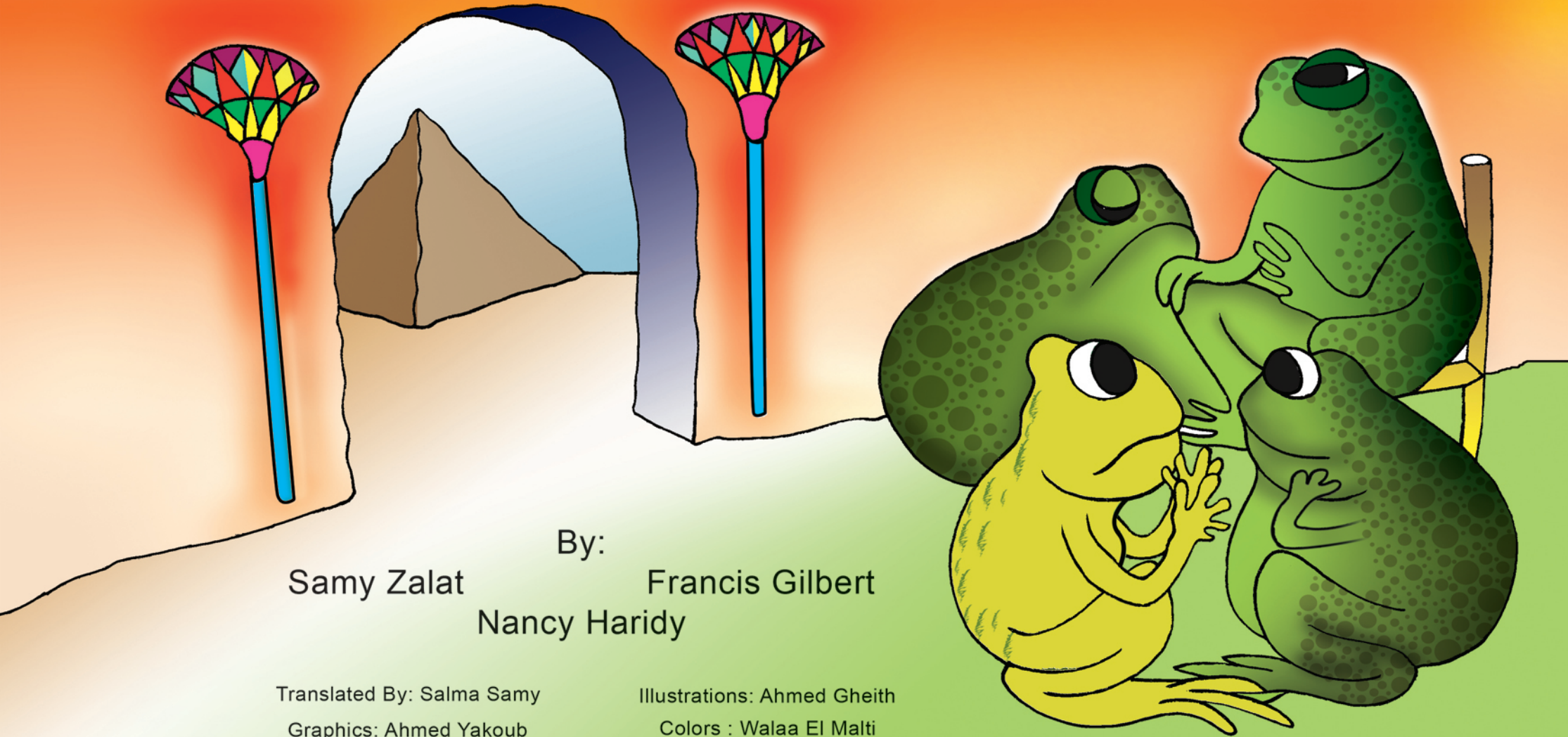


Egyptian Bufo

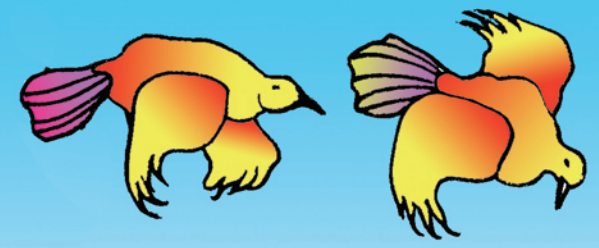
The Egyptian Toad



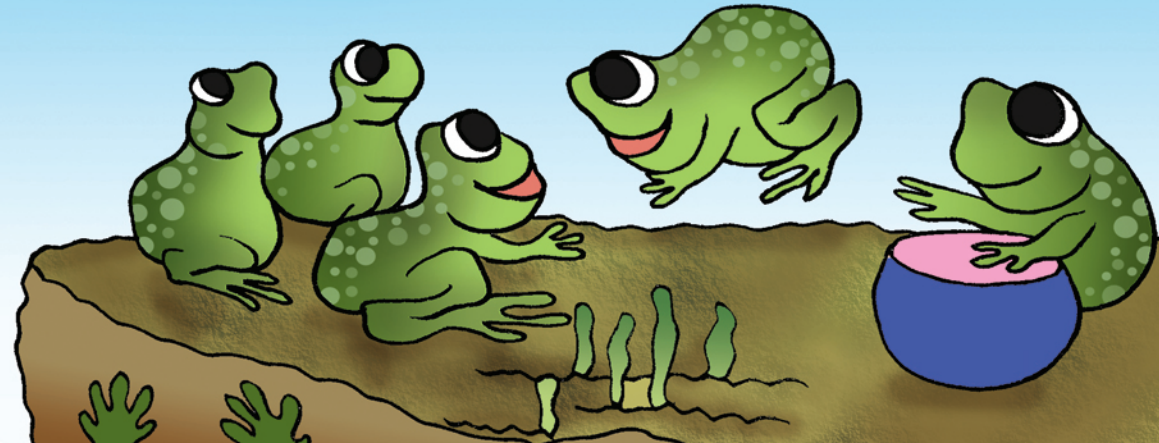
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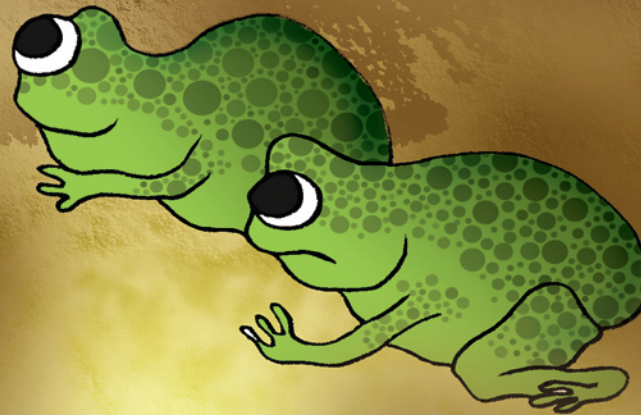


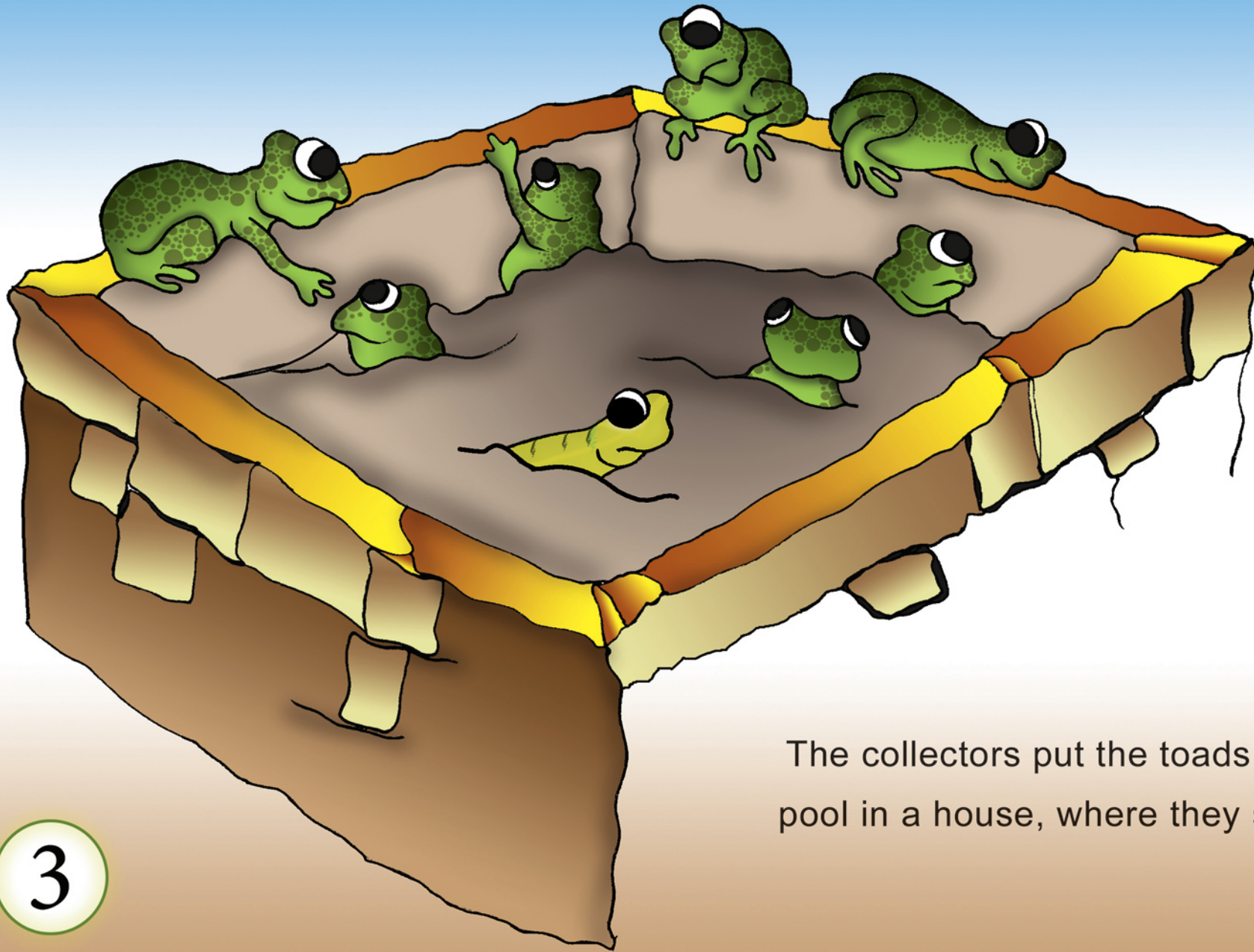
King Bufo is the king of the Egyptian toads. Bufo, Rana the frog and their animal friends were playing and singing around a pond in a lovely village in Giza, near the pyramids.





All of a sudden, some collectors kidnapped them one after another into narrow cloth bags. Bufo and everyone were soon suffocating from the heat and overcrowding and they had no idea why they had been taken.



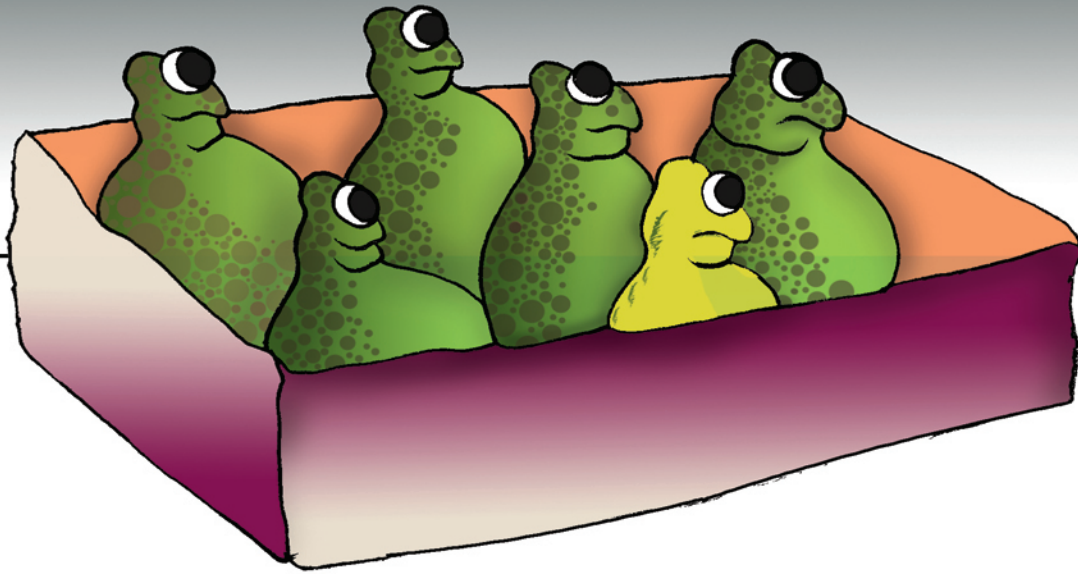


The collectors put the toads into a smelly pool in a house, where they suffered a lot.

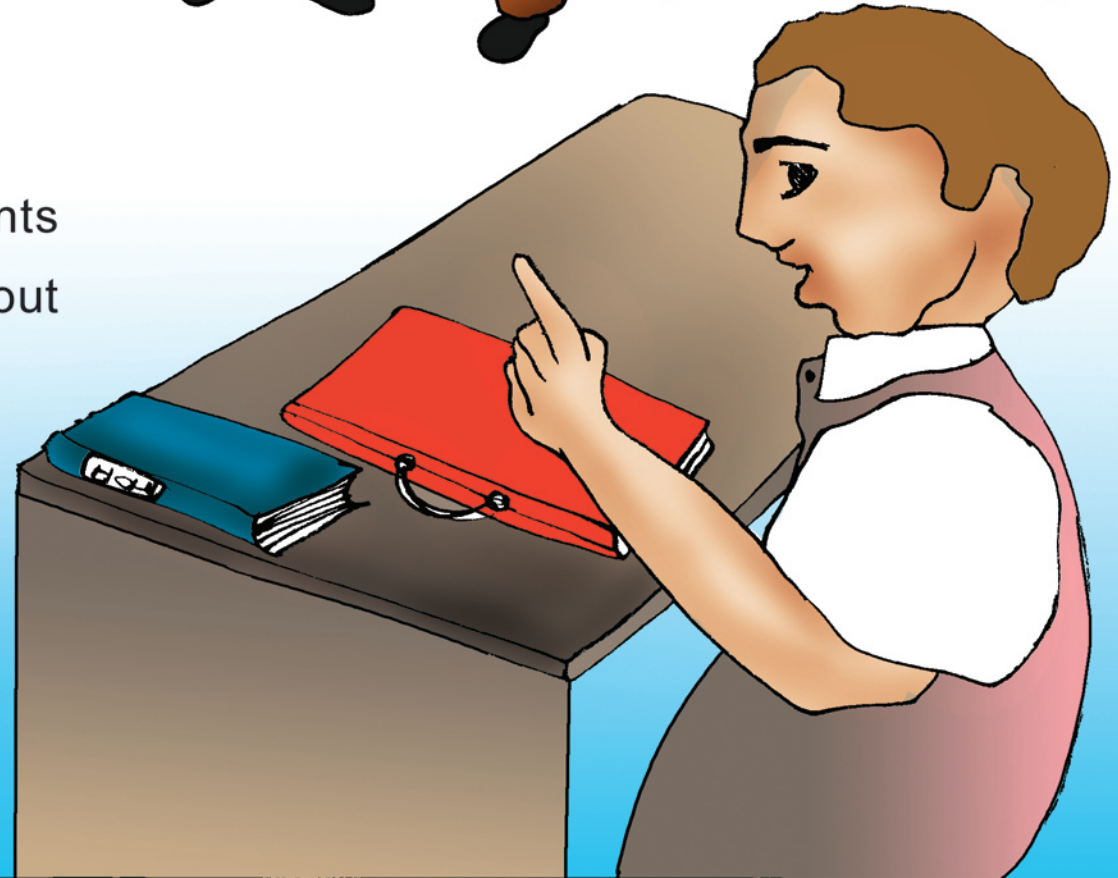


The men took the toads to a science laboratory in one of the departments of a university.

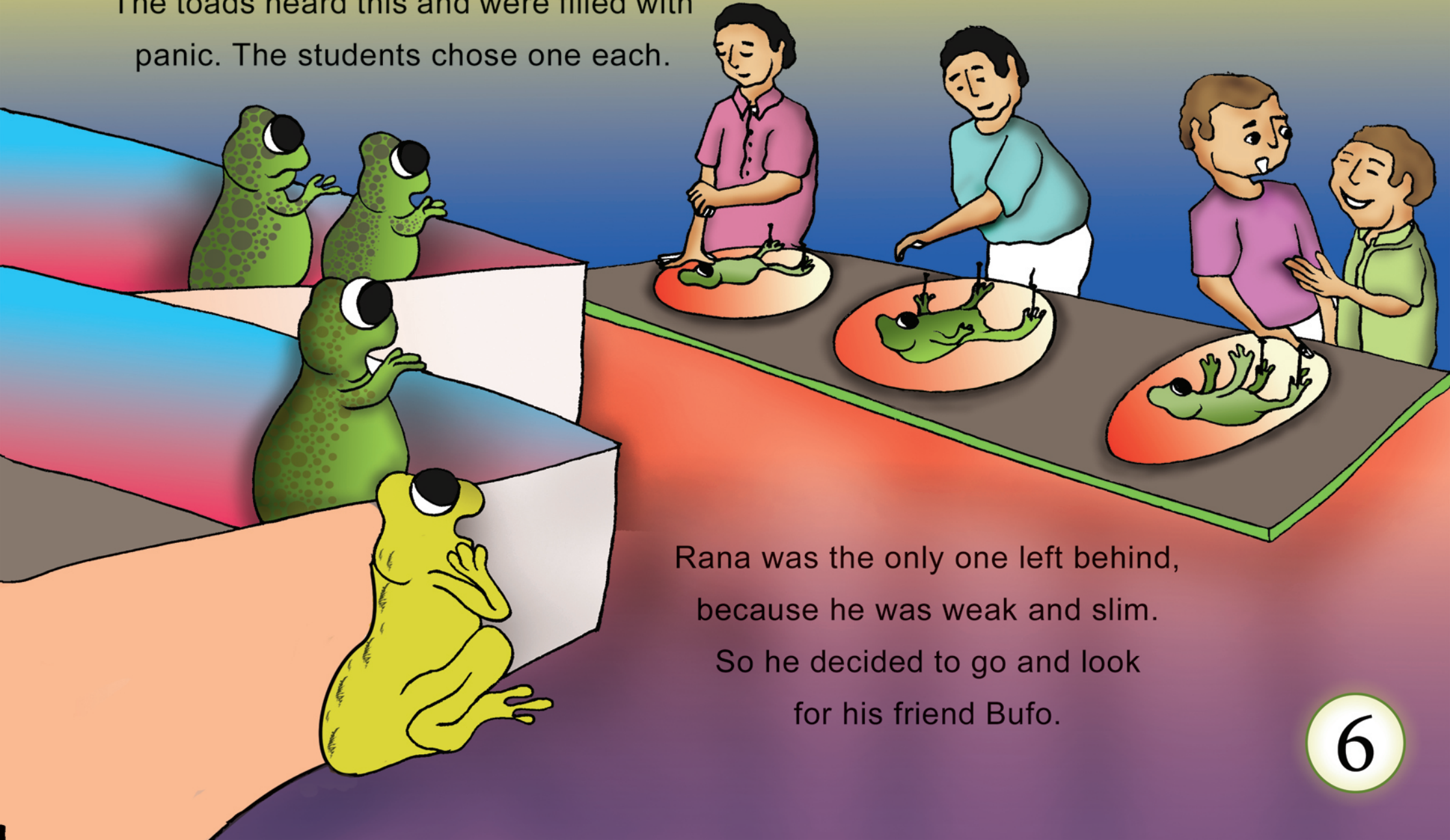




The toads watched as the students listened to what the professor said about cutting them up to see their insides.



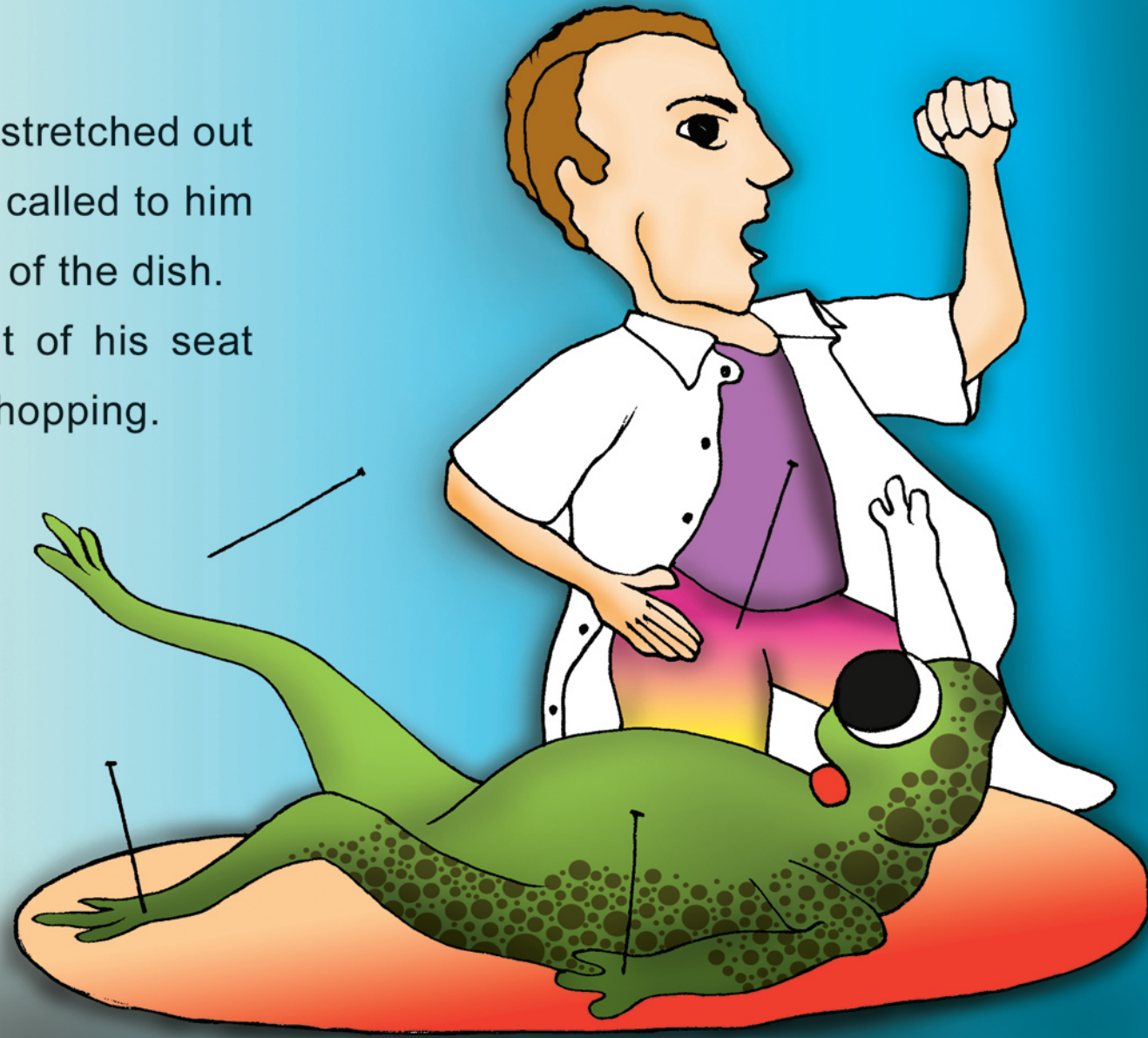
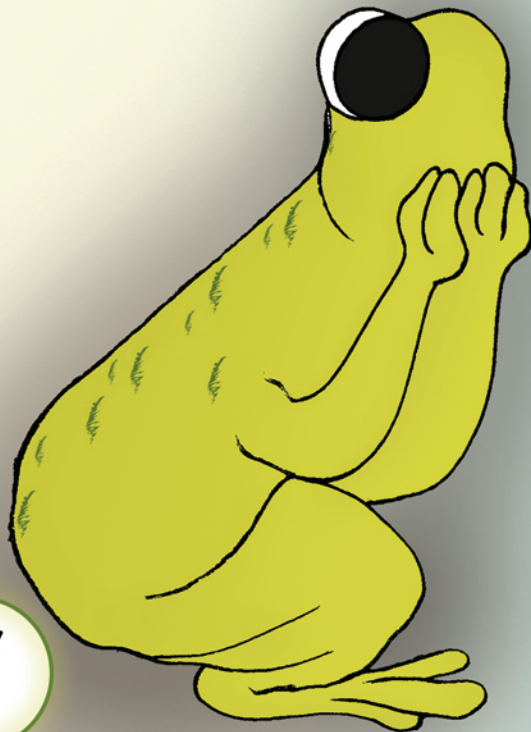
The toads heard this and were filled with panic. The students chose one each.

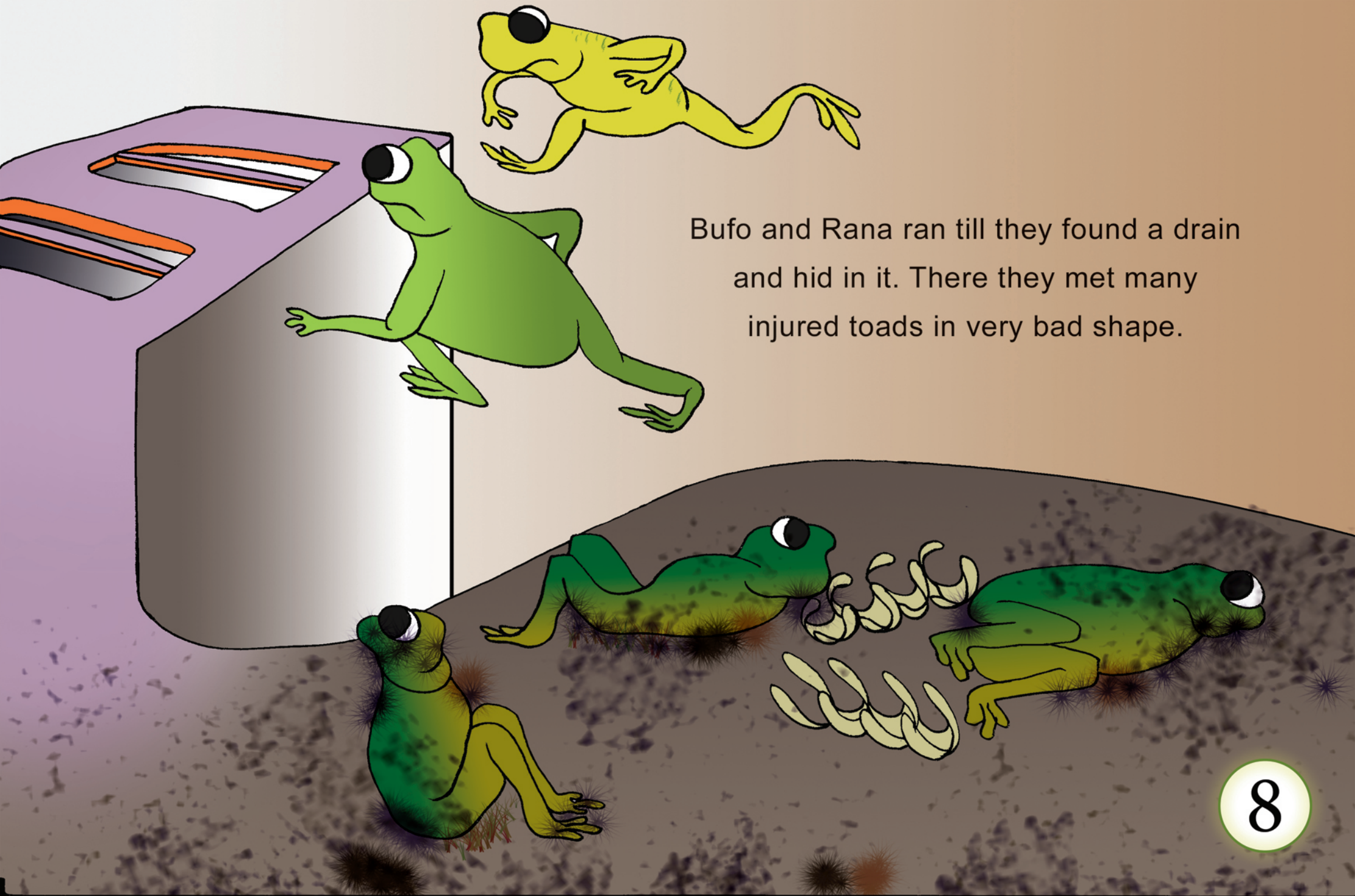


Rana was the only one left behind, because he was weak and slim.

So he decided to go and look for his friend Bufo.

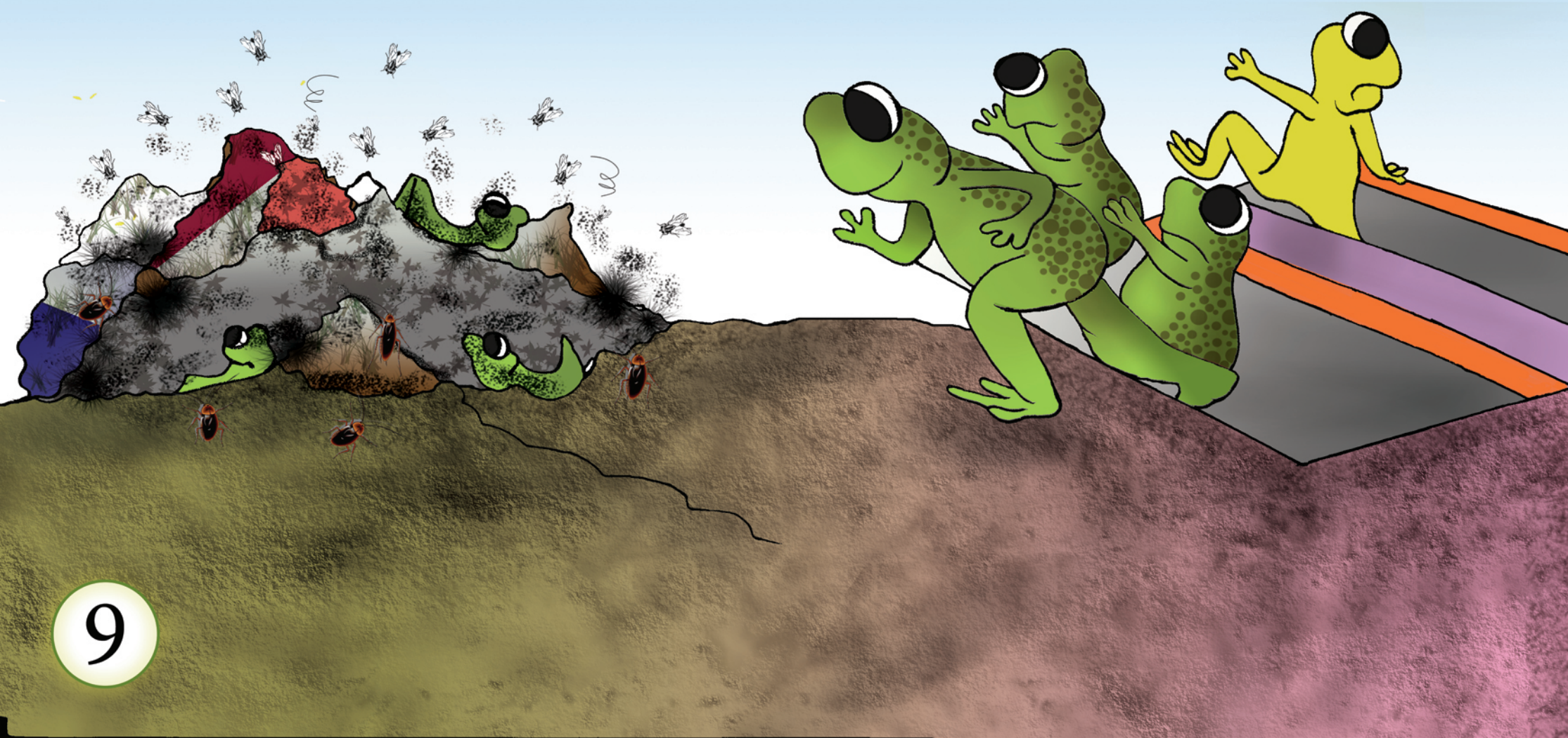
At last Rana found Bufo stretched out in one of the dishes. He called to him and told him to get out of the dish. The student jumped out of his seat when he saw Bufo hopping.



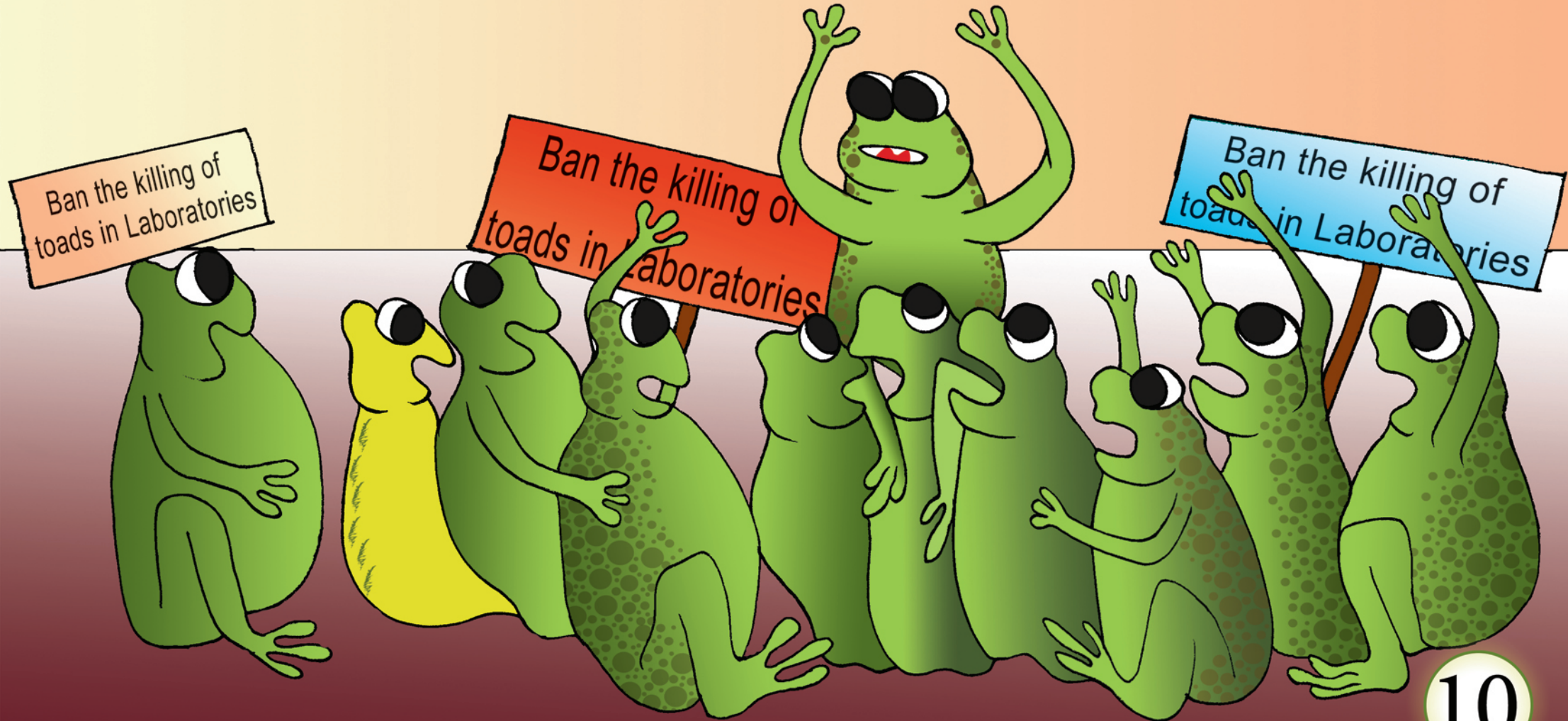


Bufo and Rana ran till they found a drain and hid in it. There they met many injured toads in very bad shape.

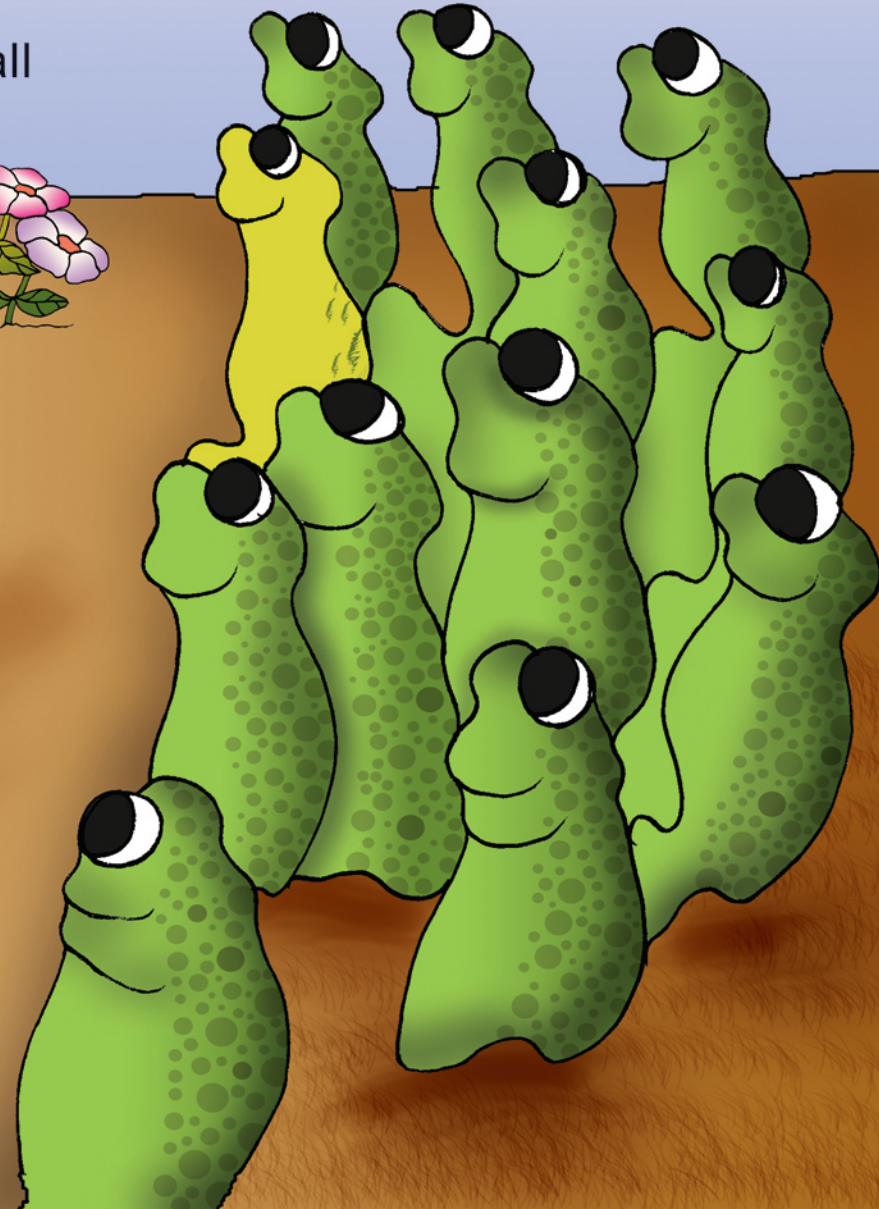
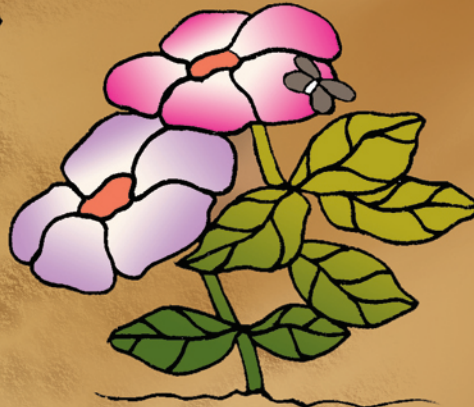
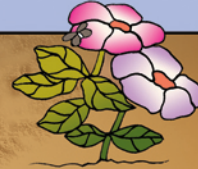
Bufo guided them all outside. There they came across evil-smelling dumps filled with the bodies of their dead friends who had been cut up and were covered with flies.

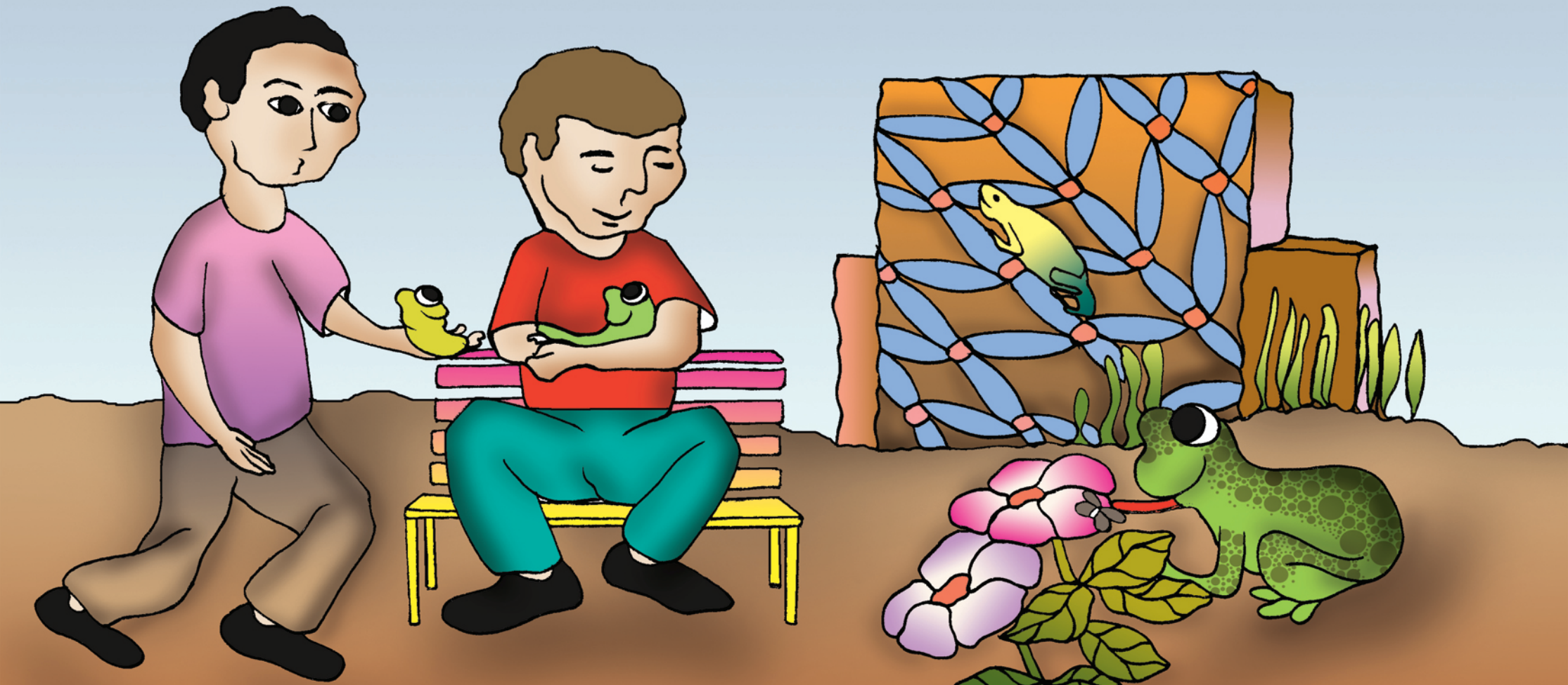


After a long journey they arrived back at their beautiful pond, and they were very happy to have survived. "Ban the killing of toads in Laboratories ... Ban the killing of toads in Laboratories..." they all cried out in a loud voice.



Bufo made a speech: “We respect and appreciate the need for scientific research and study, but it must also keep to the rules of hygiene, and only use small





We toads are of great benefit to Man; we eat lots of insects such as flies, mosquitoes and other pests that attack humans. The pharaohs glorified and honored us for our significant role in the Egyptian environment.

Extra information:

- Toads are amphibians; they live part of their lives in water and then on land.
- There are two kinds in Egypt: toads and frogs.
- A toad has a shorter body and shorter hind legs than a frog. Thus it walks rather than hops. It also has wrinkles on its body.
- A toad has a very short tongue, and creeps (like a cat) to catch insects.
- Females lay a large number of eggs in water; a toad lays about 4000 eggs at a time.
- Tadpoles hatch from the eggs to start their lives. Tadpoles breathe through outer gills instead of lungs, and have a long tail.
- This little creature later changes into an adult toad without a tail, and breathes partially through two lungs.
- Toads eat a lot of insects that harm man and plants.
- They are a source of food; the fleshy hind legs of frogs are considered a delicacy in many countries.

Egypt has a remarkable wildlife.

Wild animals are important for the environment.

We should preserve frogs and toads because they rid us from harmful insects.

Never kill an animal for no reason.



Questions:

1. Who is the main character in the story?
2. Why did the collectors kidnap the toads?
3. Who did the students leave behind in the pool?
4. Do we benefit from toads?
5. What do toads eat?



SHADE THE WORDS,
TO FIND OUT THE SECRET WORD.

WATER - LAND - FLIES - TADPOLE
FROG - POND - JUMP - STUDENT - HOP

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