



An A-maize-ing Story

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I'm Bongie. I'm planting corn seeds for
the new season. I must hurry. My parents'
seeds have already sprouted.



**The bird flocks keep flying
down to eat the seeds.**

The cats and I have to chase them away.





**“Fly away, you bad birds!”
we shout.**

**A few days later, a single
sprout shows up.**



I name it Green Top. I read books to Green Top so he will grow up quickly.





When Green Top is thirsty,
I water him.

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**The cats and I play hide-and-seek
with Green Top.**







**I bring a new kind of food for Green Top.
It is called fertilizer.**





Green Top grows every day.





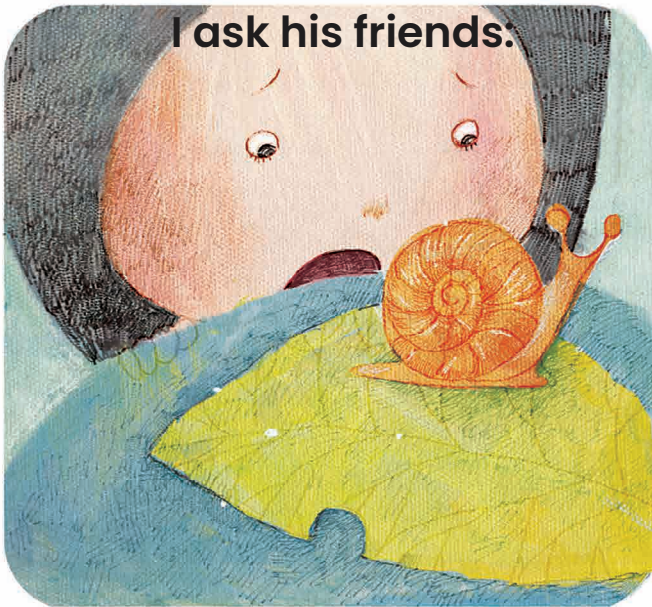
**One day, I see the bees talking
to the other plants.
They say that corn is on its way!**





**I quickly run to Green Top.
My parents' plants are happy.
Why is Green Top so sad?**





I ask his friends.

-Does anyone
know why
Green Top
is sad?"

Snail doesn't.



Caterpillar
doesn't.





Only Frog
answers.
He says,
“ribbit ribbit”
and then jumps
into the water.
What does
that mean?



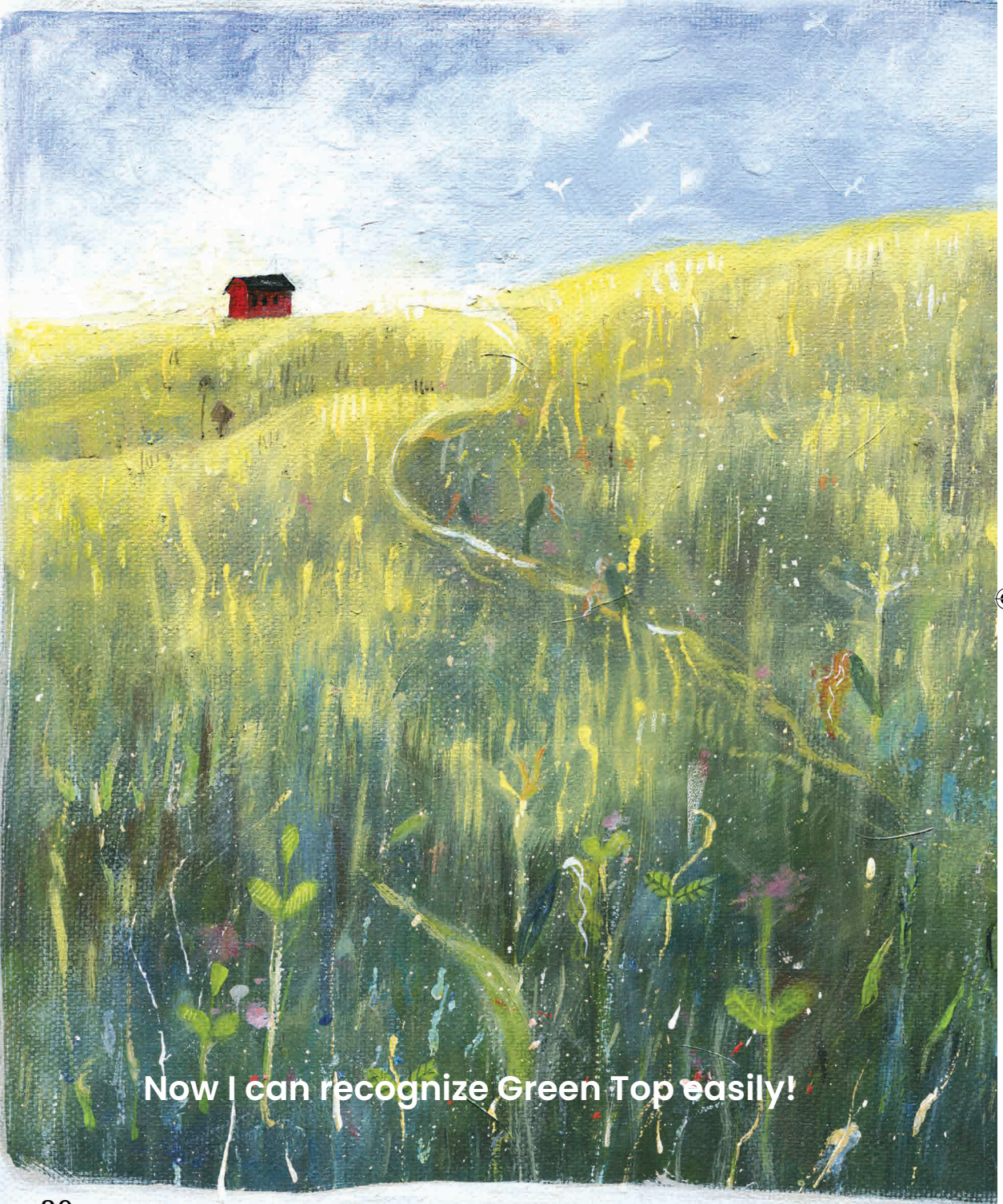


Sometimes
finding Green
Top is hard. As
he grows, he
looks just like
the others.



I'll tie a red
ribbon around
my corn plant.

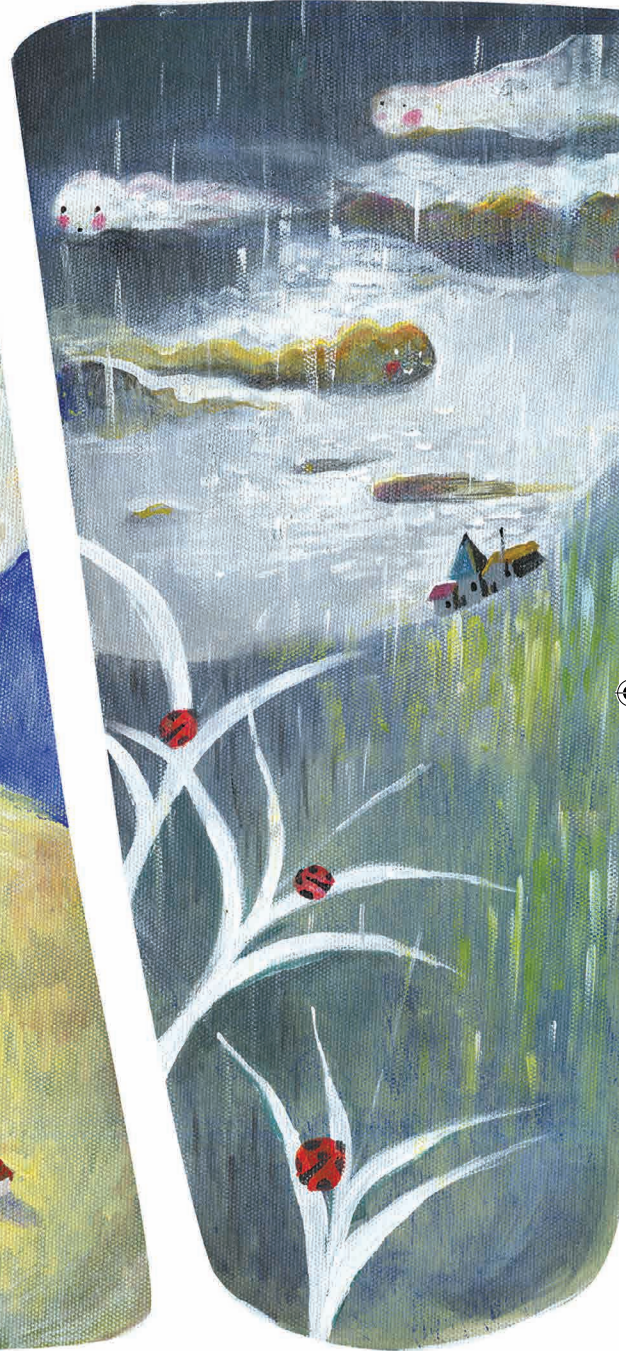
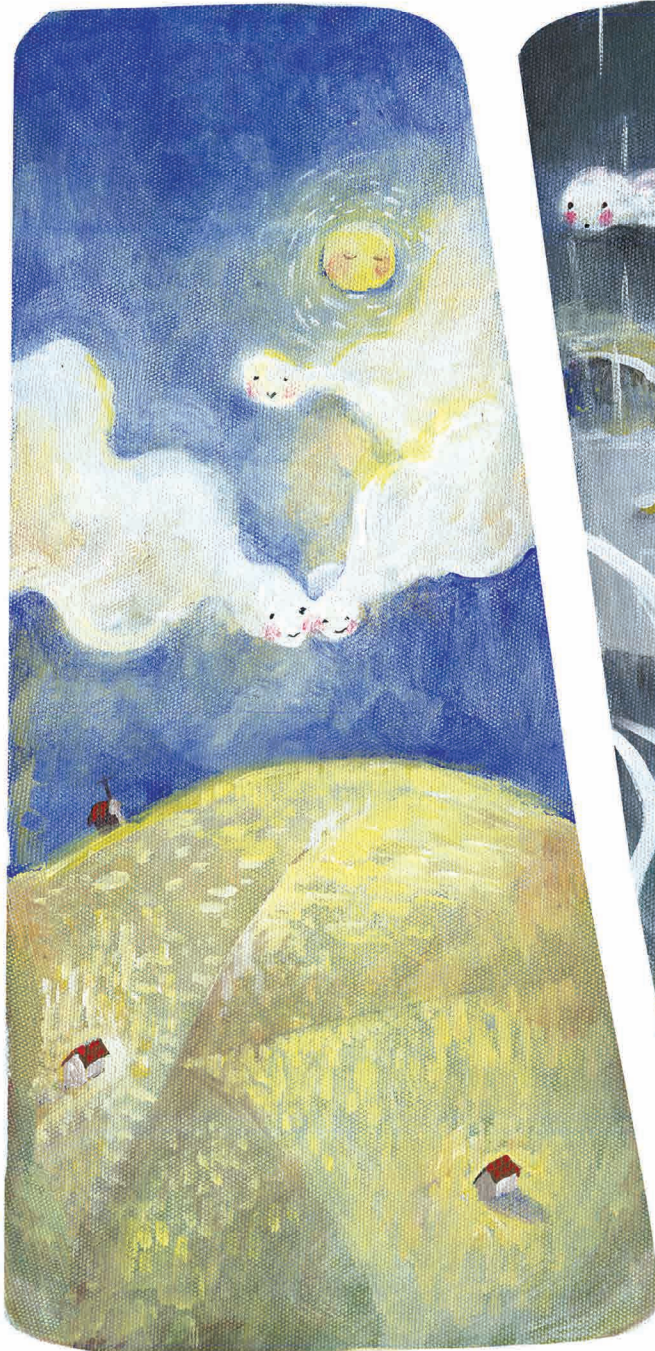




Now I can recognize Green Top easily!









Two more weeks pass. Green Top grows taller.





At last, it's harvesting season.



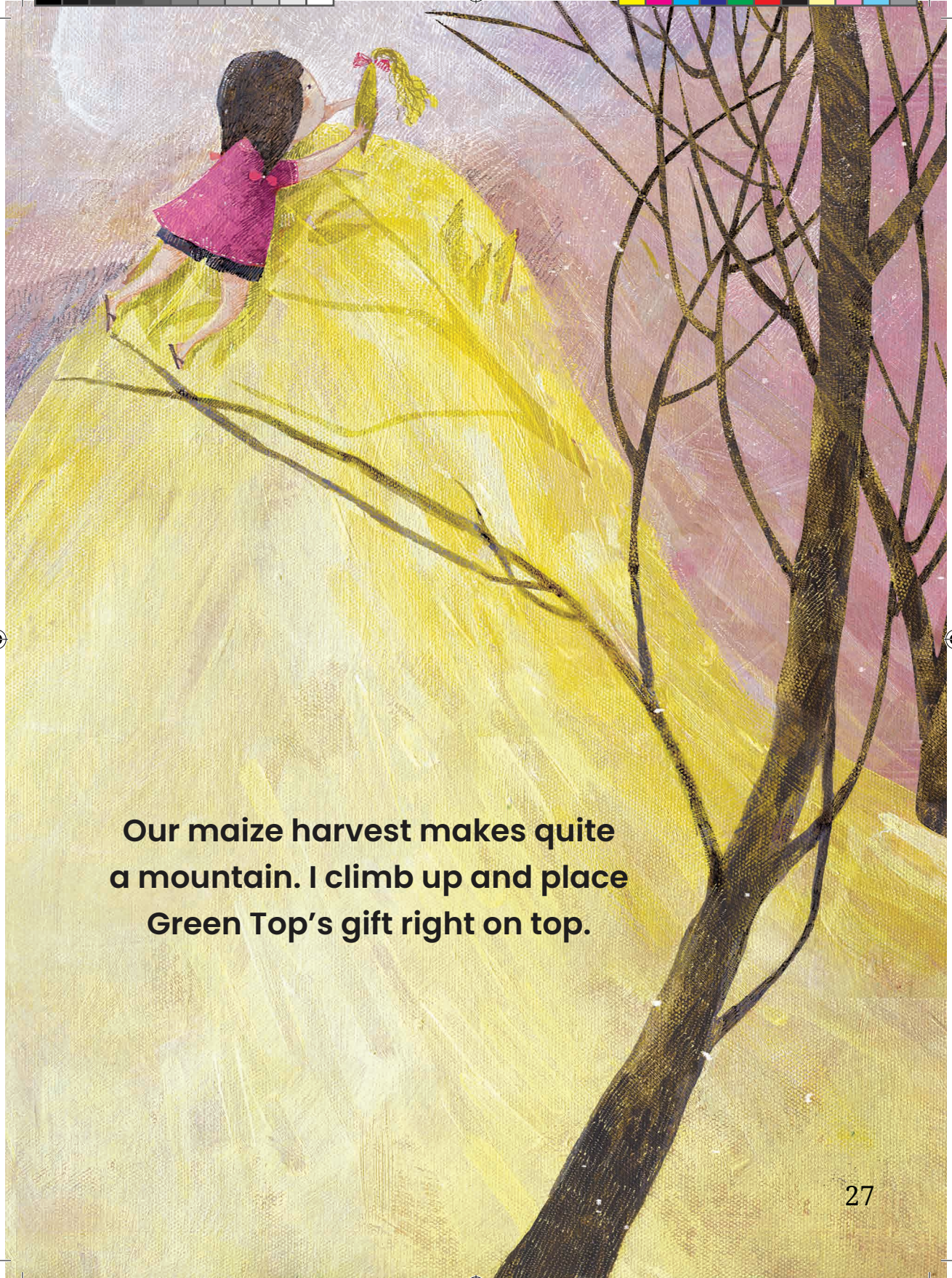


Green Top gives me a gift.

It's corn!







Our maize harvest makes quite a mountain. I climb up and place Green Top's gift right on top.



