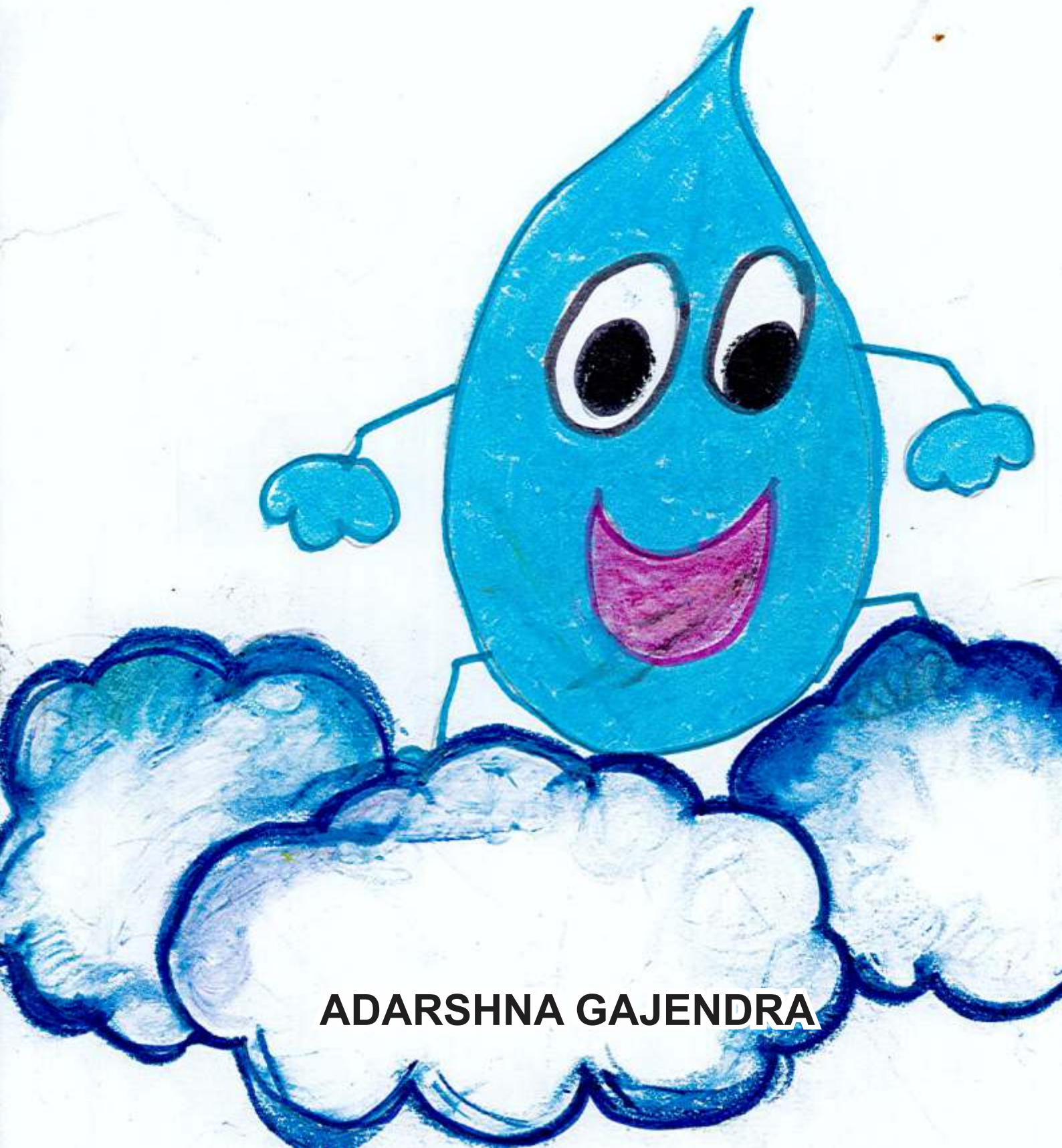


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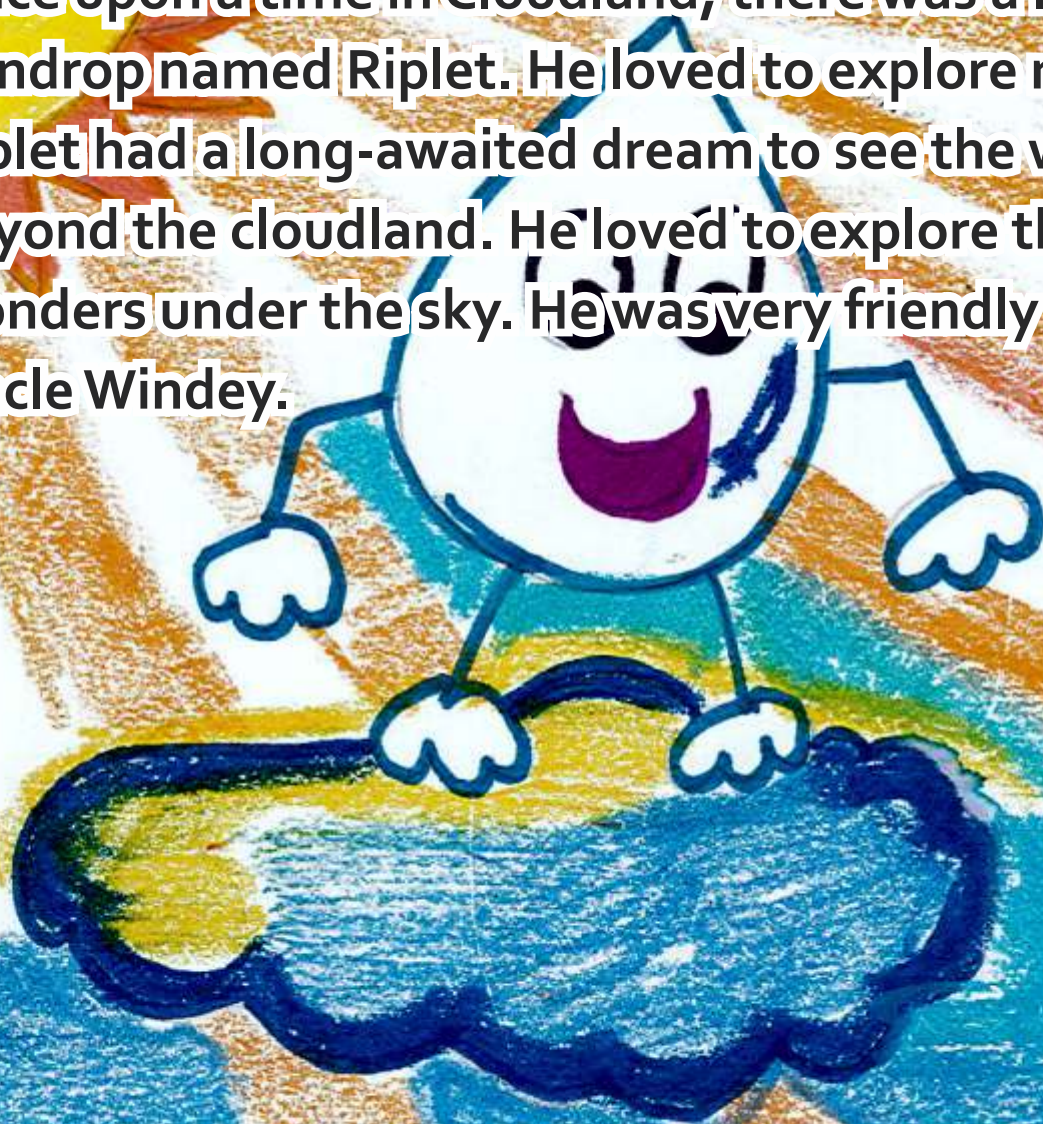
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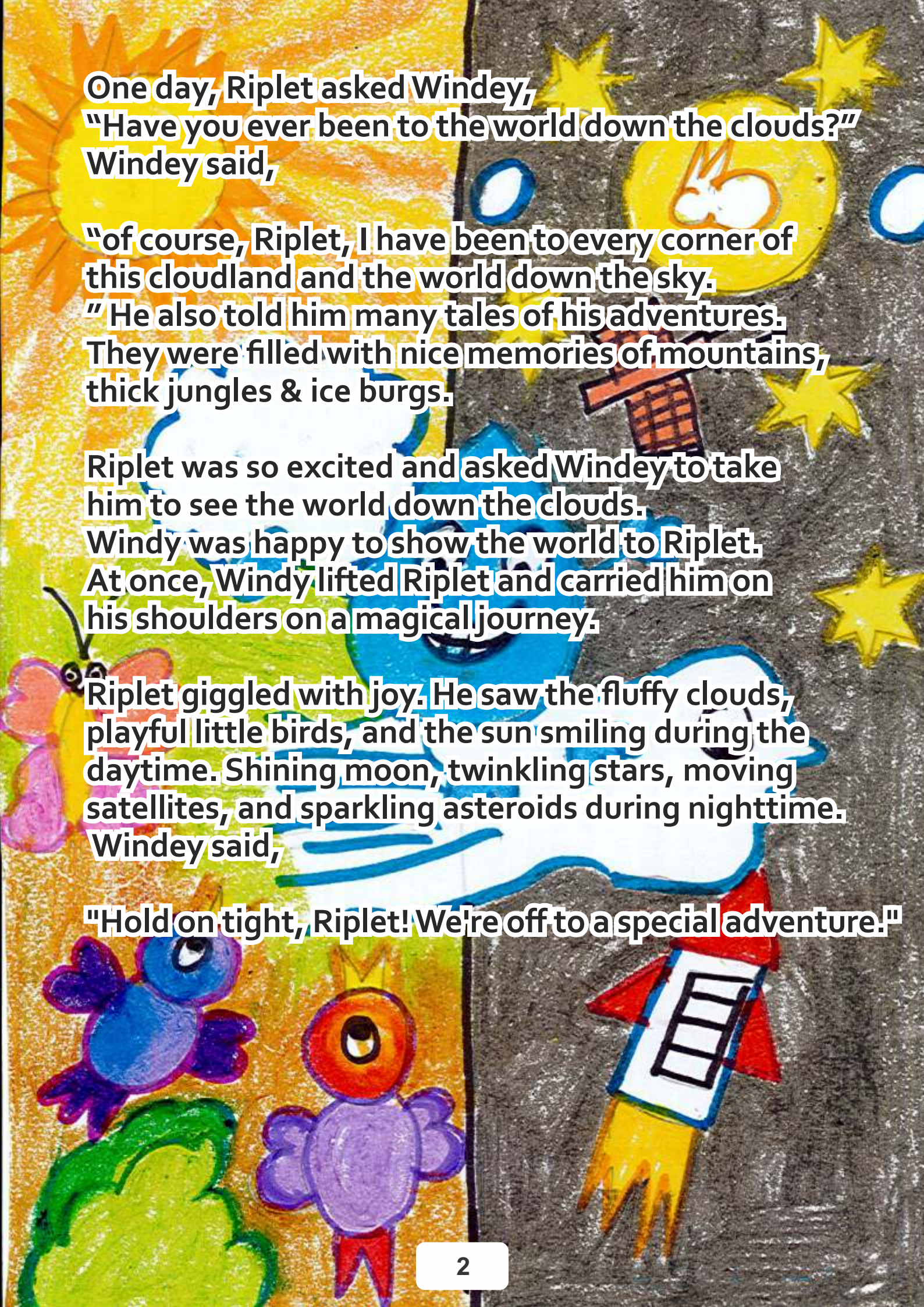
## Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world. Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers in the field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour. To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenge that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavour. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task. I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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Once upon a time in Cloudland, there was a little raindrop named Riplet. He loved to explore new things. Riplet had a long-awaited dream to see the world beyond the cloudland. He loved to explore the wonders under the sky. He was very friendly with Uncle Windey.





One day, Riplet asked Windey,  
"Have you ever been to the world down the clouds?"  
Windey said,

"of course, Riplet, I have been to every corner of  
this cloudland and the world down the sky.

" He also told him many tales of his adventures.  
They were filled with nice memories of mountains,  
thick jungles & ice burls.

Riplet was so excited and asked Windey to take  
him to see the world down the clouds.

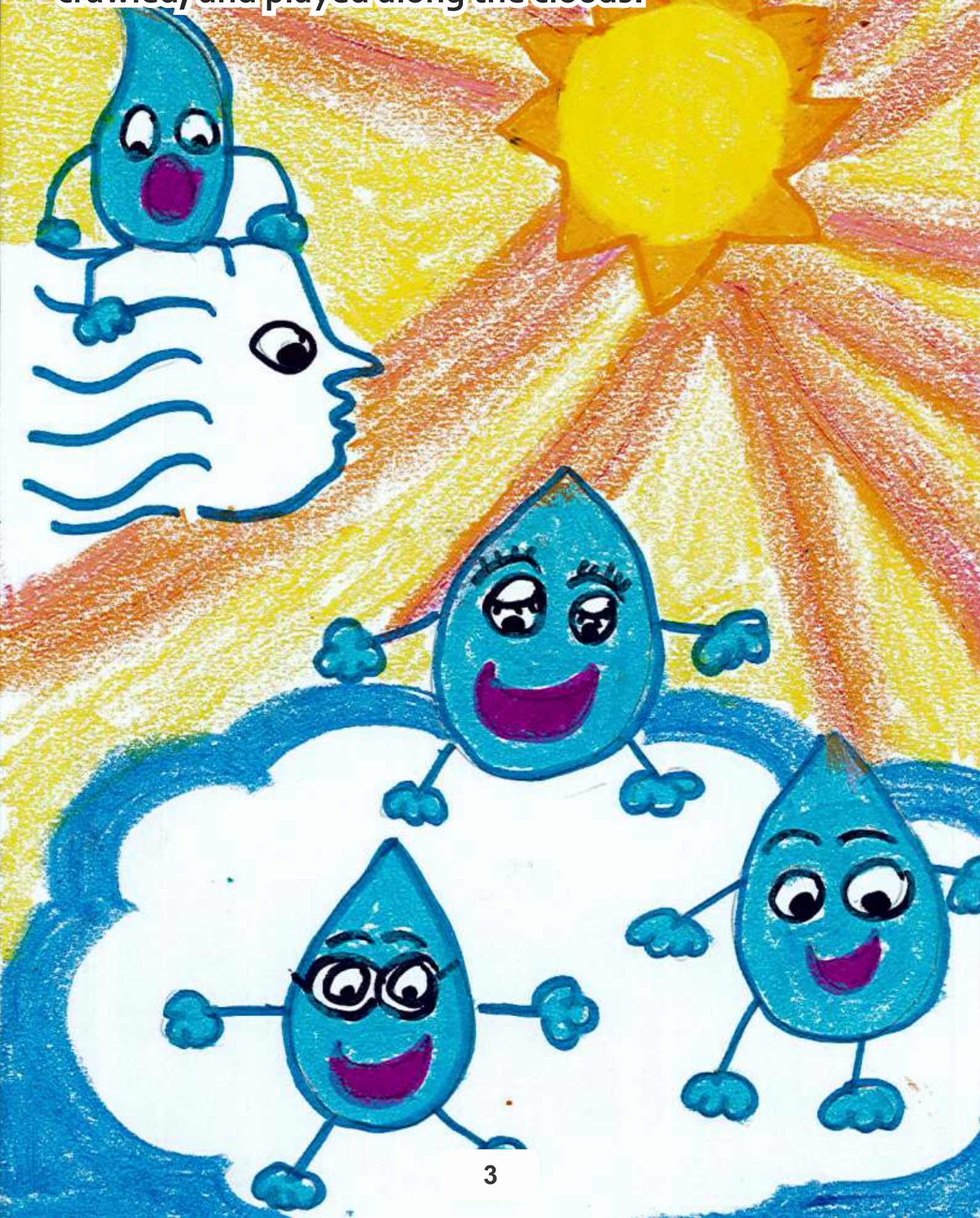
Windy was happy to show the world to Riplet.

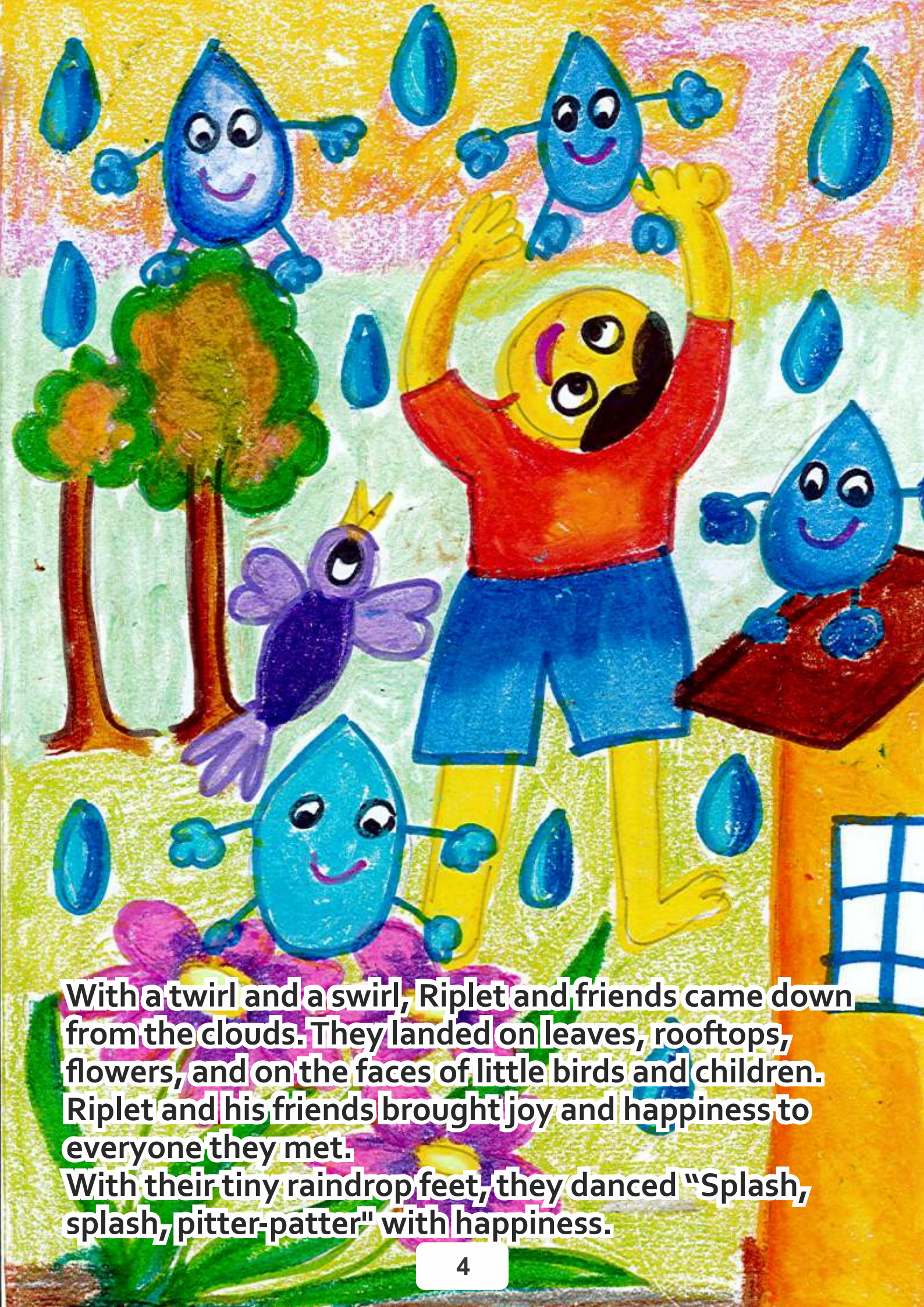
At once, Windy lifted Riplet and carried him on  
his shoulders on a magical journey.

Riplet giggled with joy. He saw the fluffy clouds,  
playful little birds, and the sun smiling during the  
daytime. Shining moon, twinkling stars, moving  
satellites, and sparkling asteroids during nighttime.  
Windey said,

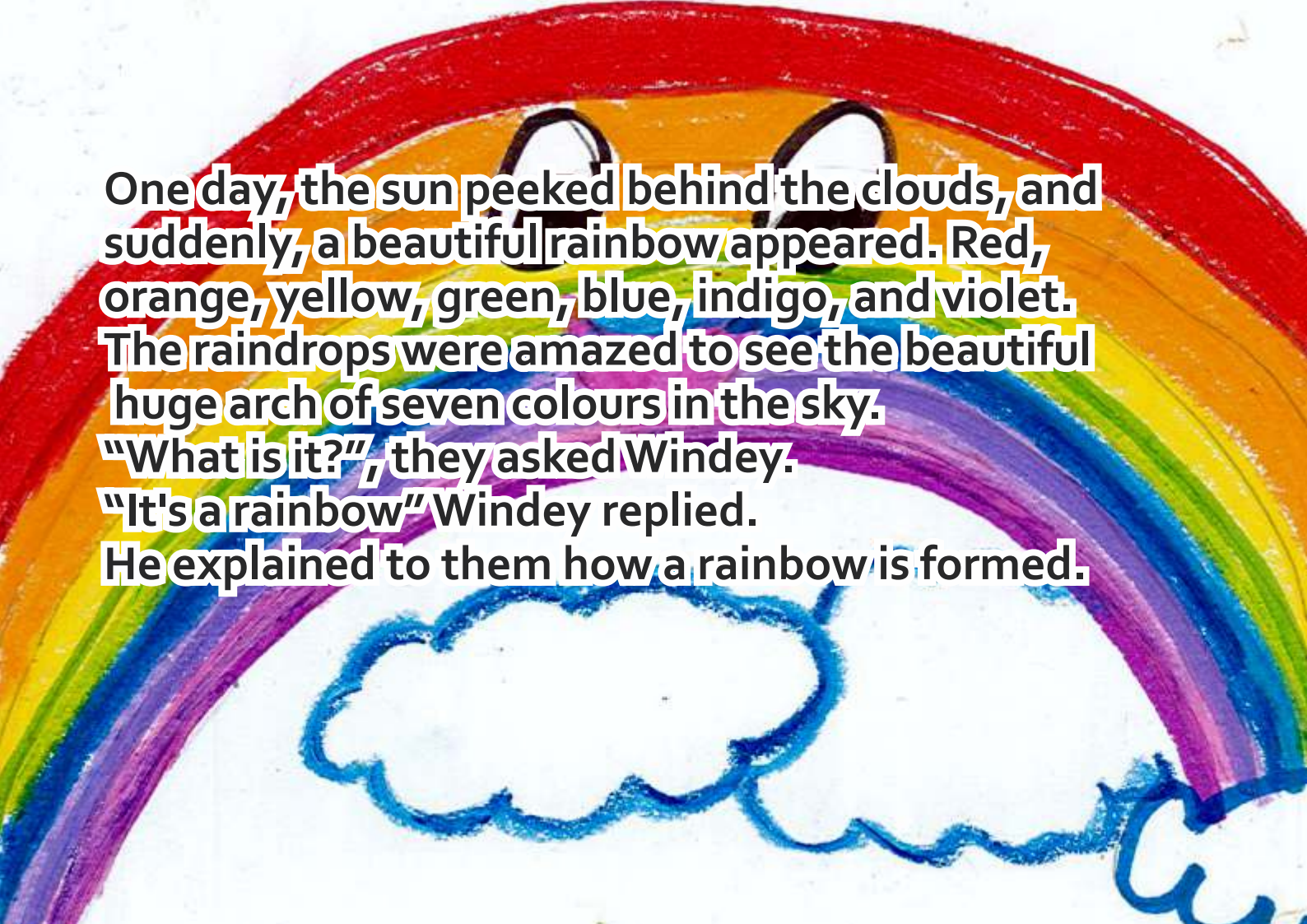
"Hold on tight, Riplet! We're off to a special adventure!"

When Rippet travelled across the sky, he met other raindrops. They became friends and danced, crawled, and played along the clouds.

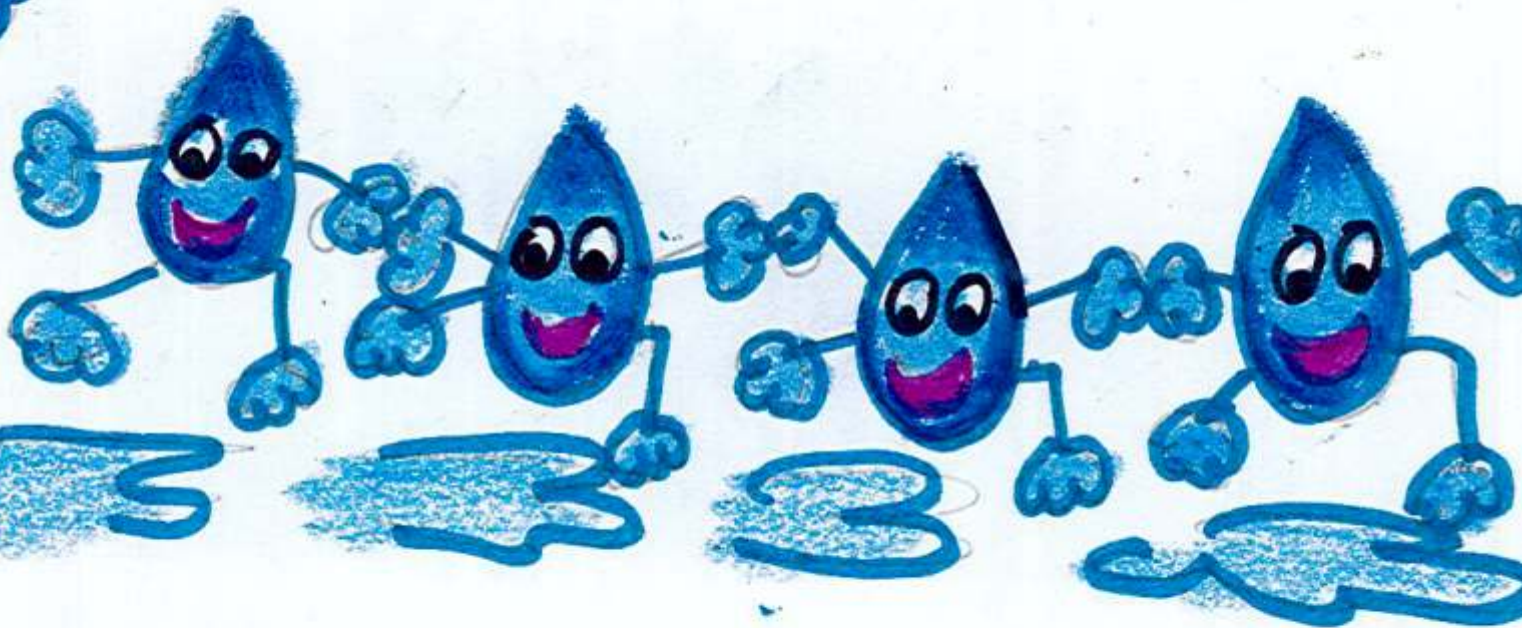




With a twirl and a swirl, Riplet and friends came down from the clouds. They landed on leaves, rooftops, flowers, and on the faces of little birds and children. Riplet and his friends brought joy and happiness to everyone they met. With their tiny raindrop feet, they danced "Splash, splash, pitter-patter" with happiness.



One day, the sun peeked behind the clouds, and suddenly, a beautiful rainbow appeared. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. The raindrops were amazed to see the beautiful huge arch of seven colours in the sky. "What is it?", they asked Windey. "It's a rainbow" Windey replied. He explained to them how a rainbow is formed.

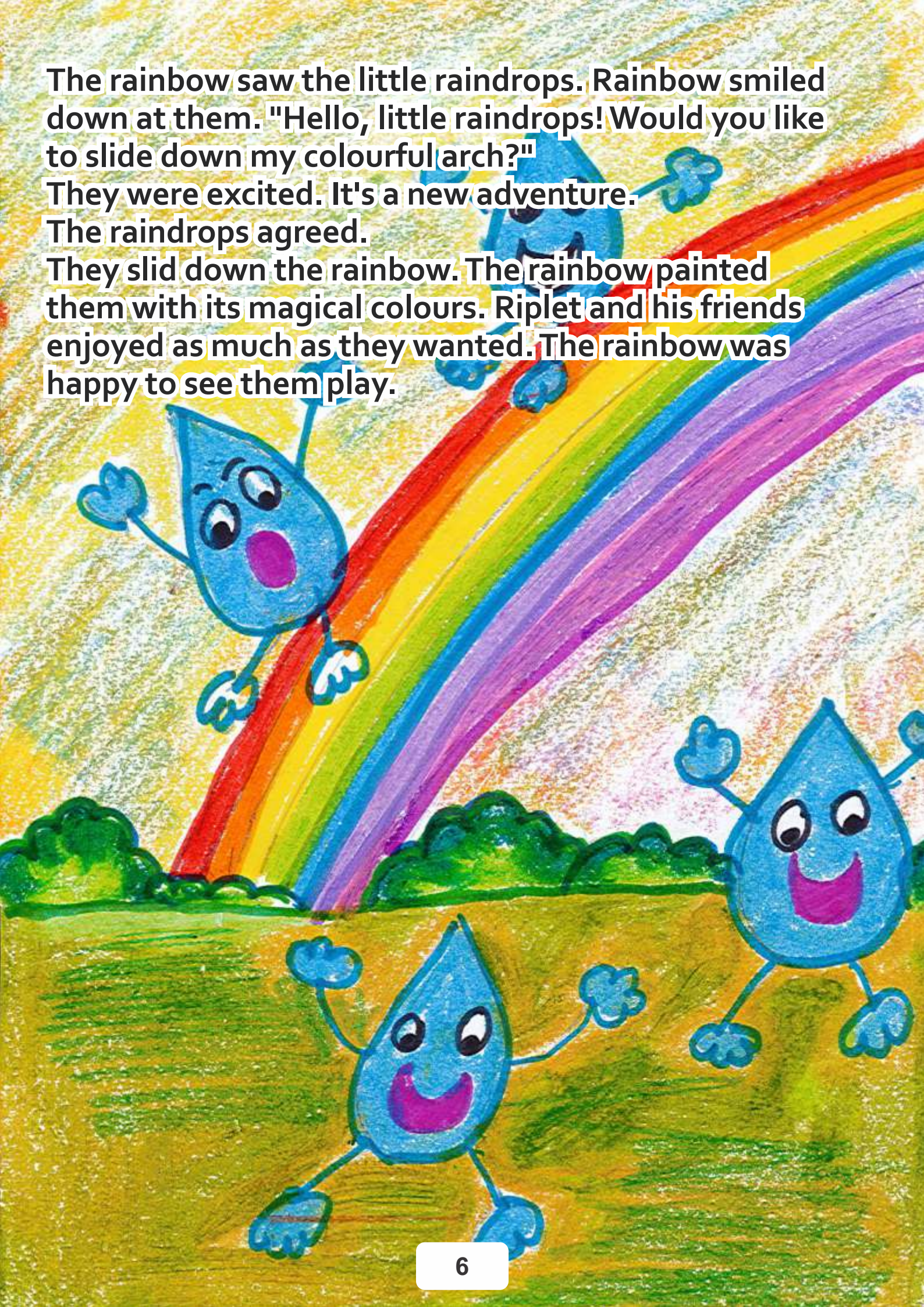


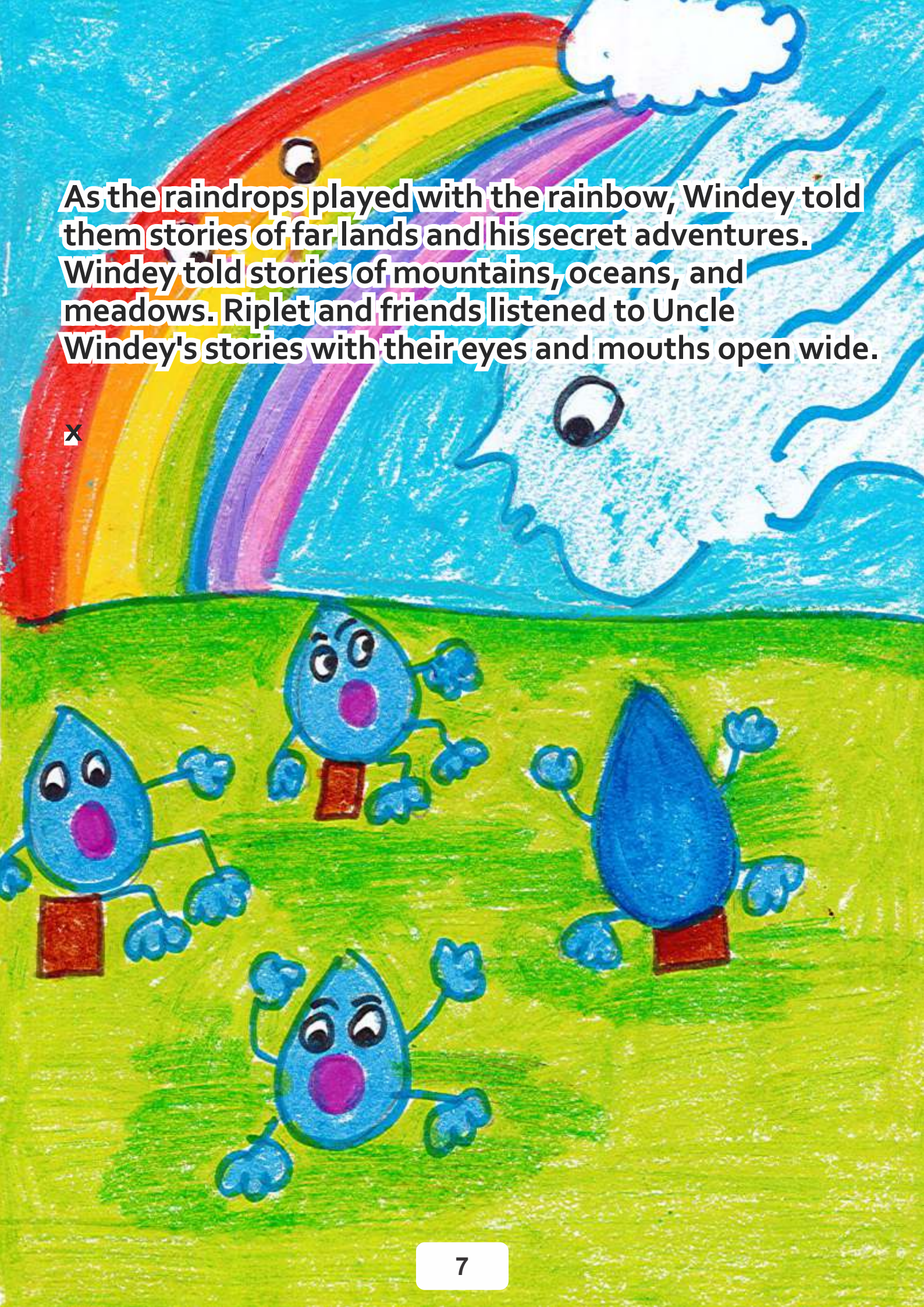
The rainbow saw the little raindrops. Rainbow smiled down at them. "Hello, little raindrops! Would you like to slide down my colourful arch?"

They were excited. It's a new adventure.

The raindrops agreed.

They slid down the rainbow. The rainbow painted them with its magical colours. Rippet and his friends enjoyed as much as they wanted. The rainbow was happy to see them play.





As the raindrops played with the rainbow, Windey told them stories of far lands and his secret adventures. Windey told stories of mountains, oceans, and meadows. Rippet and friends listened to Uncle Windey's stories with their eyes and mouths open wide.

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**"it's time to go back children, your parents must be waiting for you up there," said Windey.**

**Riplet and his friends never wanted to leave the wonderful land. But they couldn't stay on land forever too. Finally, they agreed to go back.**

**Windey carried them back to Cloudland safely.**

**"Thank you, Uncle Windey, for our amazing adventure!" they said.**

**"Anytime, little ones. I will carry you on new adventures soon". Windey promised.**

**Riplet said "Goodbye" to his friends and came back home**



**Back home in the cloudland, Ripplet started telling everything about his adventure to everyone at home. He explained the beauty of the day and night sky, the rainbows, the stories of Windey, the new friends he made and also the wonderful world they had discovered down the cloudland.**

Stars started twinkling in the night sky. Ripplet went to sleep in a cozy fluffy cloud still thinking about his wonderful journey. He was dreaming of his next magical adventure that night.

The end.



## Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve.

I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavours.

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