



Bobo and the Worms

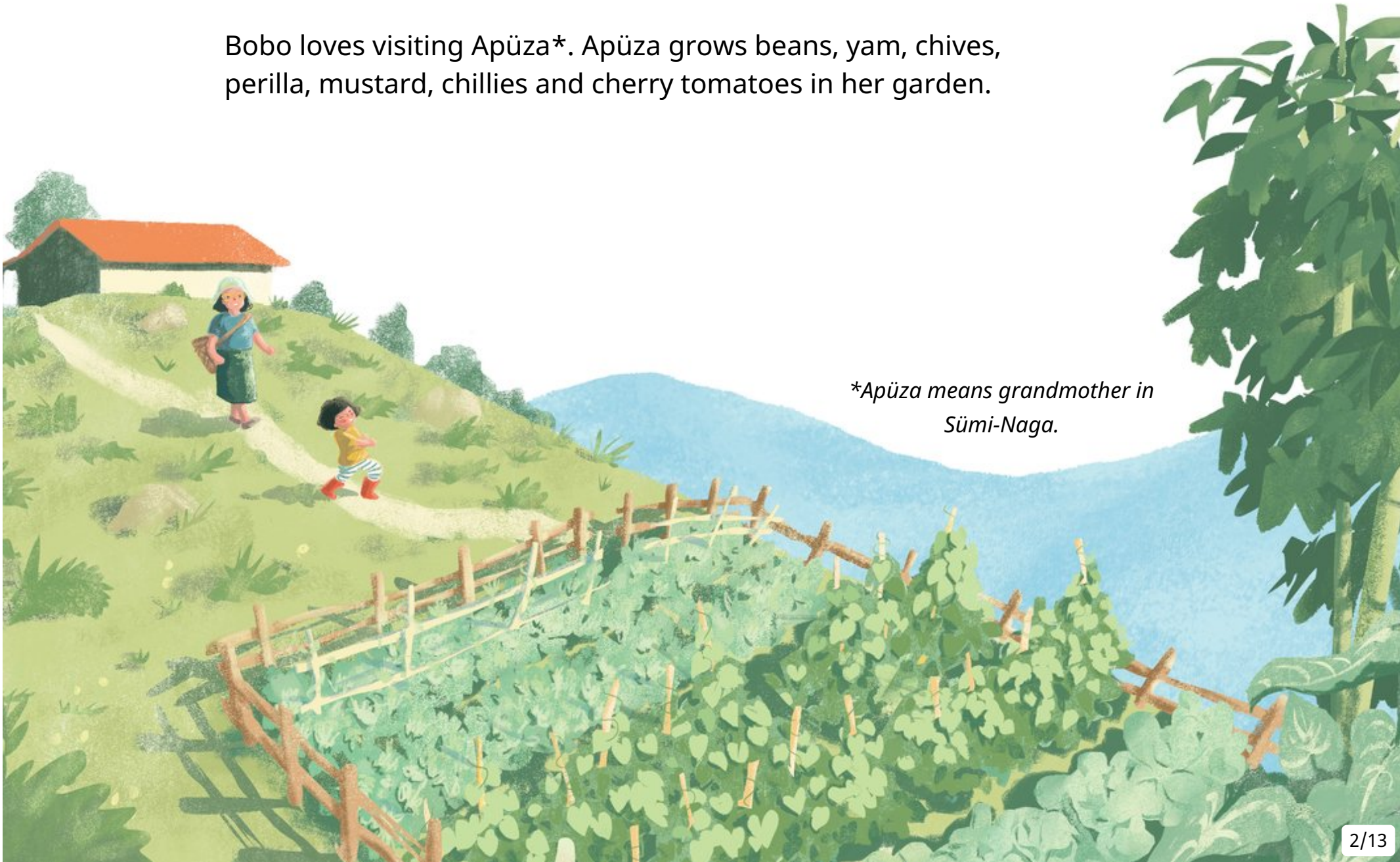
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Bobo loves visiting Apüza*. Apüza grows beans, yam, chives, perilla, mustard, chillies and cherry tomatoes in her garden.

**Apüza means grandmother in Sümü-Naga.*



“Oh, Bobo! I’ve been trying to stop the worms and insects from making holes,” Apüza says.

“Apüza, look! Star holes!” says Bobo.



"But aren't these shapes lovely?" Bobo asks.

"We won't have any yummy beans this summer, if we let the worms and insects eat the plants," Apüza tells her.



"Then we must save the beans," says Bobo.





She has a plan.





“Apüza, I caught all the worms in the garden. Thin ones, fat ones and wriggly ones. You don’t have to worry about the bean plants any more,” says Bobo.



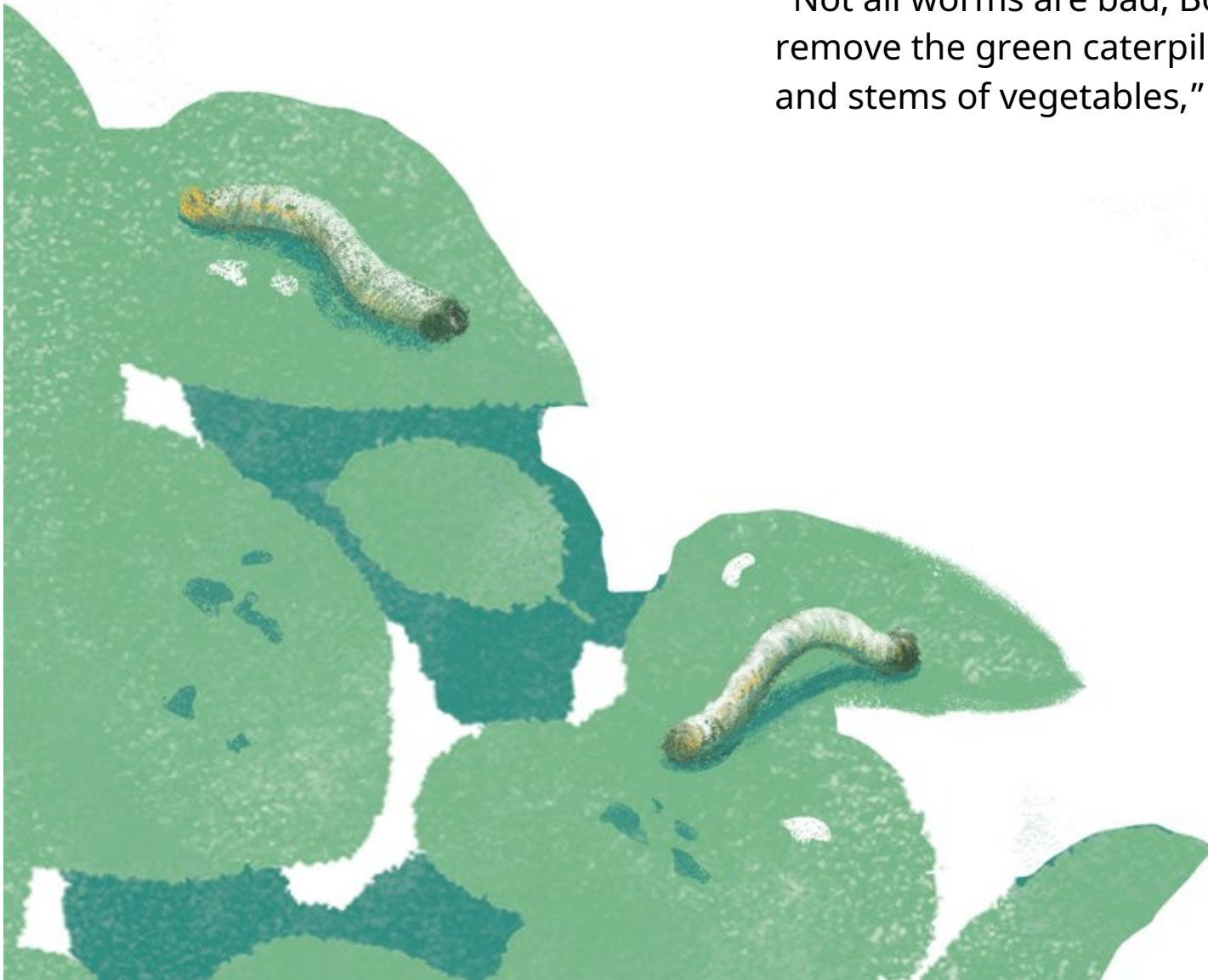


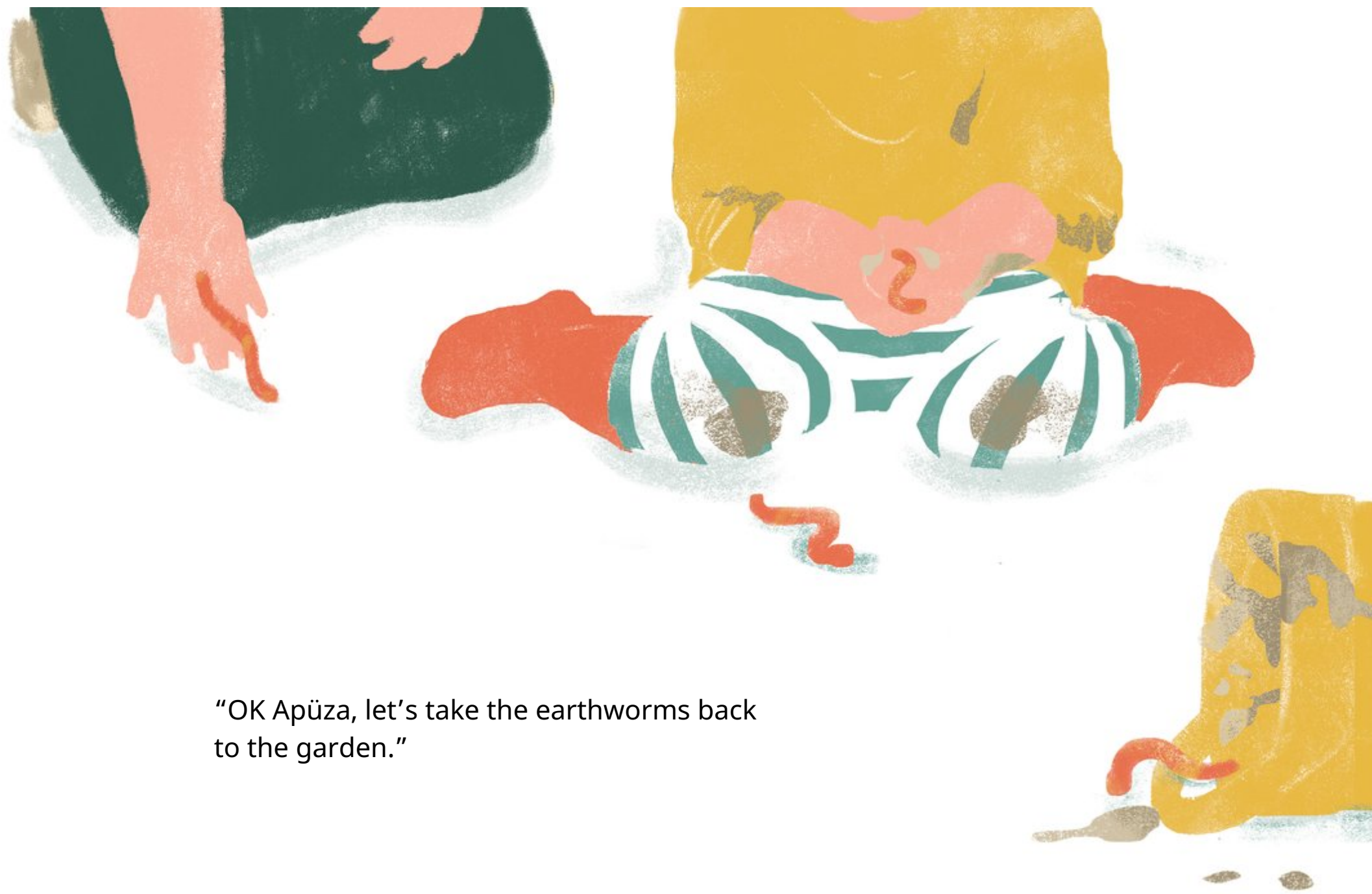
“Thank you, my little gardener. Let’s take our hardworking friends back to the garden,” says Apüza.

“Friends? I thought worms were bad for plants,” says Bobo.

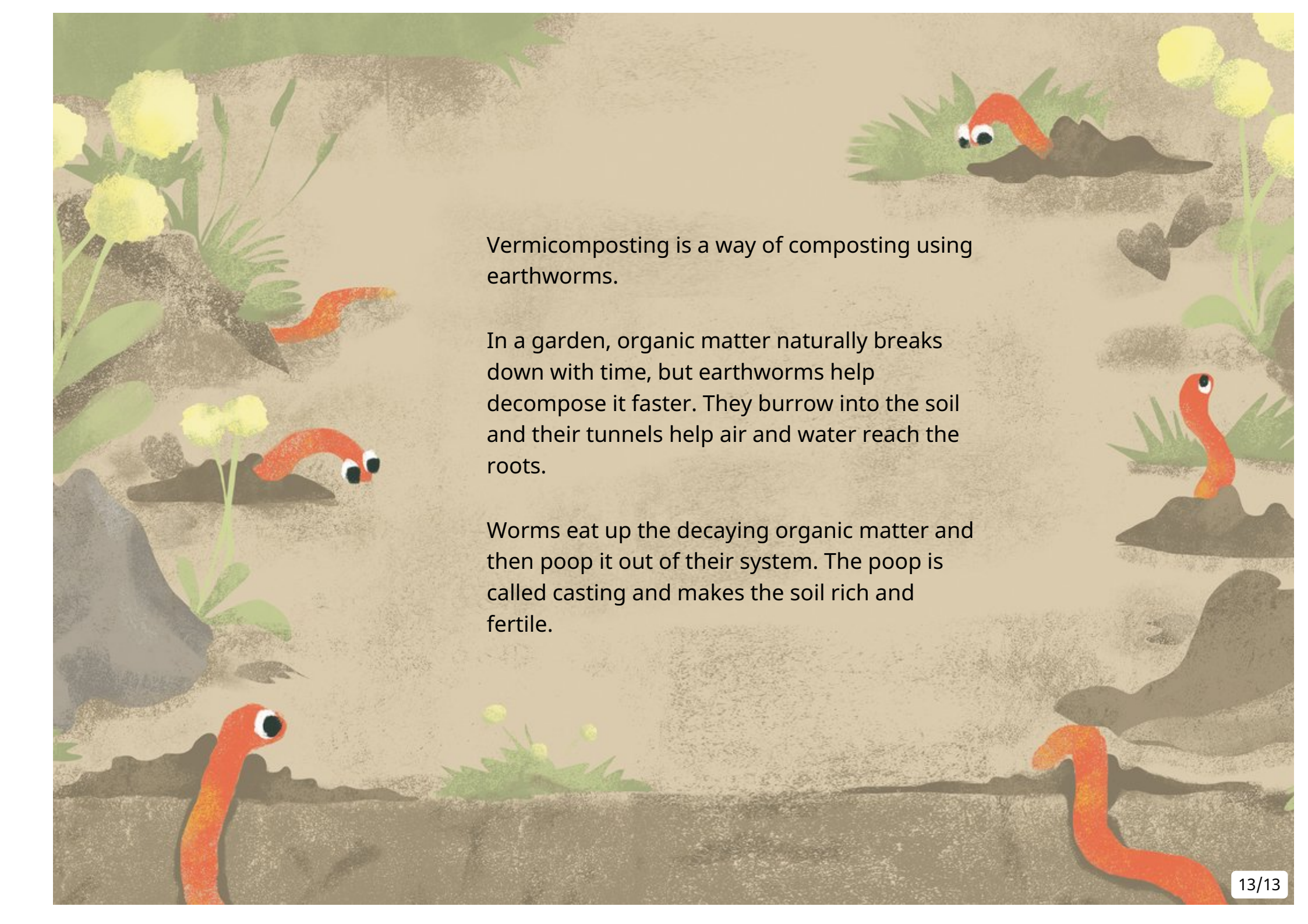


“Not all worms are bad, Bobo. I only wanted to remove the green caterpillars that chew the leaves and stems of vegetables,” says Apüza.





“OK Apüza, let’s take the earthworms back to the garden.”

A whimsical illustration of a garden scene. The background is a light beige, textured surface representing soil. Several bright red worms with large, white, cartoonish eyes are shown in various positions: one is burrowing into the soil on the left, another is peeking out from a hole on the right, and others are visible in the foreground and background. Green plants with yellow, daisy-like flowers are scattered throughout the scene. The overall style is soft and painterly.

Vermicomposting is a way of composting using earthworms.

In a garden, organic matter naturally breaks down with time, but earthworms help decompose it faster. They burrow into the soil and their tunnels help air and water reach the roots.

Worms eat up the decaying organic matter and then poop it out of their system. The poop is called casting and makes the soil rich and fertile.

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(English)

Worms are chewing up plants. Bobo is on a mission to stop them.
Can she manage it?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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