



# A Pebble in My Shoe

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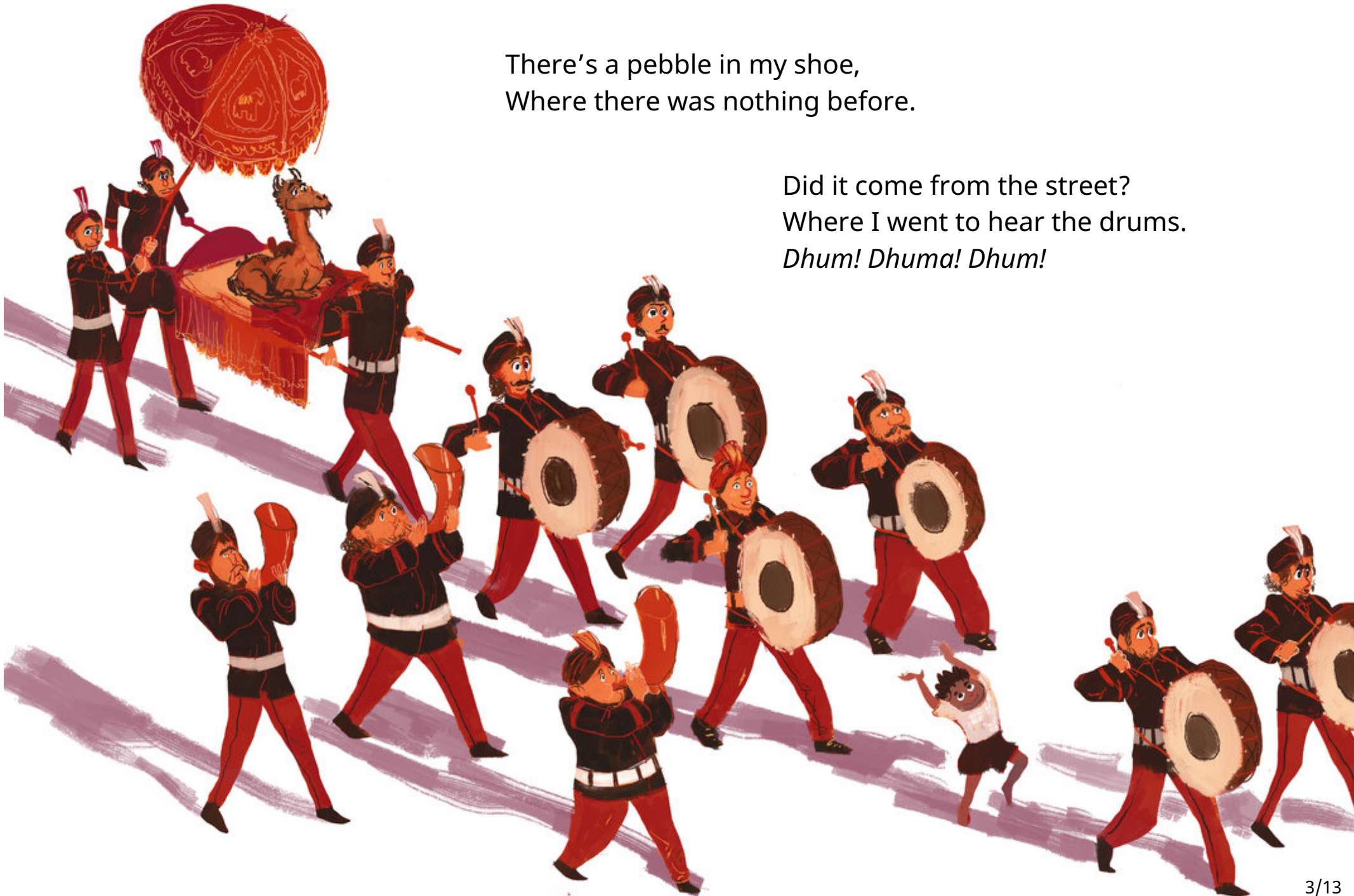
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There's a pebble in my shoe,  
Where there was nothing before.

Did it come from the street?  
Where I went to hear the drums.  
*Dhum! Dhuma! Dhum!*





Or did it come from the sky?  
Dropped by a cloud, a bird or a clumsy giant.

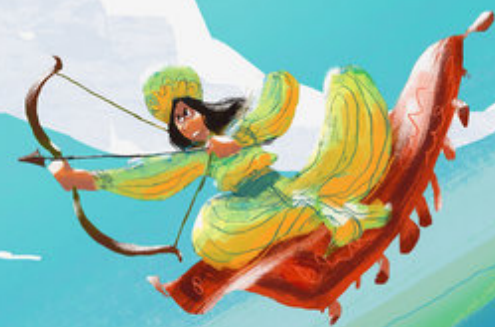


There's a pebble in my shoe,  
Where there was nothing before.

Did it come from the park?  
Where I made friends with a frog.  
*Trrr! Trrrr! Trrrr!*



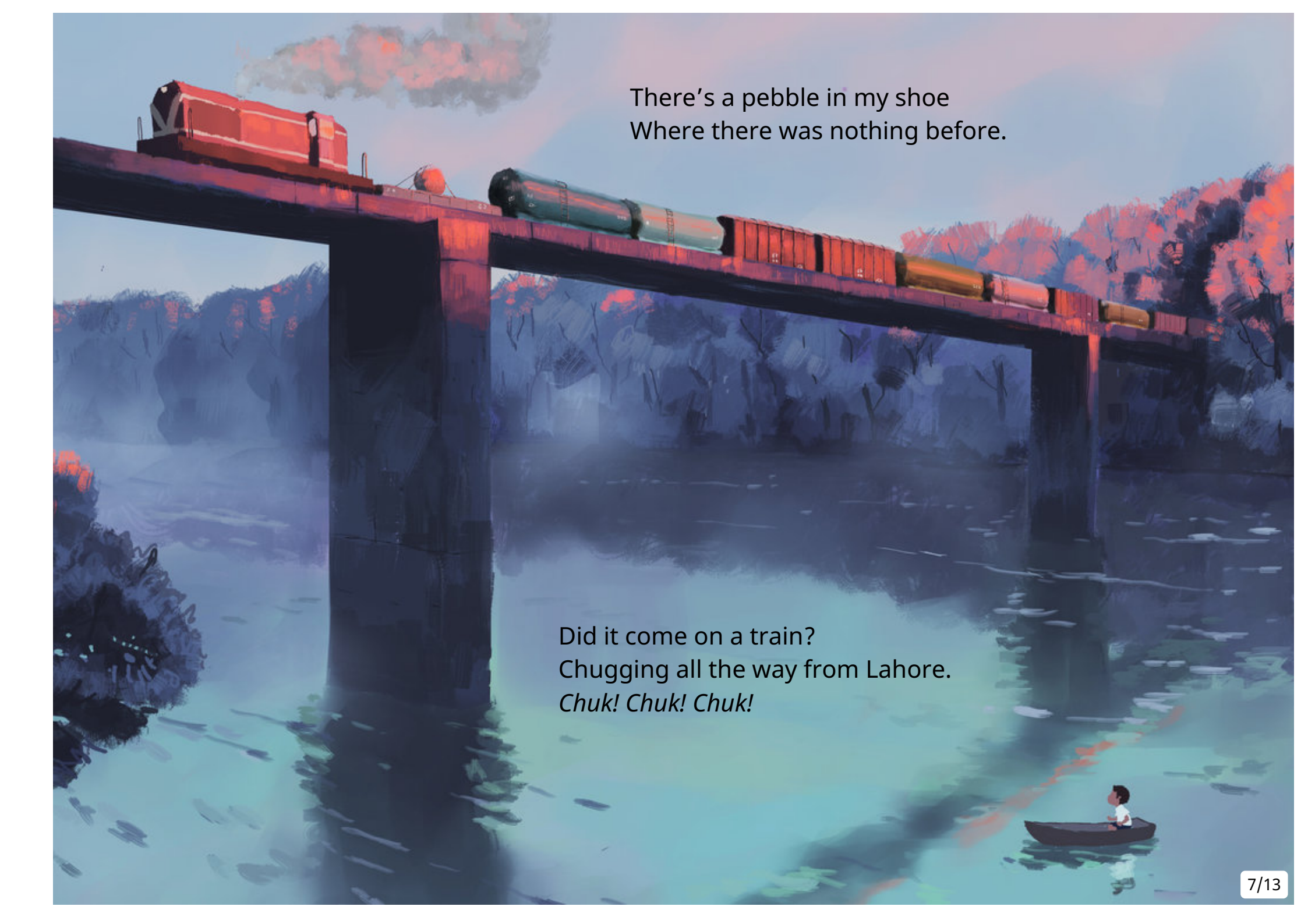




Or did it come on a flying carpet?  
From a story told long ago.



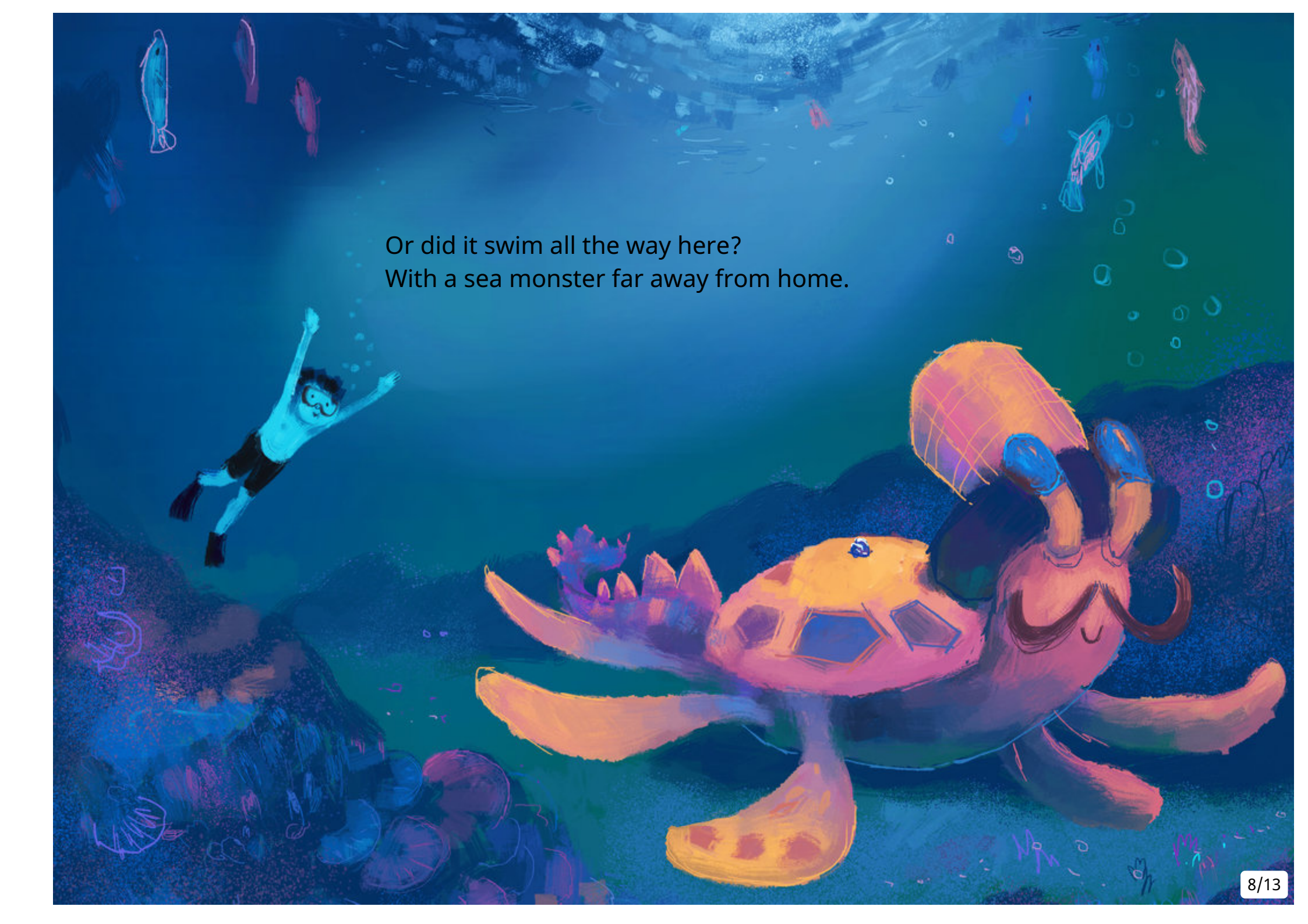


A painting of a steam train crossing a bridge over a river. The train is red and black, with smoke coming out of the chimney. The bridge is made of dark wood or stone. The river is blue and green, with a small boat and a person in the bottom right corner. The background shows trees and hills in shades of blue and green.

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Where there was nothing before.


Did it come on a train?  
Chugging all the way from Lahore.  
*Chuk! Chuk! Chuk!*



A whimsical, hand-drawn illustration of an underwater scene. In the center, a diver with a mustache, wearing a blue mask and black fins, swims with arms outstretched. To the right, a large, friendly-looking sea monster with a brown body, a large yellow shell on its back, and a smiling face with a mustache, is swimming. The background is a deep blue-green ocean with various fish, bubbles, and a rocky seabed. The overall style is playful and imaginative.

Or did it swim all the way here?  
With a sea monster far away from home.




A large flock of black crows is shown in flight, filling the upper and middle portions of the frame. They are flying over a winding, light-colored road that curves through a desert landscape with orange and yellow hills. In the distance, a small white truck is visible on the road, carrying a large pile of greenery. The sky is a pale, hazy yellow-green. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration, with bold colors and a sense of movement.

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Where there was nothing before.

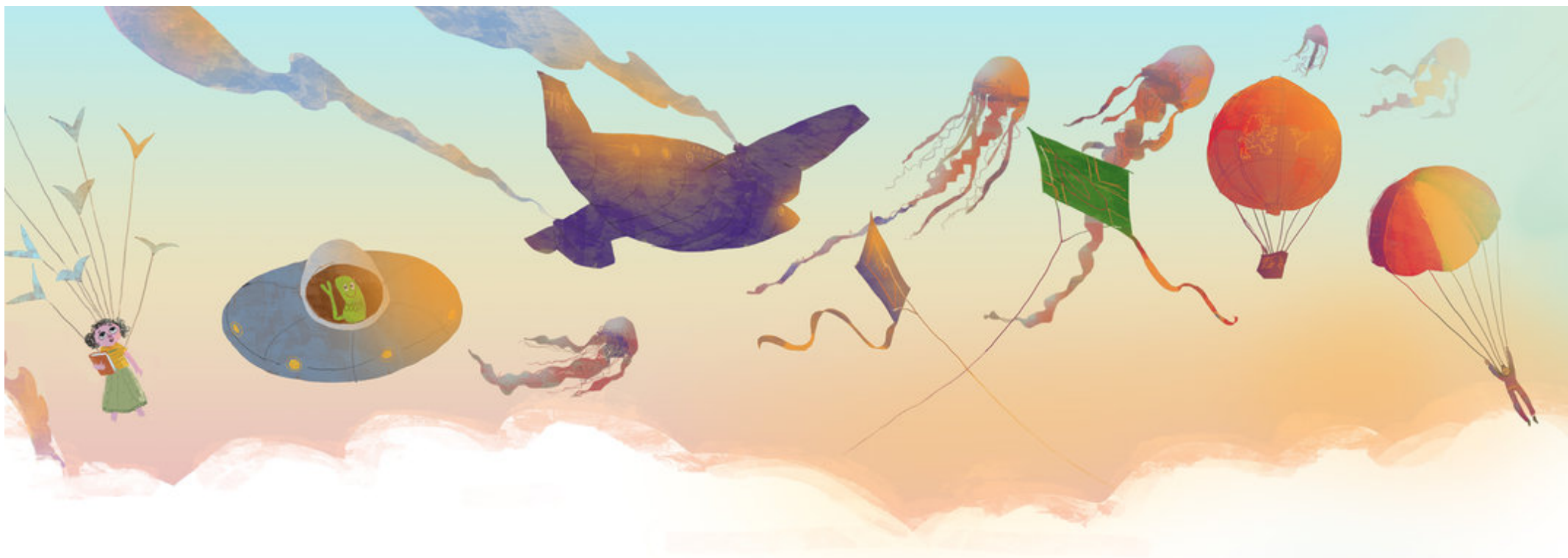
Did it come here riding in a fish truck?  
Chased by hungry crows.  
*Ka! Ka! Ka!*



An illustration of a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, a dark green skirt, and red leggings. He is running through a library aisle, holding a book in his right hand. The library has tall wooden bookshelves filled with books on both sides. In the background, there are large arched windows letting in bright light. The floor is green and has some dark marks. The boy has a surprised or excited expression on his face.

Or did it come from the library?  
Where I went to borrow a story.





There's a pebble in my shoe,  
Where there was nothing before.  
Oh, where could it have come from?  
If only I knew.

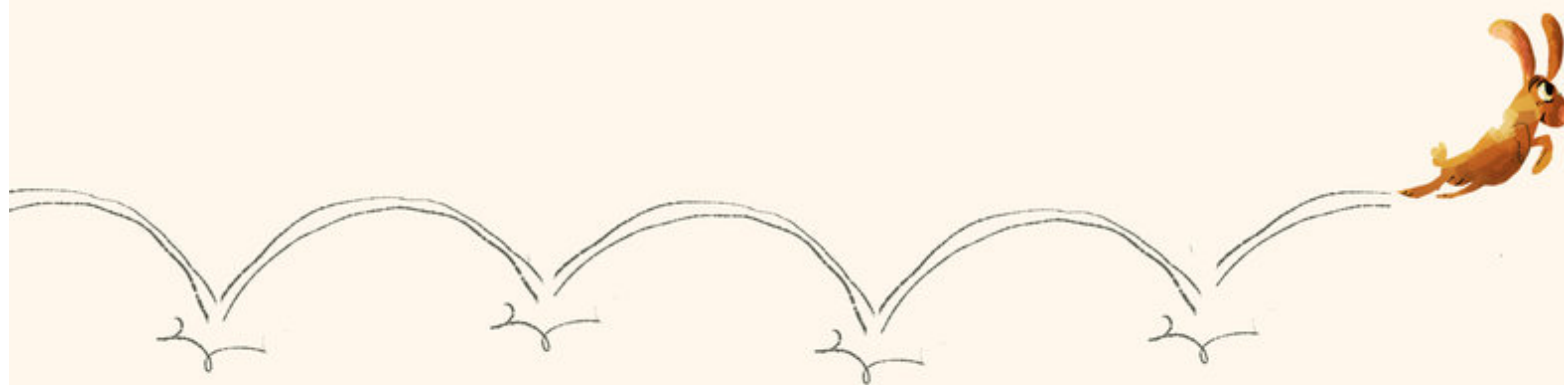




Oh, look! There's a feather in my shoe!







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(English)

Where did the pebble in Ronu's shoe come from? Did a giant throw it from the sky above? Or did a sea monster bring the pebble in its jaw? If only Ronu knew!

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



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