

Peepre in the Postbox

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Level 1

Peepre looks out of the anthill. The sun is a boondi laddoo in the sky.



**Pish-phoosh,
phish-sphloosh.**
Peepre climbs onto
a green leaf.



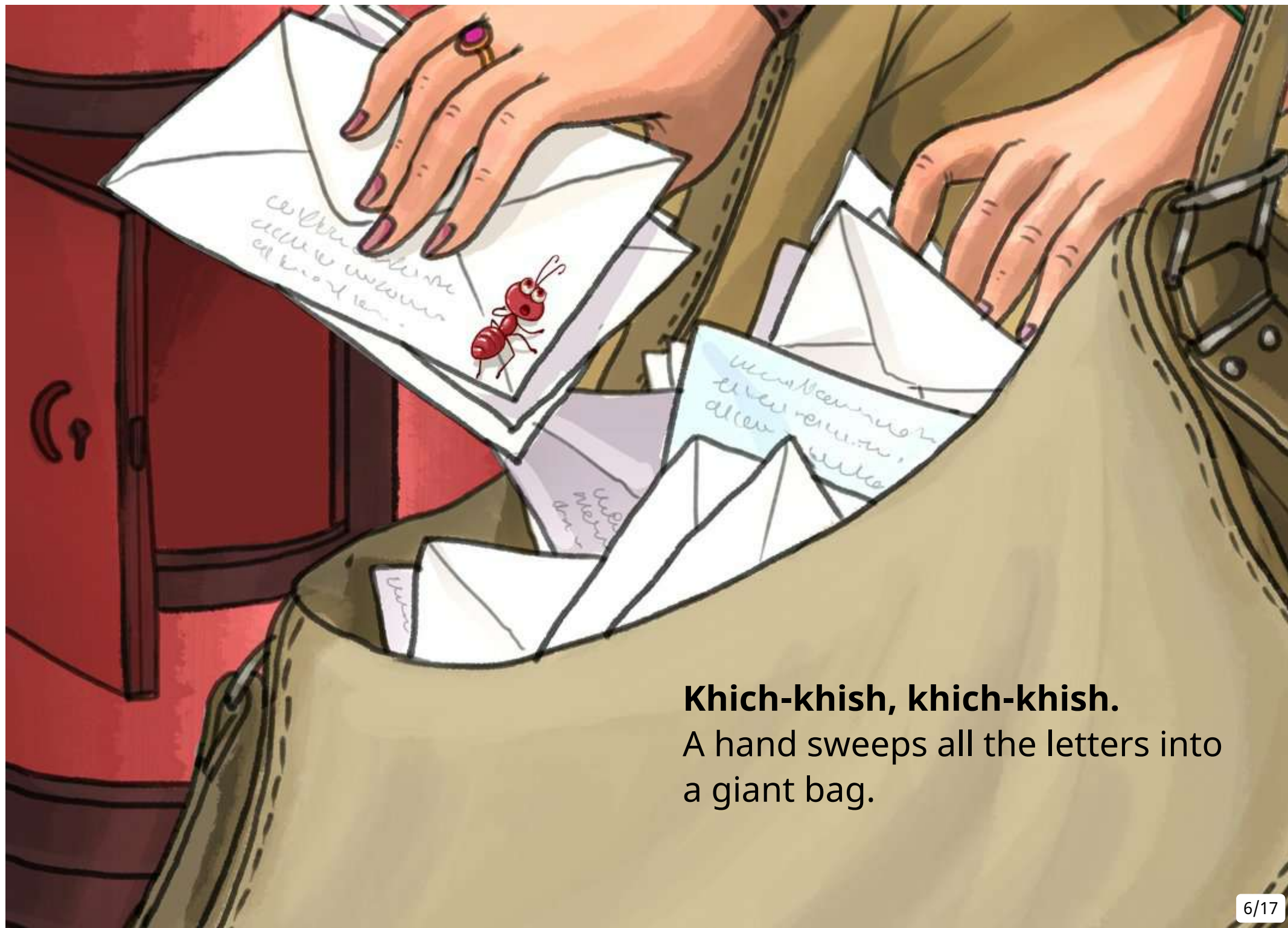
Whoosh-whooshooo.

A breeze lifts the leaf up, up,
up. And into...



... a red postbox. It is dark inside.
Peepre walks into a cover. It has red,
blue and green stamps.





Khich-khish, khich-khish.

A hand sweeps all the letters into
a giant bag.

A postwoman carries the bag
away on her moped.

**Jhug-jhugetty,
bumpetty-brump.**

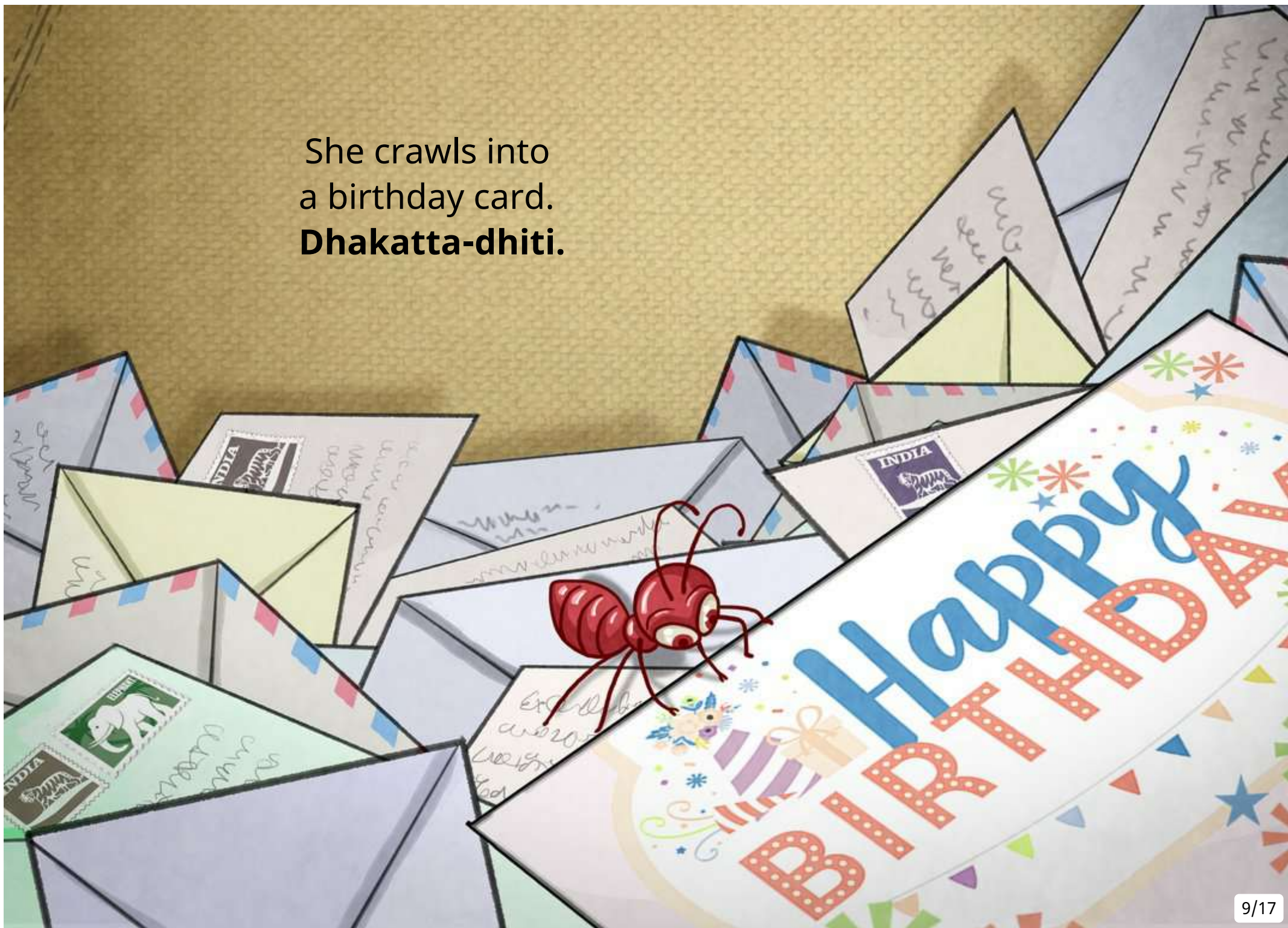


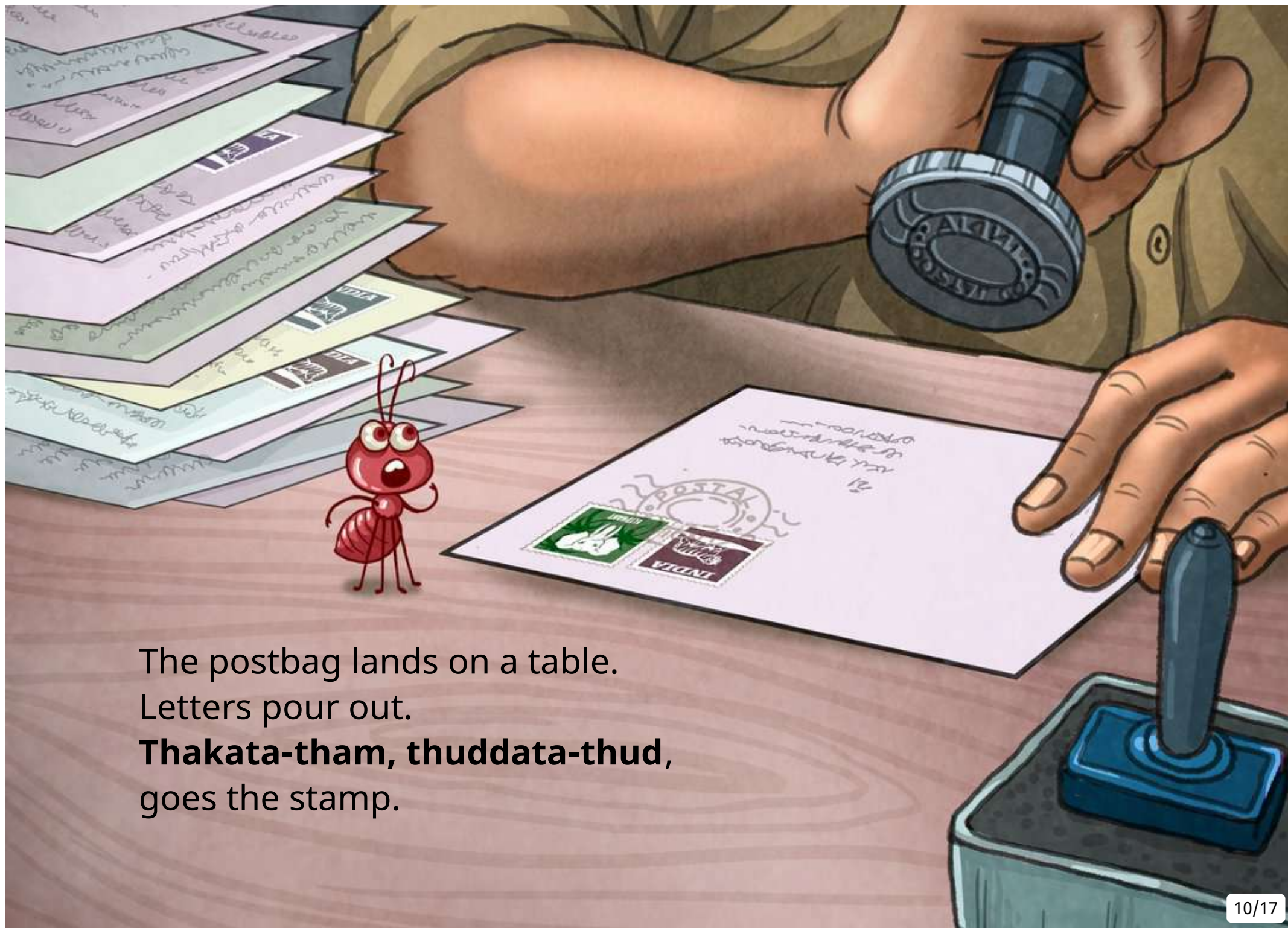
Khachaak.

Peepre bumps into an
airmail letter.

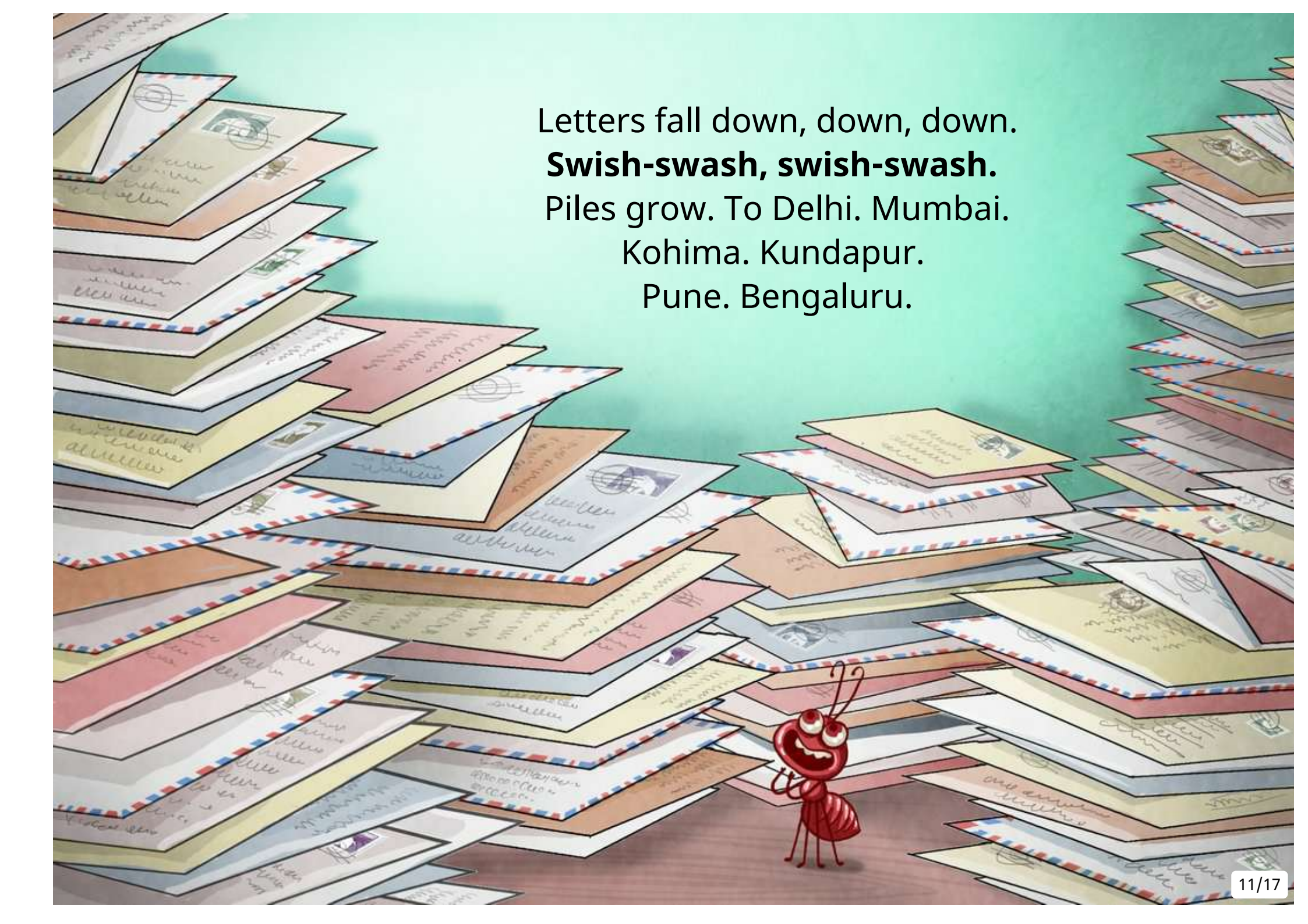


She crawls into
a birthday card.
Dhakatta-dhiti.





The postbag lands on a table.
Letters pour out.
Thakata-tham, thuddata-thud,
goes the stamp.

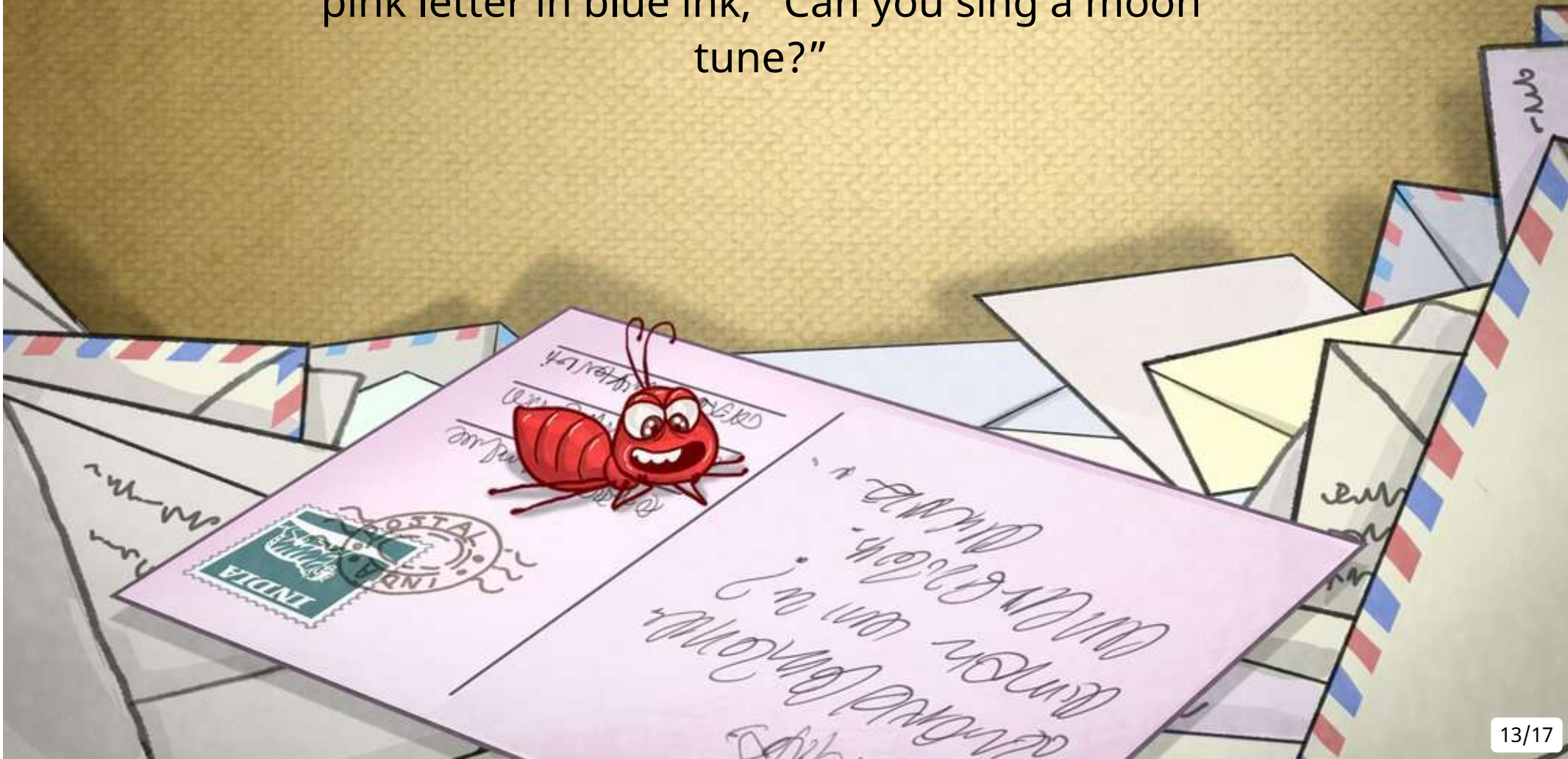
The illustration depicts a massive, chaotic pile of colorful envelopes and letters falling from the top of the frame. The envelopes are in various colors like yellow, orange, red, and blue, and many have stamps and handwritten addresses. A small, cheerful red ant with large eyes and antennae stands at the bottom center, looking up at the falling mail. The background is a solid light green.

Letters fall down, down, down.
Swish-swash, swish-swash.
Piles grow. To Delhi. Mumbai.
Kohima. Kundapur.
Pune. Bengaluru.

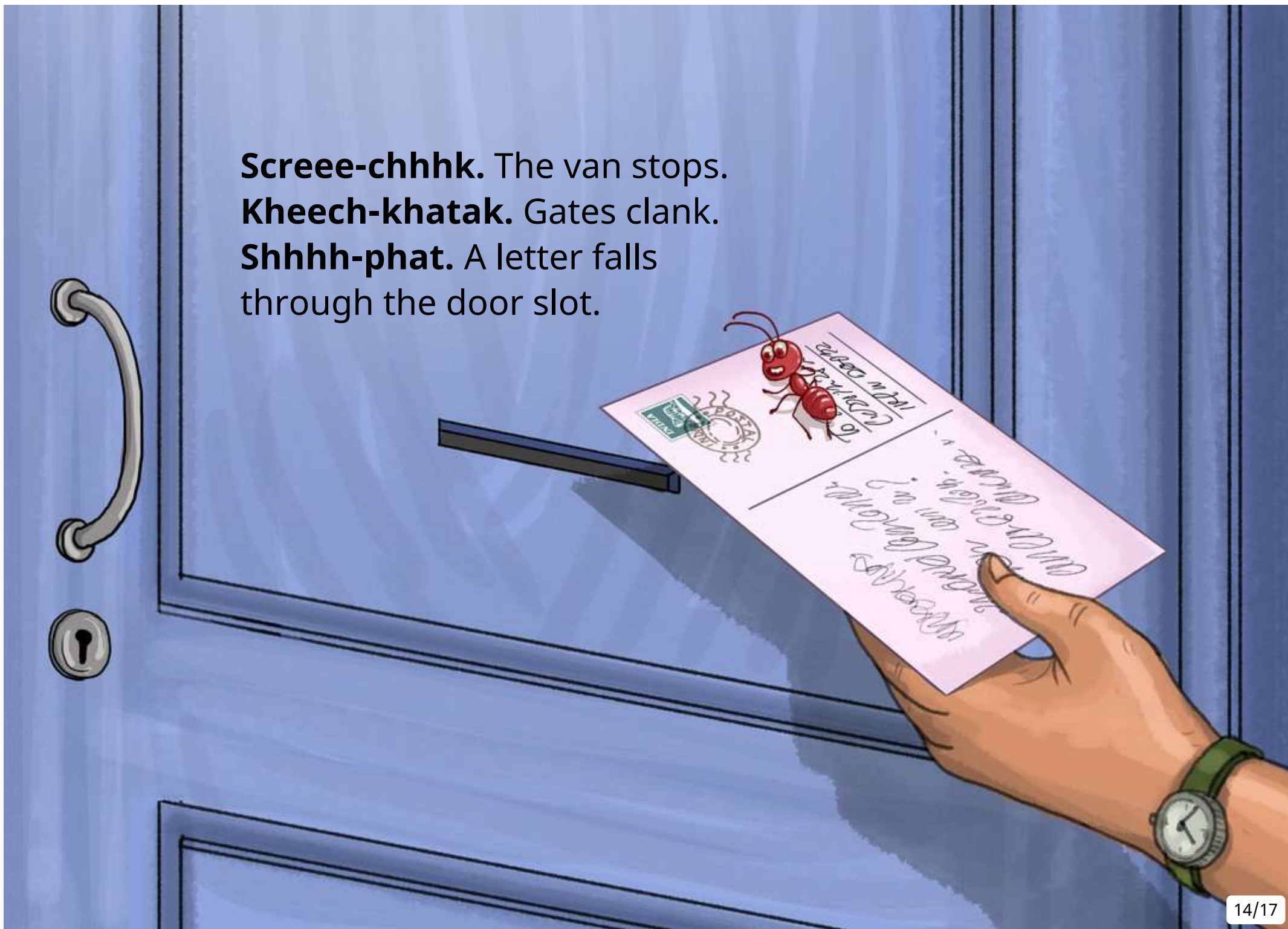
Peepre clings to the card.
The card lands in a crowded postbag.
The bag is tossed into a postal van.
Parpetty-park, honketty-honk.



Peepre reads an upside-down postcard, "Do you like school, Tunu? Love, Didima." On a pink letter in blue ink, "Can you sing a moon tune?"



Screee-chhkh. The van stops.
Kheech-khatak. Gates clank.
Shhhh-phat. A letter falls
through the door slot.



Tarara-triiiing. Peepre hears a doorbell. 'Maaaaa! Ajji sent me a card.'







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(English)

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