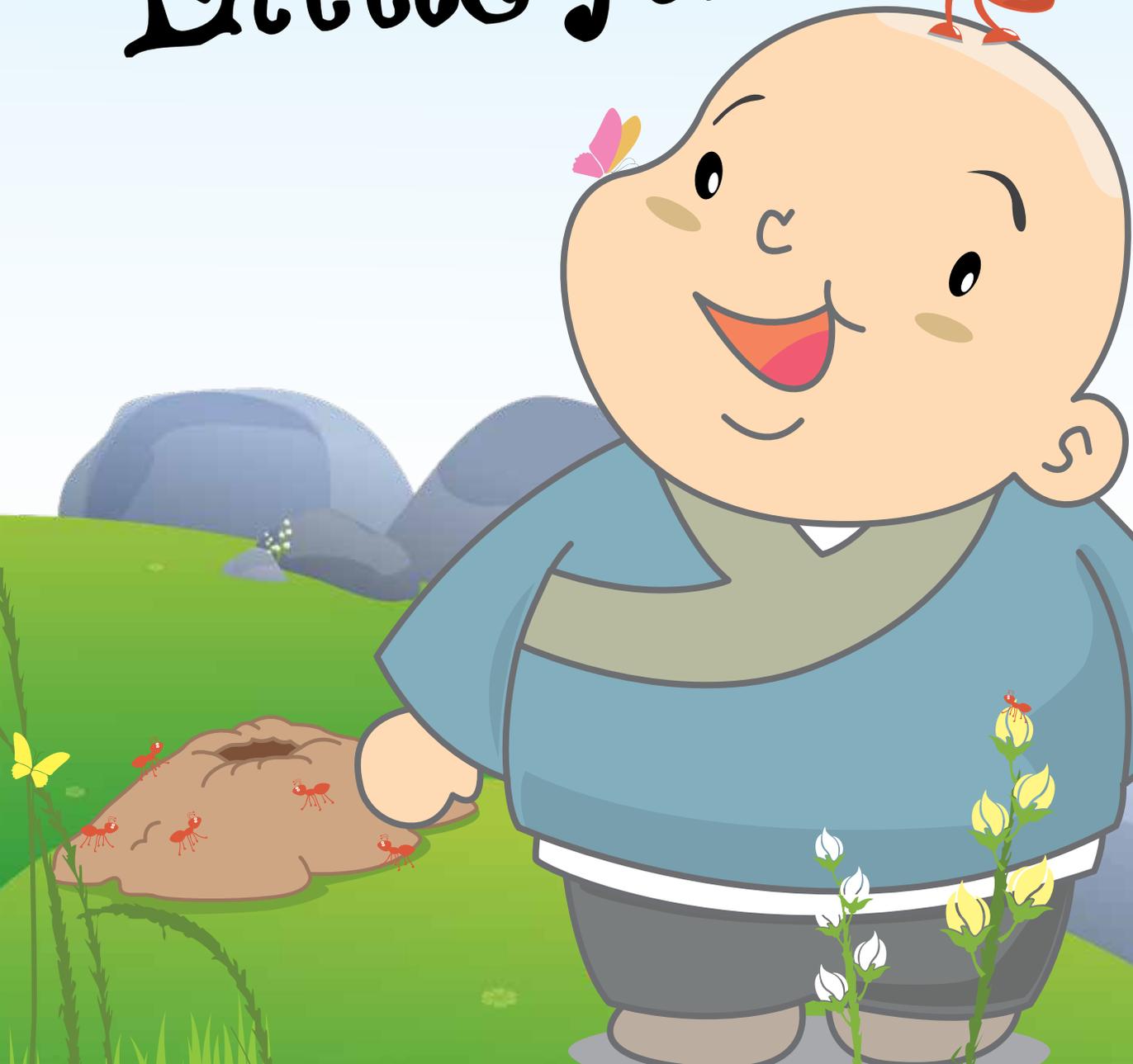




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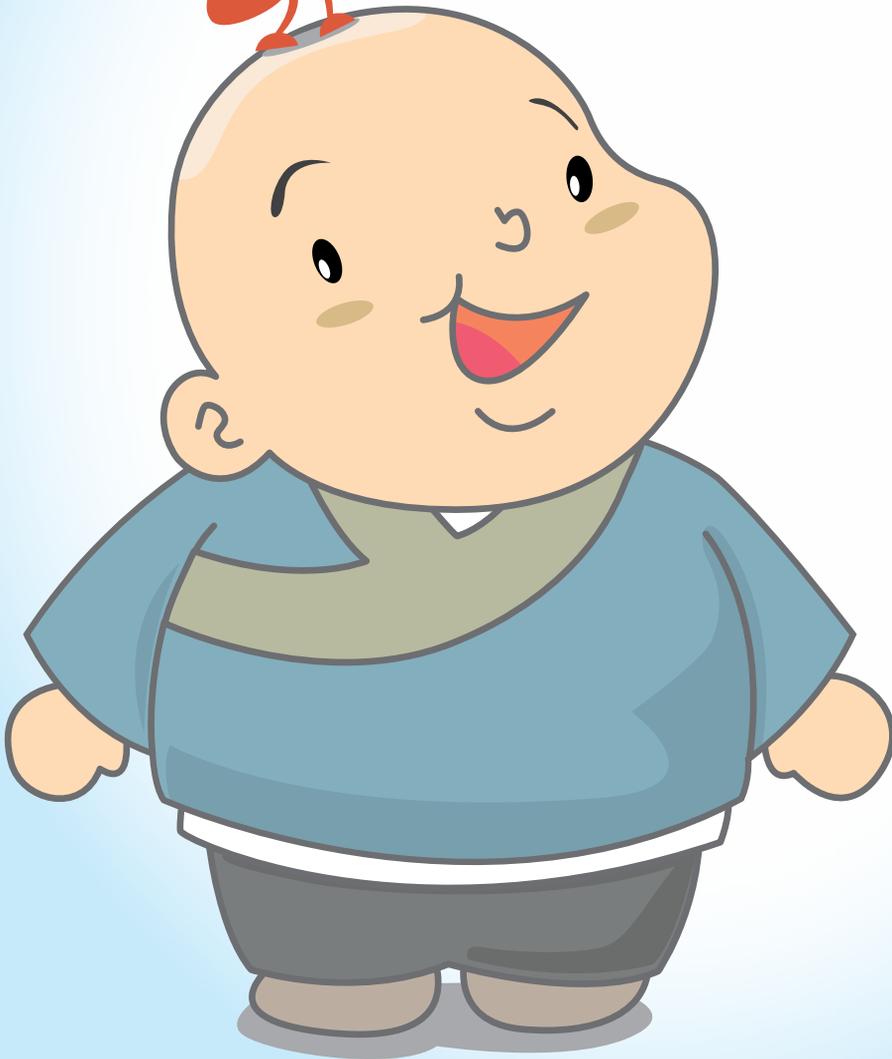
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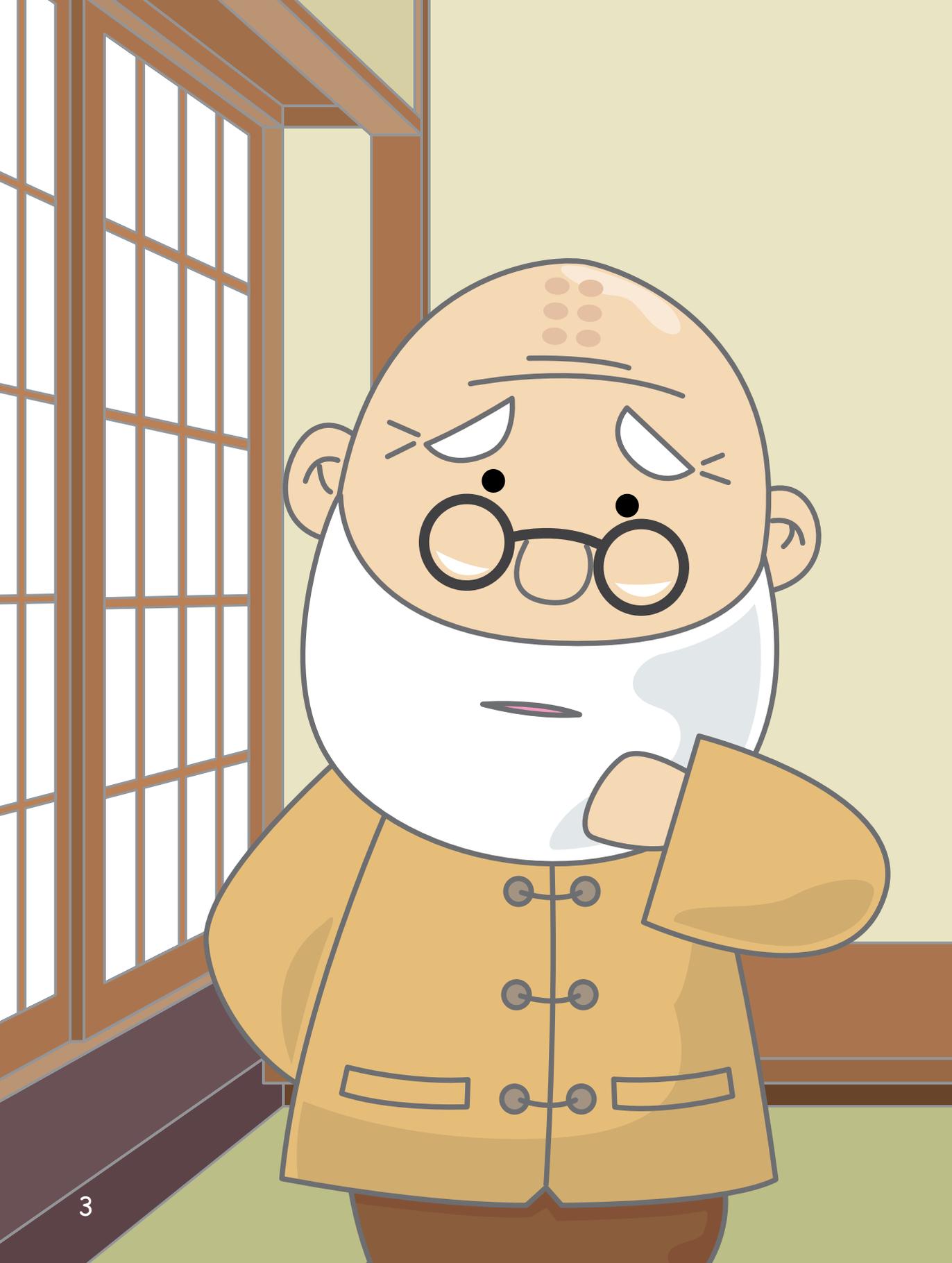
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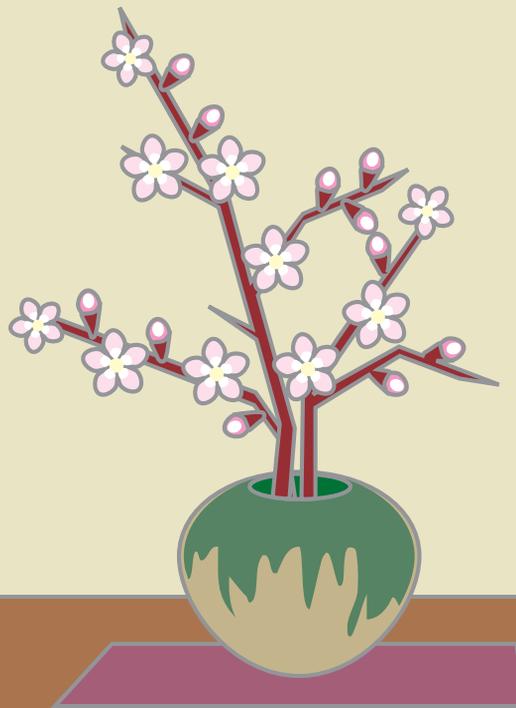


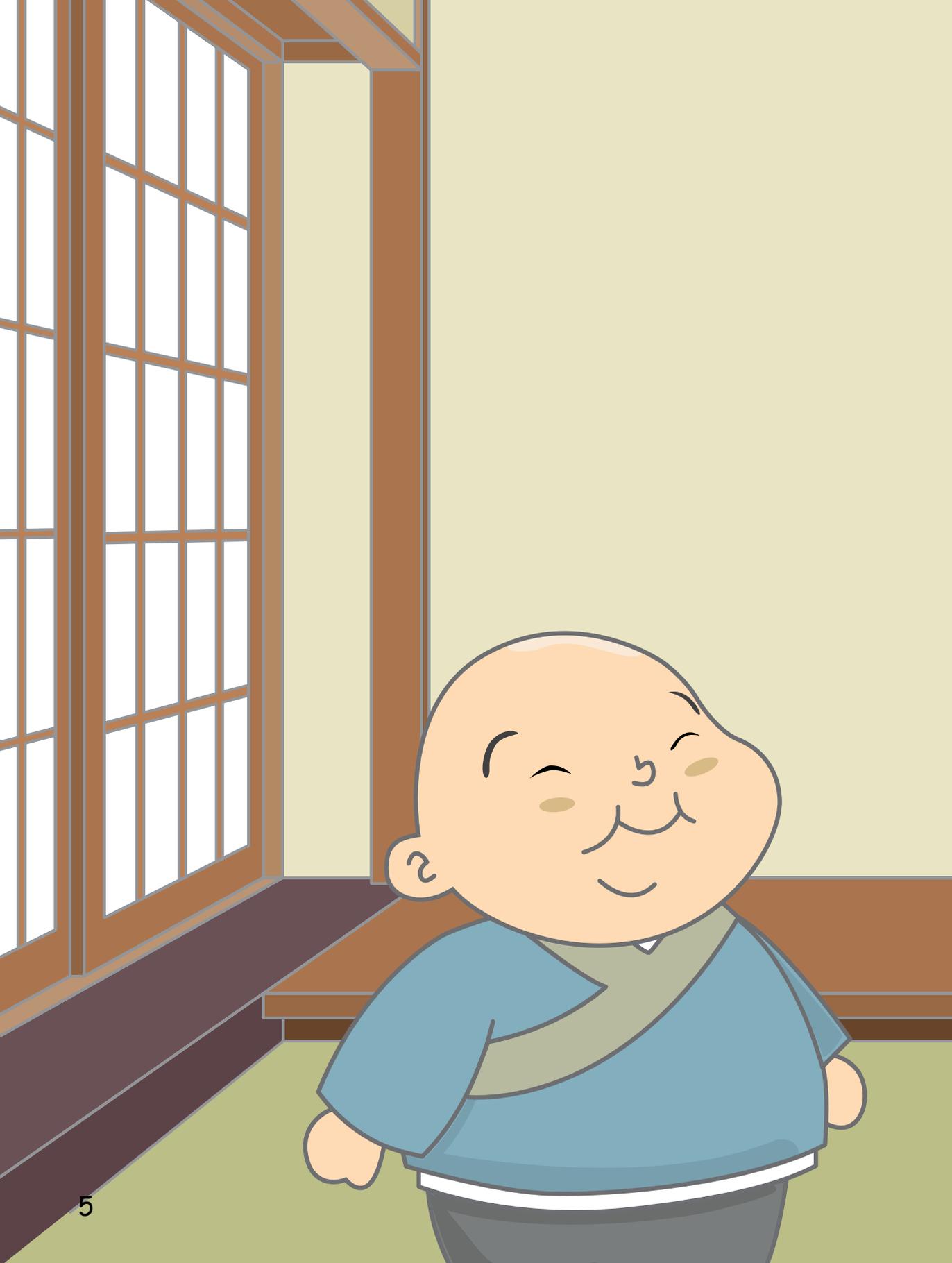


Once, there lived an old Master
and a little monk.

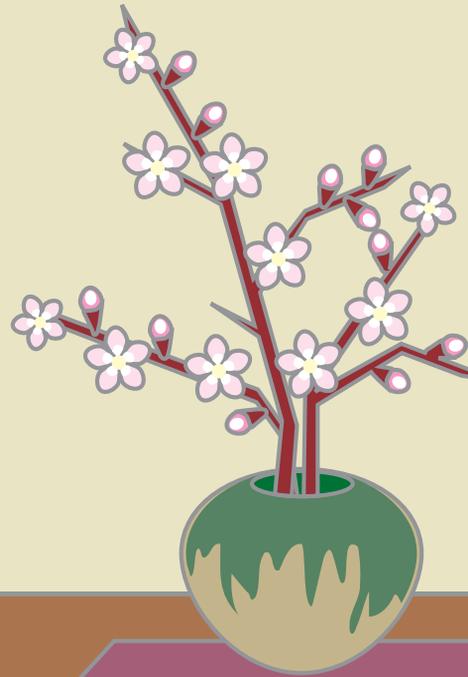


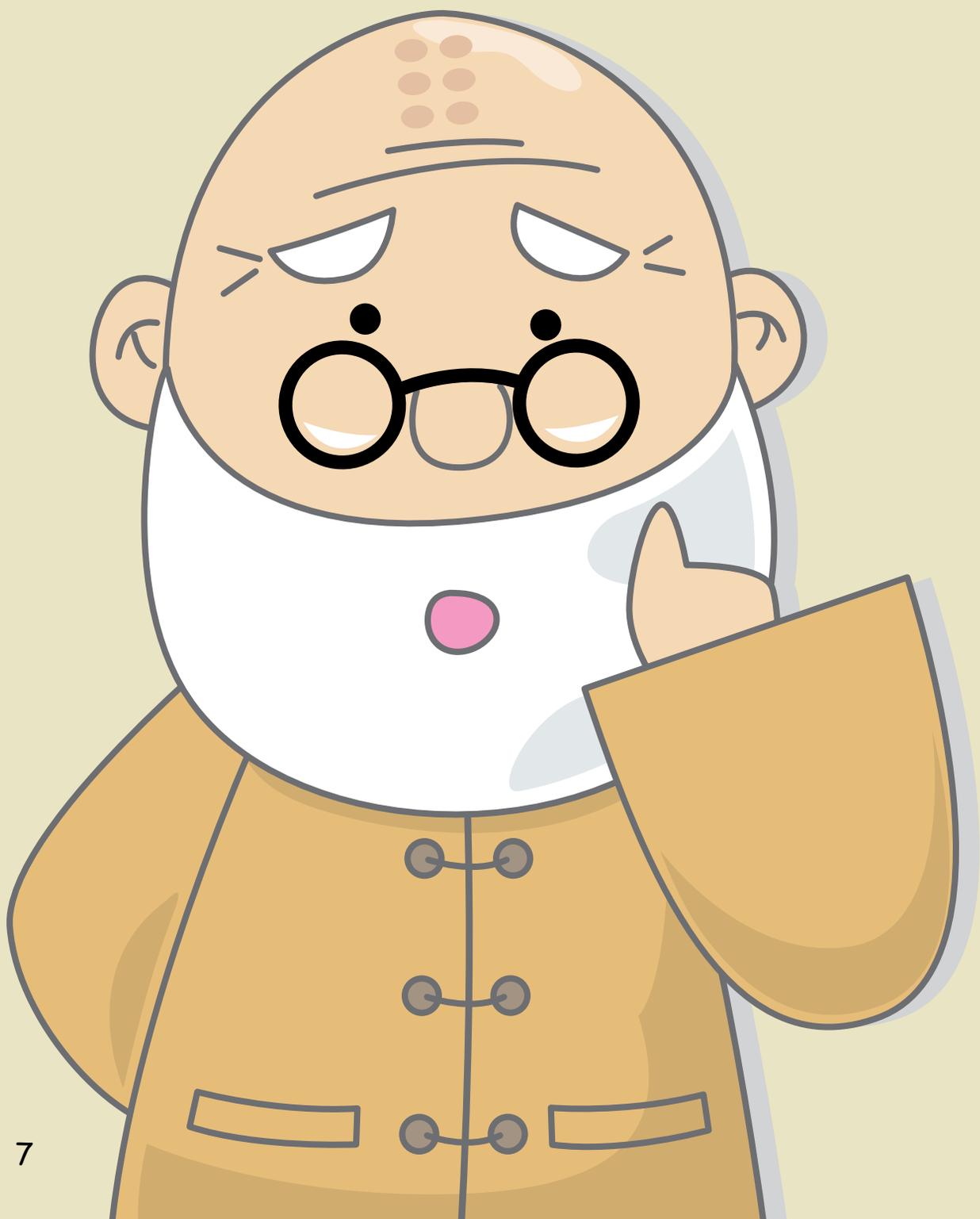
The old Master knew that the little monk would die soon.





So, he allowed the little monk
to visit his parents.





"Be back at the temple on the eighth day," the old Master said.

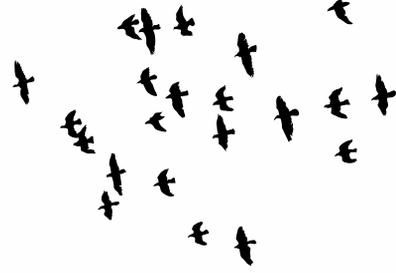
"Okay. Thank you dear Master. Please take care."



I'm leaving now," said the little monk happily.







After a long walk, the little monk stopped by a stream for a drink.





He saw an ant cave near the stream.



Many ants were busy crawling in and out of their home.

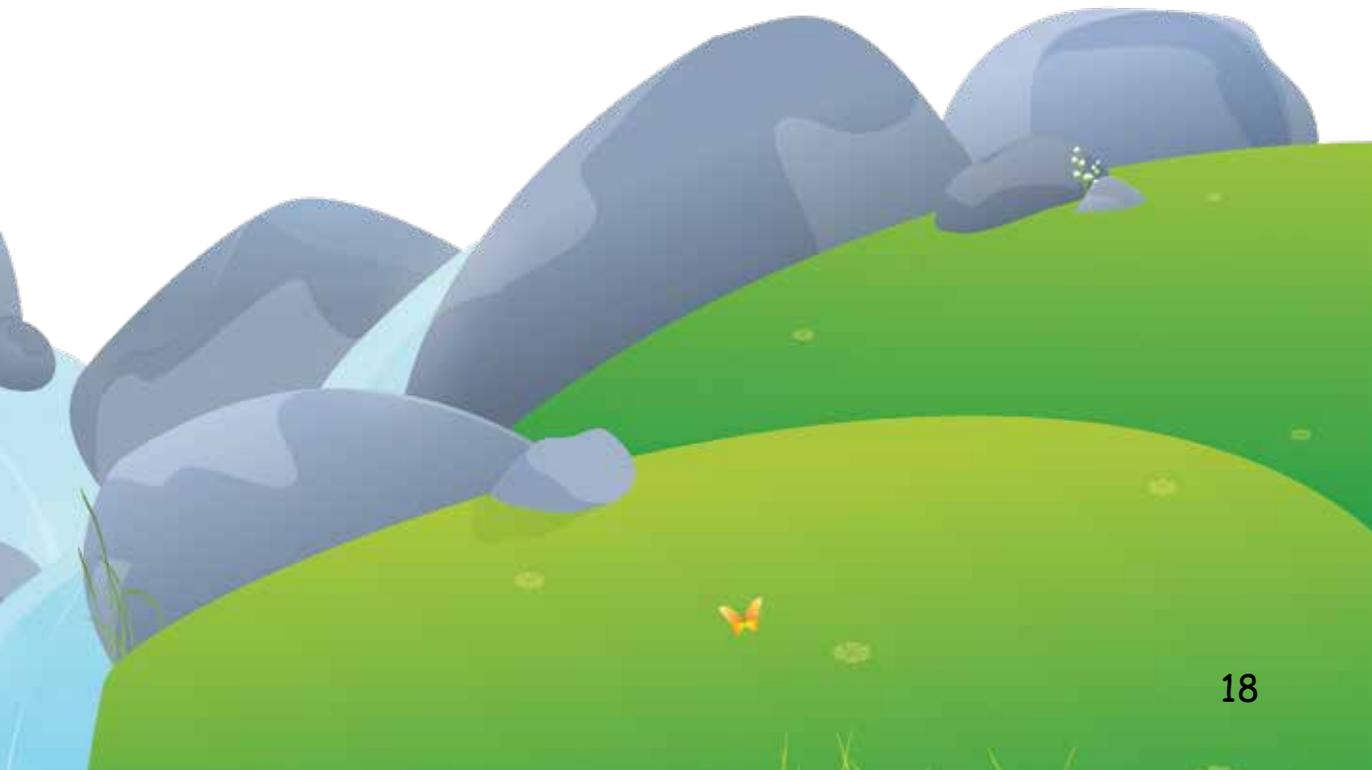




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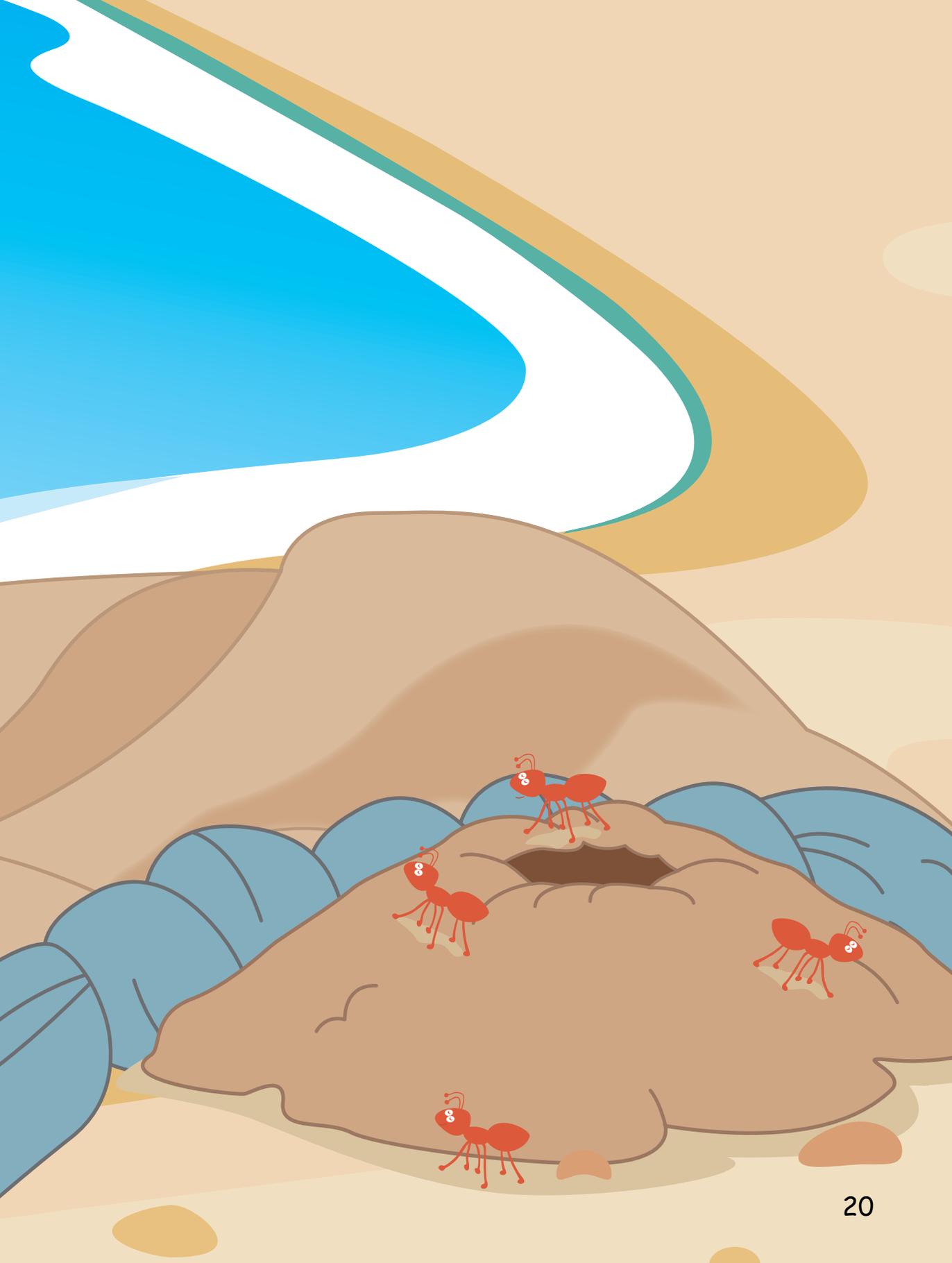


"Oh! Why is the water level going up?
The ants will drown!" said the little monk.



The background is a bright blue sky with several light blue, oval-shaped clouds. In the upper right corner, there are seven small white circles arranged in a loose pattern. A large, brown, rounded hill or mound is on the right side of the image. In the foreground, there is a light brown ground surface. A blue, fabric-like object is partially visible in the bottom right corner.

Using his clothes and soil, he quickly built a protective wall around the ant cave.



He stopped the water from covering the cave.

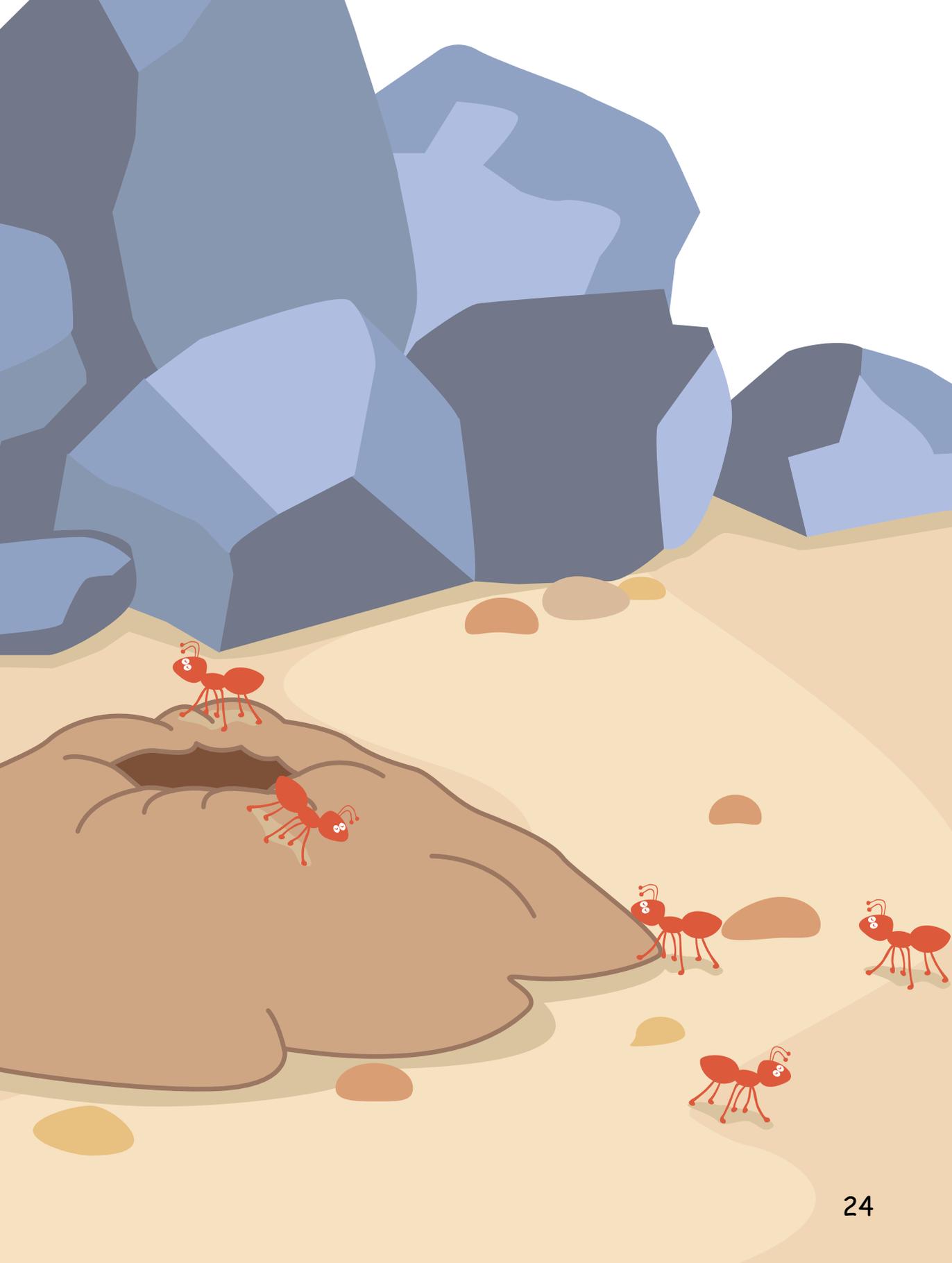






He was also able to channel the water flow elsewhere.





The little monk saved countless ants
with his act of kindness and love.





The little monk returned to the temple



on the eighth day.

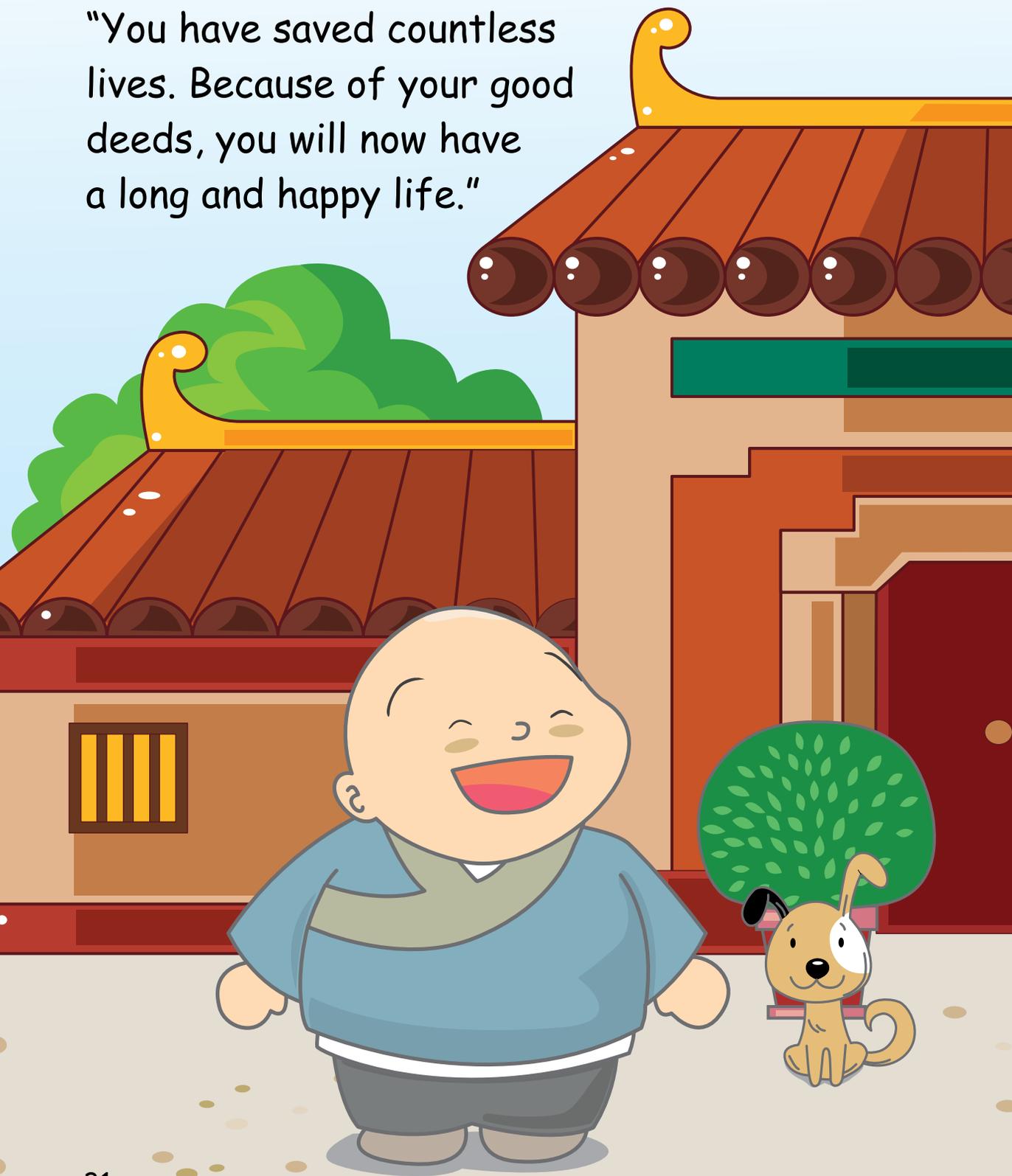






He told his Master what had happened.

"You have saved countless lives. Because of your good deeds, you will now have a long and happy life."







Moral of the Story:
Be kind and good. Be helpful,
even if the act seems small.



BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title and describe the picture on the cover.
- Ask the children to guess what this story is about.
- Ask the children to tell you what it feels like for the ant if they encounter a big creature.
- How would the children feel if they see a huge giant that would easily step on them?

DURING READING

- Read the story to the children. Enjoy reading together and encourage the children to respond to the pictures.
- Ask the children to tell you what is happening in each picture.
- Discuss anything that the picture reminds the children about.

AFTER READING

- Ask the children how do they feel after listening to this story.
- Ask the children what will happen if the little monk did not quickly think of ways to help the ants.
- Ask the children to share other examples of how good things happen to them when they were kind and good to others.



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