

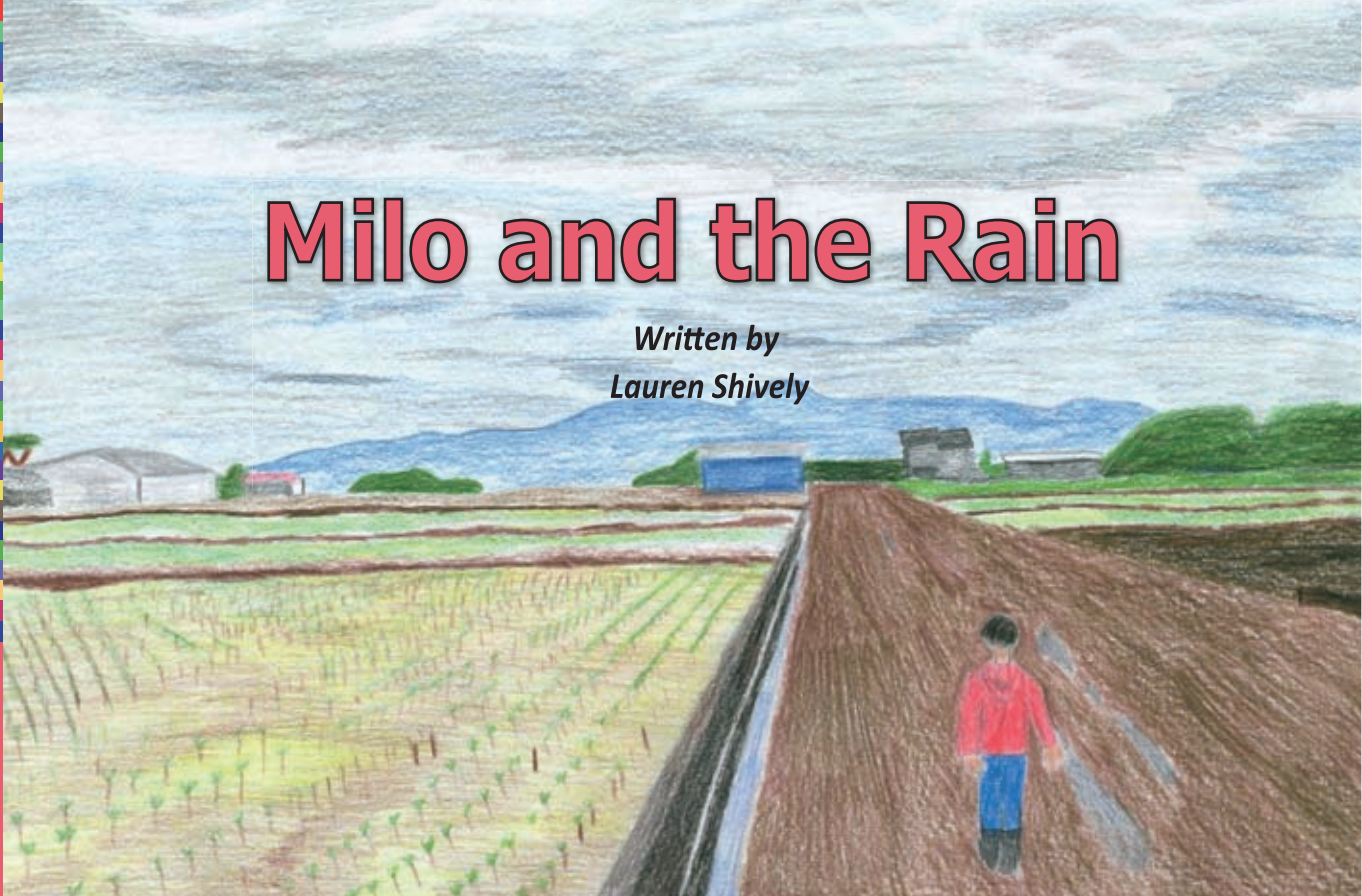


Milo and the Rain

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Dedications:

I'd like to dedicate this book to my parents, for encouraging my love of travel and exploration, and to my students at Sheen Nan Elementary School, for exhibiting the curiosity and sense of adventure that is reflected in Milo.

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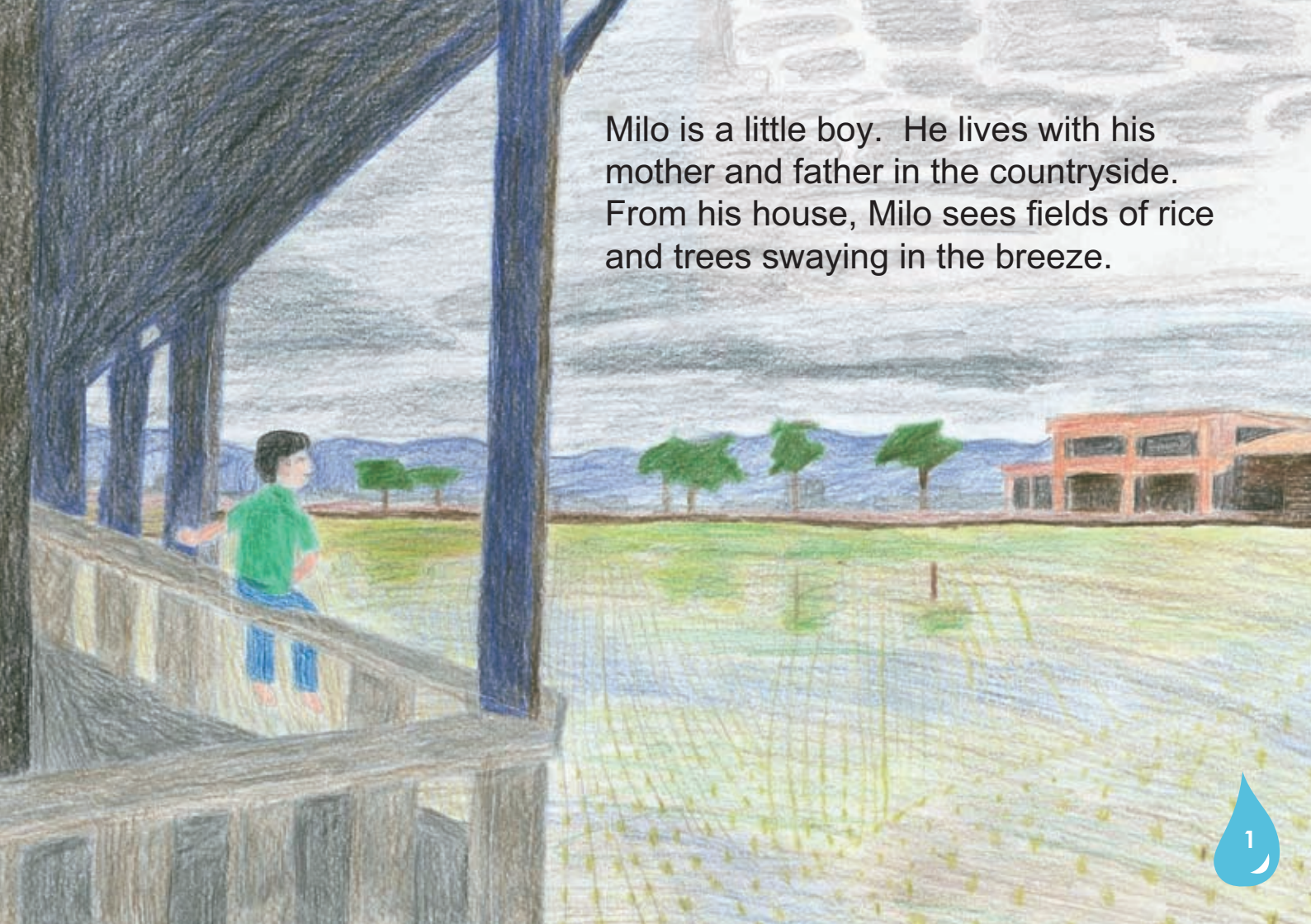
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關於本書

我將這本書獻給我的父母因為他們鼓勵我喜愛旅行及探索。也將這本書獻給宜蘭縣新南國小的學生們，他們展現出了強盛的好奇心及冒險的精神，就像書中的Milo一樣。

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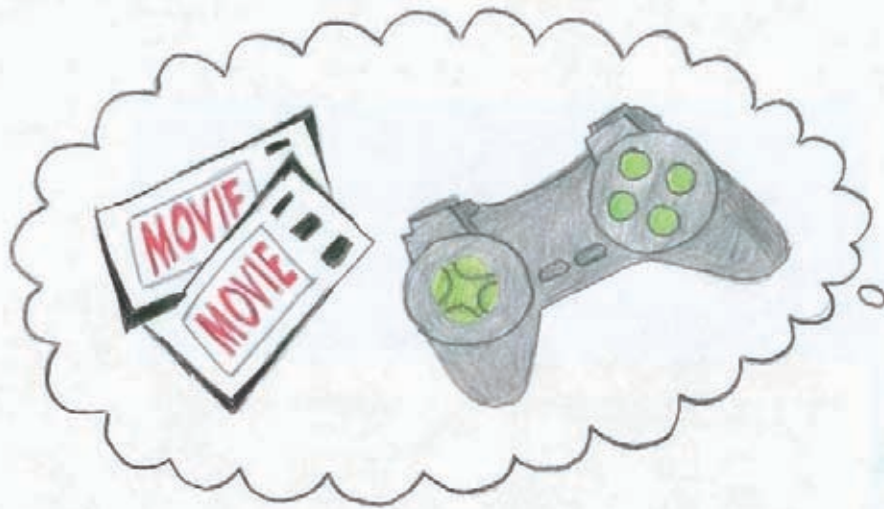
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A painting of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a green shirt and blue pants, sitting on a wooden porch. He is looking out over a vast, flat landscape. In the distance, there are several green trees and a large, two-story red building. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The style is soft and painterly, with visible brushstrokes.

Milo is a little boy. He lives with his mother and father in the countryside. From his house, Milo sees fields of rice and trees swaying in the breeze.

Milo is a happy boy, except for one thing: he hates the rain. Rain makes Milo's socks wet and his fingers cold. When it rains, Milo and his friends can't play basketball behind his school.





It seemed like it was *always* raining. Milo thought of his cousins who lived in a big city. When it rained there, they went to the movie theater or played video games.

“Why can’t I live in the city?” thought Milo. He was feeling very sad.

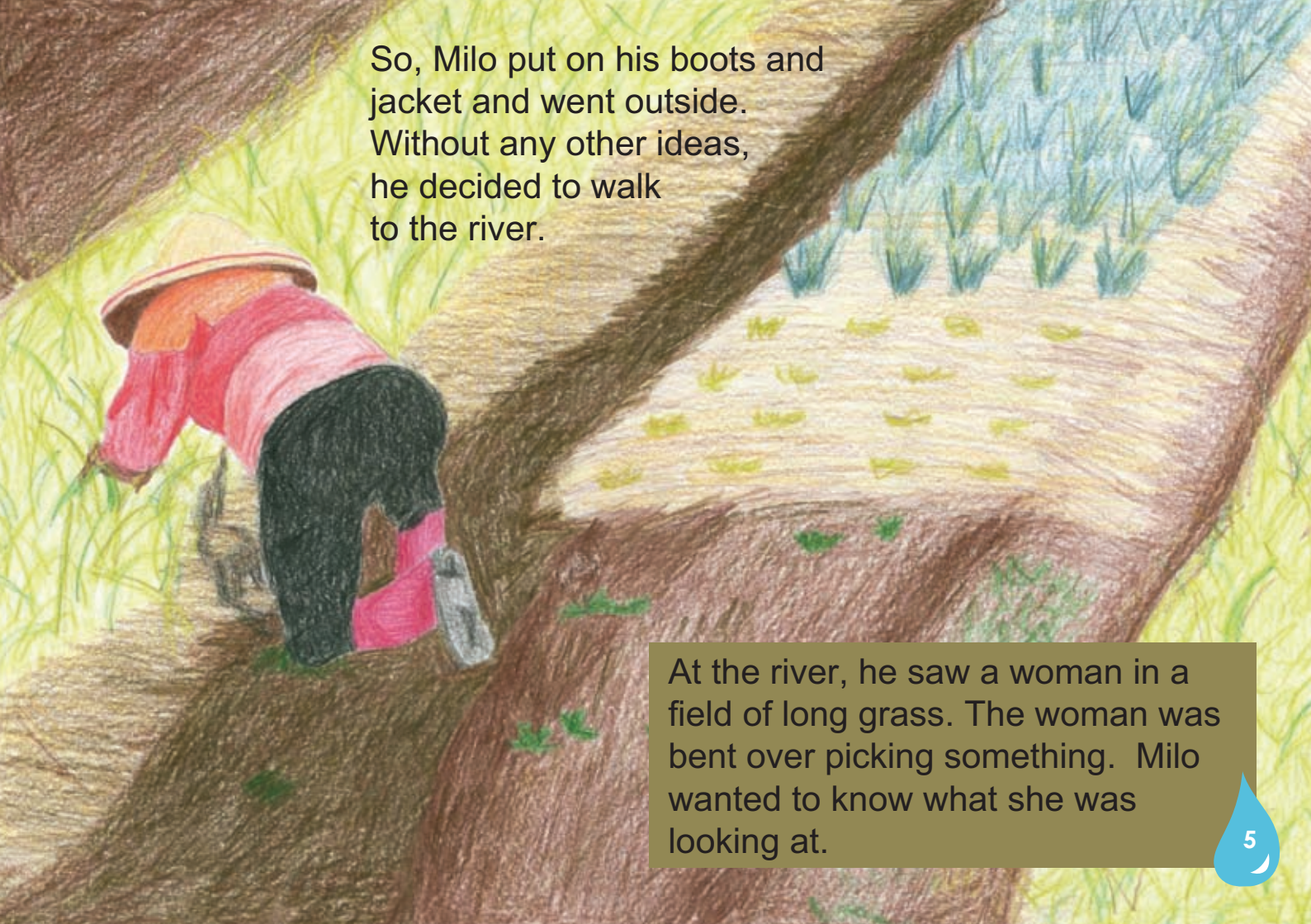




“Milo,” said his mother, “stop looking so sad! Put on your boots and raincoat and go play outside.”

“But Mom...” said Milo.

“No complaining! Go outside right now!” replied his mother.

A person wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt, black pants, and a wide-brimmed hat is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path. The path is surrounded by tall grass and some small green plants. The person is carrying a bag or bundle over their shoulder. The background shows a dirt path leading into a field of tall grass.

So, Milo put on his boots and jacket and went outside. Without any other ideas, he decided to walk to the river.

At the river, he saw a woman in a field of long grass. The woman was bent over picking something. Milo wanted to know what she was looking at.

The woman, who was old,
looked up and said “Hello!
What’s your name?”

“Milo,” Milo said. “Hi. What are
you doing out here in the rain?”

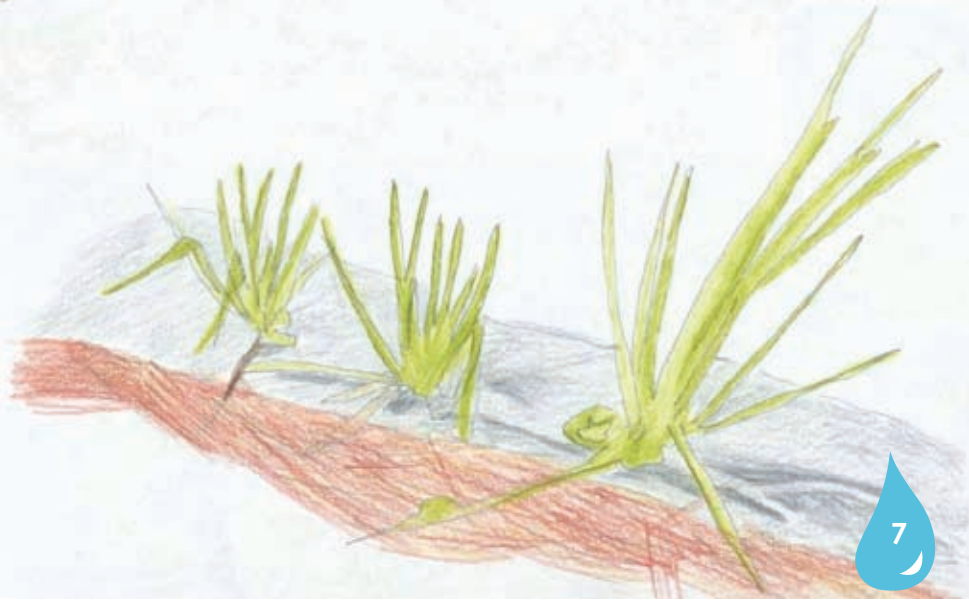
“Why, I’m looking after my
plants!” said the old woman.
She wore a big hat and had a
scarf around her neck.





In the brown dirt, Milo saw rows of small green plants. The old woman told Milo that some plants would grow to be large, sweet melons...

...and some would grow to be delicious green onions.



“You know, we’re lucky we get so much rain here,” said the old woman.



“Without the rain, I couldn’t grow so much food.”

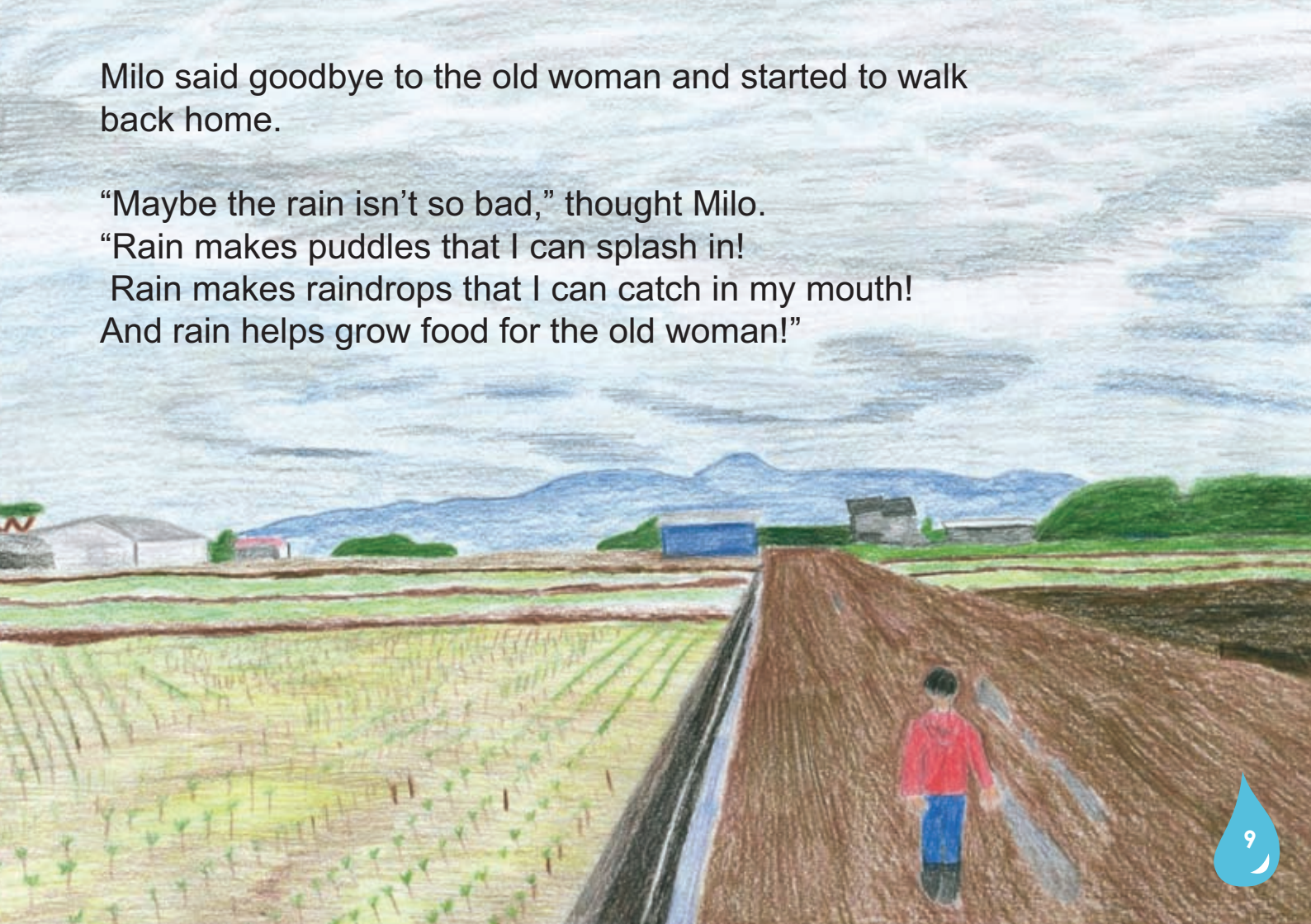
Milo said goodbye to the old woman and started to walk back home.

“Maybe the rain isn’t so bad,” thought Milo.

“Rain makes puddles that I can splash in!

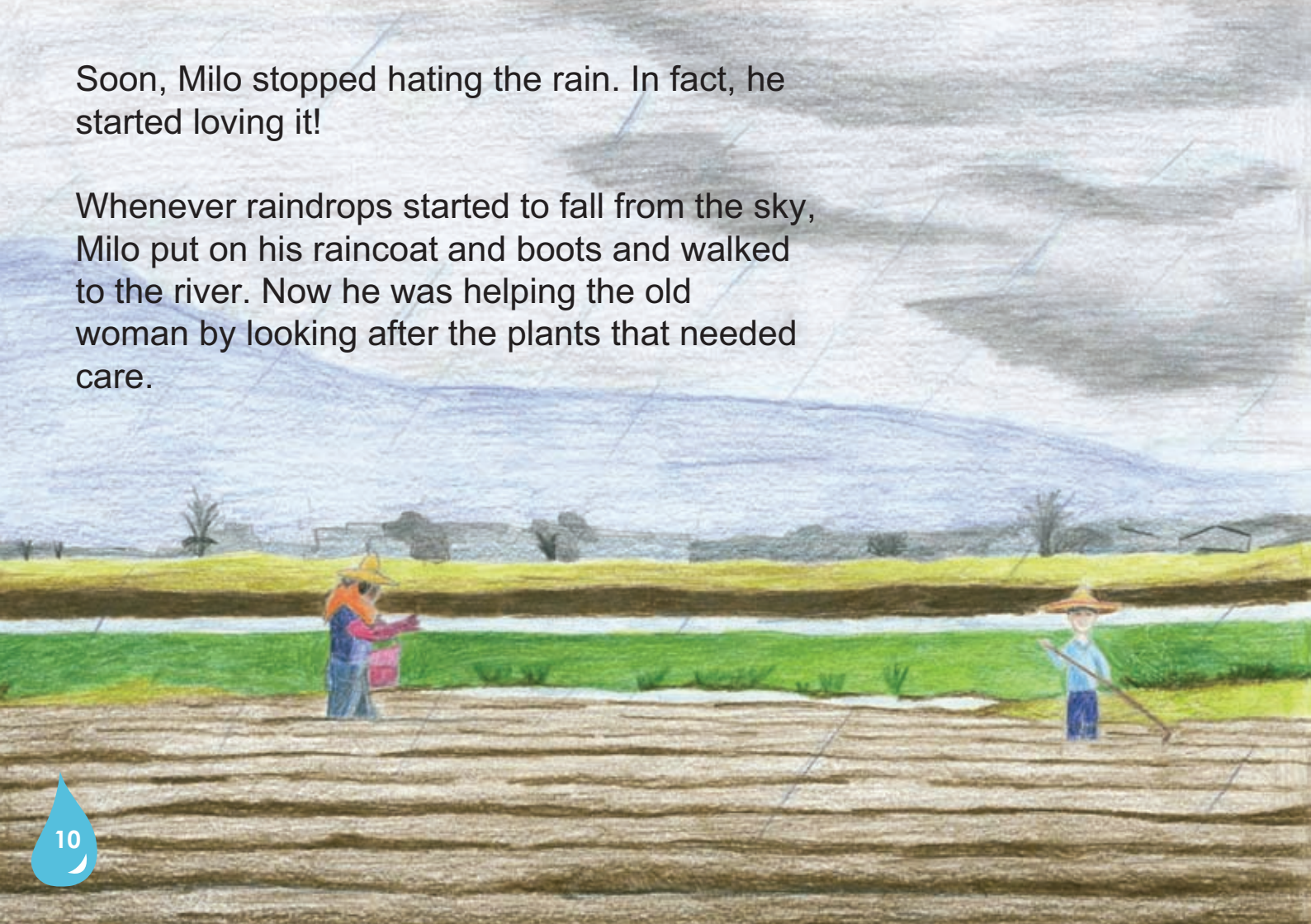
Rain makes raindrops that I can catch in my mouth!

And rain helps grow food for the old woman!”



Soon, Milo stopped hating the rain. In fact, he started loving it!

Whenever raindrops started to fall from the sky, Milo put on his raincoat and boots and walked to the river. Now he was helping the old woman by looking after the plants that needed care.





Milo also had fun – he splashed in every puddle and caught many raindrops in his mouth.

Milo didn't want to go to the movies or play video games, because he had two new best friends: the old woman and the rain.





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