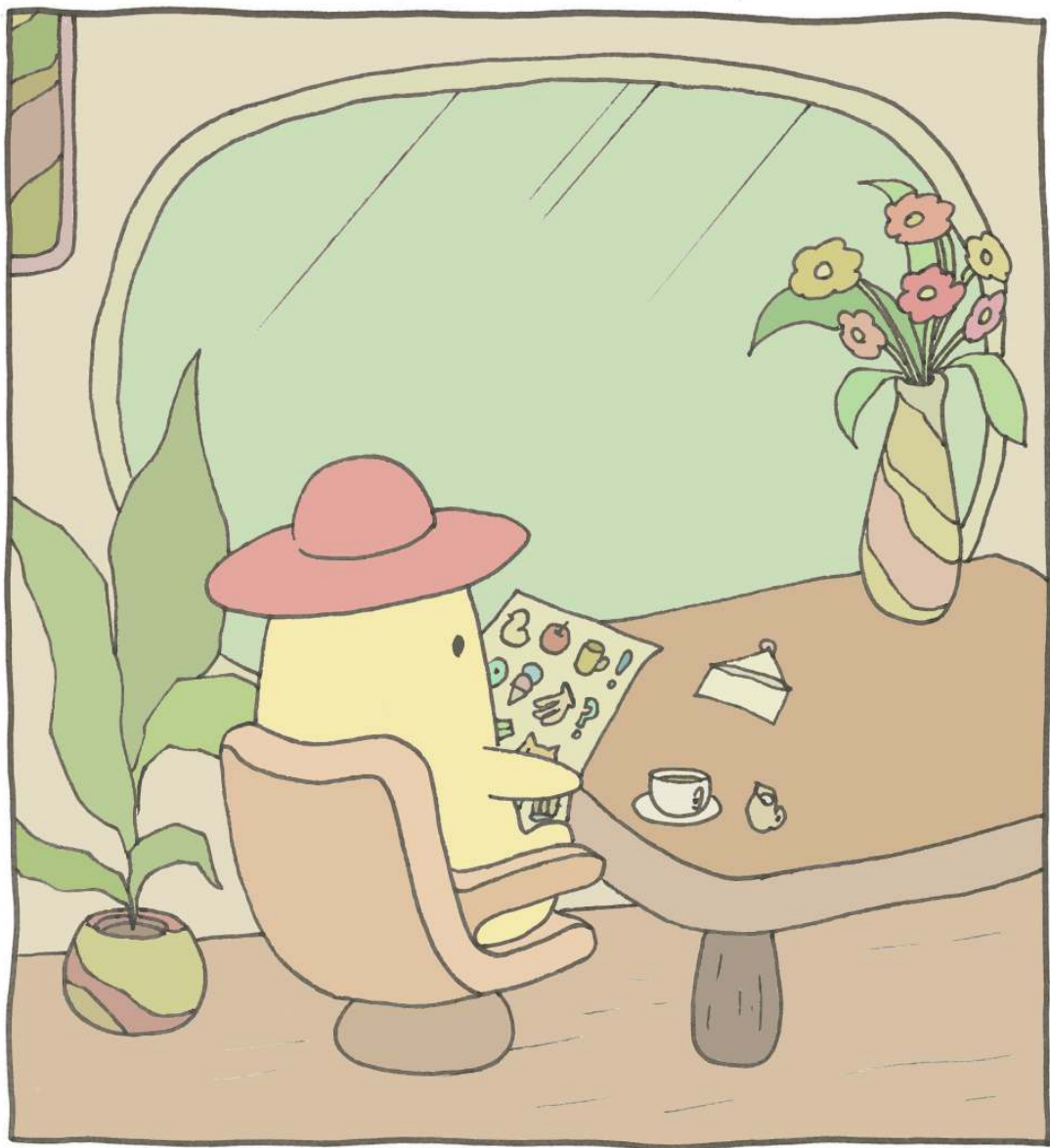


Teto and the Tall Monkey

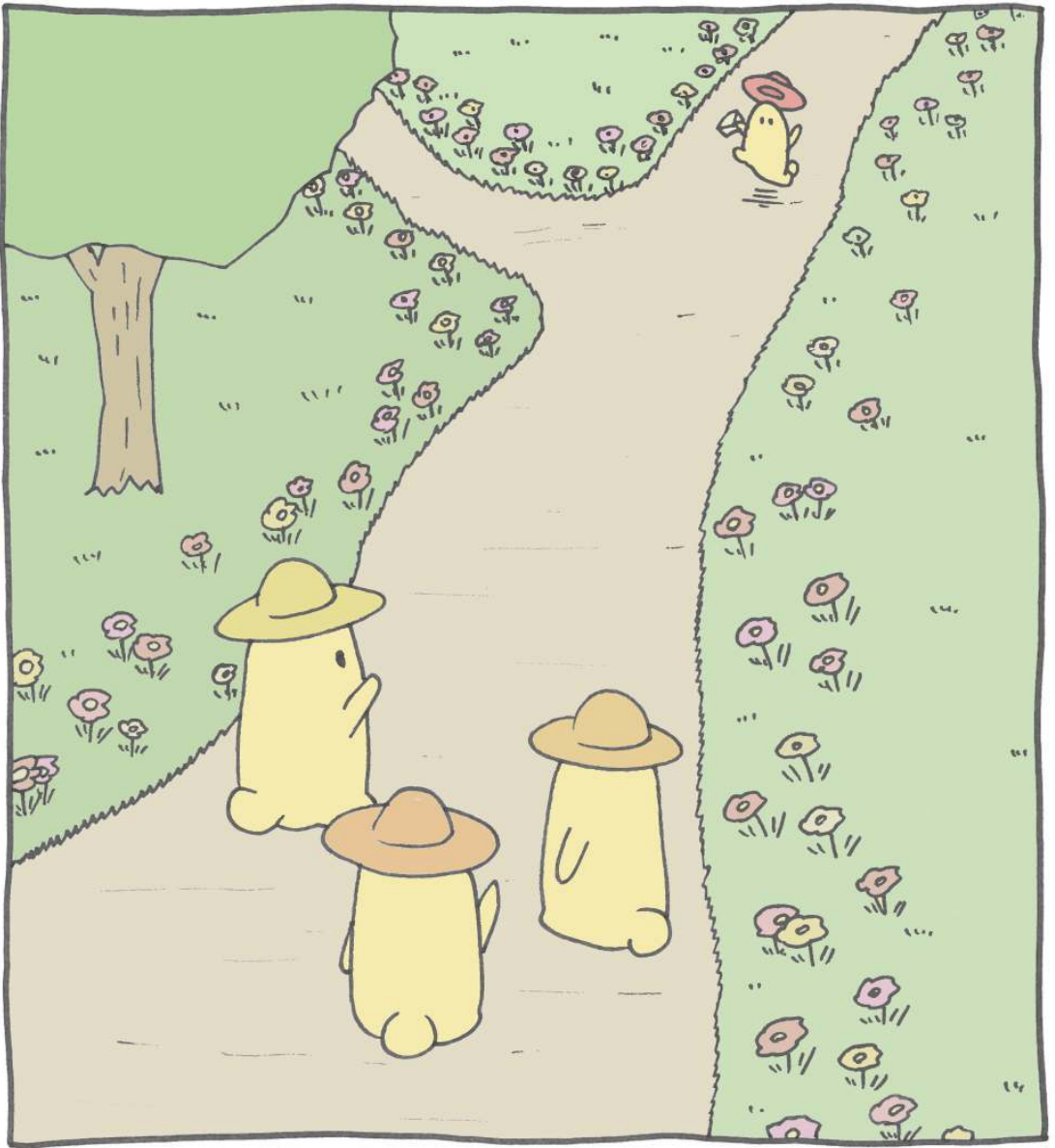
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One day, Teto received a letter. It was from his friend Saru, a monkey. The letter said that Saru would visit him in Teto's hometown, Tetola, soon.



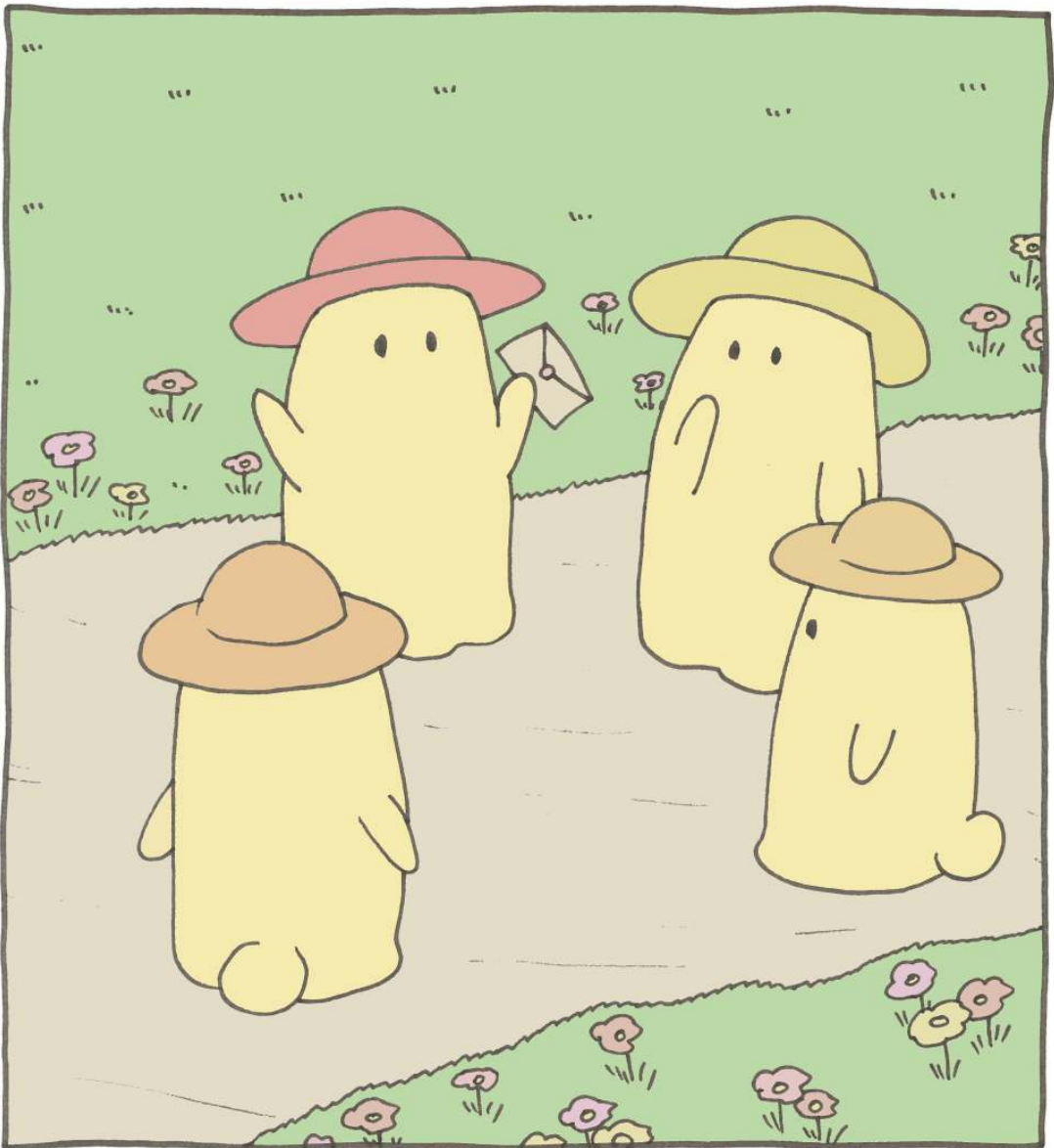
Teto was excited because Saru was a very good friend. He went to see his friends to let them know about it.

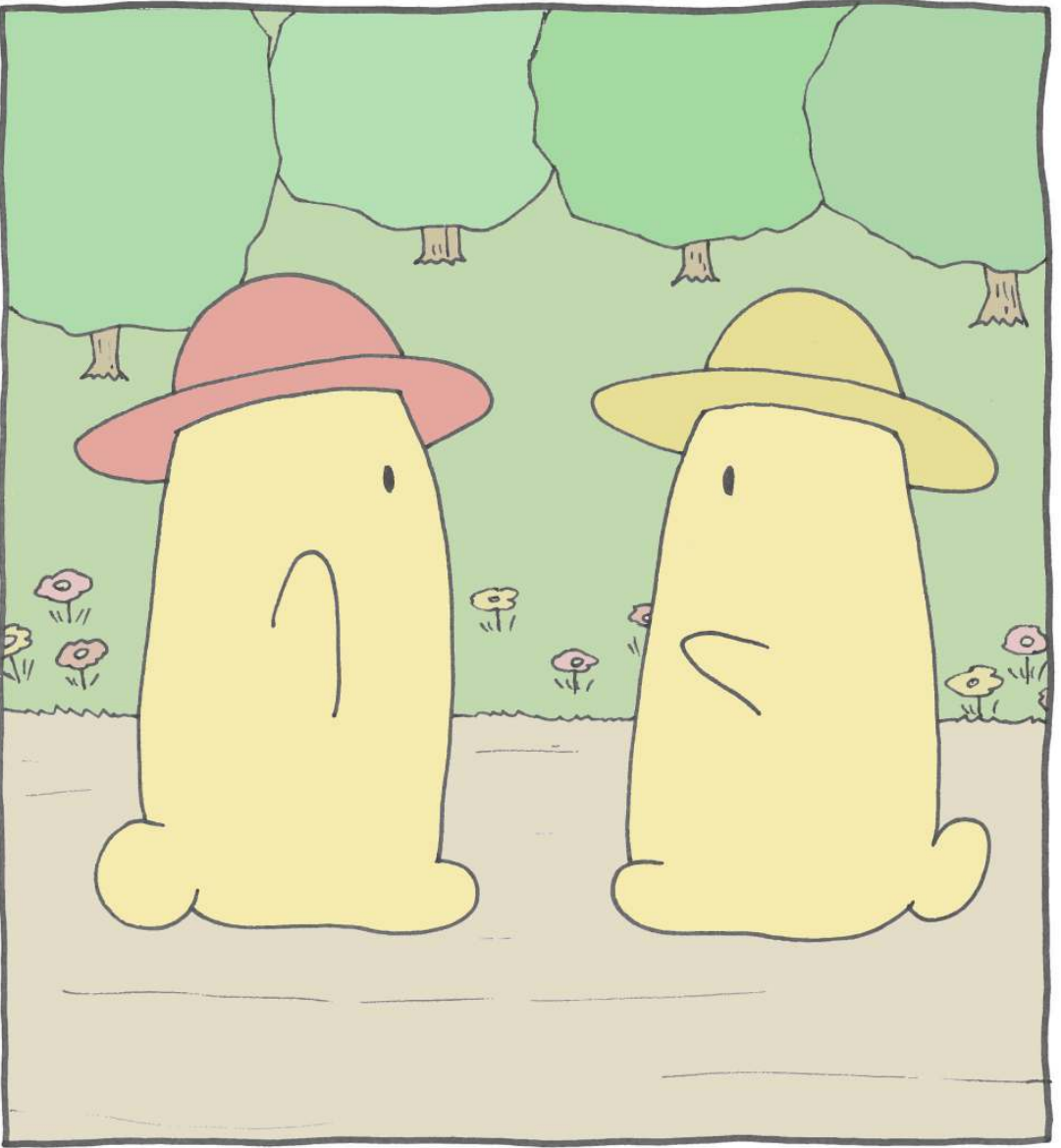
One asked, "What kind of Tetola is the monkey?"

"The monkey is not a Tetola."

"What is he then?"

"The monkey is a monkey. He is very tall."



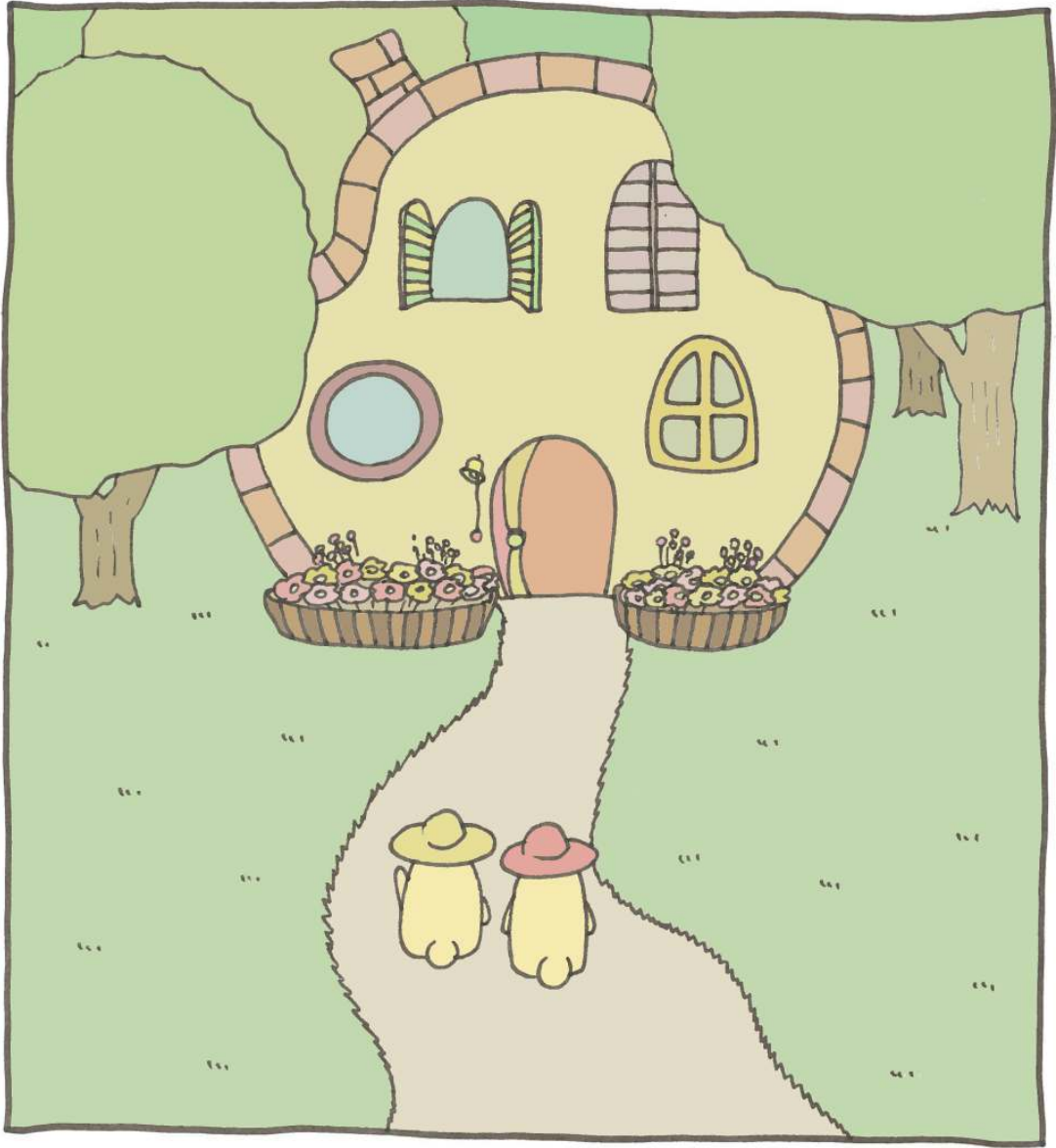


"How tall is he?" asked his friend.

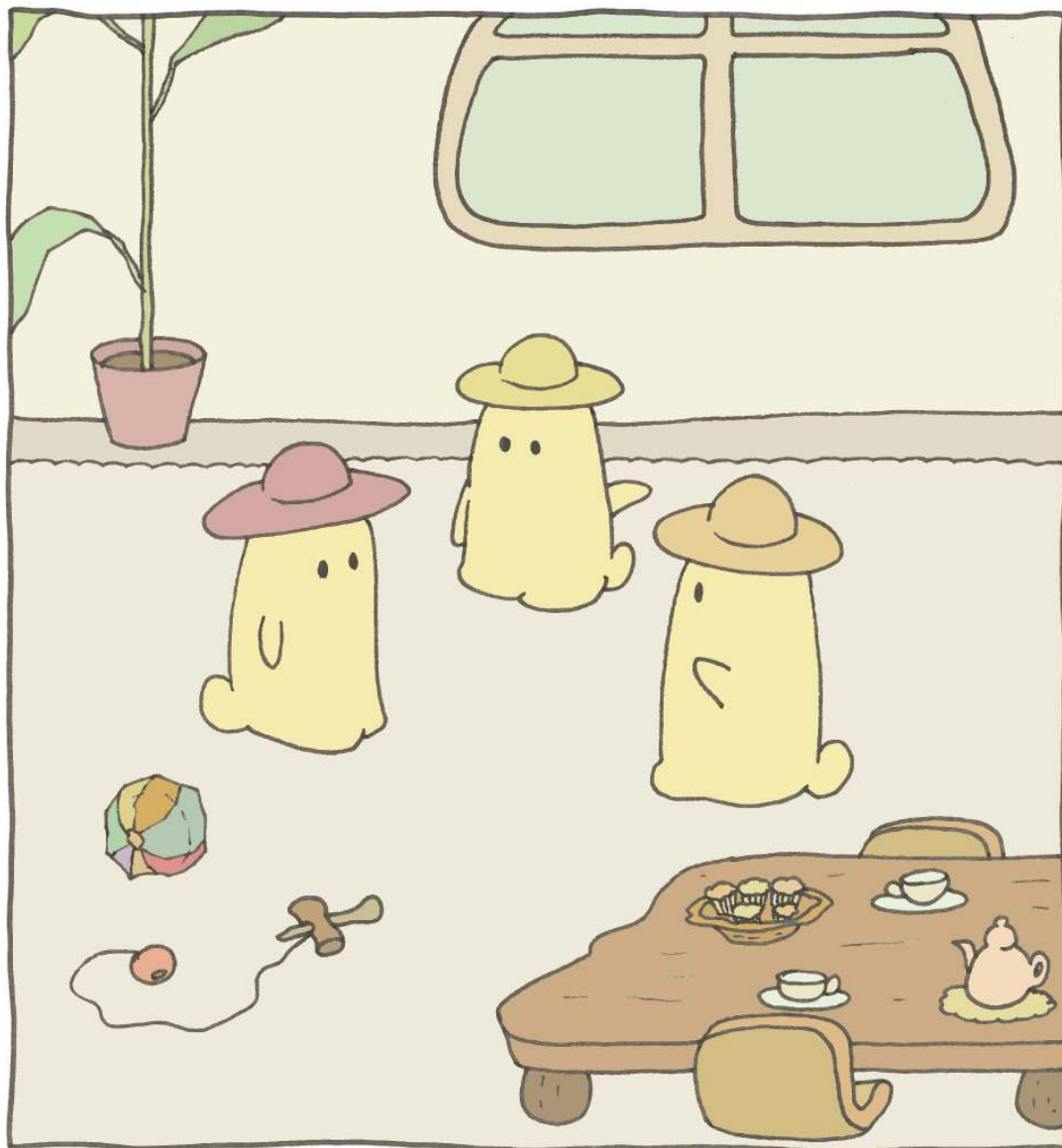
"Very."

"Yeah, but how tall? Taller than my brother?"

Teto said, "I don't know your brother."



"Then come to my place. My brother is home now."
"Okay," said Teto.



"This is my brother. Isn't he tall?"
The brother of his friend greeted Teto, "Hi!"
Teto greeted him, "... Hi."

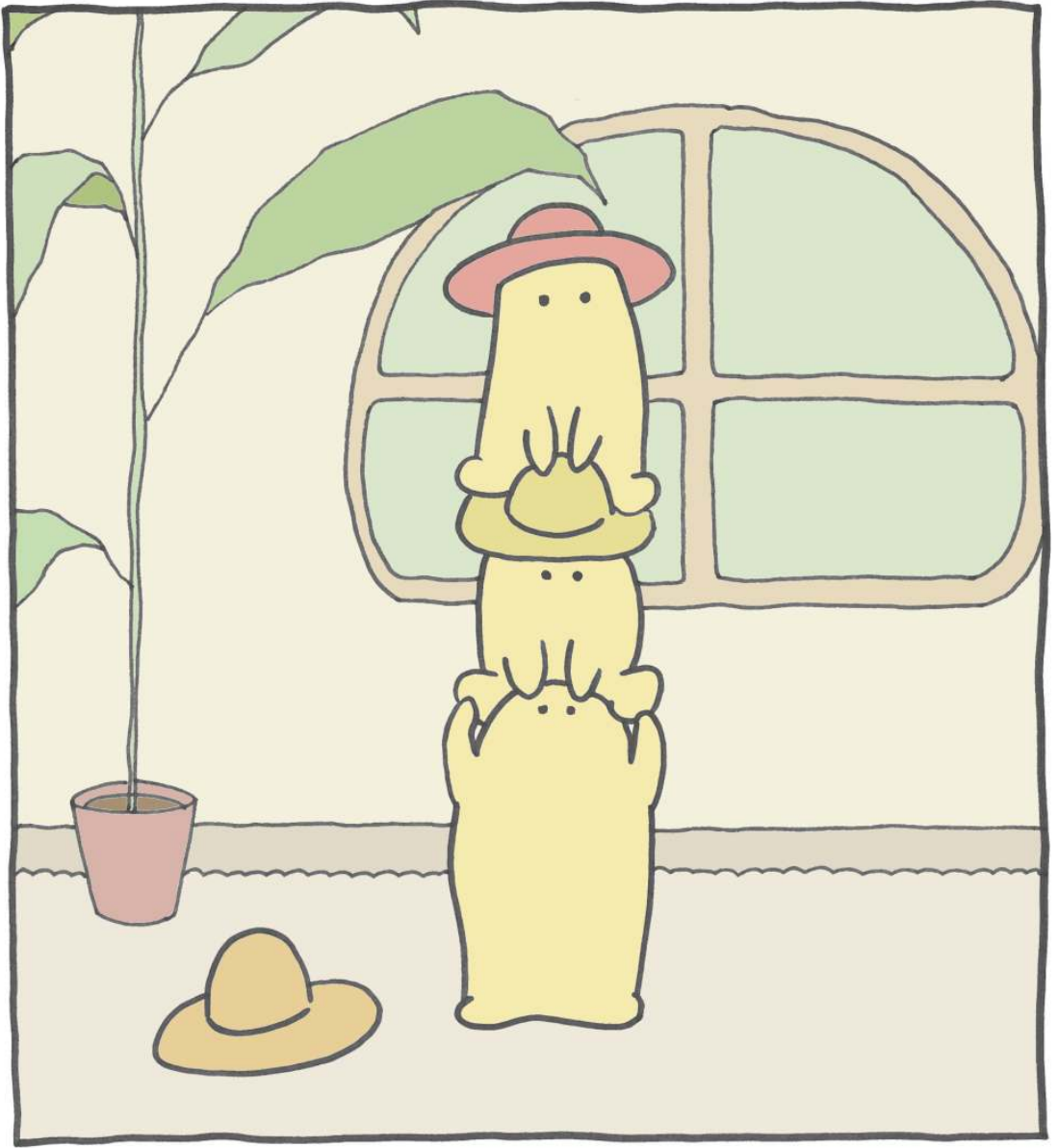


"Well, Saru is much taller," said Teto.

"Oh, really? Then how about this?"

Teto's friend climbed on his brother's shoulders.

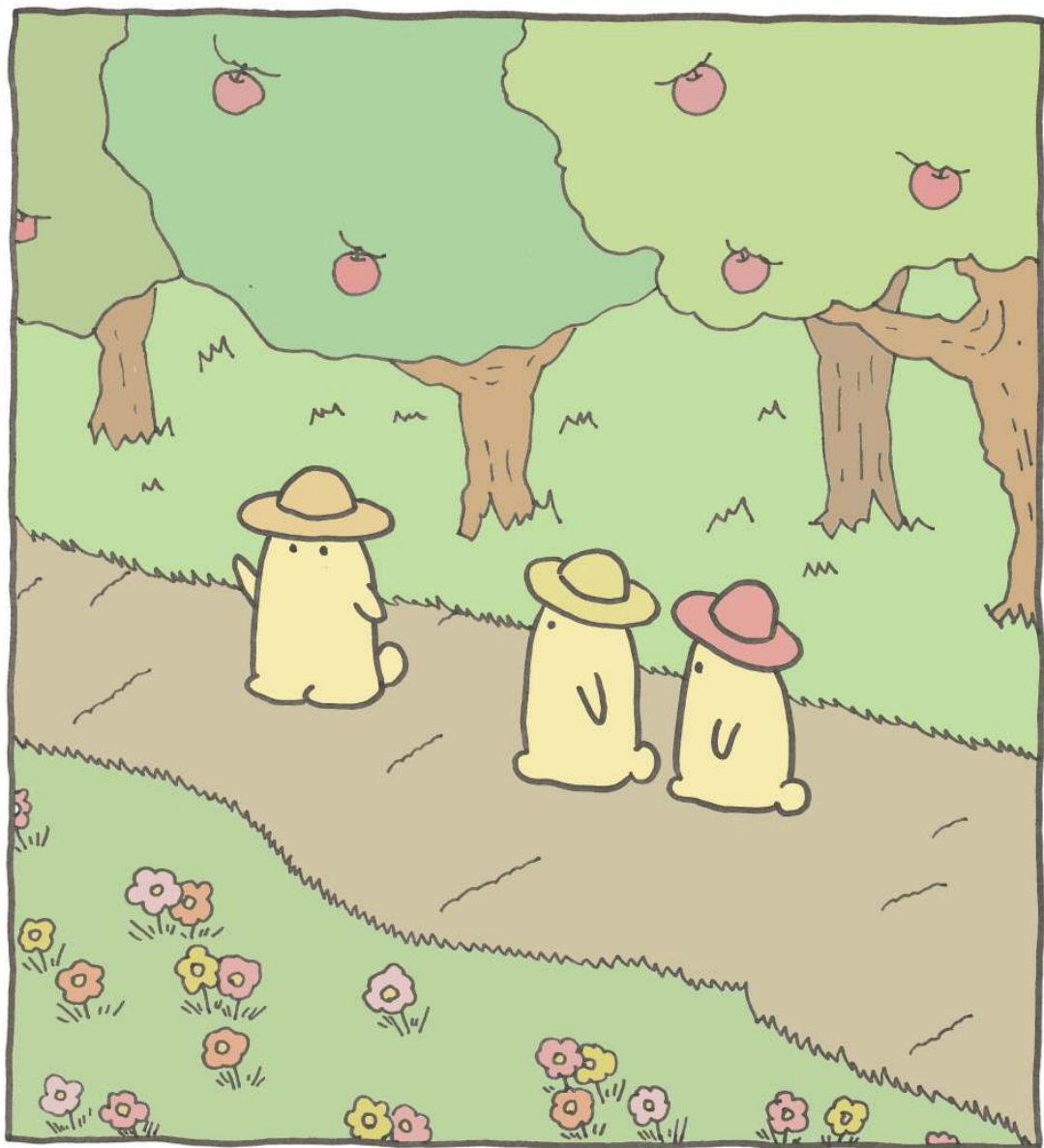
"No, he's taller than that," said Teto.



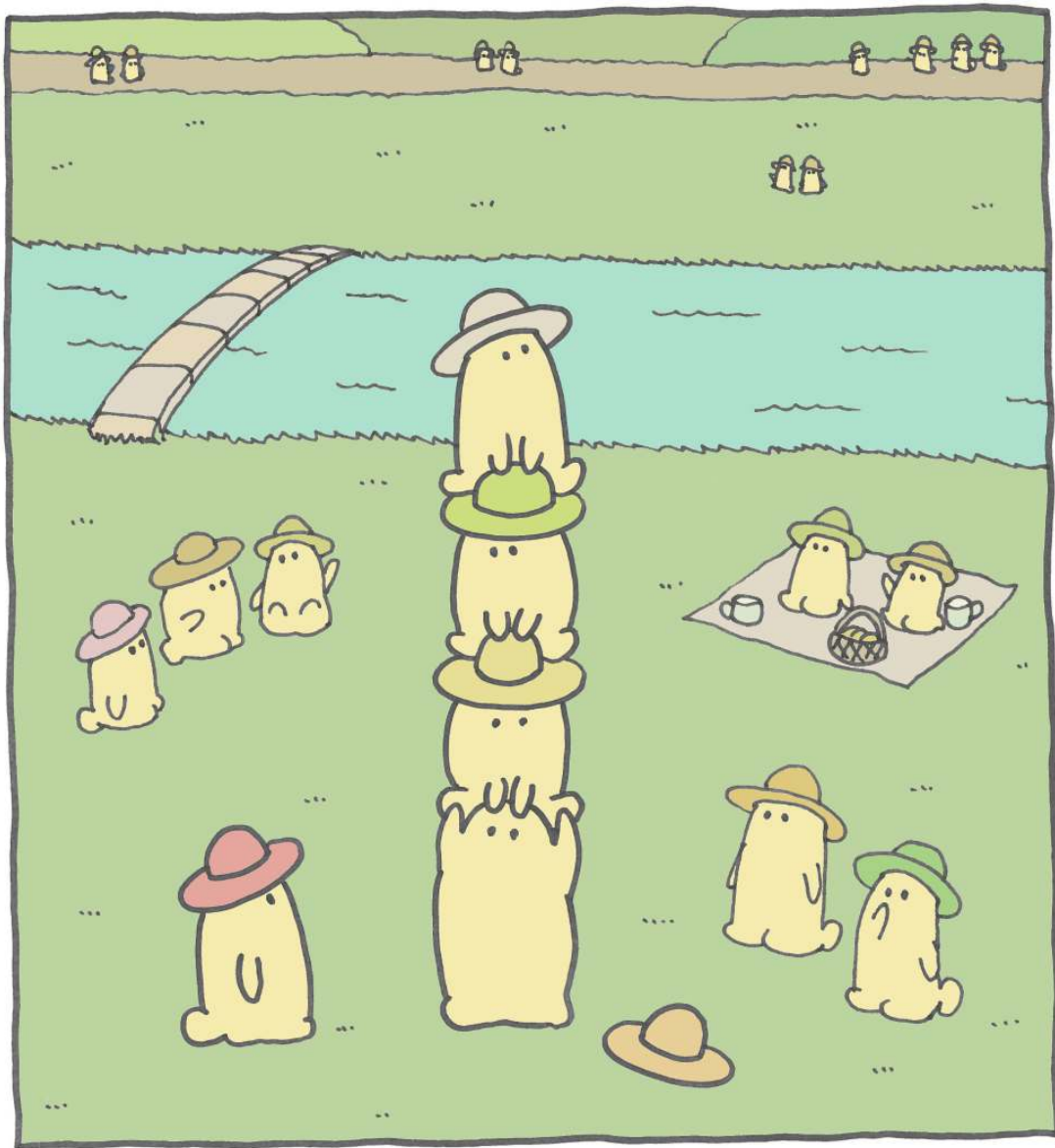
His friend had Teto on his shoulders, too.

"Is he this tall?"

Teto said, "Not even close."

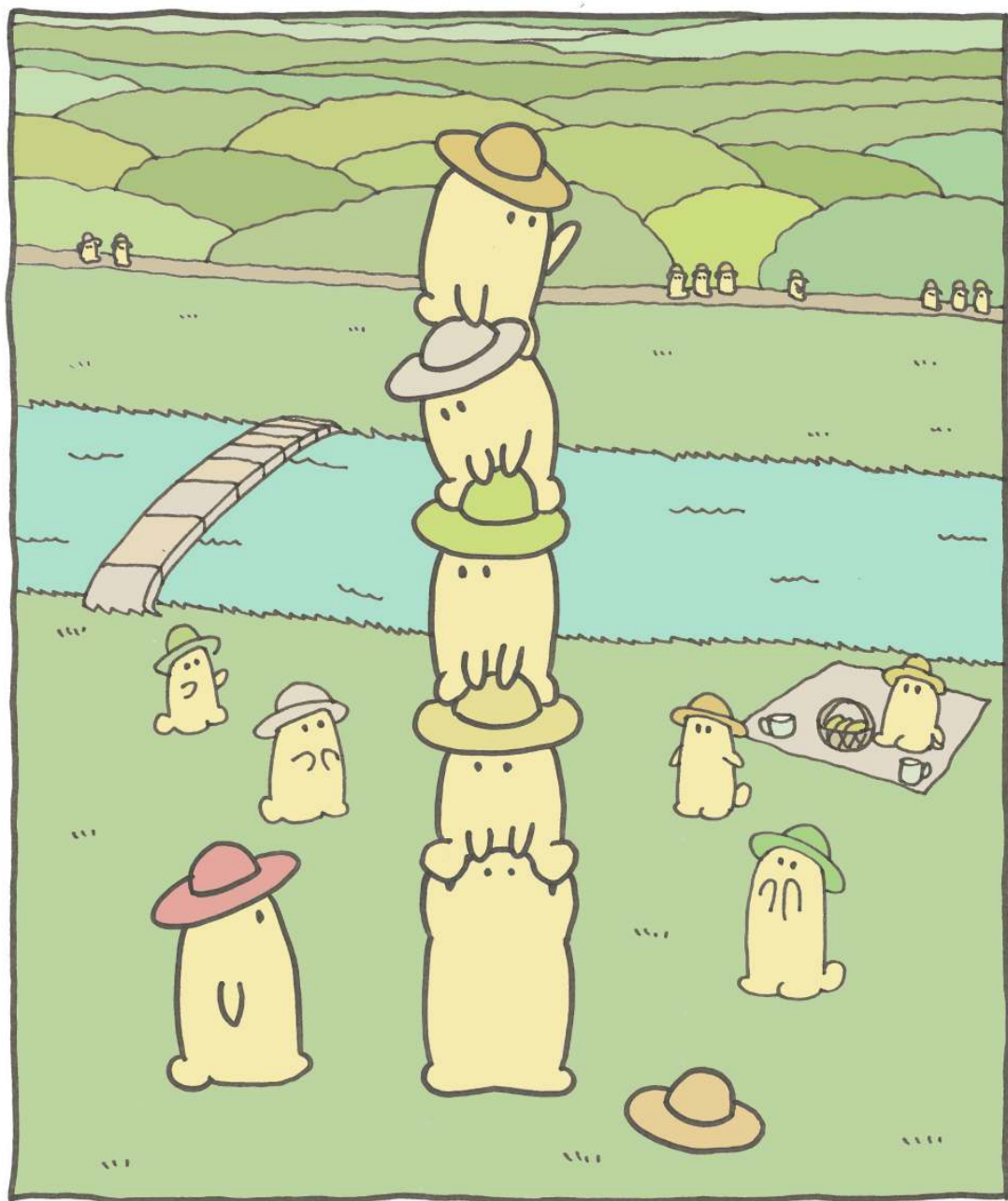


"We need more Tetolers to stack then," said his friend.
"I guess..." said Teto.
The three of them went out to the town.



"Is he this tall?"

"No."

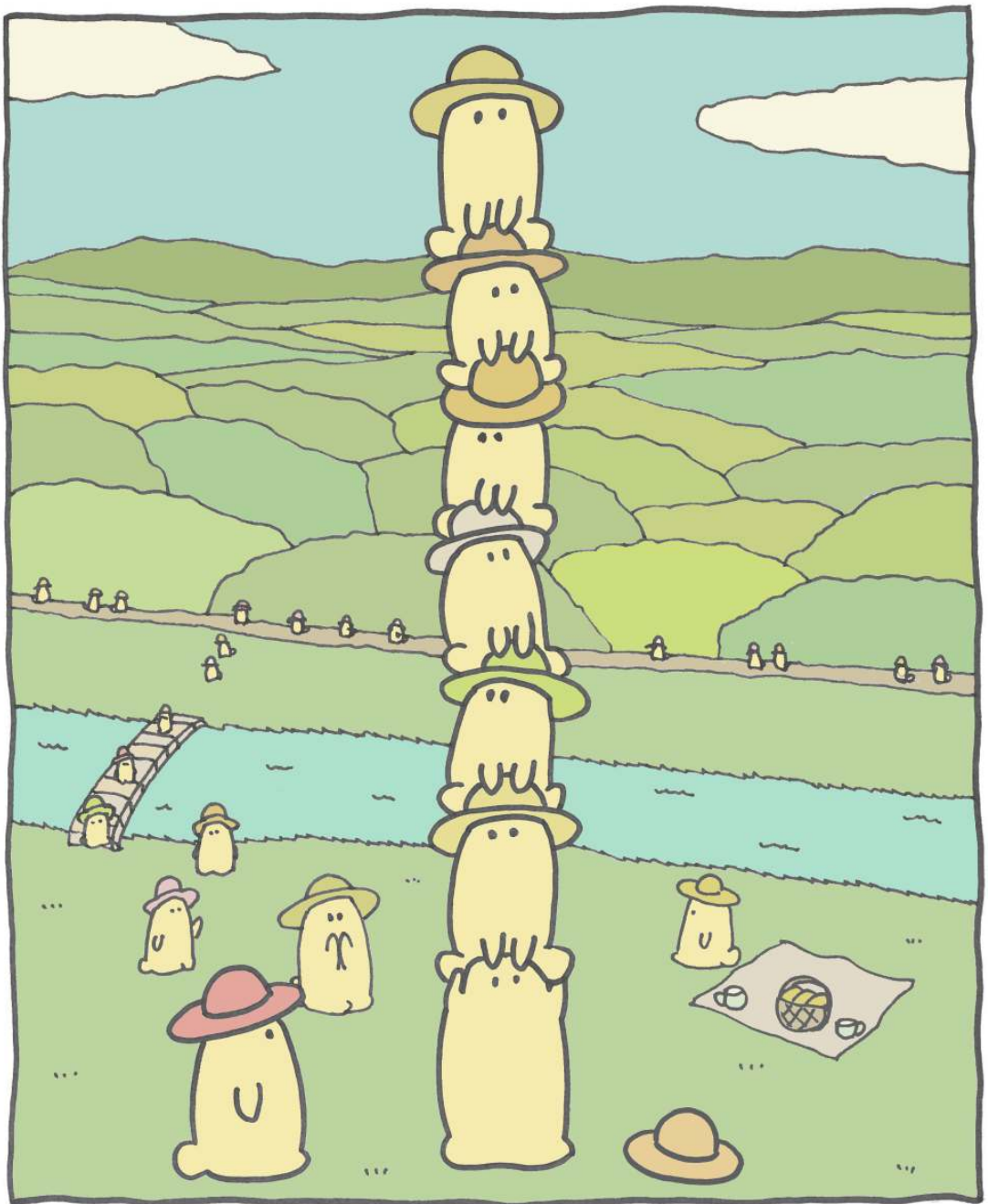


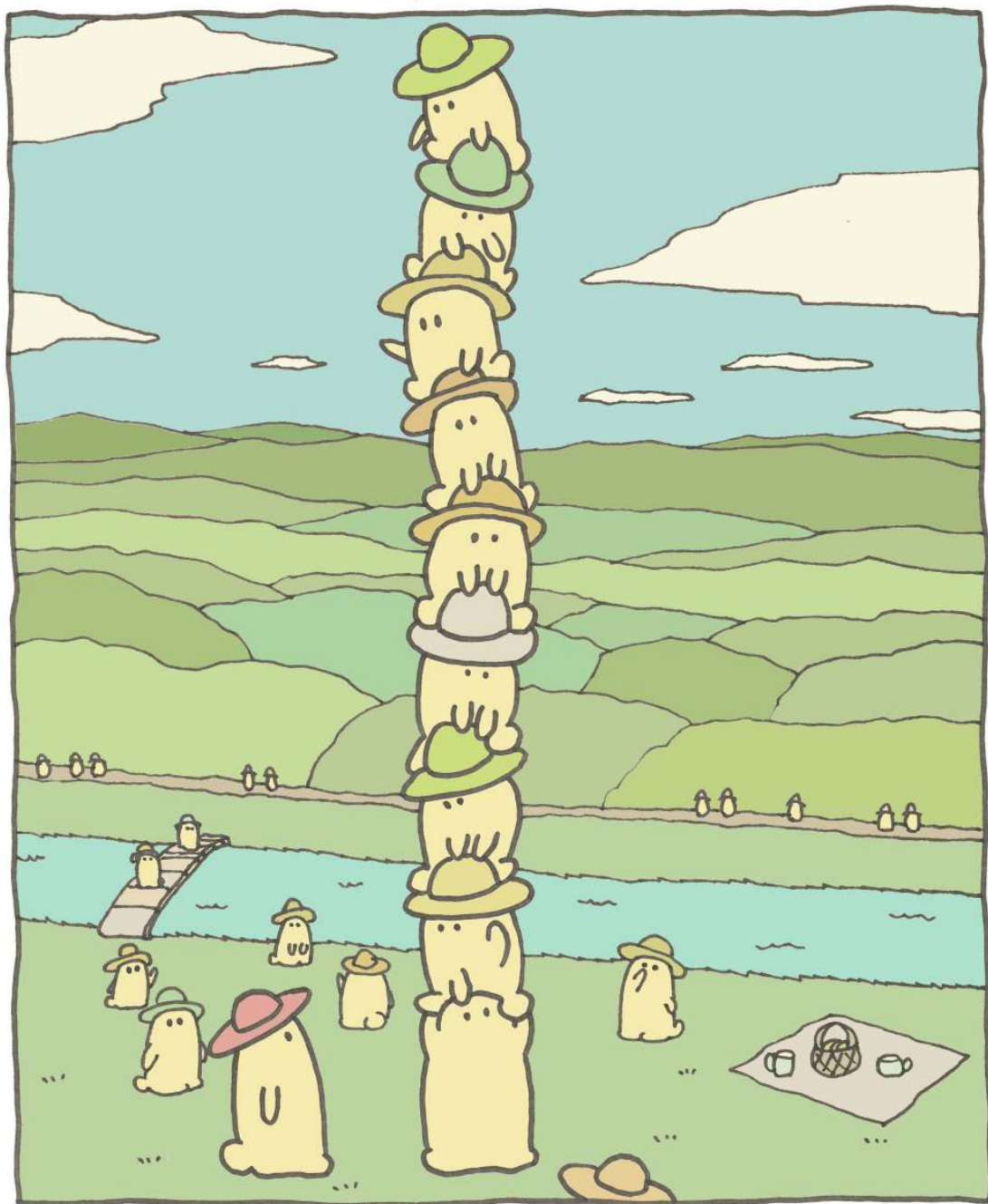
"Then this tall?"

"No, still not tall enough."

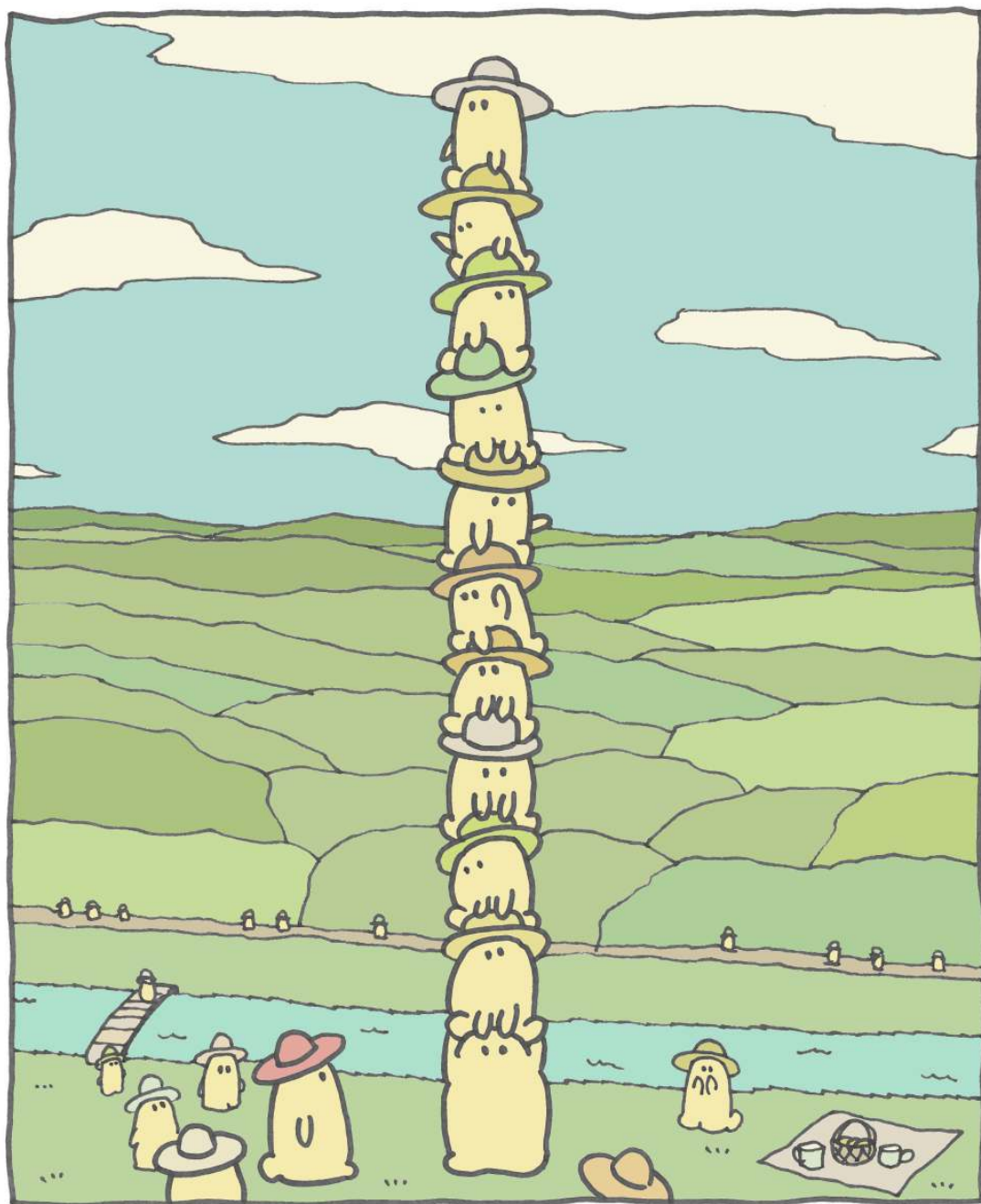
"This tall?"

"No."



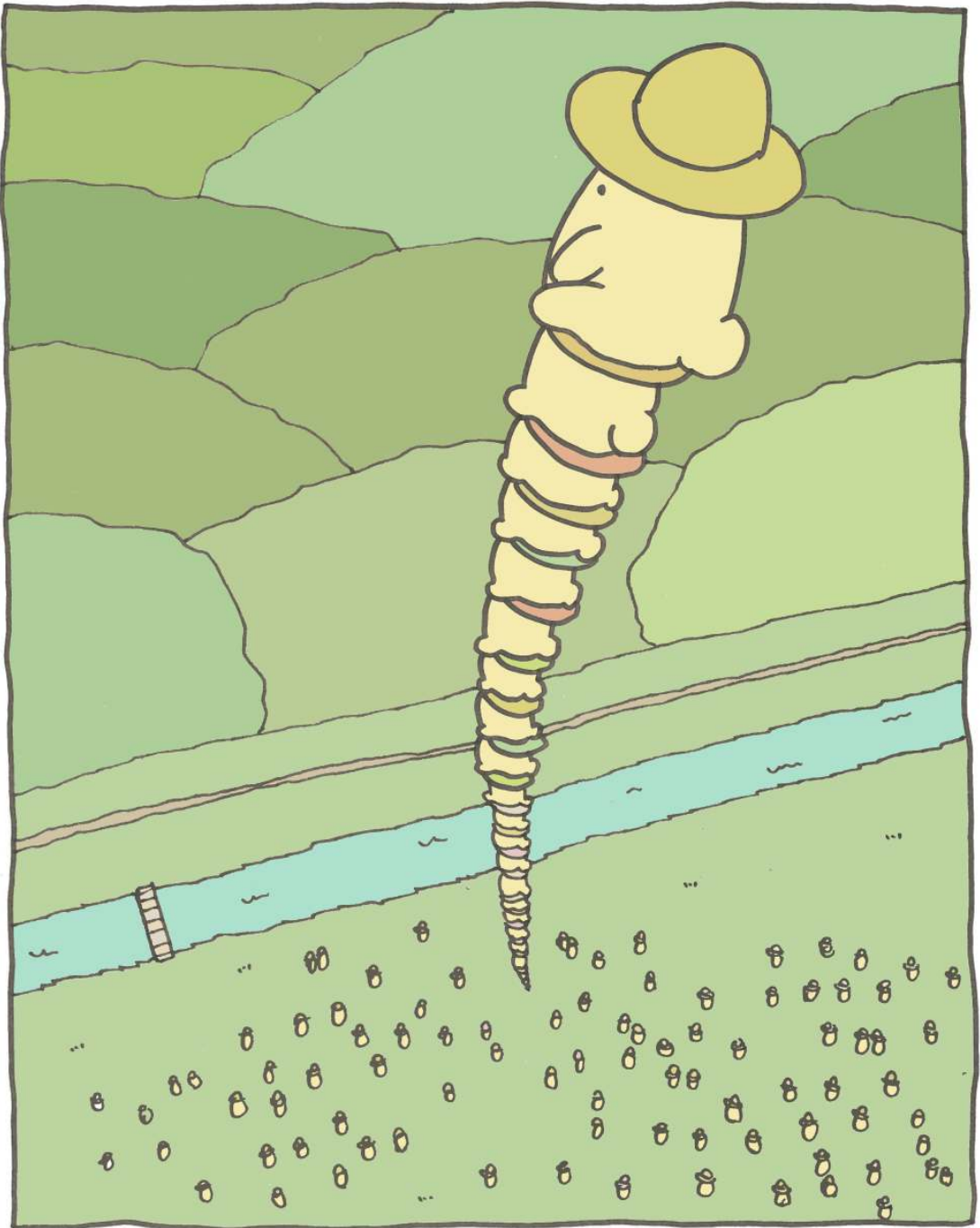


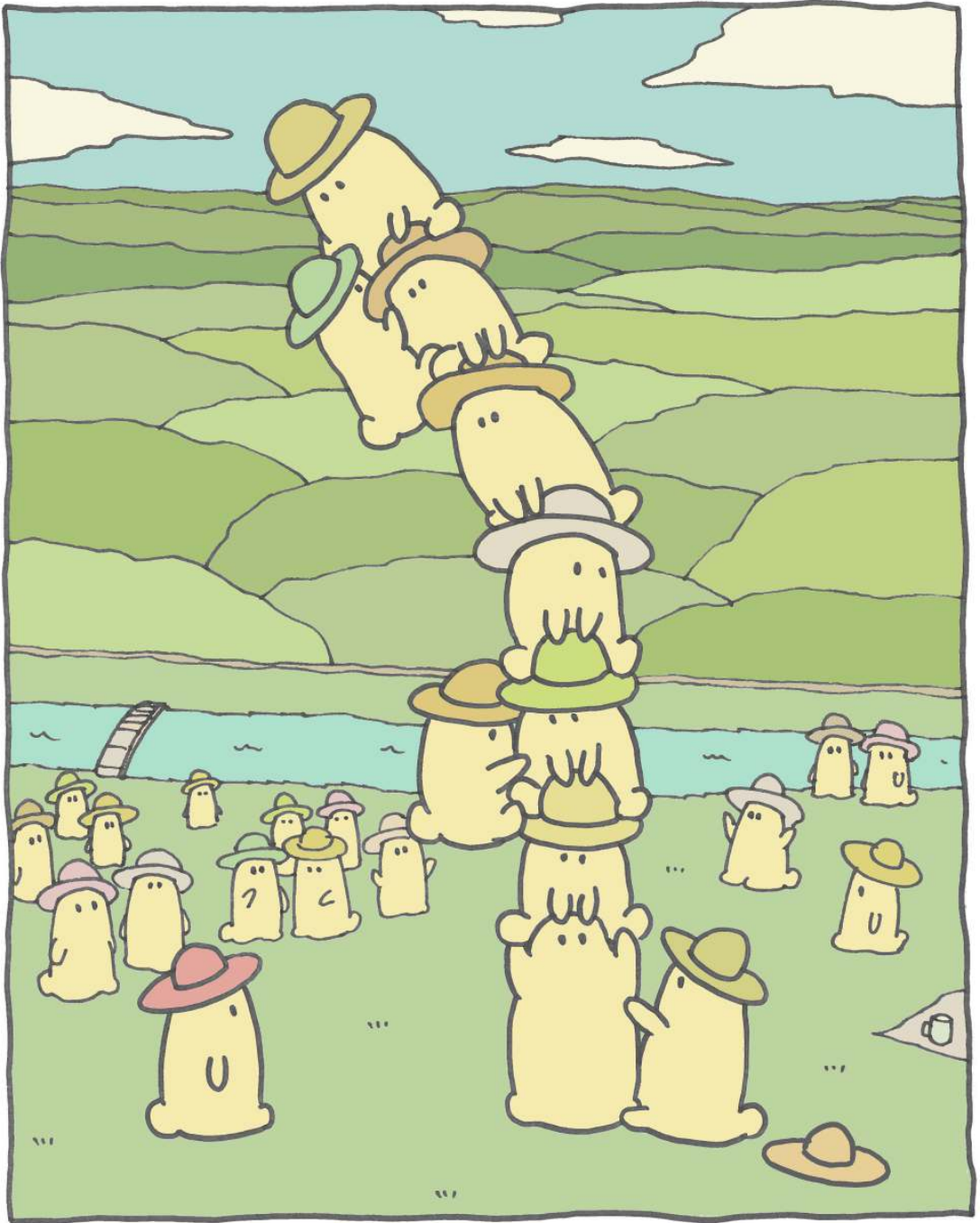
"No."



"Nope."

"No."

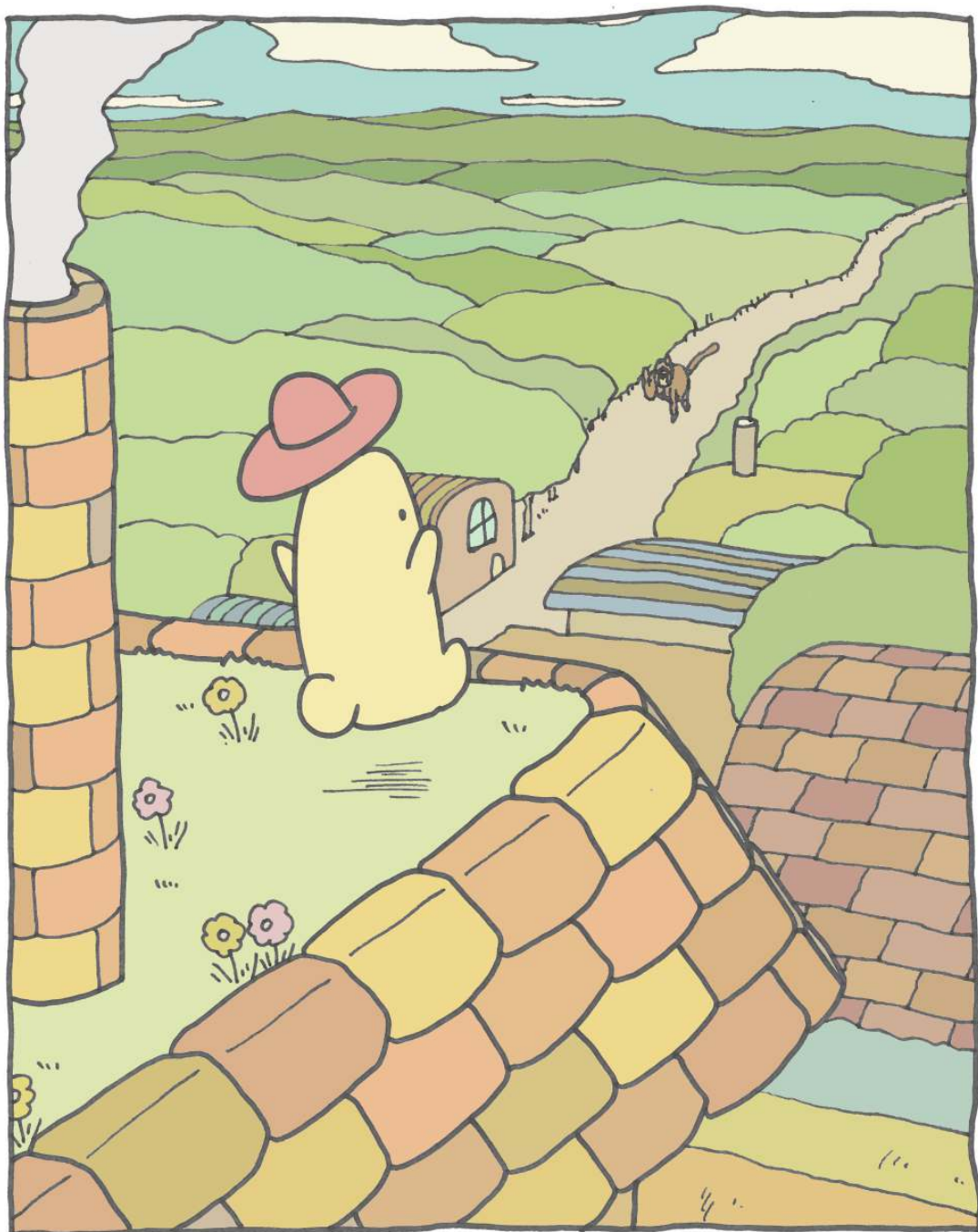




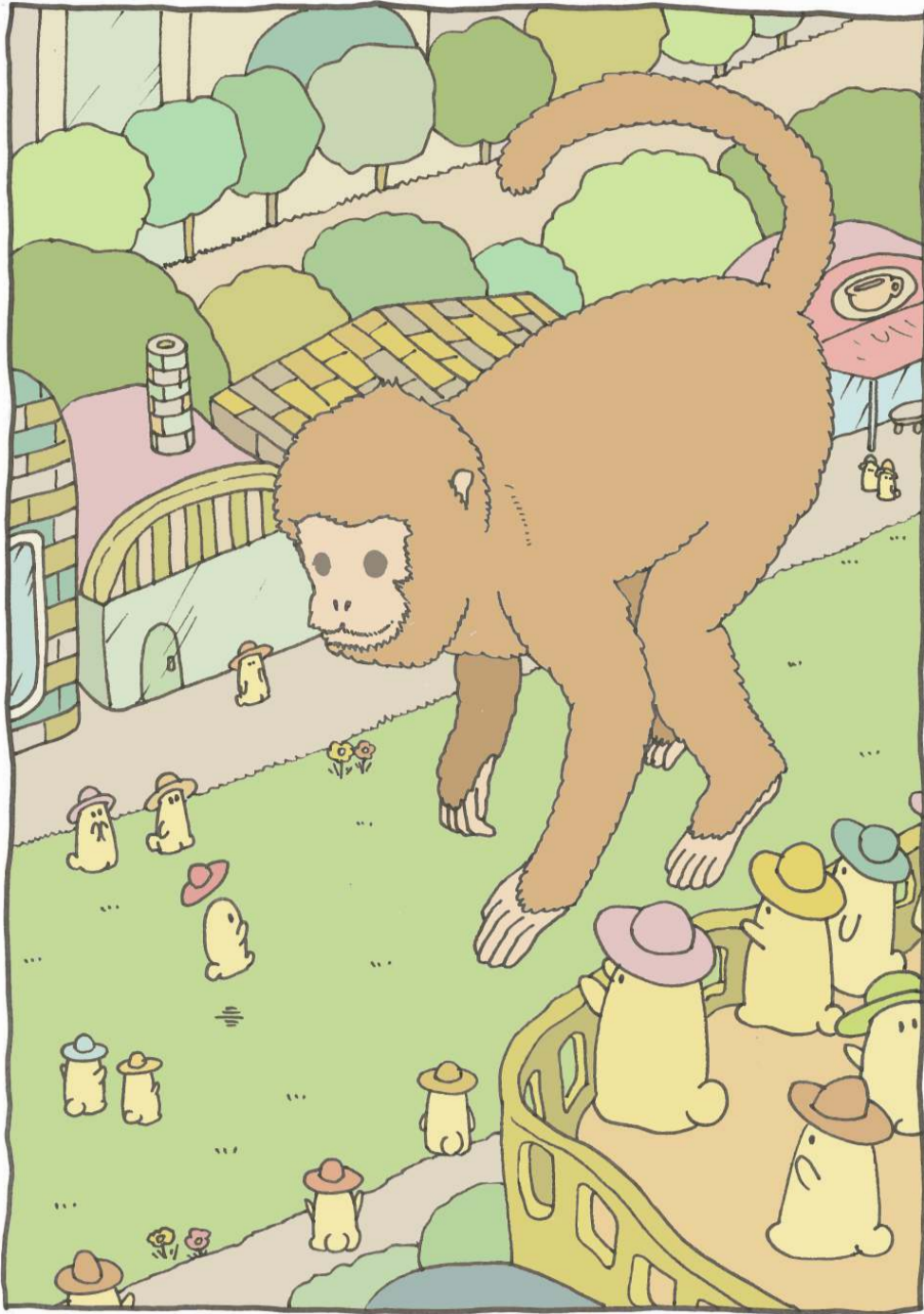
"I see..."



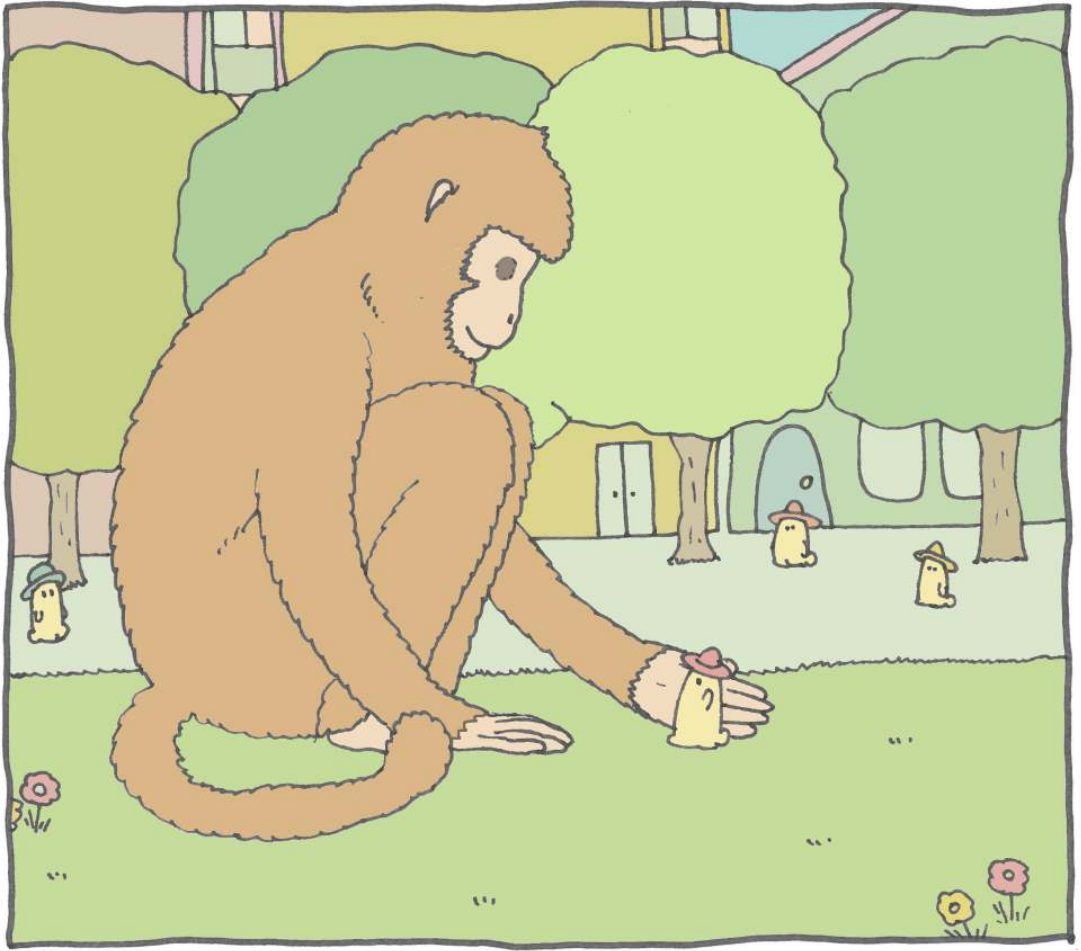
The Tetolers decided to wait until the day Saru arrives.



And the day had finally arrived!



All the Tetolers were very excited and welcomed Saru.



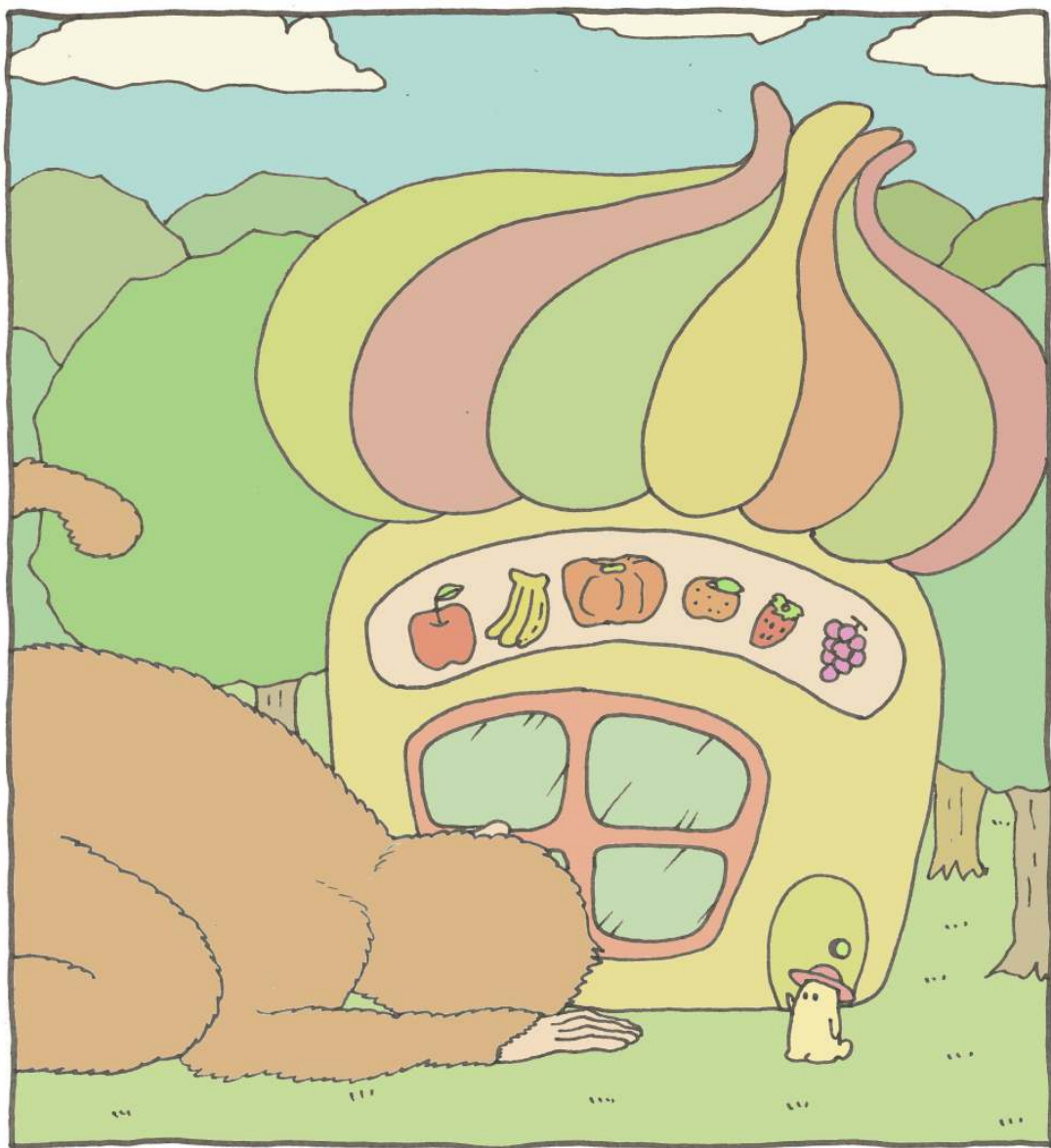
"It's so nice to see you, Saru!" said Teto.

"It's so nice to see you too, Teto!"

They were very happy to see each other.

"I'll show you around my town. Let's have a tour!"

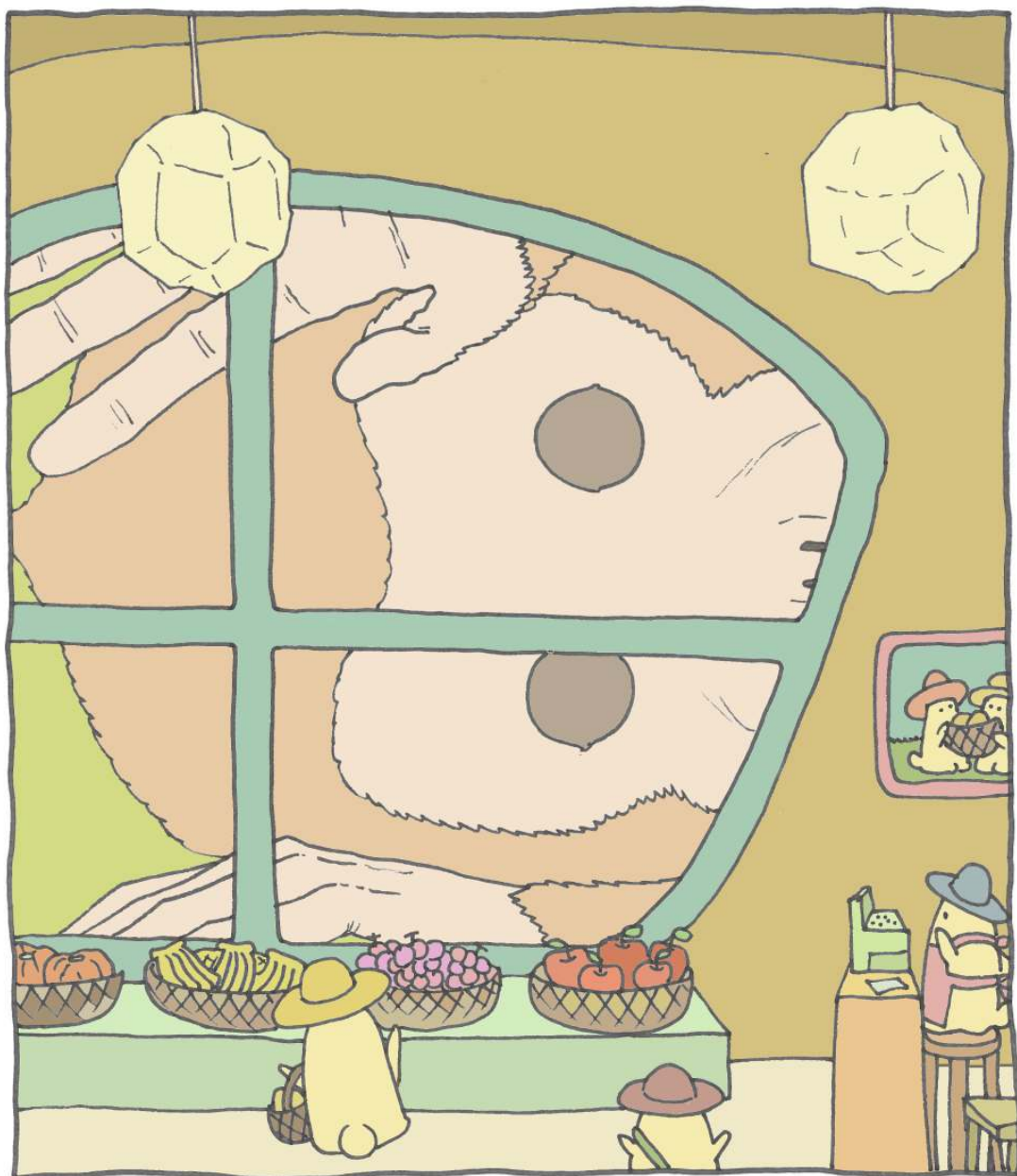
"That's a brilliant idea!"

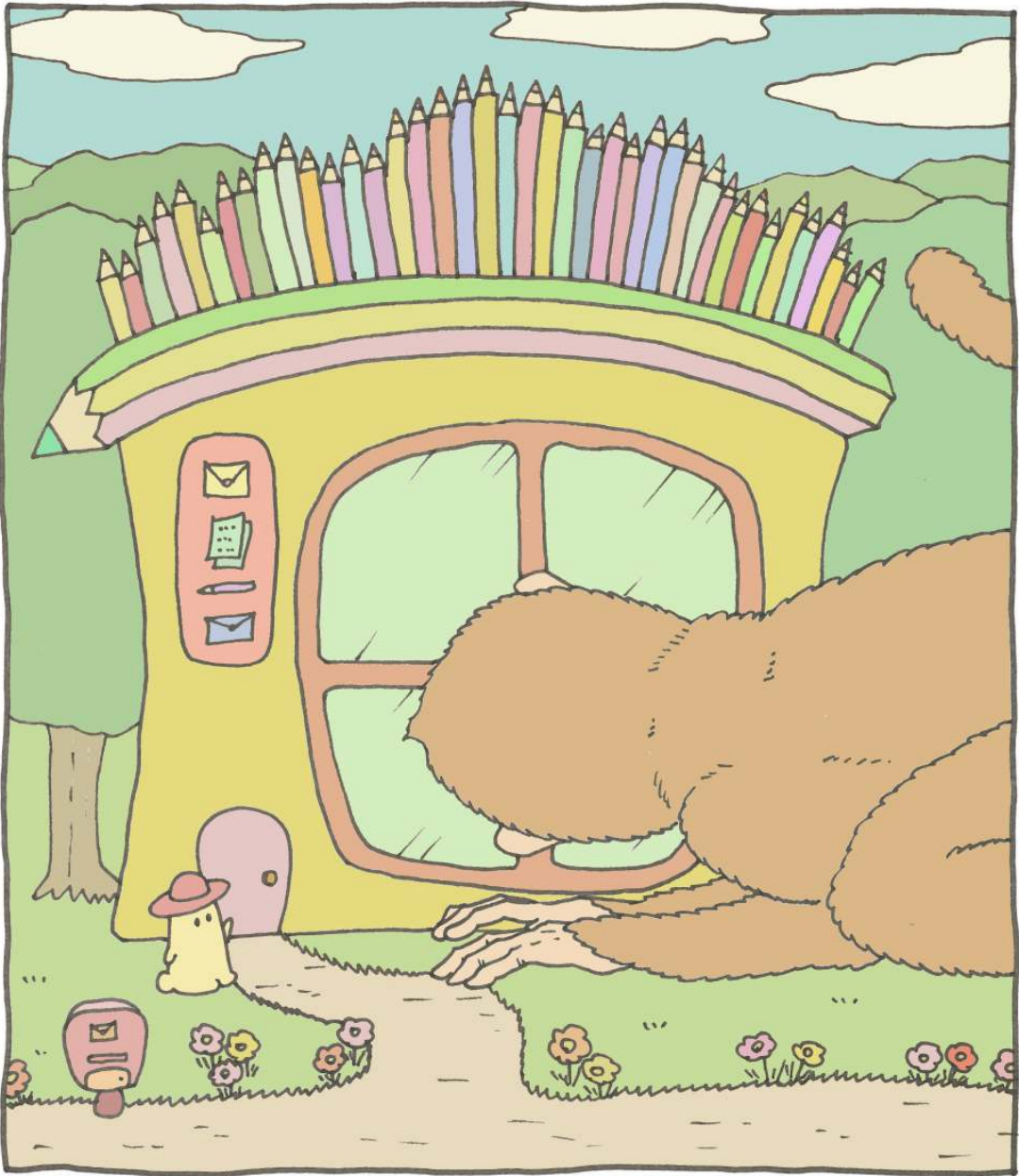


"This is the grocery store that I usually go to."

"It looks good! All the vegetables and the fruits are very fresh!" said Saru.

"Hi!" greeted Saru, to the Tetolers in the grocery store.
They greeted him back, "Hi!"

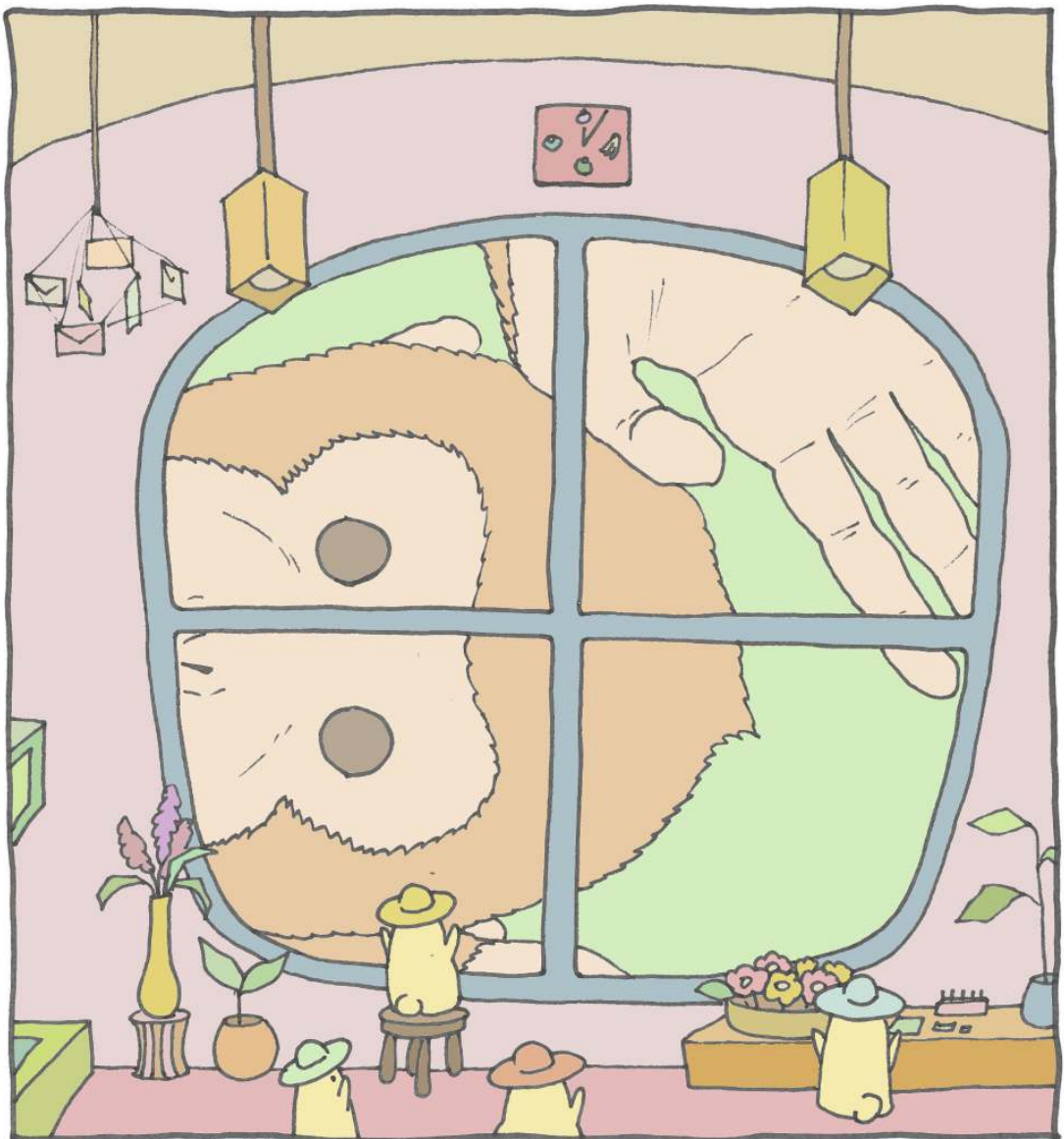




"This is the post office from which I send letters to you," said Teto.

"How nice! I like that they have lots of plants!"

Saru greeted the Tetolers in the post office, "Hi!"
"Hi Saru!"



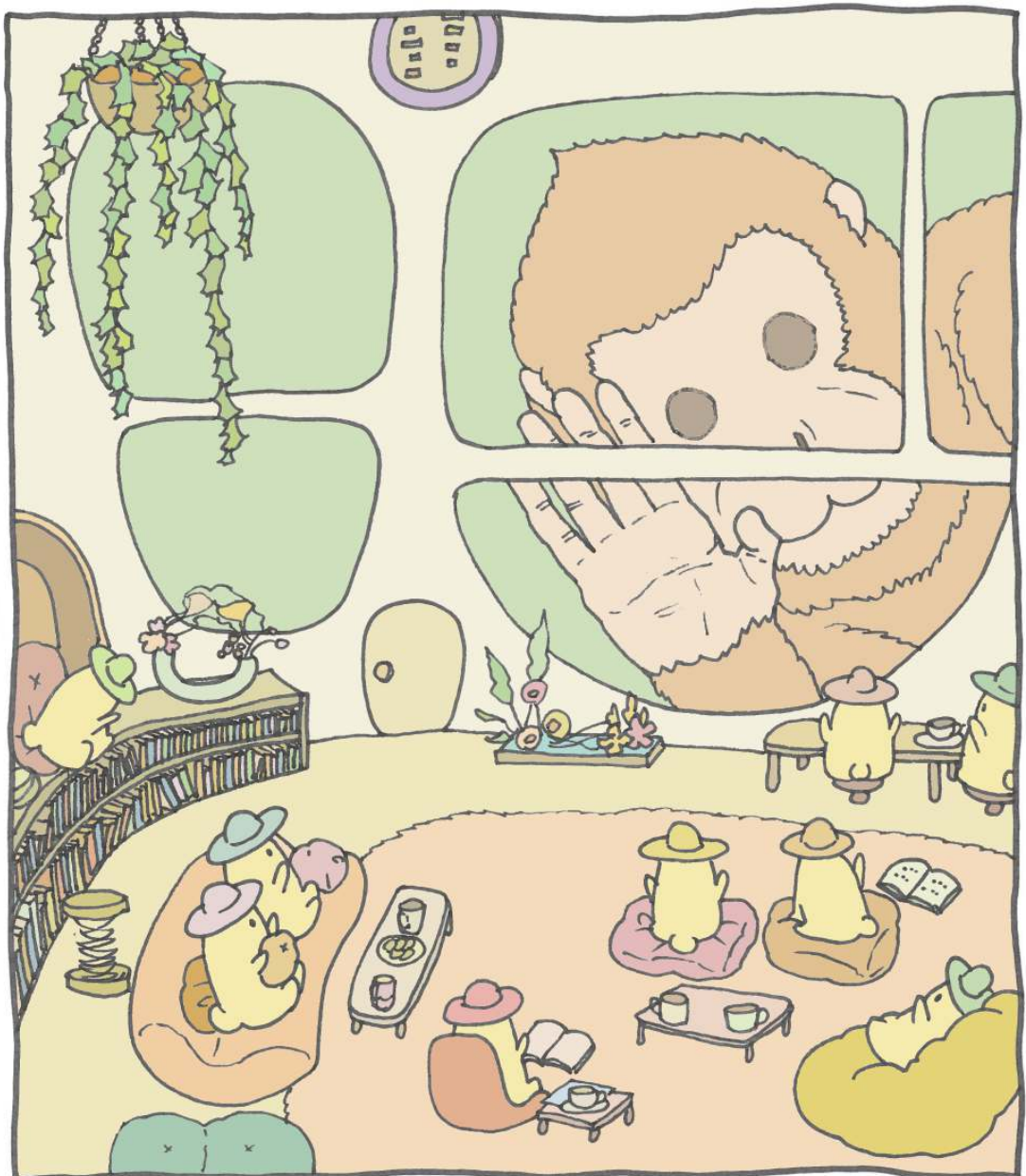


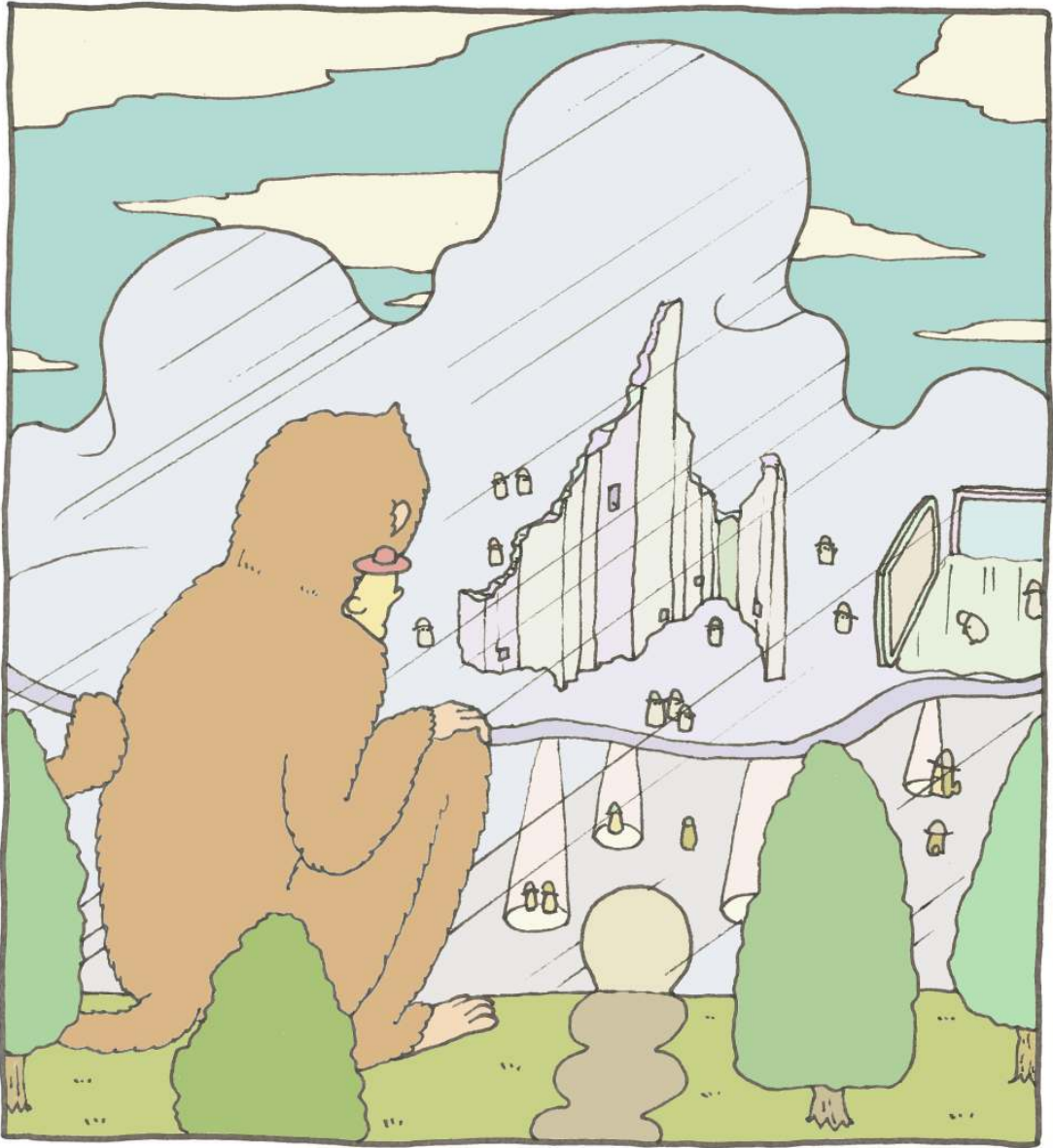
"This is my favourite cafe. They have great tea and comfy sofas. It's very relaxing here," said Teto.

"Looks great! Oh, and it smells nice... It must be the tea! The scones look good, too!"

"How are you guys?" greeted Saru, to the Tetolers in the cafe.

"Very well, nice to meet you!" said the Tetolers.

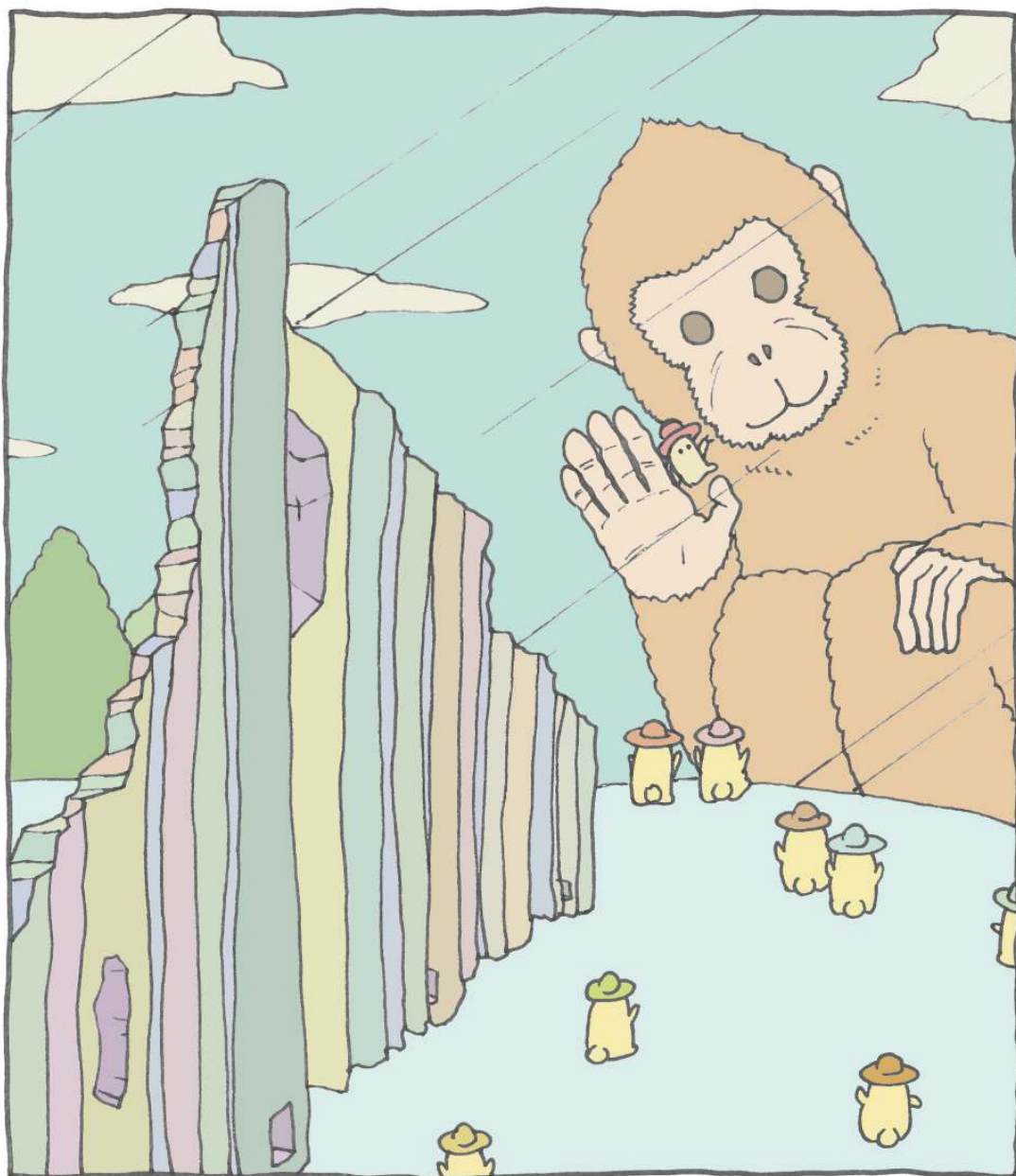


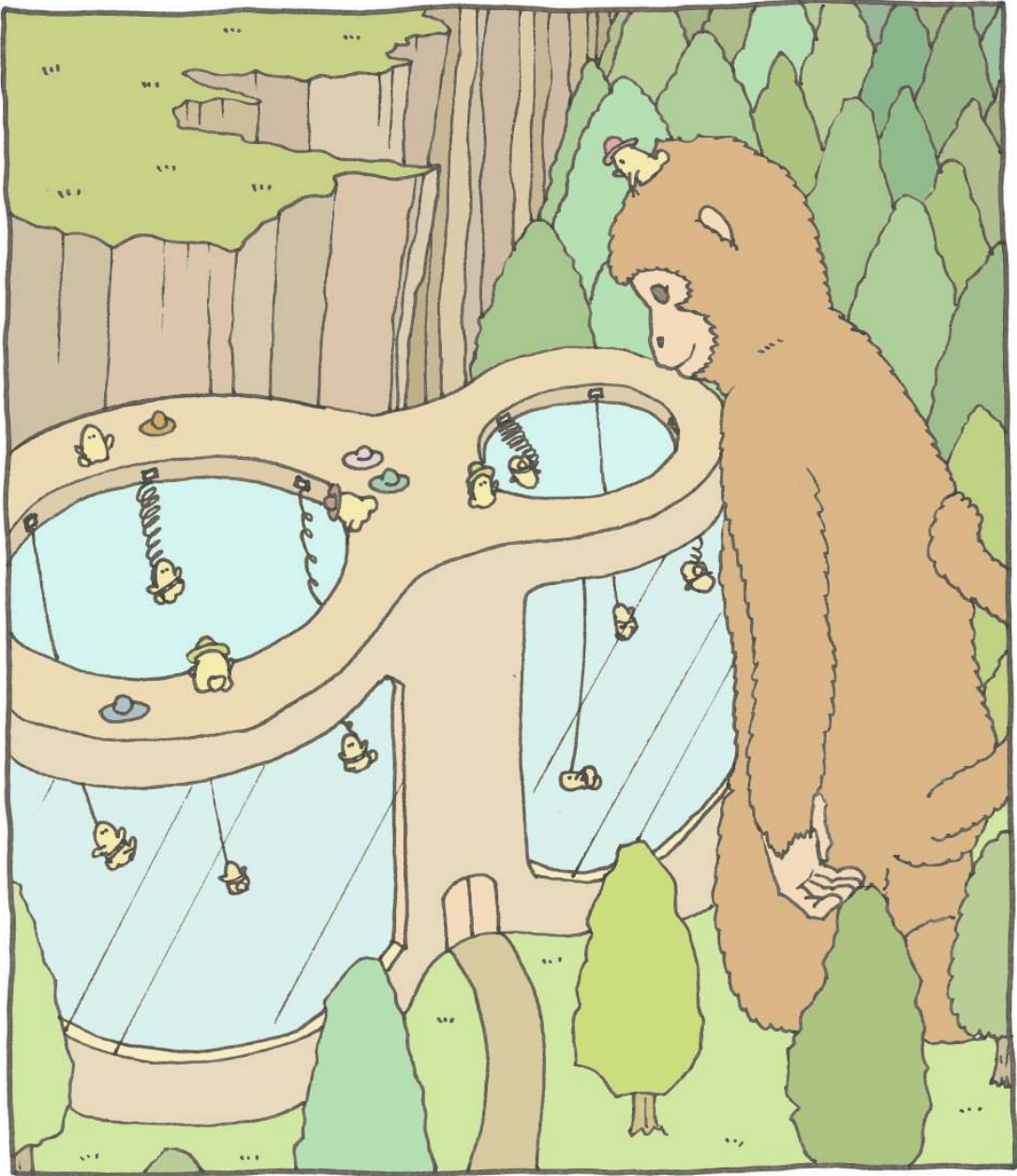


"This is the museum which shows contemporary art that I really like. This building is made of glass!" said Teto.

"Great! I've never seen anything like this building! And they have so many wonderful art works," said Saru.

"Hi everyone!" greeted Saru.
"Hi Saru!"





"This is the institute of bungee jumping science I often go to," said Teto.

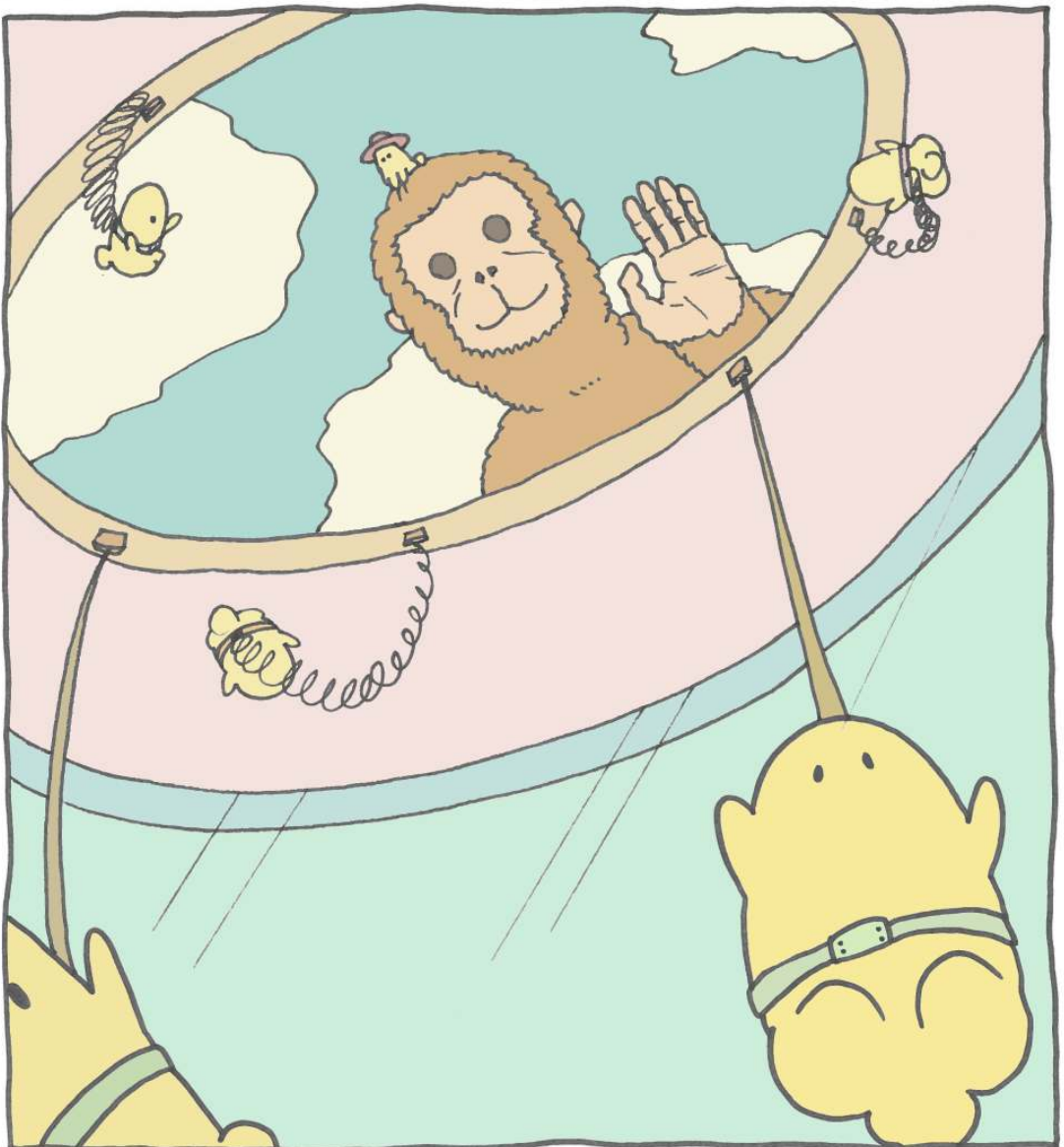
"Wow! Are they researching bungee jumping?"

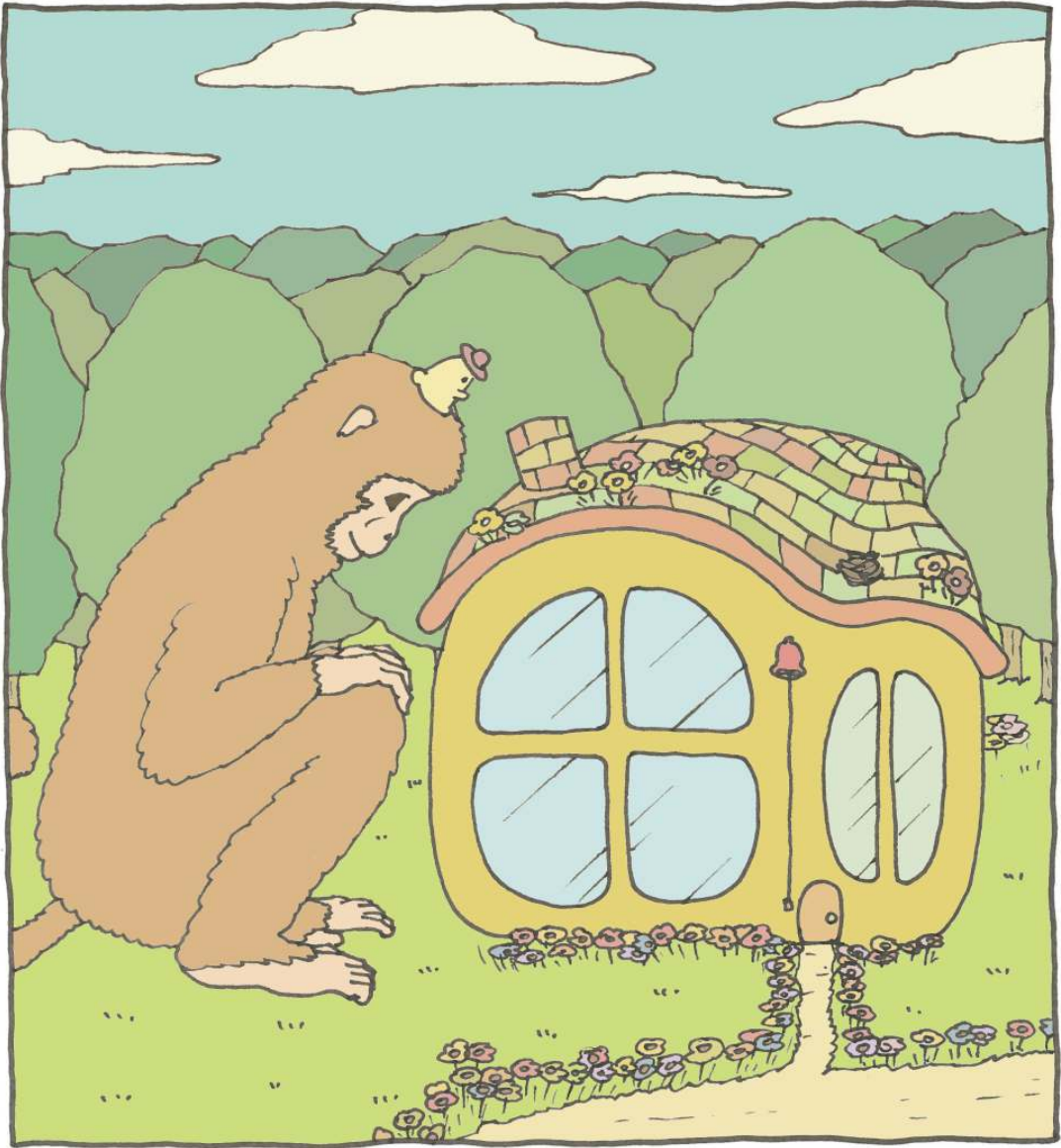
"Yes!" answered Teto.

"Hi," greeted Saru, to the Tetolers in the bungee jumping institute.

One Tetoler shouted excitedly, "Nooooooooo!" while jumping. He was too new to bungee jumping research to greet Saru properly.

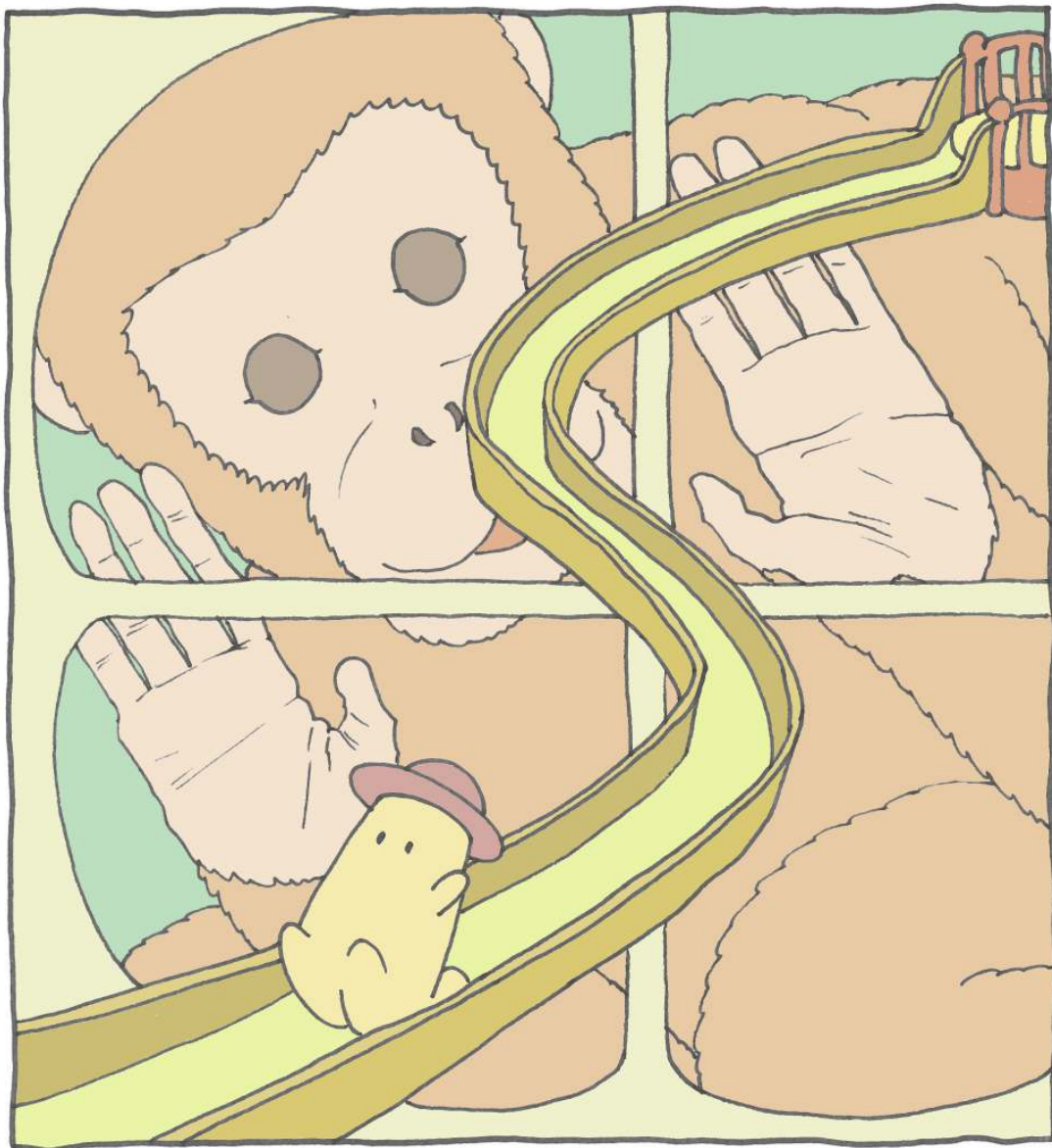
A more experienced Tetoler greeted back, "What's up Saru?"





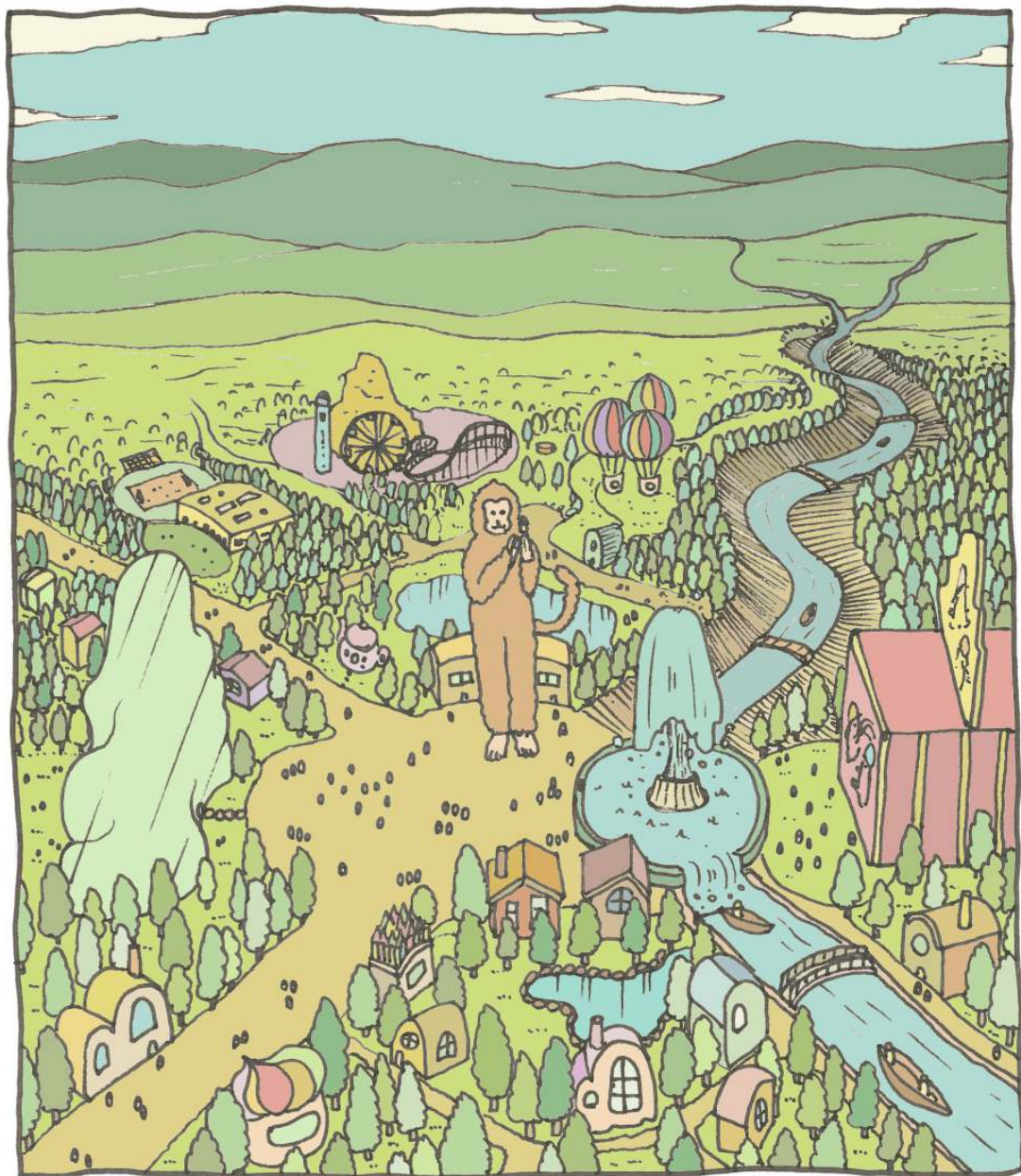
"And this is my place! It's cool in summer, and warm in winter. It's a very comfortable place!"

"What a wonderful place! You have a beautiful garden, too!" said Saru.



"This is the slide I play on every day!" said Teto, I've written to you about it in the letter, haven't I?"

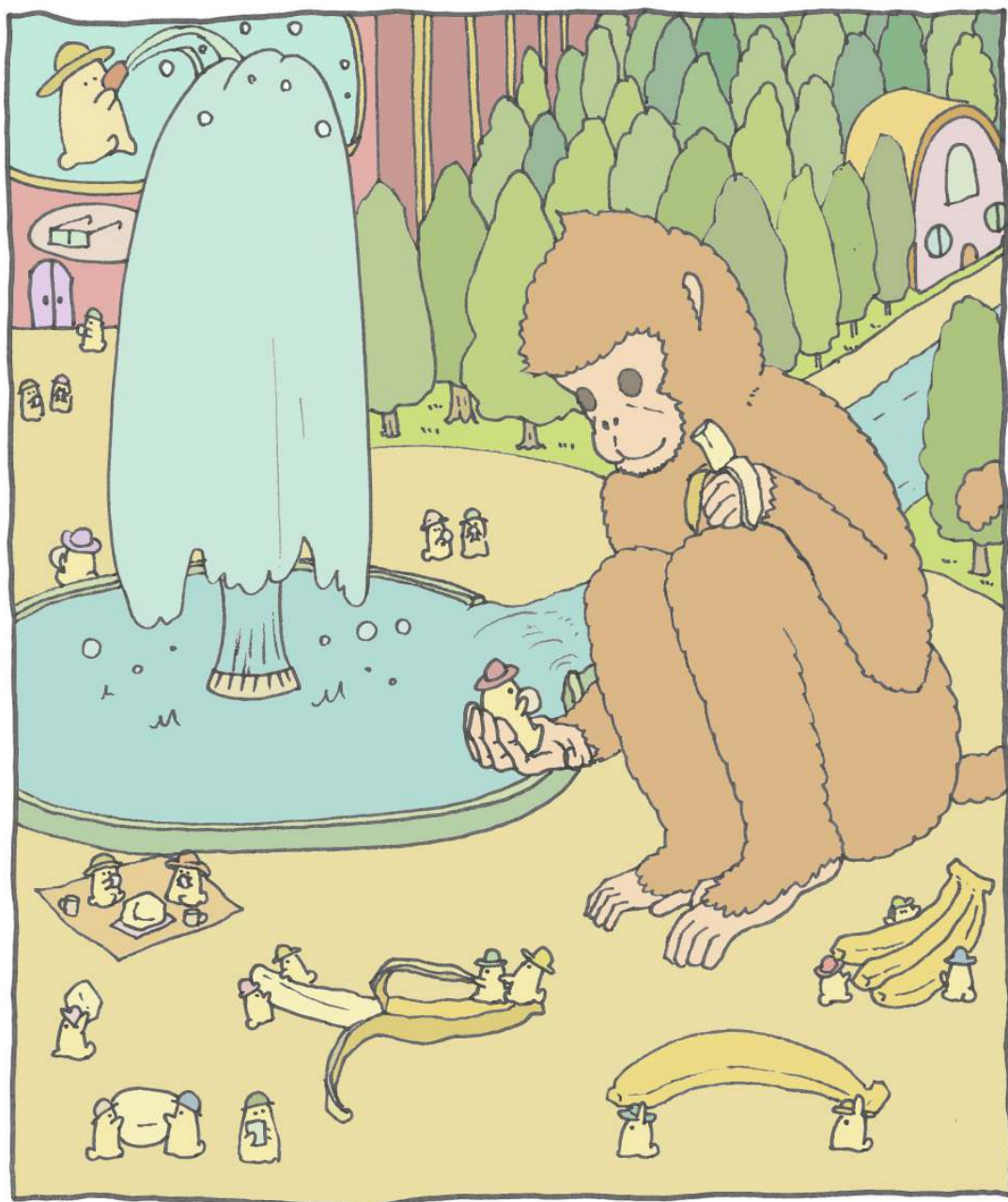
"So this is the slide you were talking about! Exciting! You can go down very fast!"

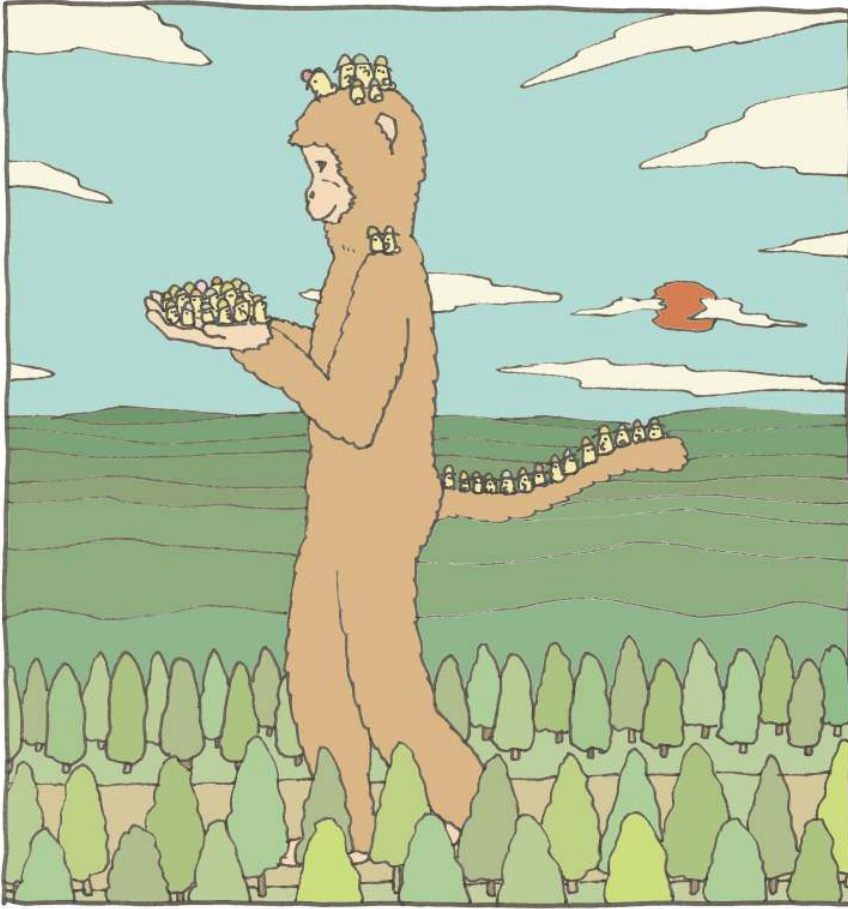


"This is Tetola Square, the centre of the town!"

"It's wonderful! You are living in an exciting place!" said Saru.

Teto and Saru talked a lot to catch up while eating bananas that Saru brought to him as a souvenir. The other Tetolers enjoyed the bananas, too.



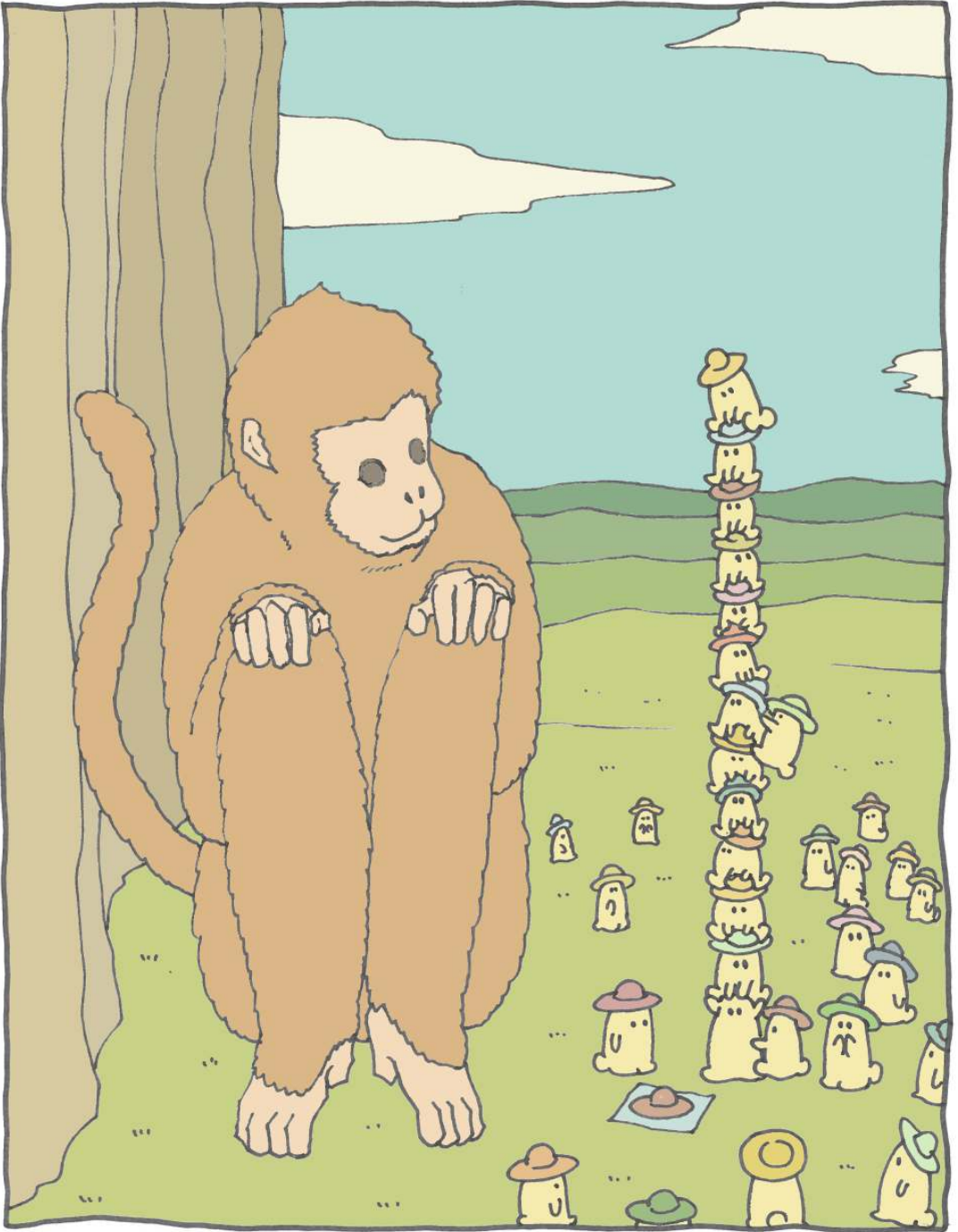


When everyone felt full, one Tetoler said to Saru, "I like that you are very tall! How tall are you, actually?"

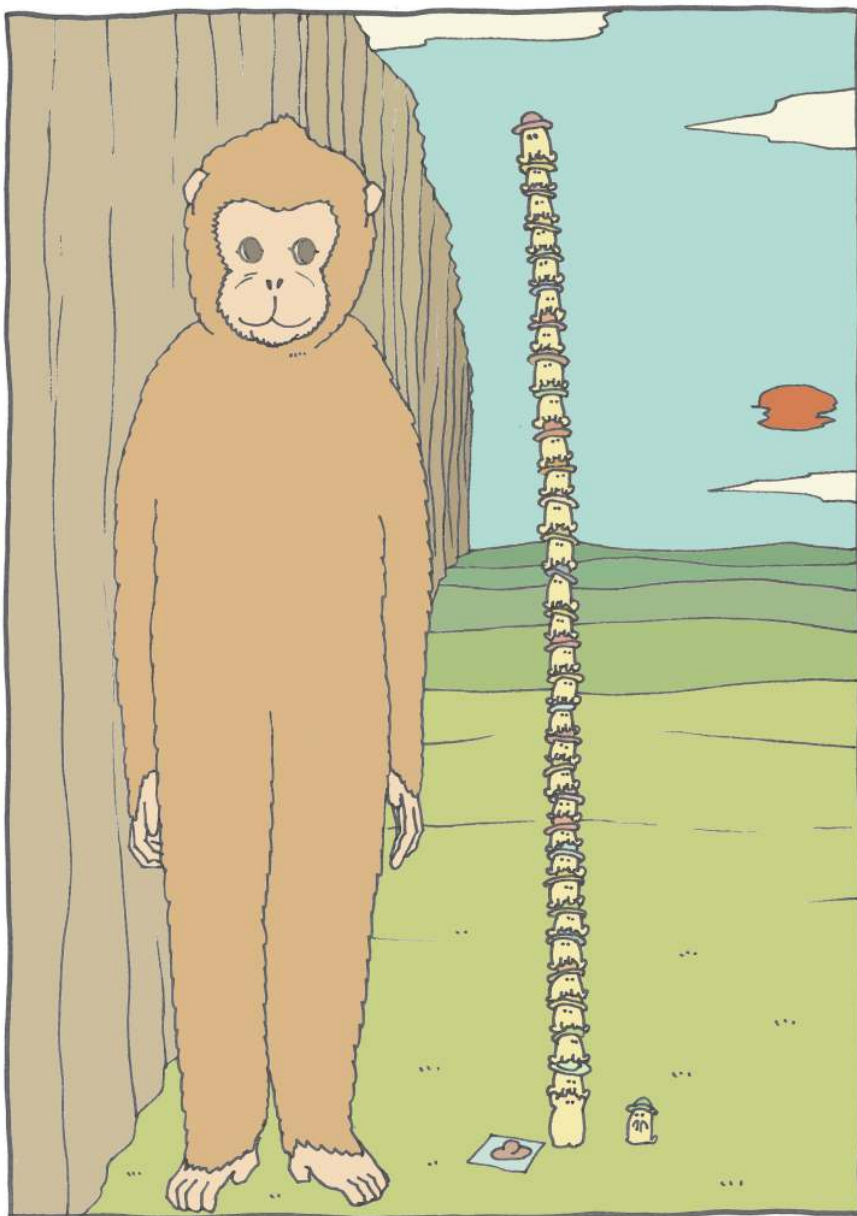
"How many of us have to stack up to get to your height?" another Tetoler asked.

"Why don't we go to the Tetola cliff and measure the height?" said Teto.

Saru said, "Good idea!"

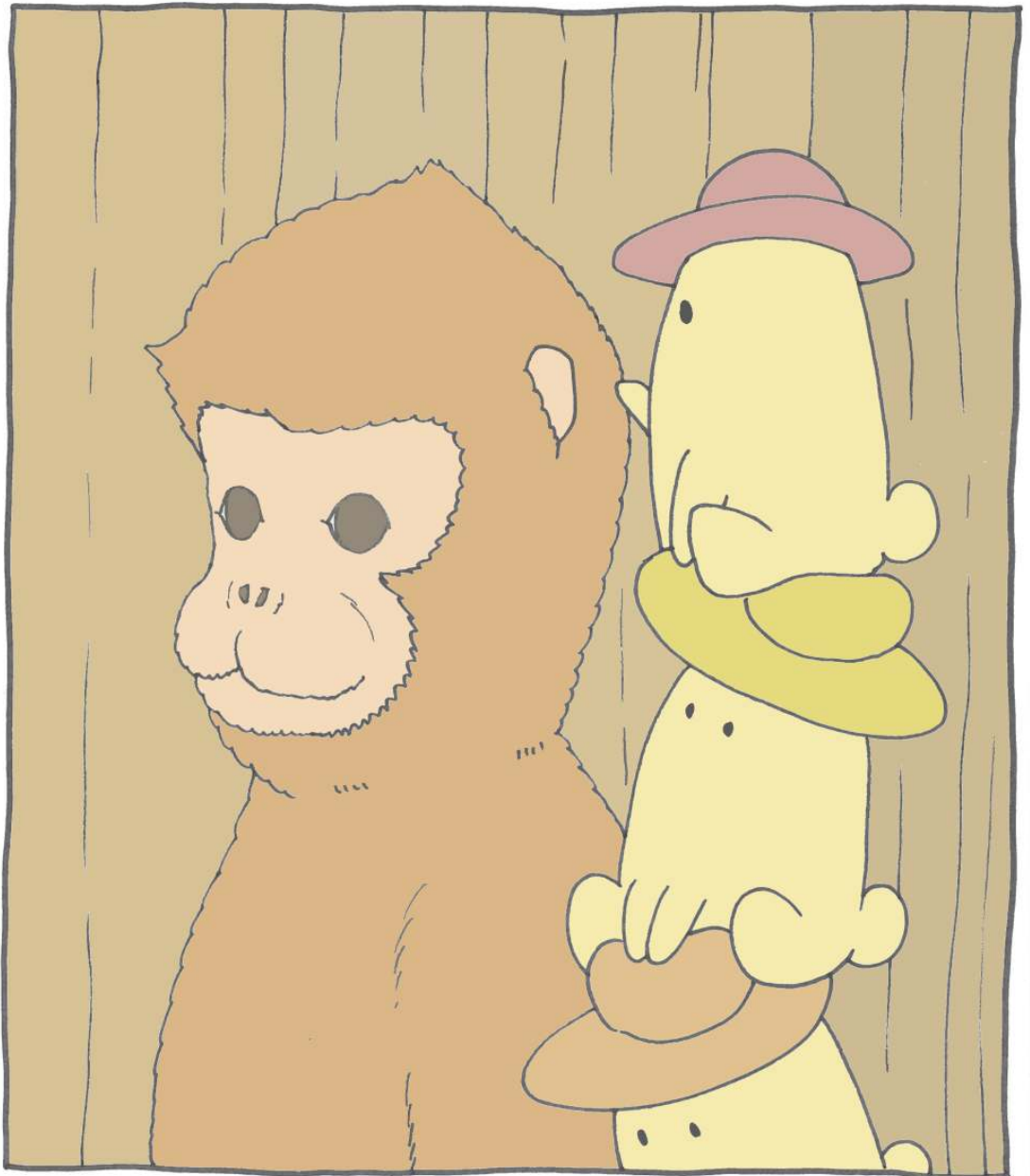


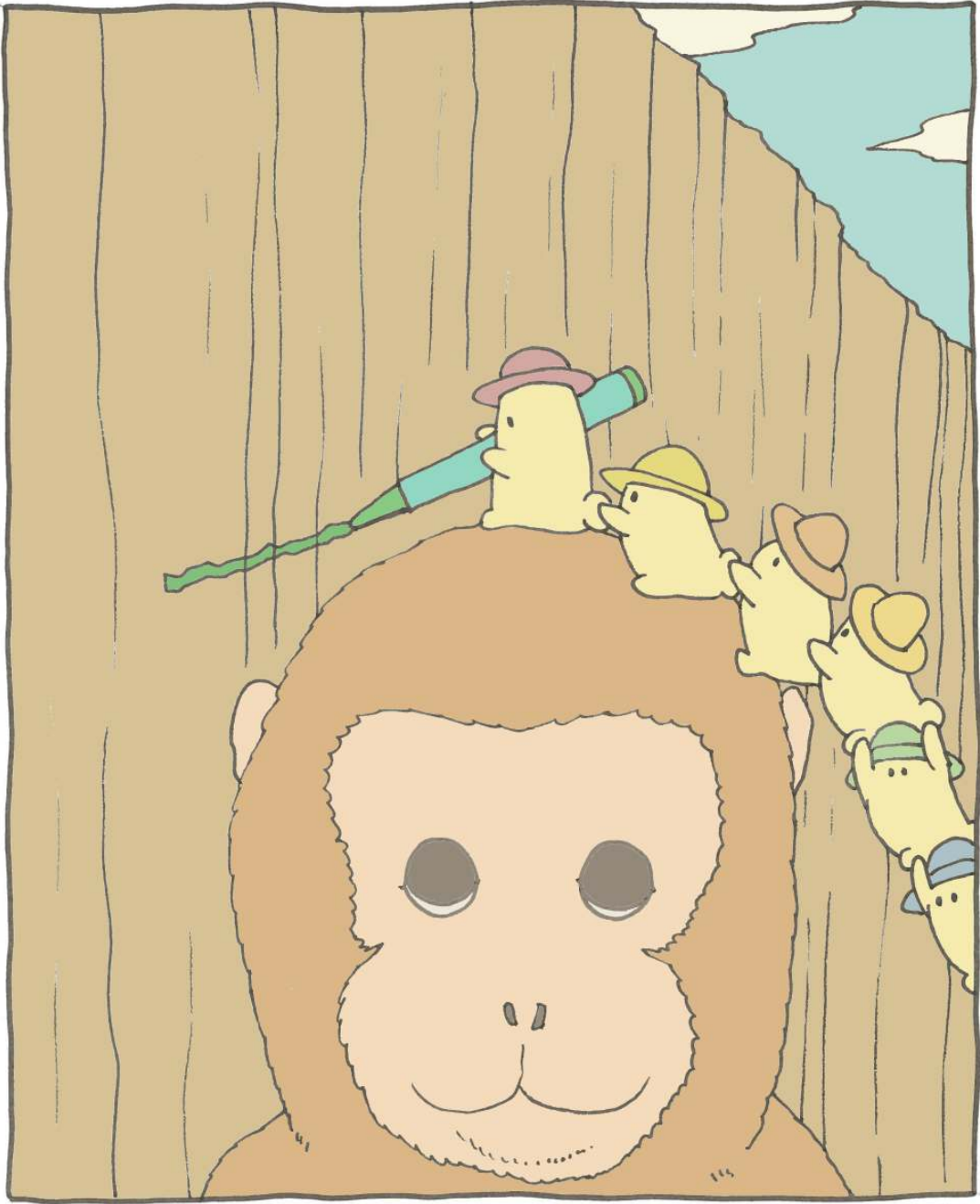
"One, two, three, four, ..."



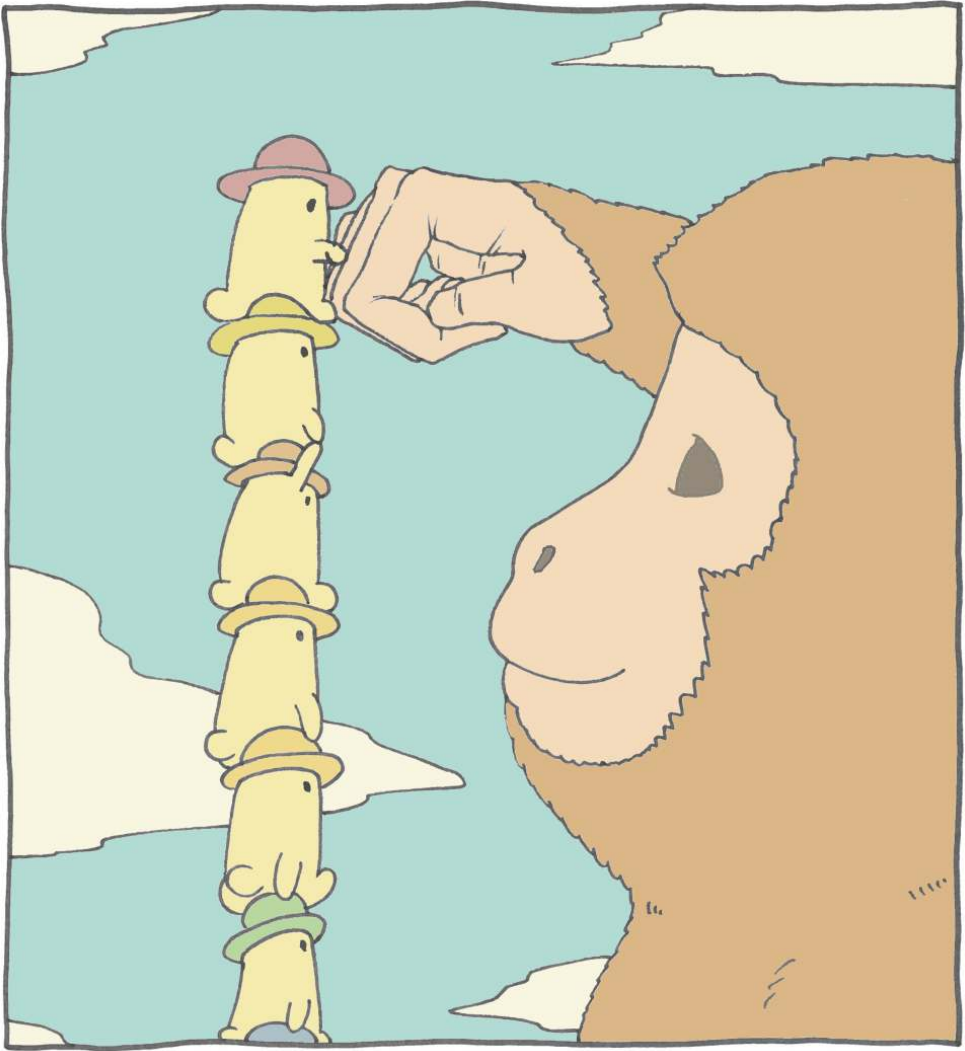
When 31 of them were stacked on top of each other, the Tetolers finally reached the same height as Saru.

Saru said, "I'll be even taller. I'm still a kid."
"That's right. We should mark it then," said Teto.





Teto marked the cliff.



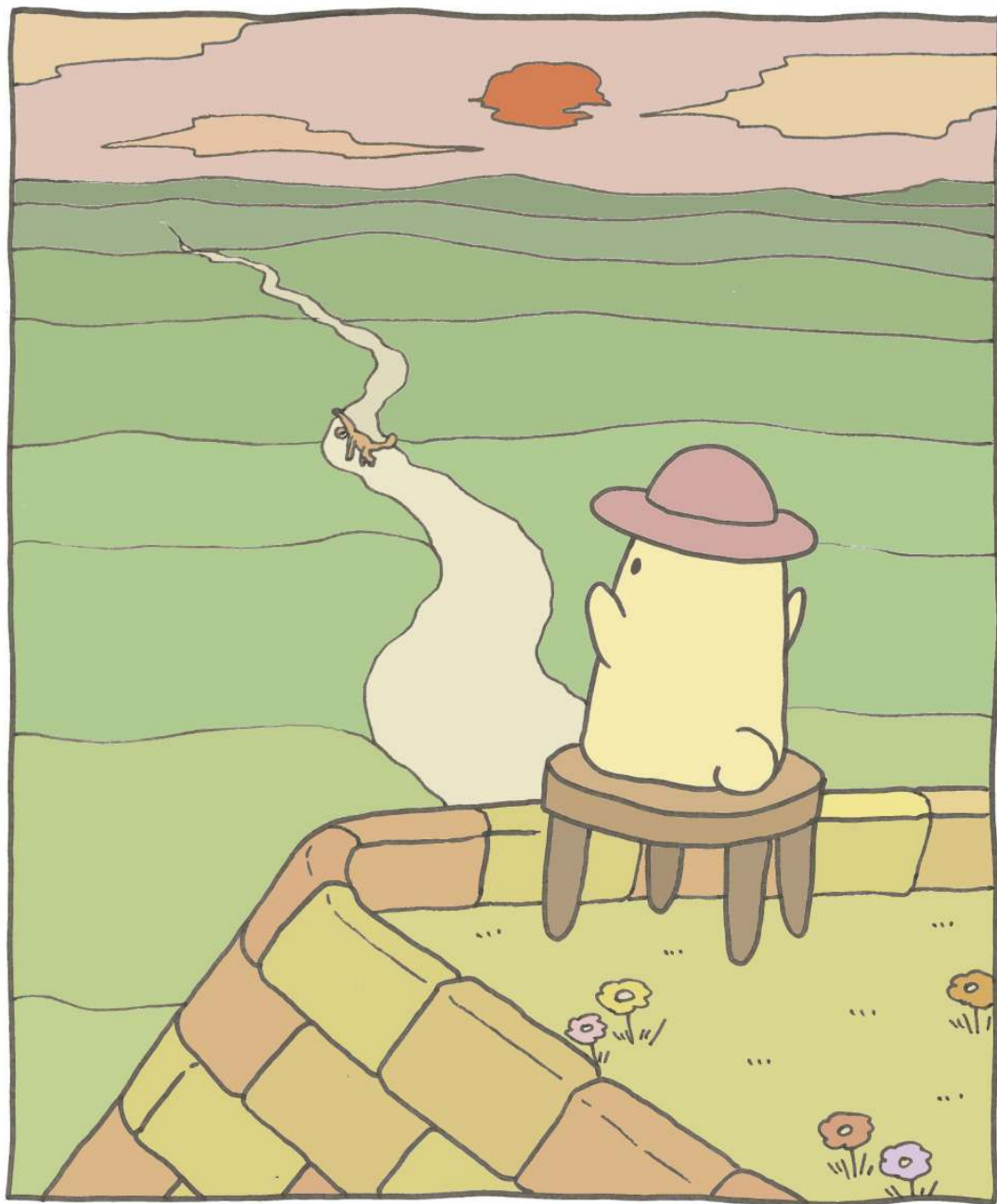
"Ah... I have to go now," said Saru.

"I see... You have to visit me soon! We have to measure you again," said Teto.

"Sure! I'll visit you soon."

"Promise?"

"Promise."



"See you very very soon!"

"See you very very soon!"

Saru went home. They saw each other soon, but that is another story.