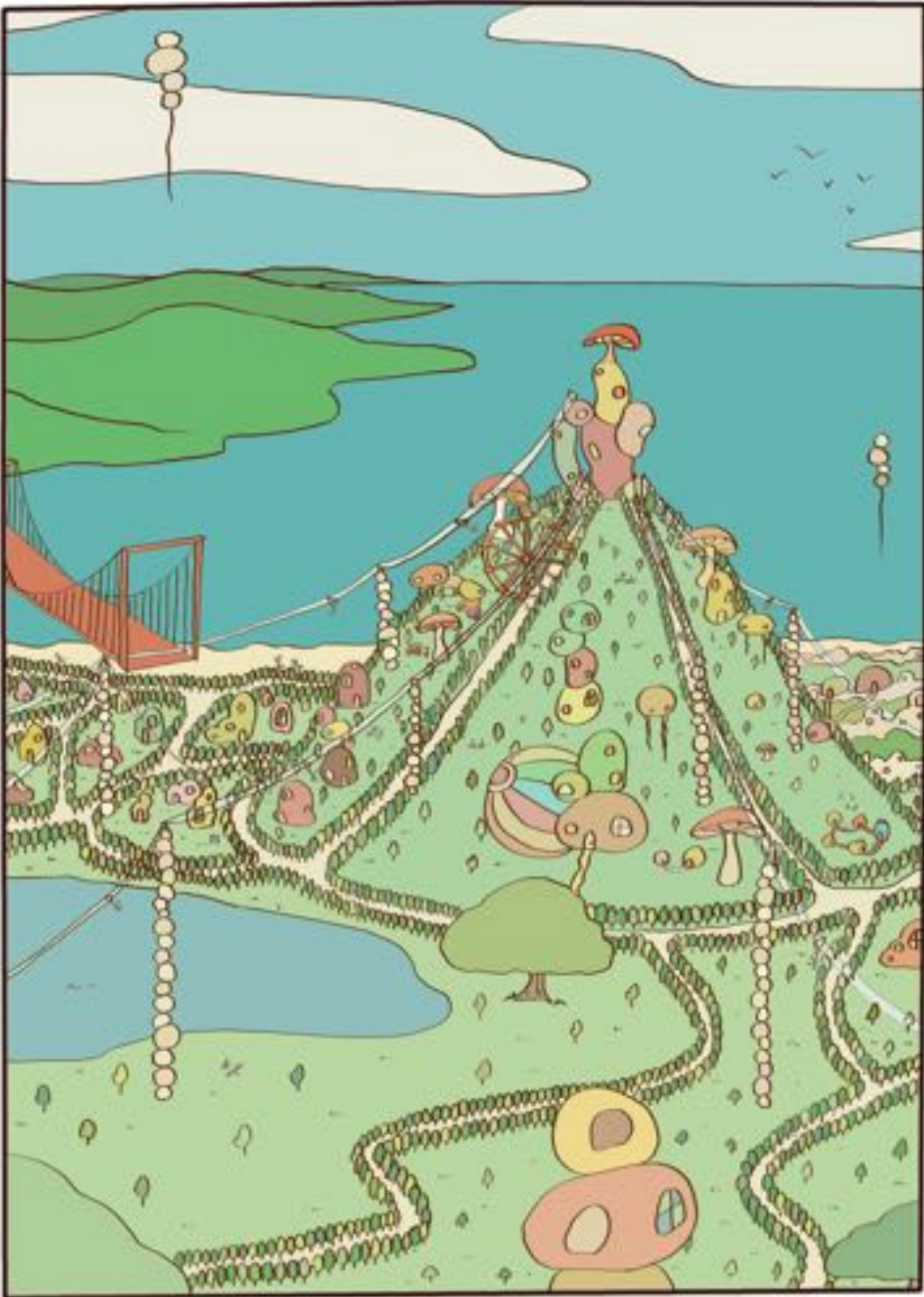


# Teto and the Small Monkey

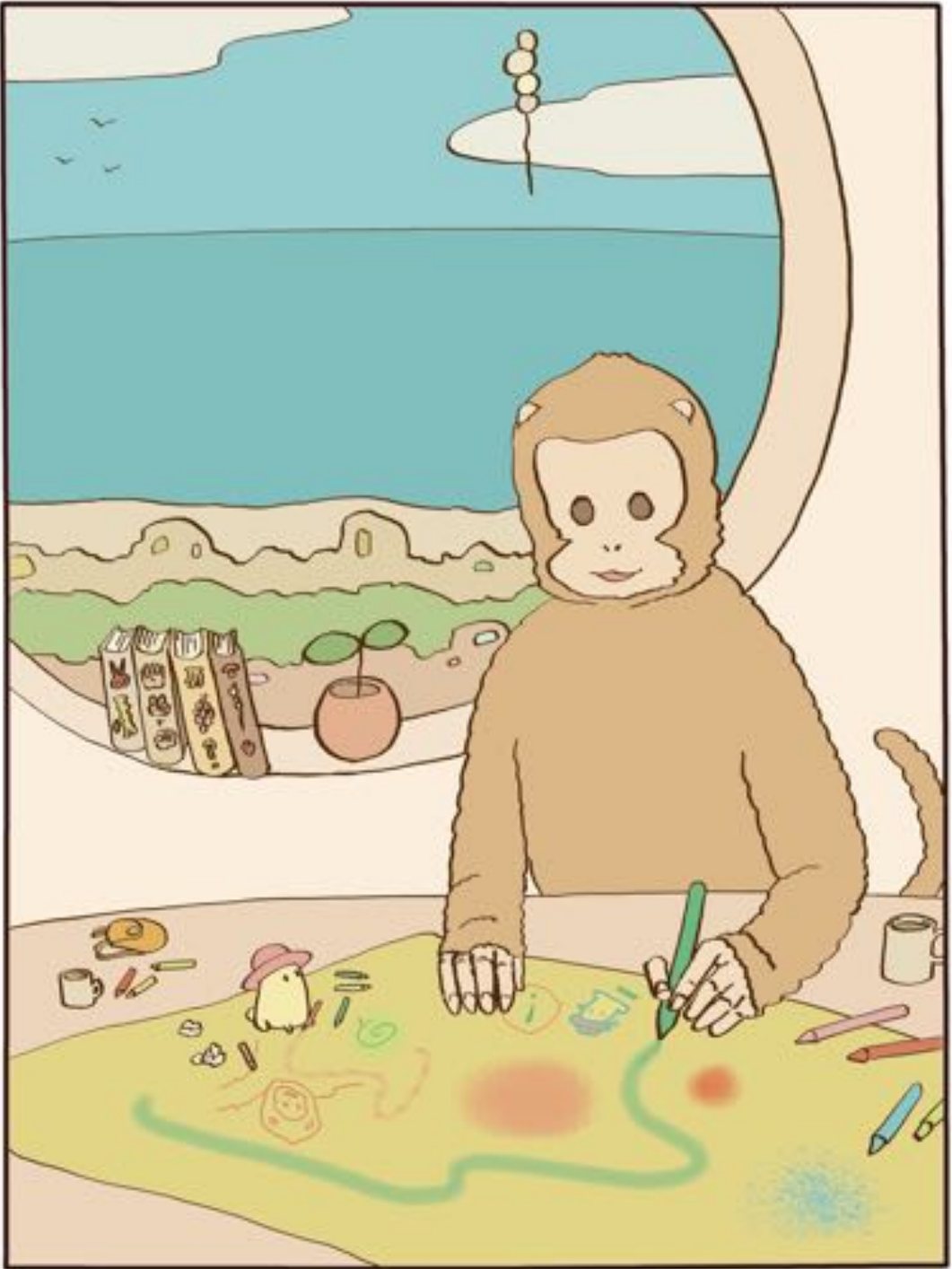
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One day, Teto was in the town of Sarula, where his friend Saru lived.



"Hey, I want to show you something," said Saru.  
"What is it?" asked Teto.



"My grandma has a laboratory in the basement," said Saru.

"Your grandma's a scientist, isn't she?" asked Teto.  
Saru took Teto to the basement.

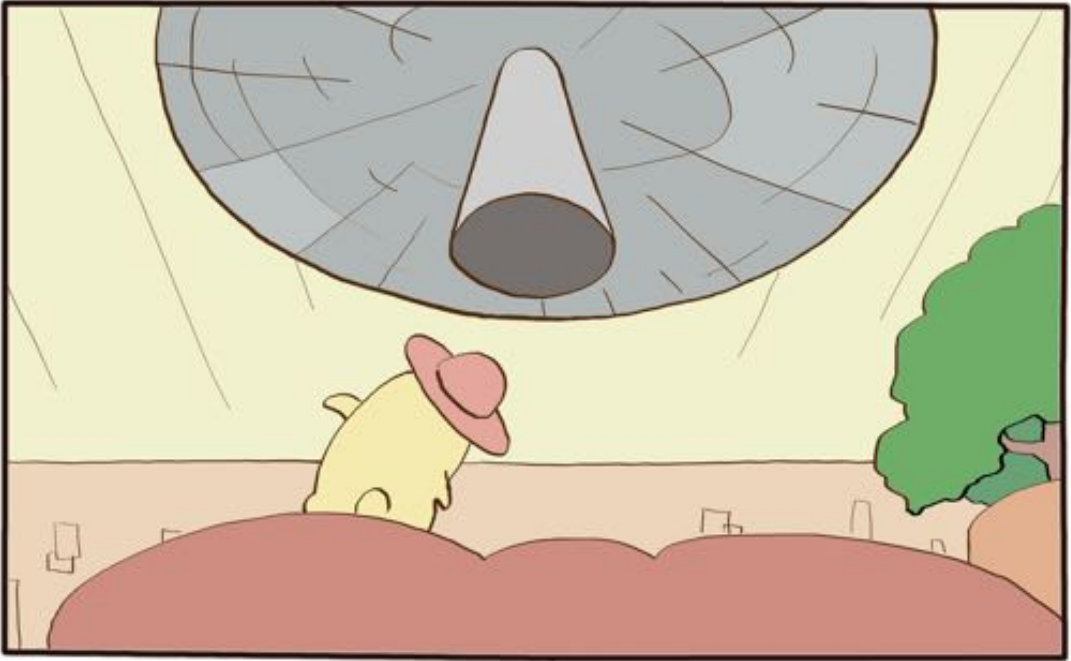




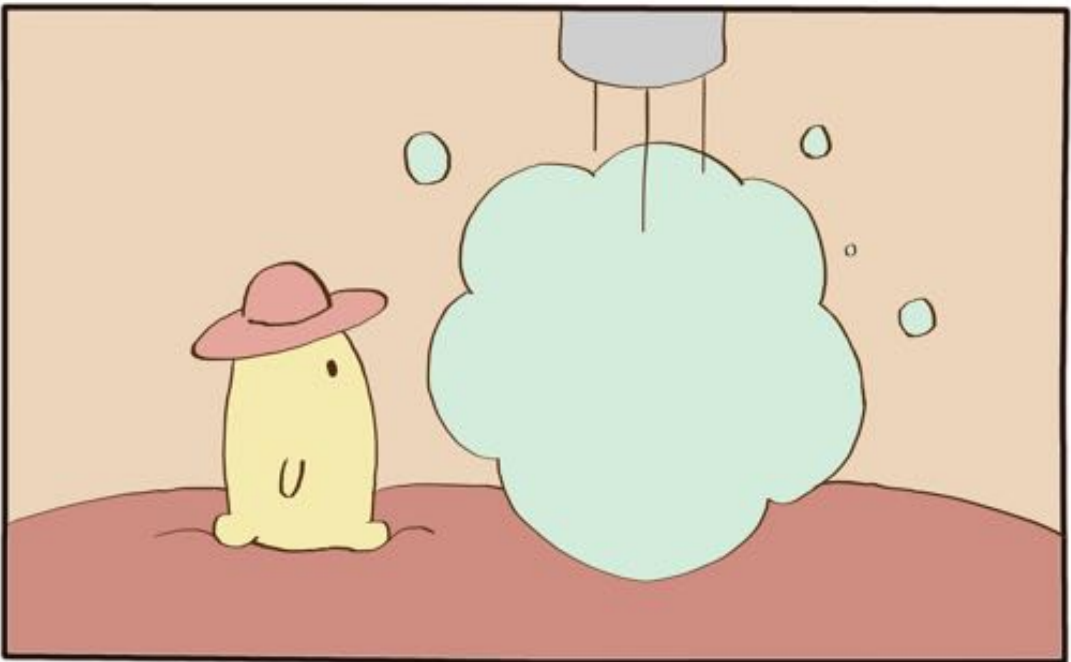
"This is the machine I wanted to show you. I heard it shrinks things!" said Saru.



"I'll try it out! You wait there, Teto."  
Saru climbed into the machine.



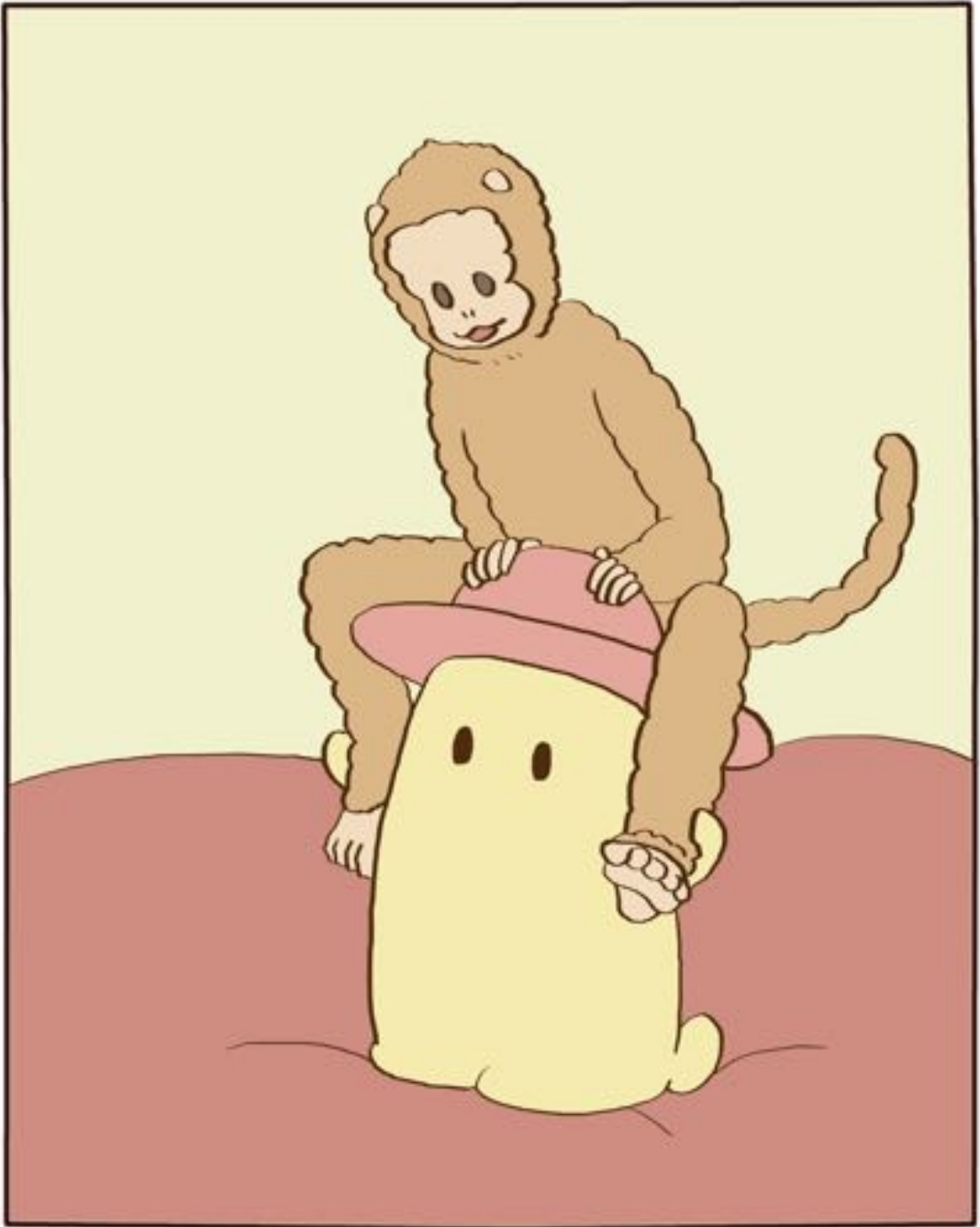
"Is Saru going to come out from here?" wondered Teto. He peered into the machine.



Suddenly, a bubble came shooting out of the hole!

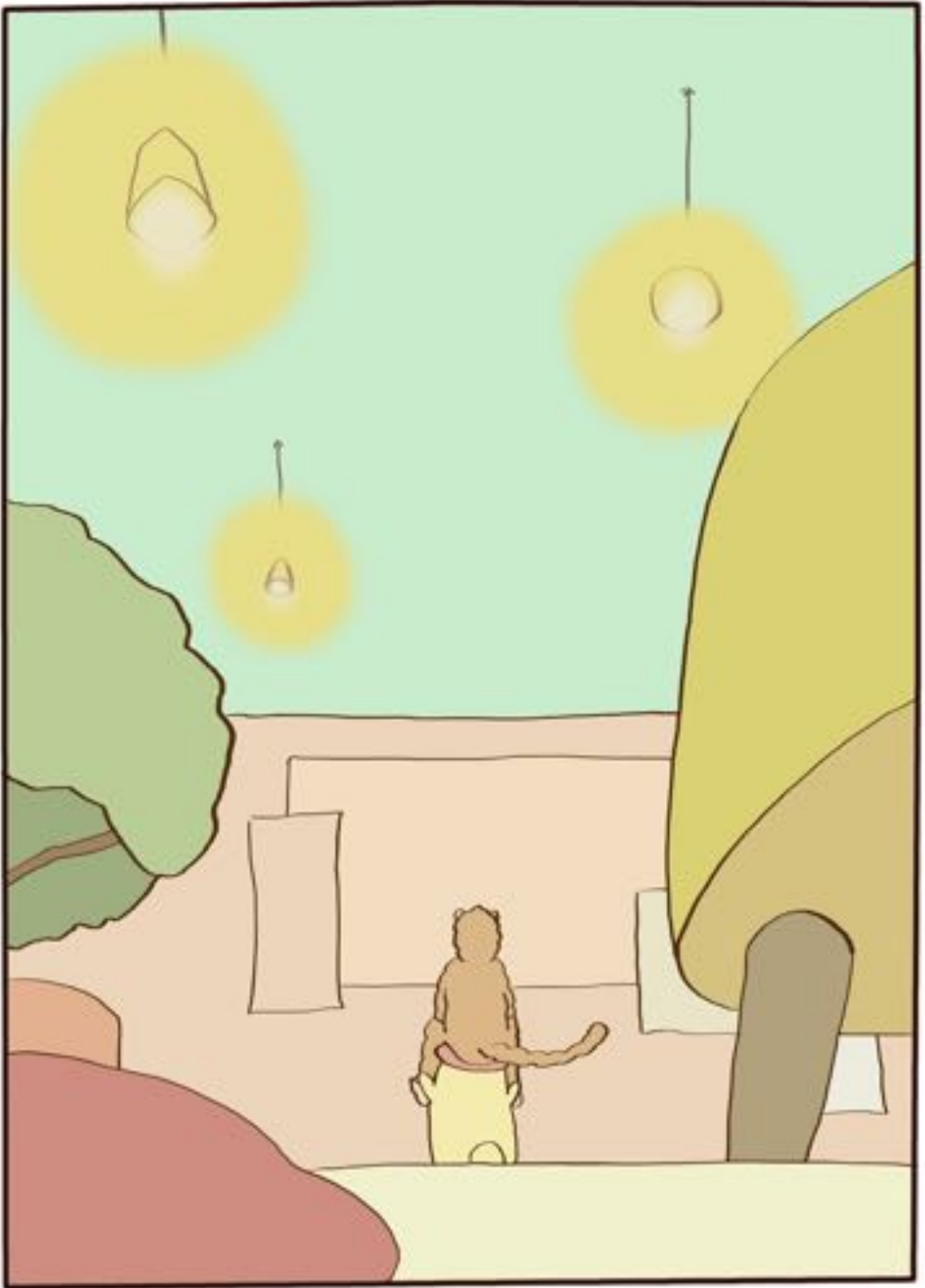


Whoosh! "Ta-da!"  
The bubble popped and Saru appeared!



"You've become really small!" exclaimed a surprised Teto.  
"You can carry me on your shoulders!" said Saru, excited to be small.





"Wow! All of those things are so big!" said Saru.  
"Are they?" asked Teto.



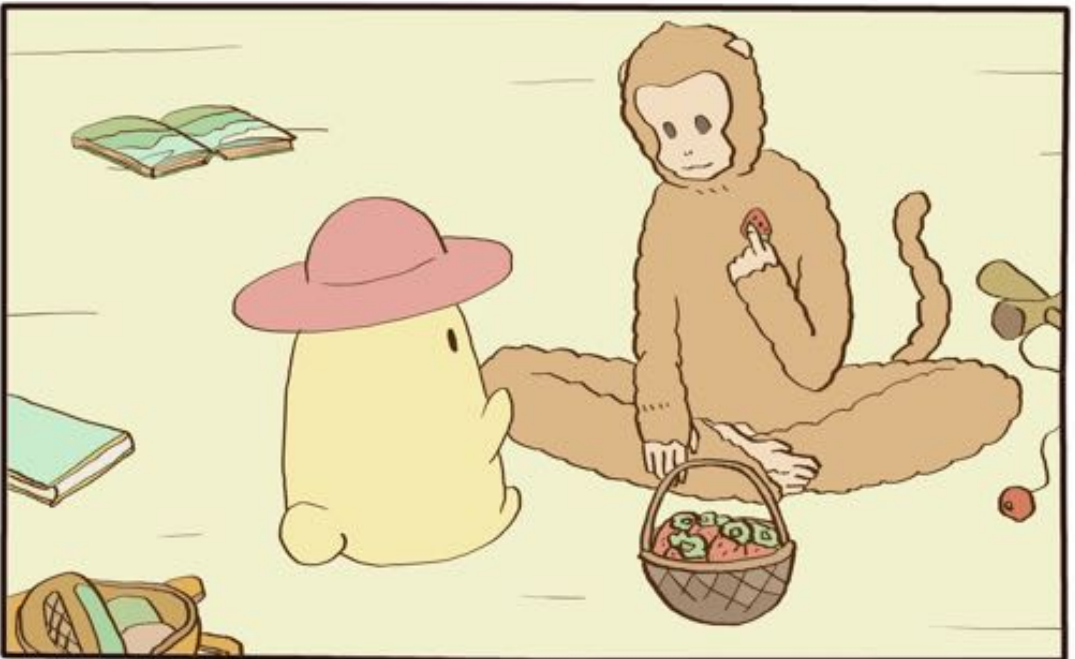
"I can read your book without a magnifying glass!" said Saru.



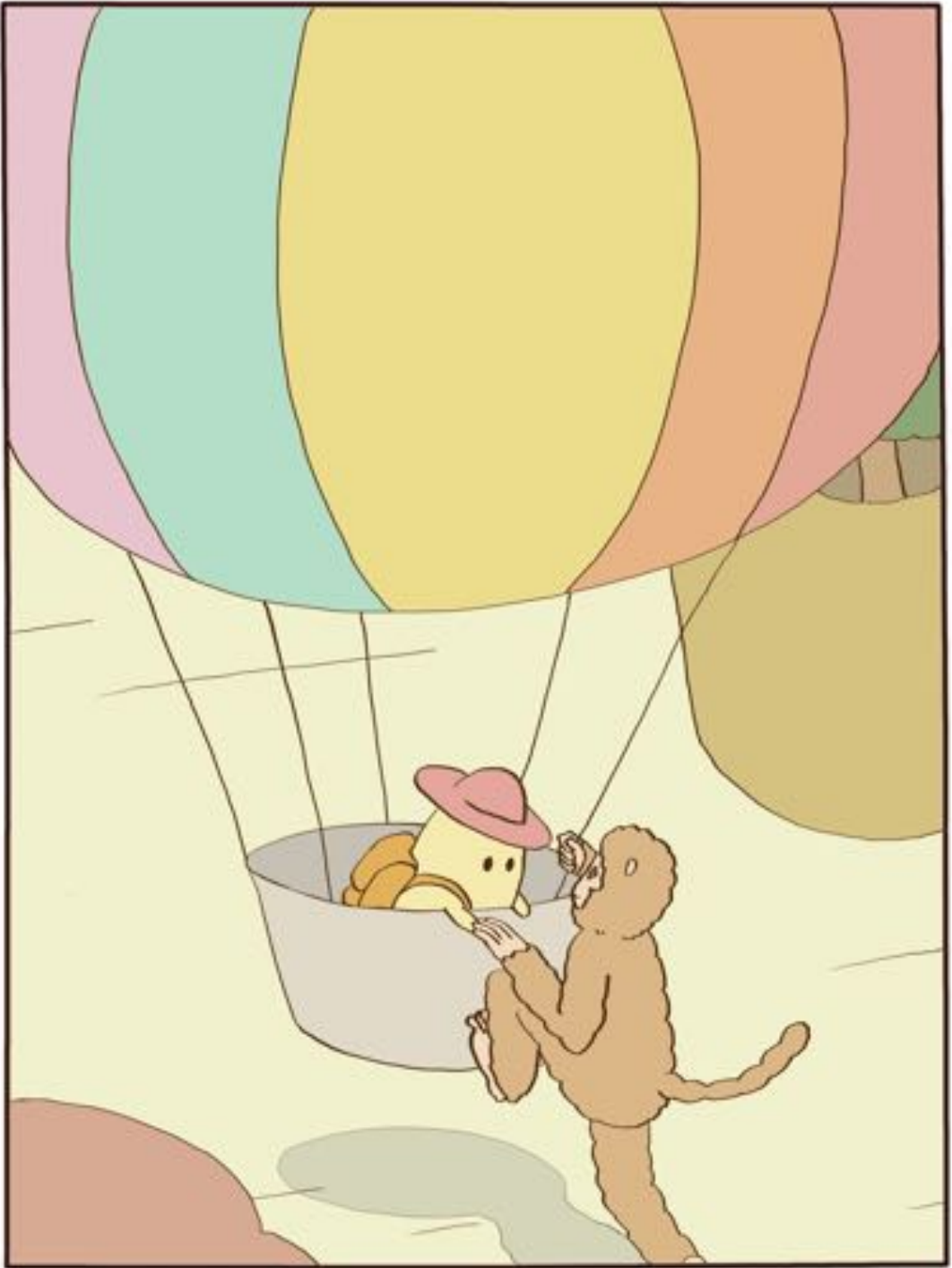
"I can wear your hat, too!"



"Your strawberries are so sweet! It's fun to be small!"

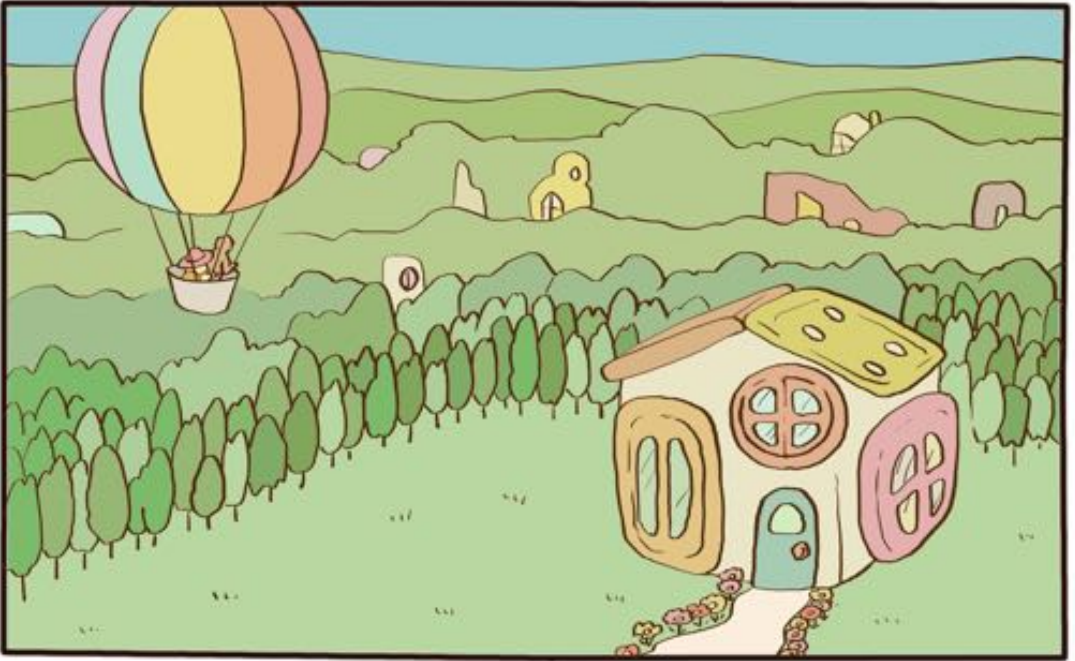


"Can you go back to your usual size again?" asked Teto.  
"... I don't know..." answered Saru.



Teto and Saru decided to find Saru's grandma to ask if he could go back to his usual size again.



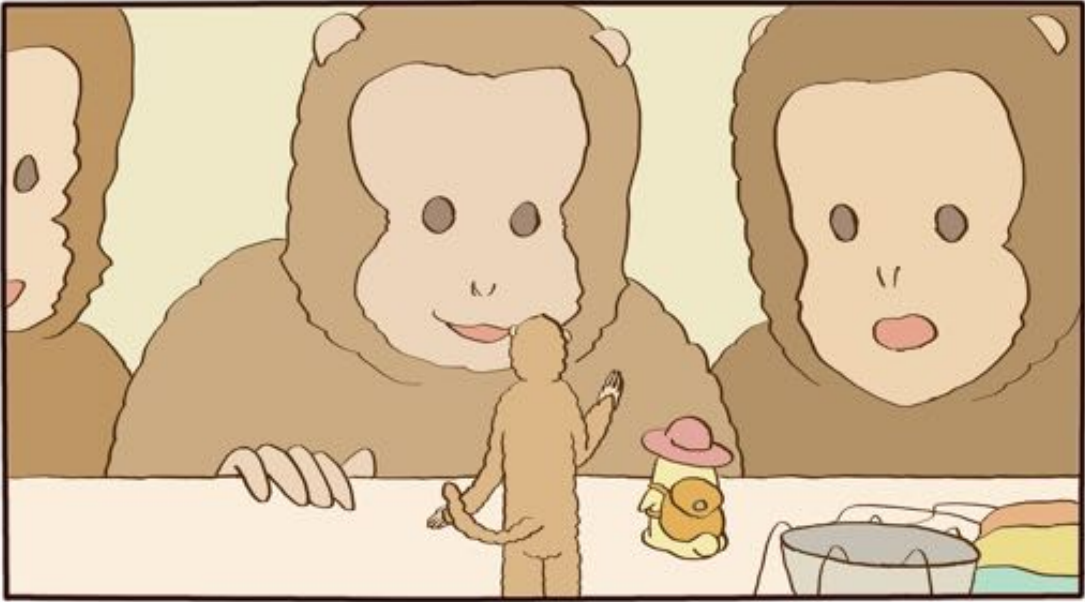


They were flying along in the balloon when they saw a button store.

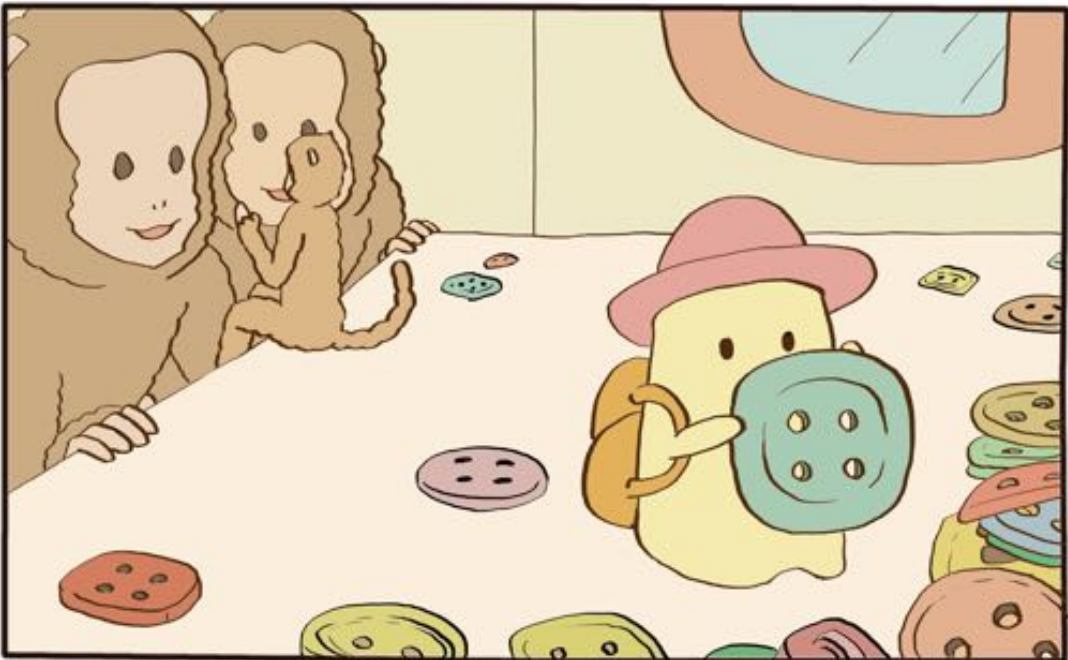


“What!?! Are you Saru? Why are you so small?”  
The other Sarulers were very surprised.





"Can we become small too?" asked a Saruler.  
"I think you can," Saru answered. The Sarulers were very happy to hear that.



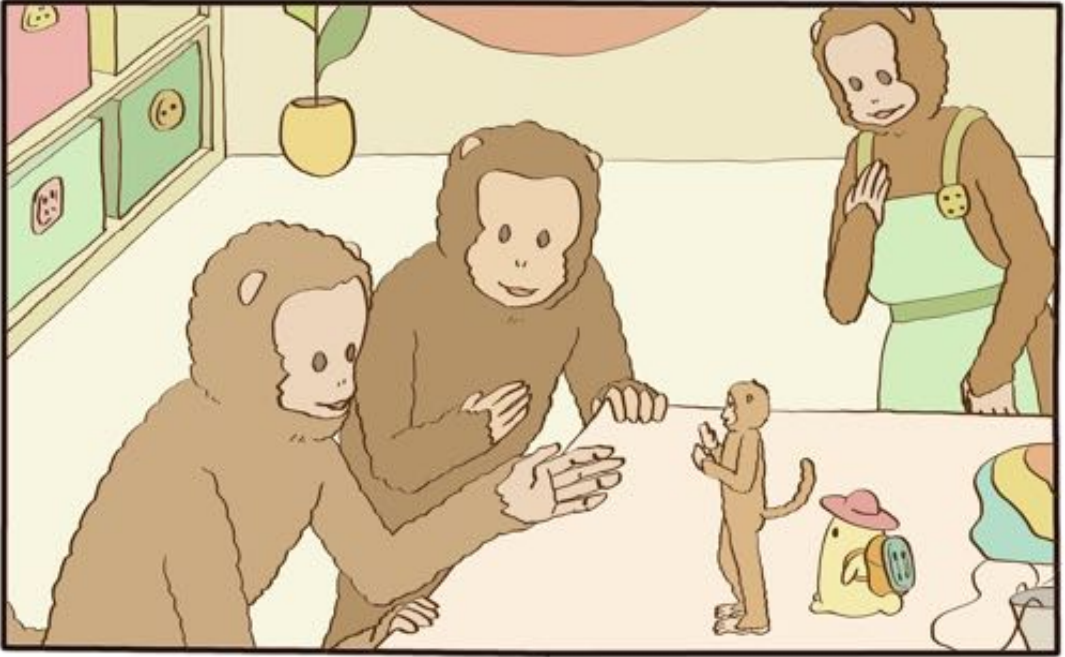
Saru told the excited Sarulers all about the machine.  
Meanwhile, Teto was looking at the buttons.



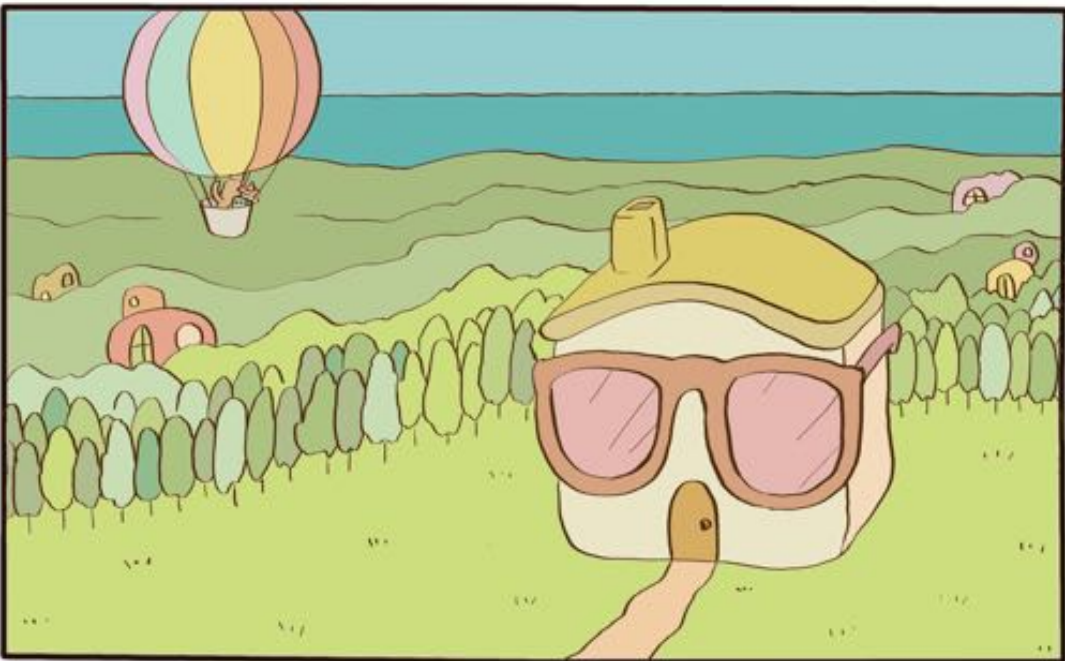
"This button looks nice," said Teto.

"You can take it with you," said the store owner.

"Thank you!" Teto was very grateful. He asked the store owner to sew it on his backpack.



"Have you seen my grandma?" asked Saru.  
"I think she's gone to get a new pair of glasses," answered one of the Sarulers.

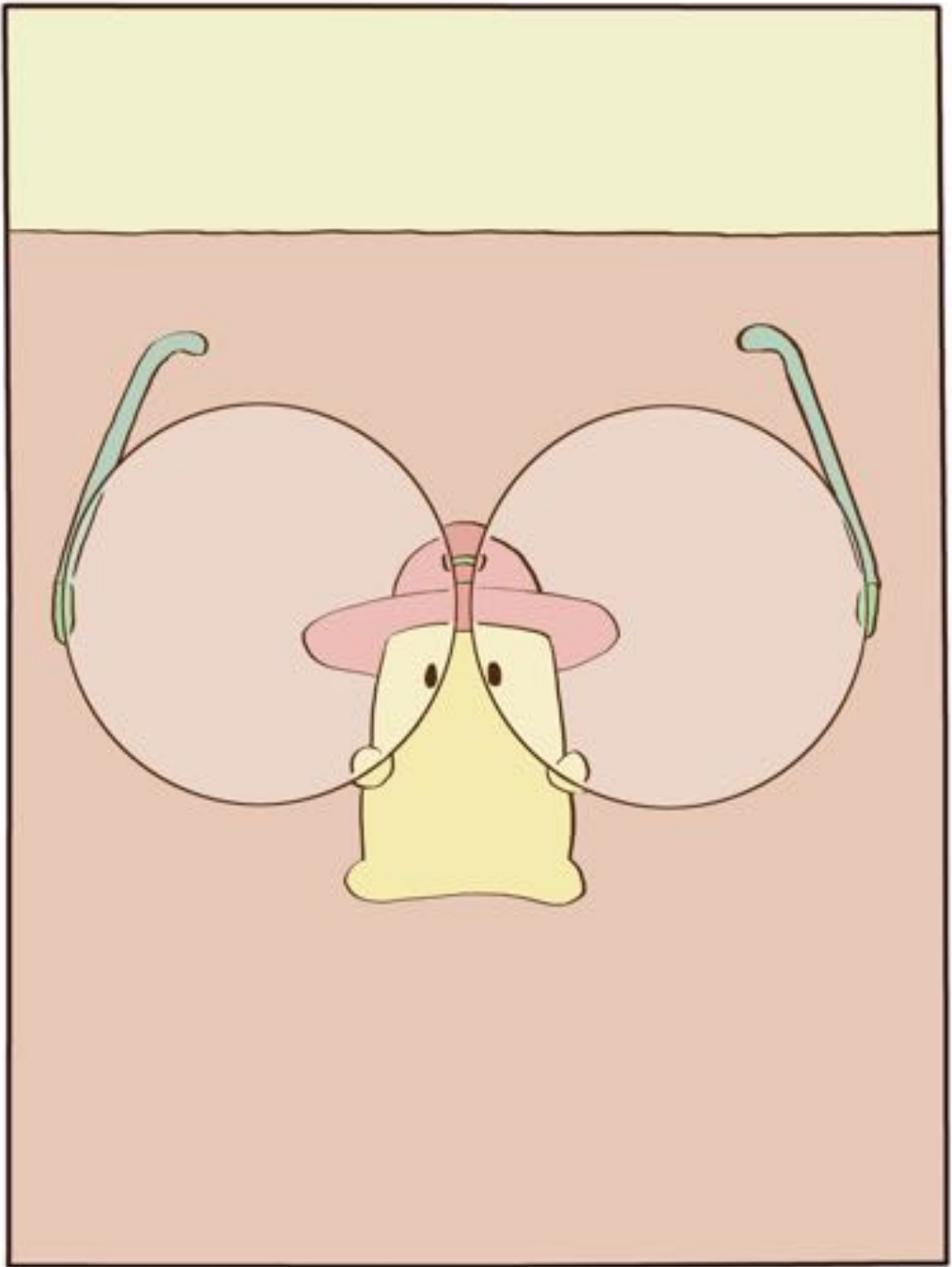


They flew to the opticians.



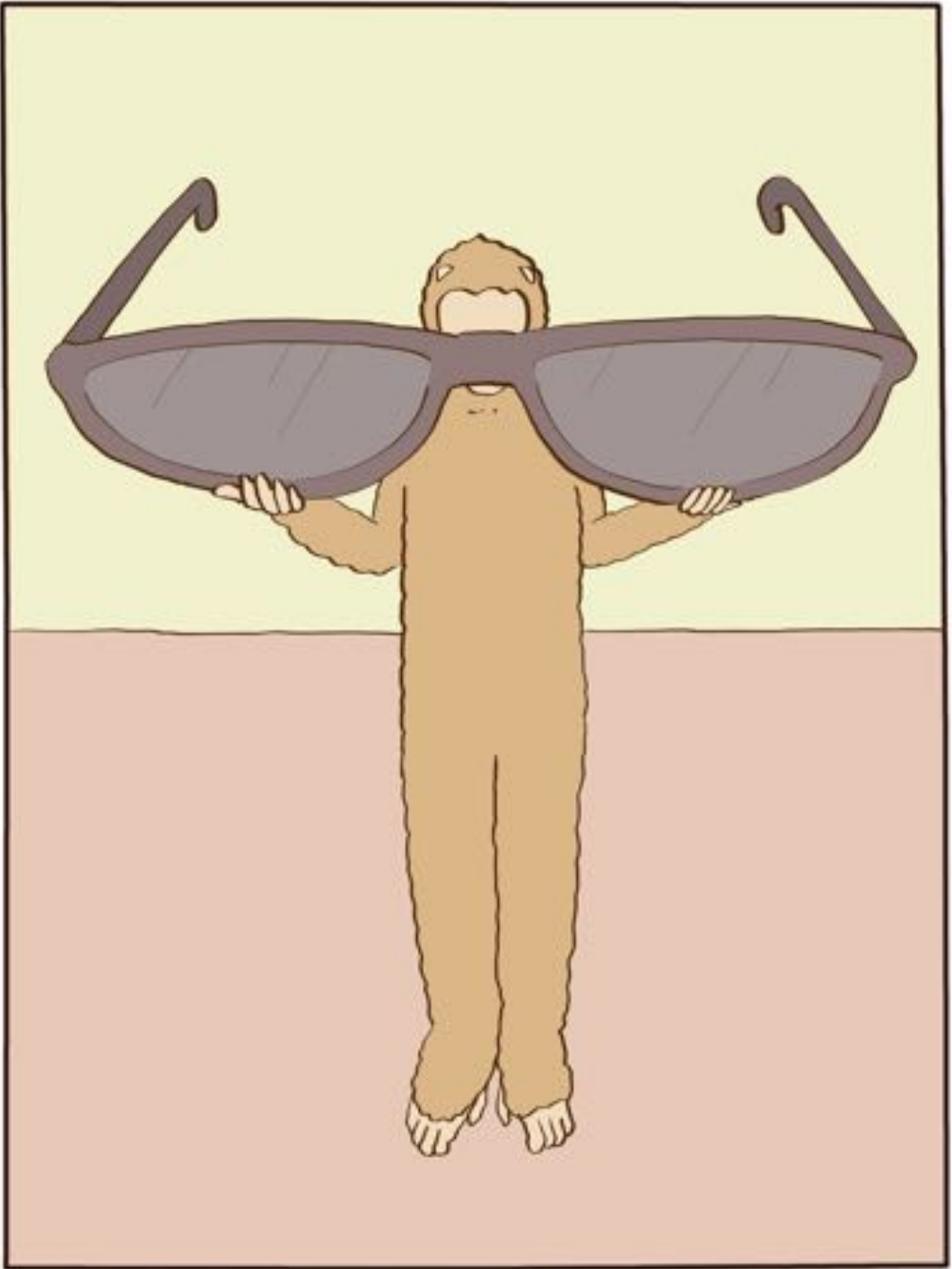


While Saru explained the story to more surprised Sarulers, Teto looked at the glasses.

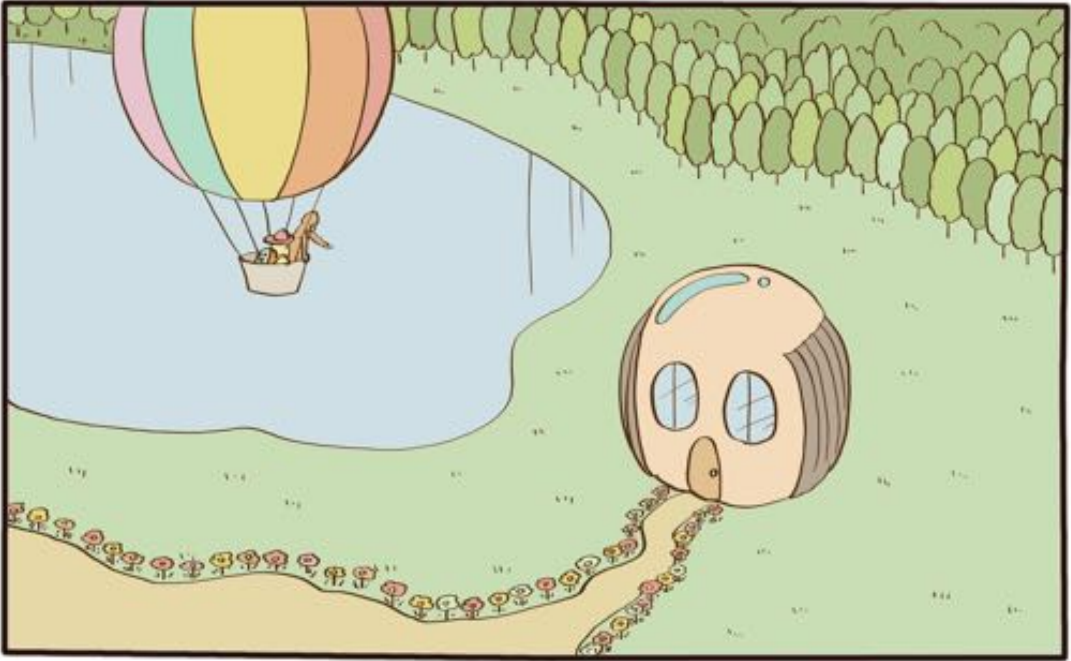


"I like these," said Teto, trying on a pair of glasses.

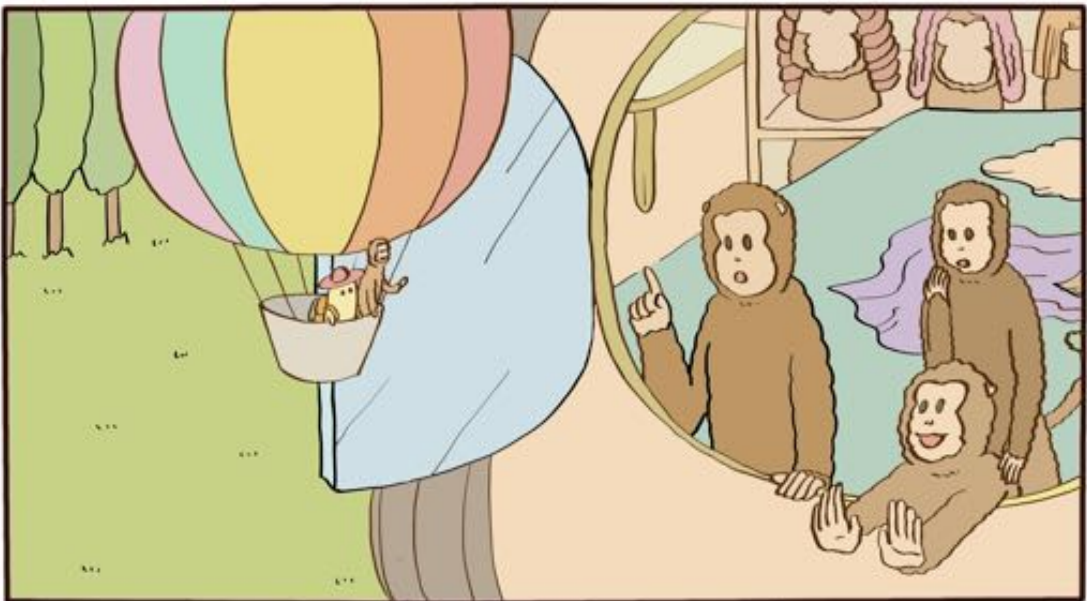




"I like these," said Saru, trying on a pair of sunglasses.



"I think your grandma went to the wig store," said a Saruler, so they flew to the wig store.

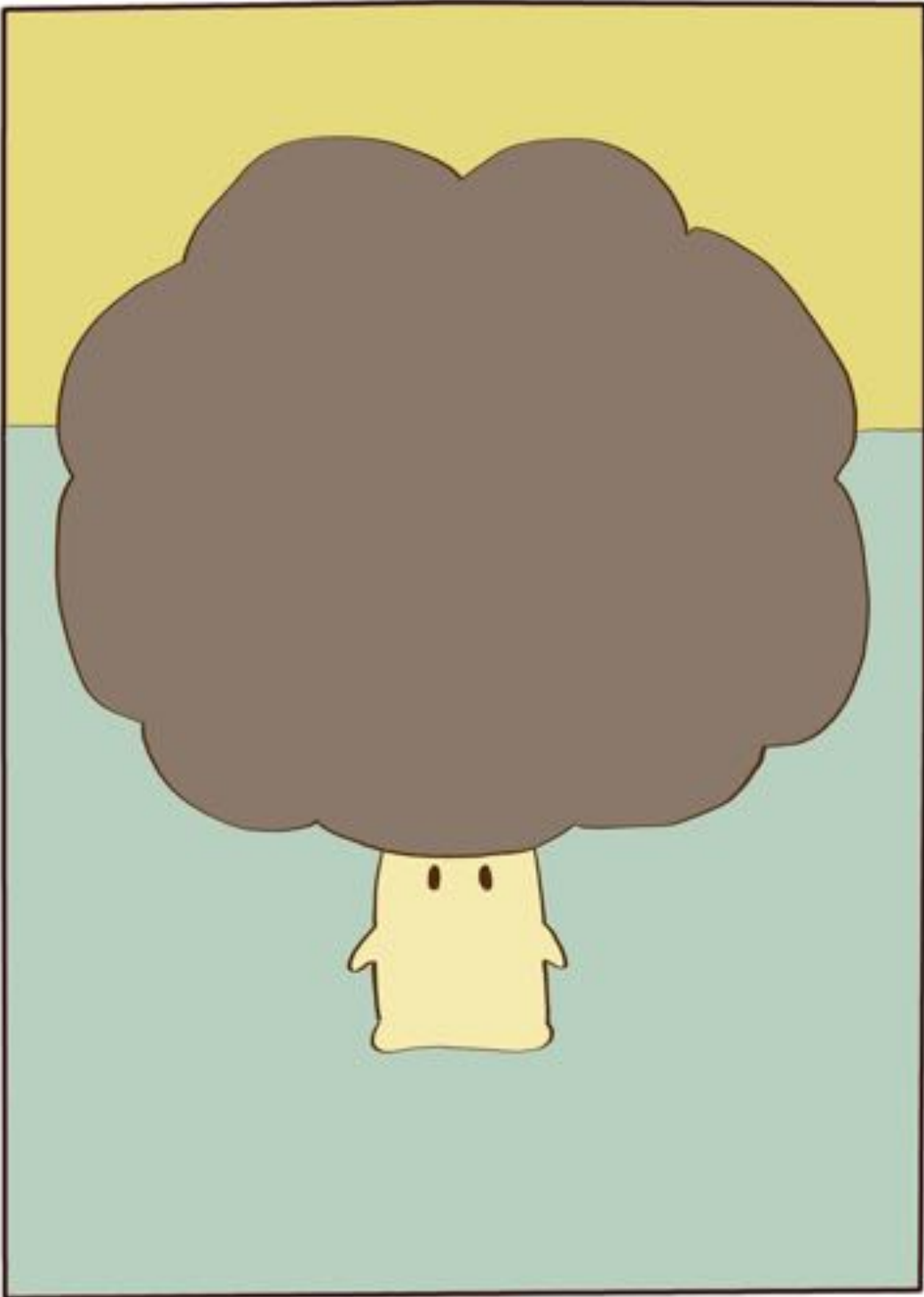


"Is that you, Saru?"

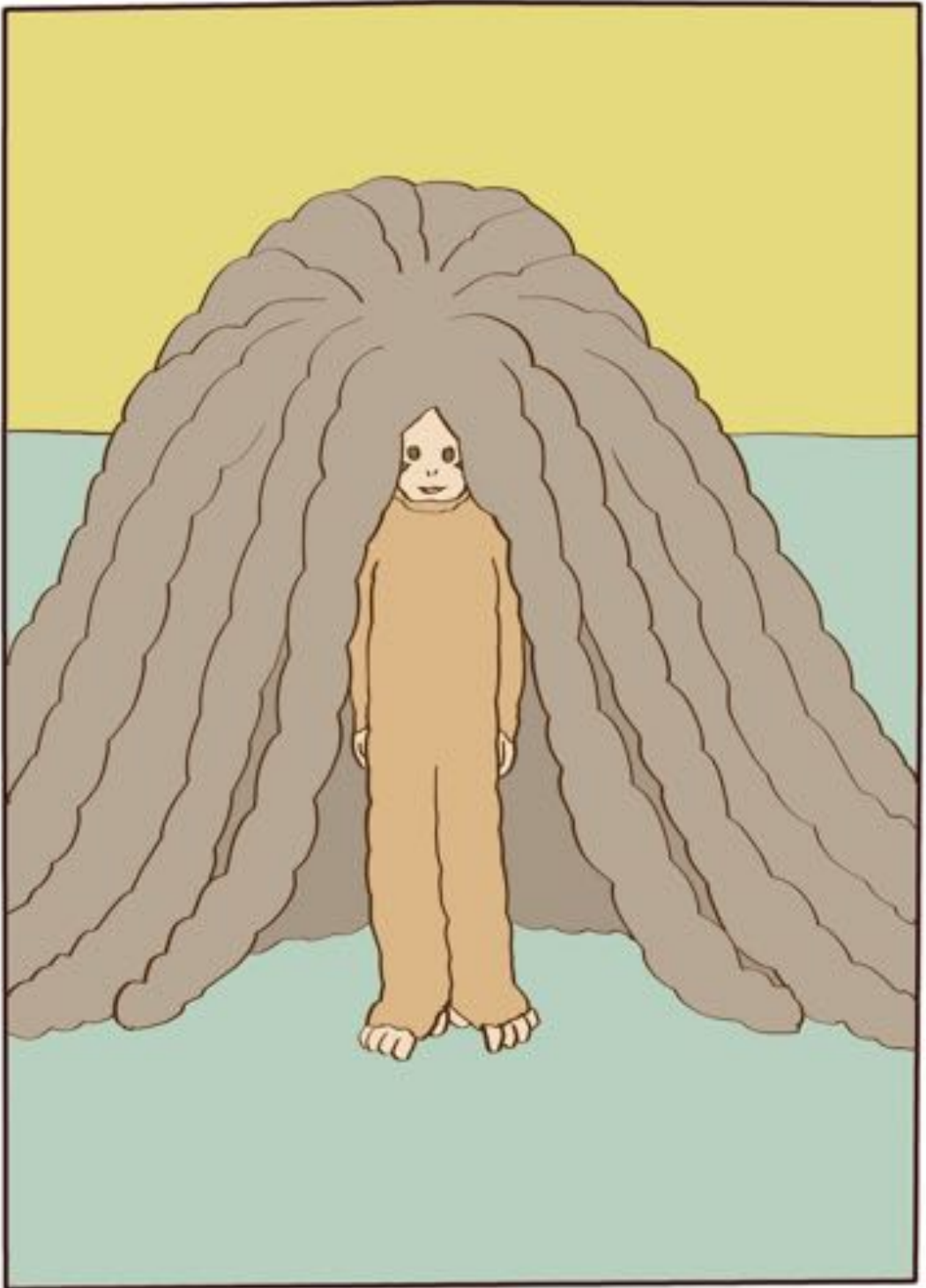
"How did you become so small?" exclaimed more surprised Sarulers.



Saru started to explain about his grandma's machine to the Sarulers while Teto looked at the wigs.

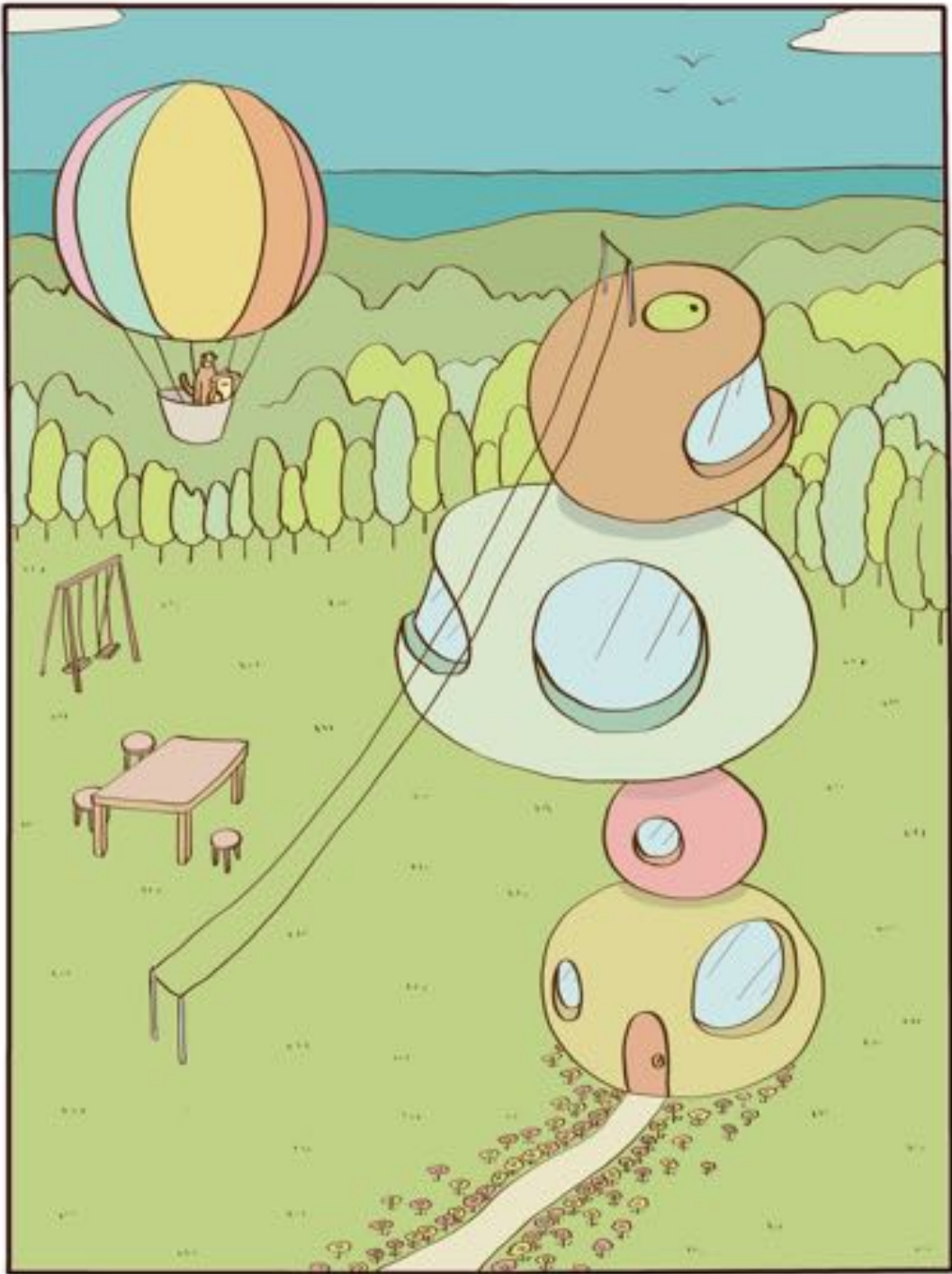


"I love this wig," said Teto, trying it on.

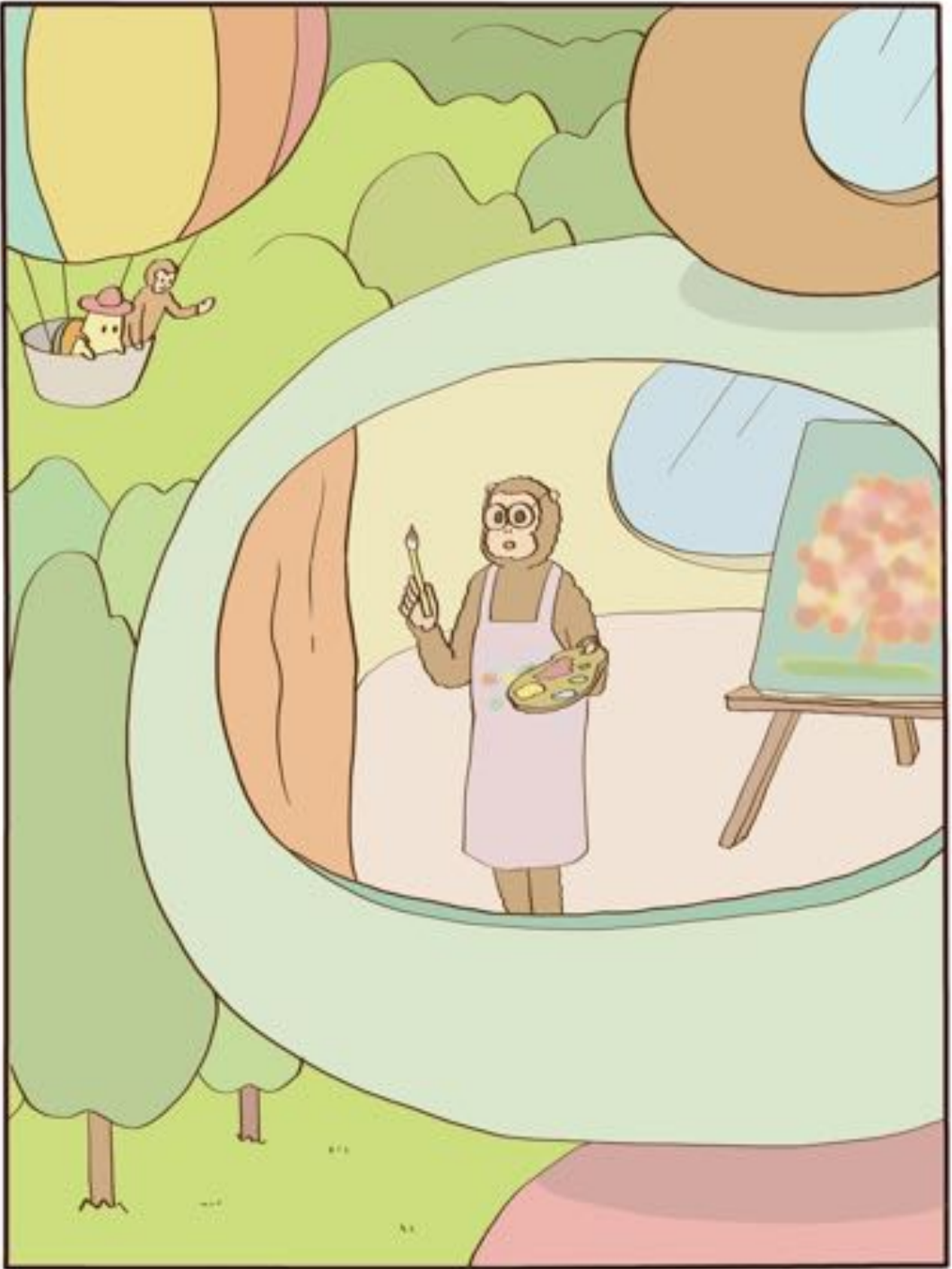


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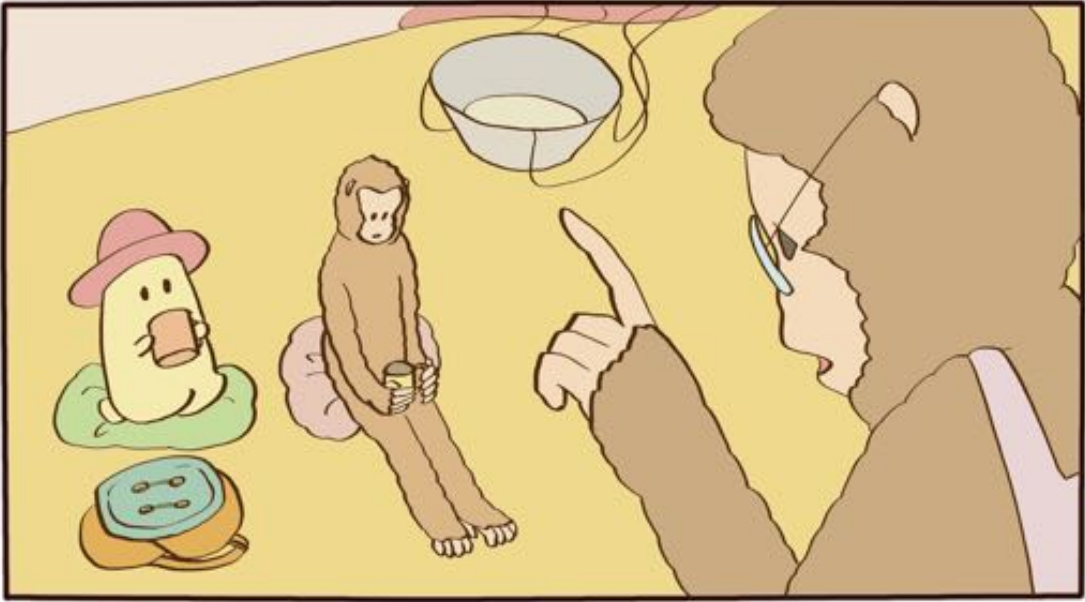




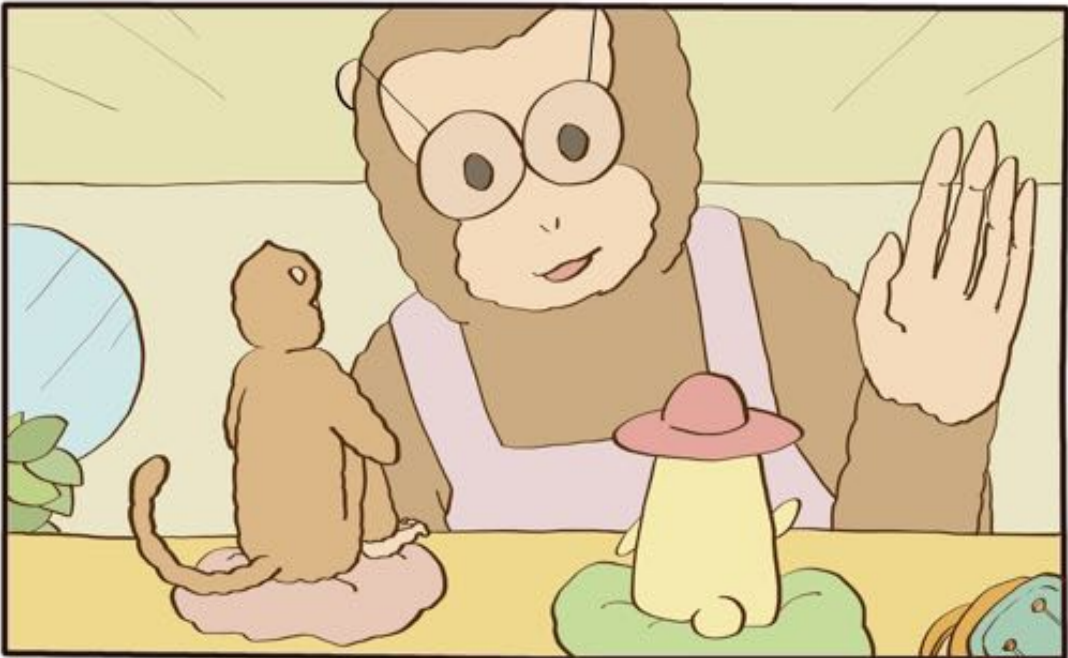
A Saruler told Saru that his Grandma had gone home. Teto and Saru flew back to Saru's house.



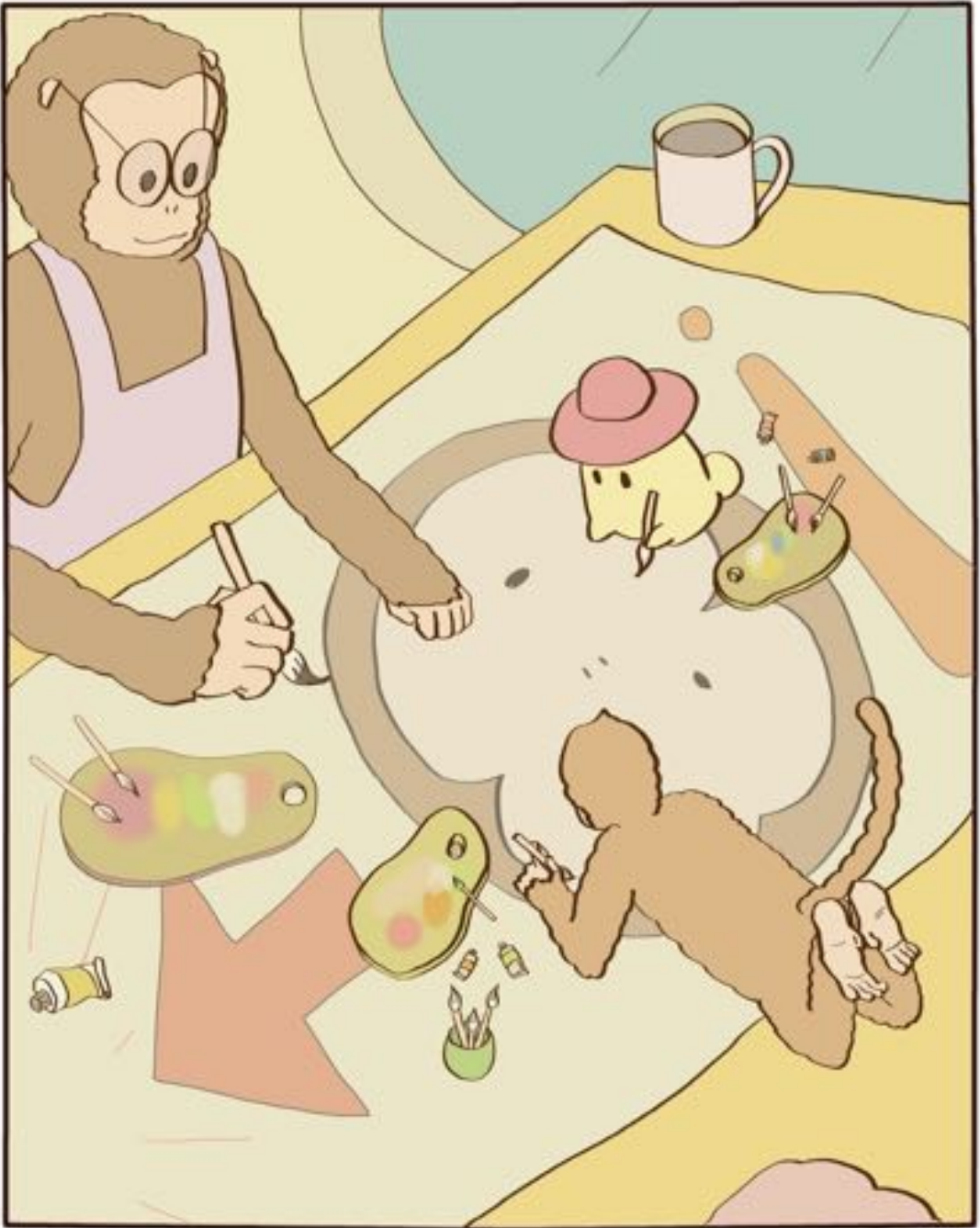
"Is that you, Saru? Why are you so tiny?" exclaimed his grandma. Saru told her the whole story.



"You shouldn't use machines you don't really understand," said Saru's grandma.  
"I'm sorry..." apologised Saru.

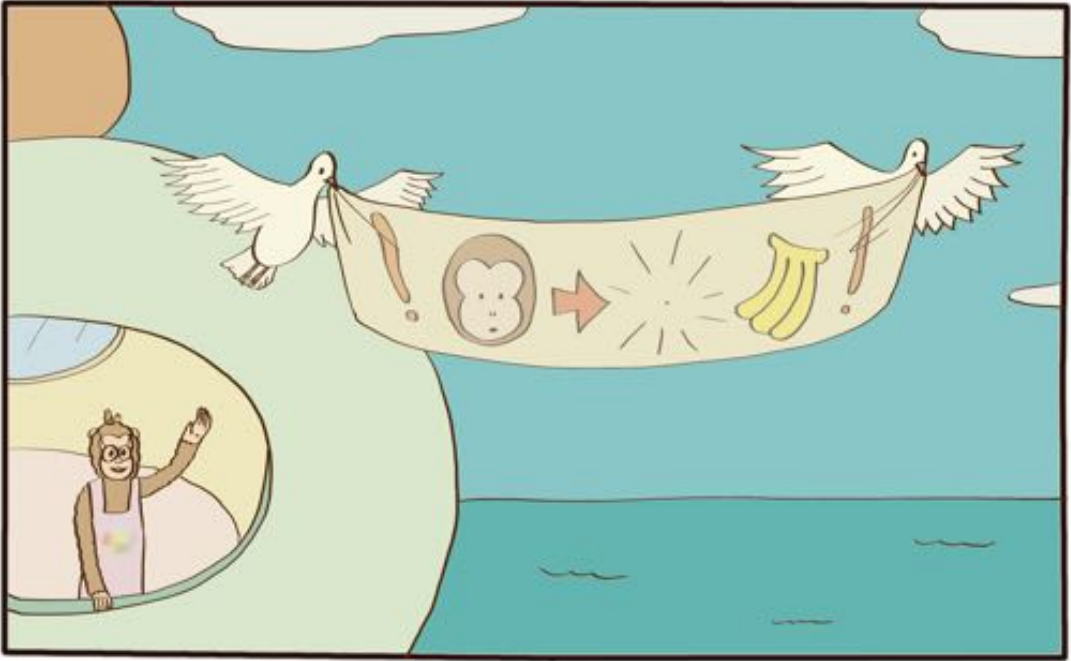


"Can Saru go back to his usual size?" asked Teto.  
"Sure!" said Saru's grandma. They were relieved.

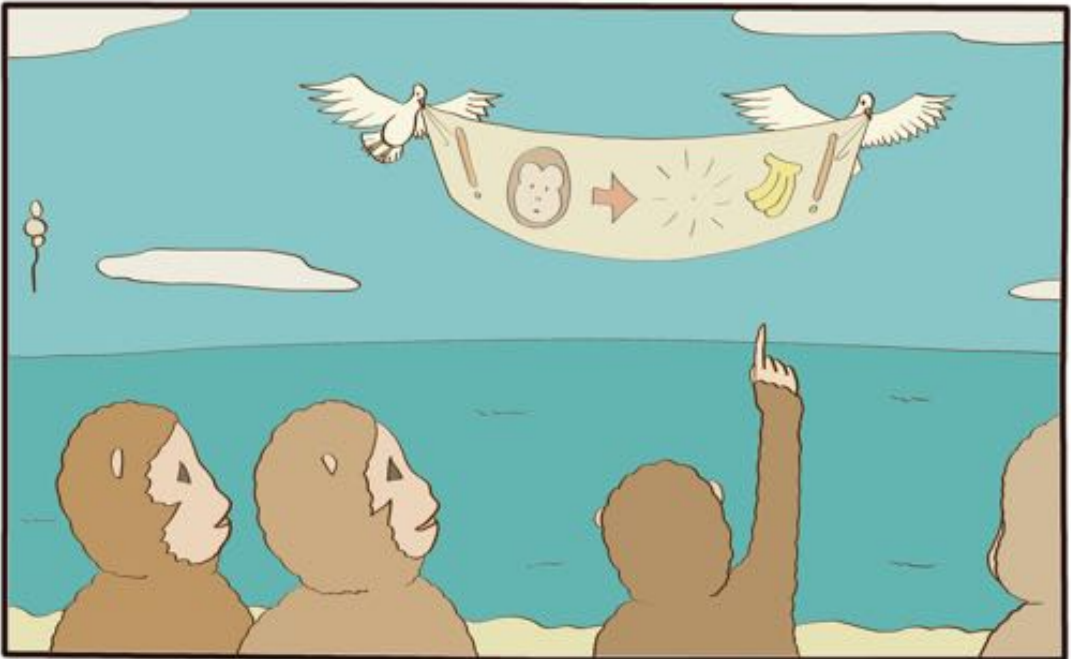


"Everyone else wants to try being small too!" said Saru. "Then we should invite them over," said his grandma, and they made a banner together.



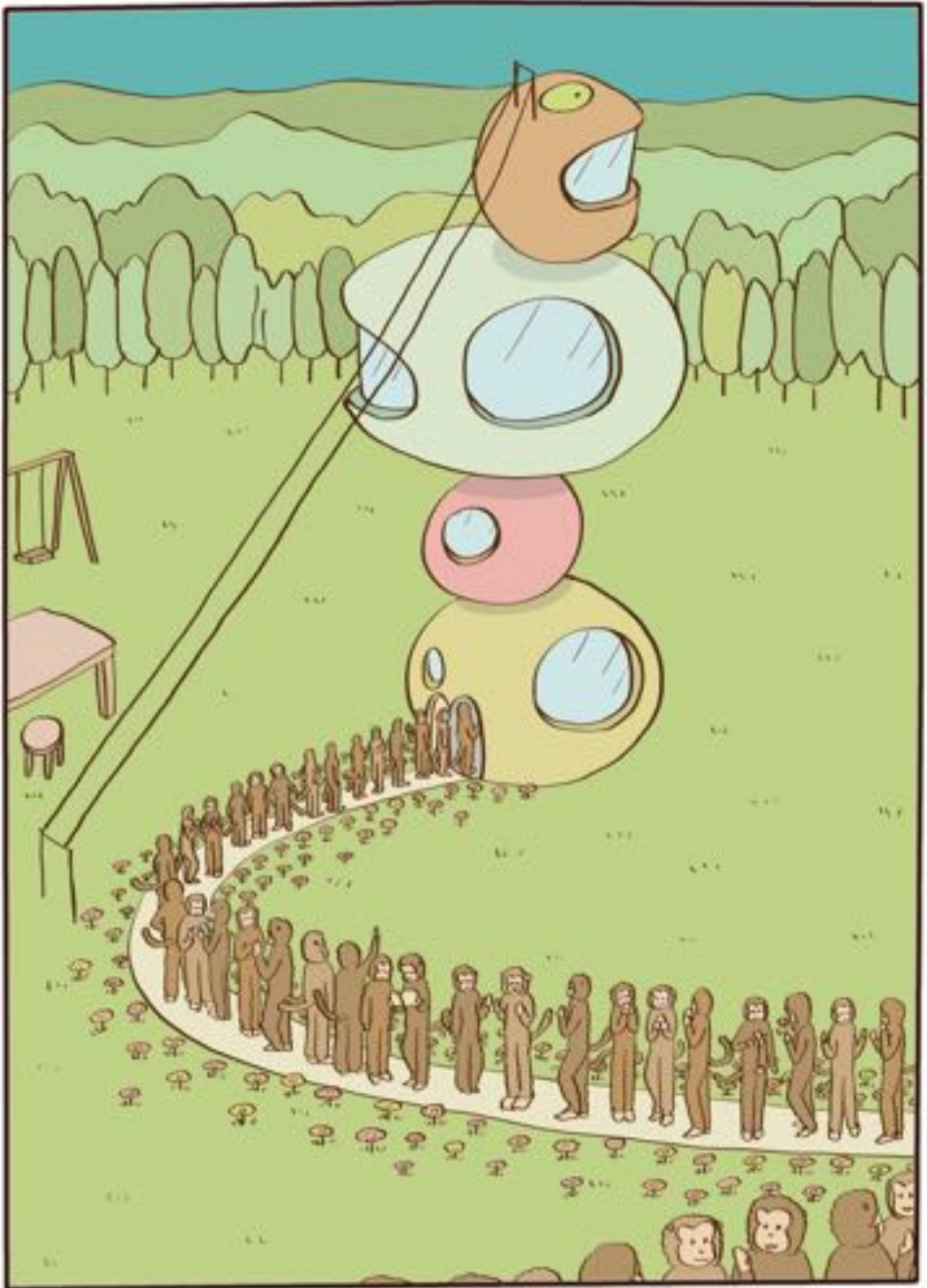


Saru's grandma gave the banner to the pigeons to inform all Sarulers.



The Sarulers were excited to find out that they could also shrink like Saru.





A very long queue was formed in front of Saru's house by all the Sarulers who wanted to try out the machine.



Once all the Sarulers had become small, Saru's grandma said, "We have some nice treats in the back garden!"



She took everyone to the back garden where they found bananas, grapes and a whole cake waiting for them.



"Such a huge cake!"

"We'll all be full!"

Everyone enjoyed eating the cake, bananas, and grapes.





"What a fun day!" said Teto.

"It really was!" said Saru.

They will have another wonderful day tomorrow.

But that is another story.