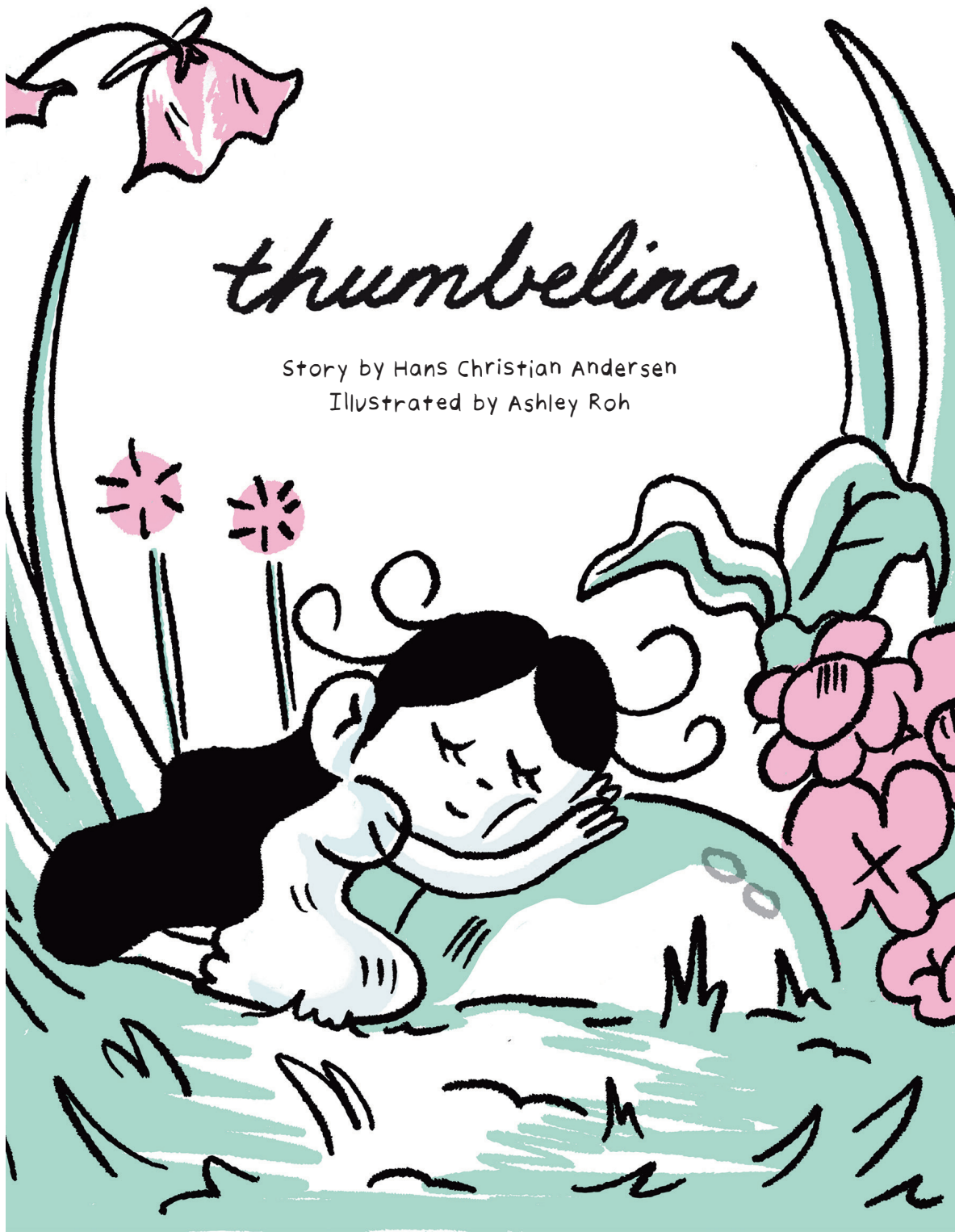


# thumbelina

Story by Hans Christian Andersen

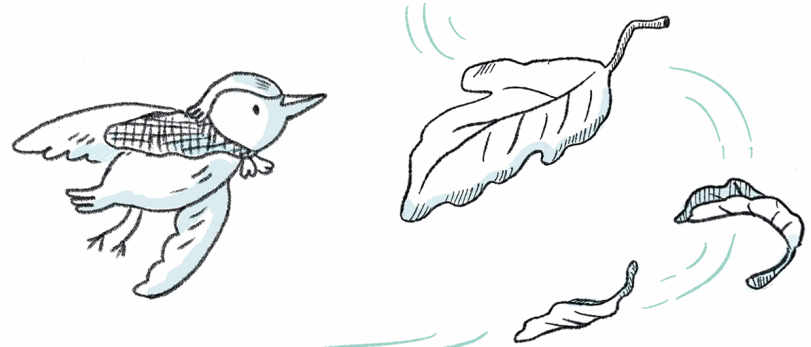
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Adapted from the short story "Thumbelina"  
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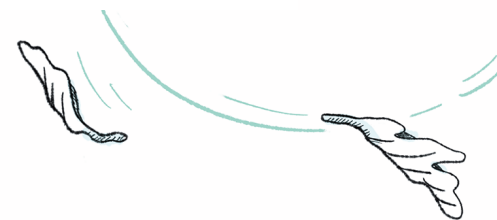




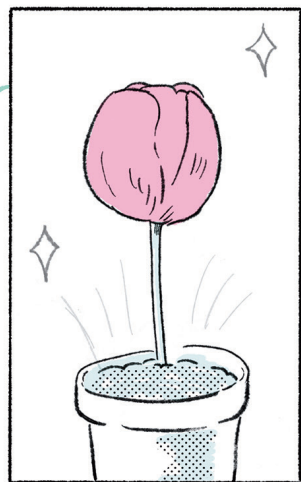


There once was an old woman who wanted to have a little child.

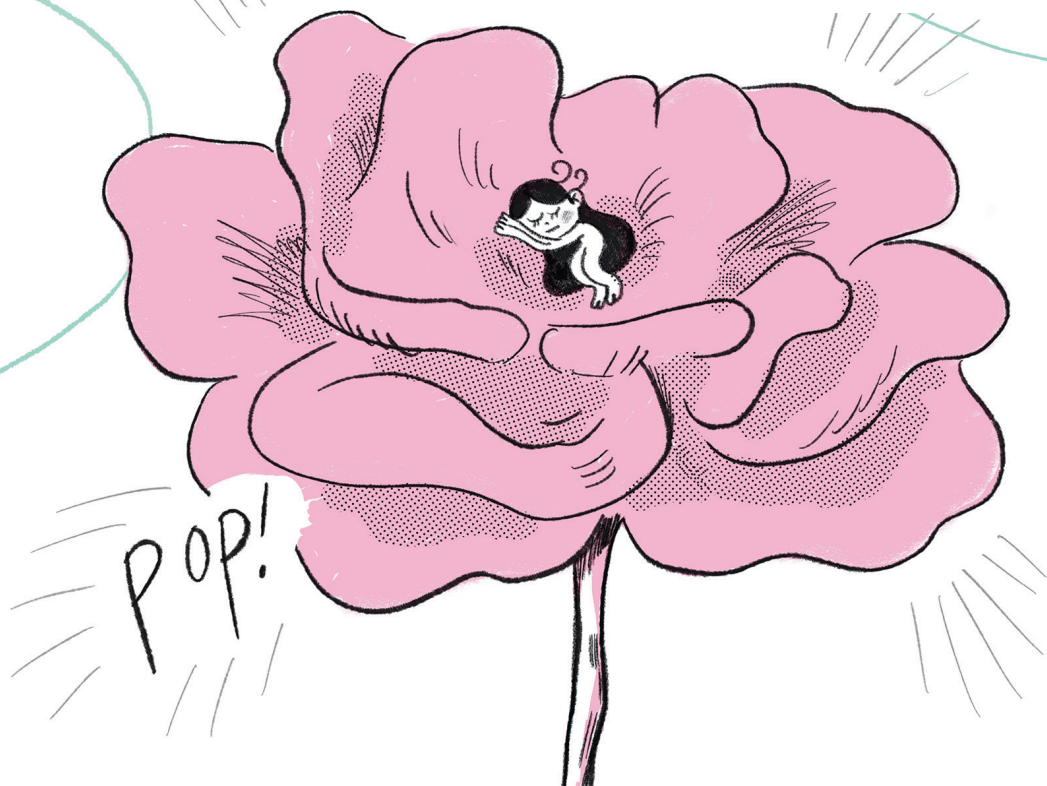
So she went to a witch who gave her a barley corn to plant.



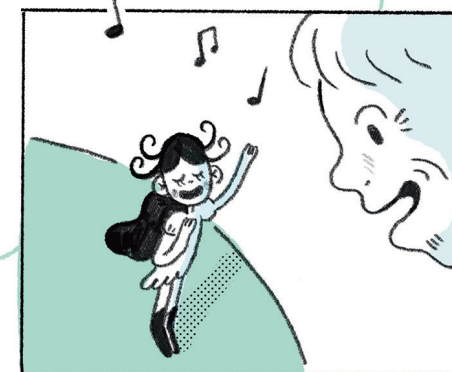
From that seed, a flower quickly grew...



...and born from there was  
a girl as small as a thumb.



Her name was Thumbelina...

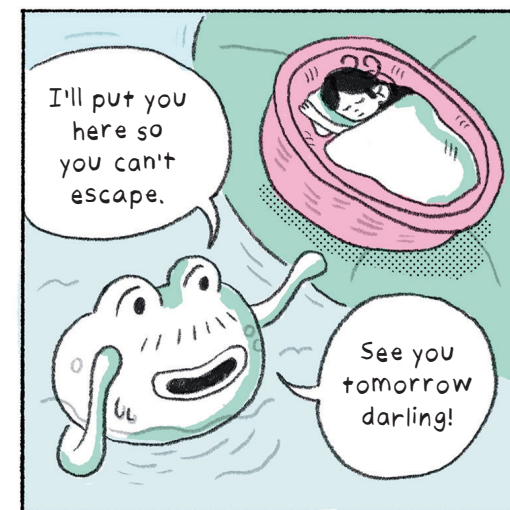
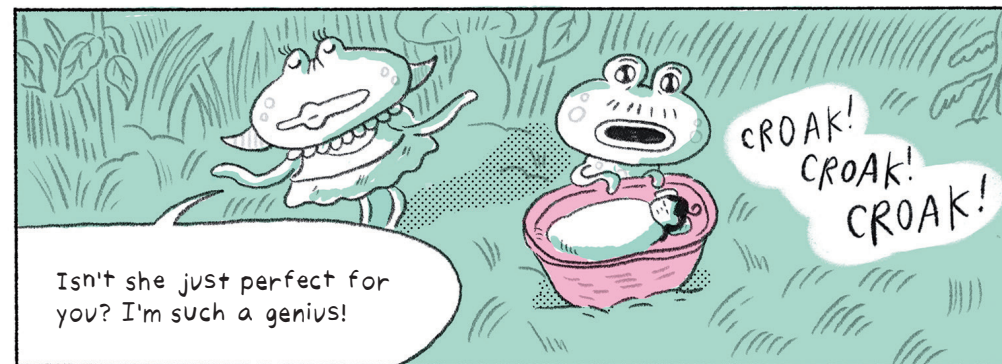
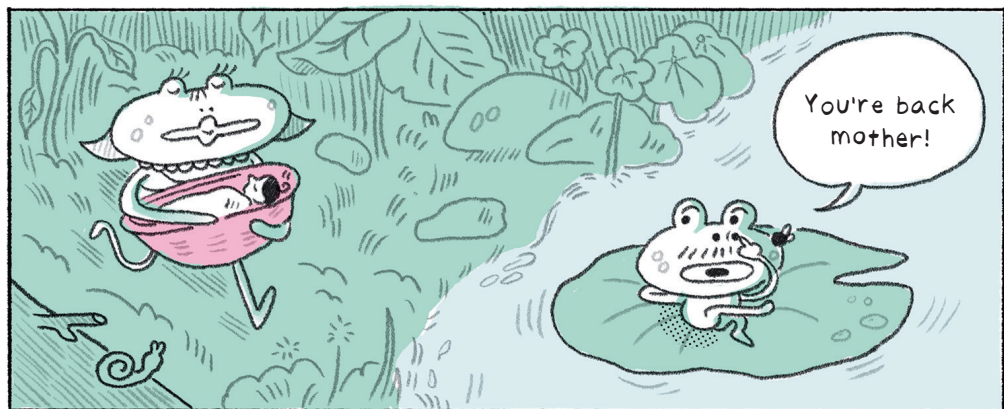
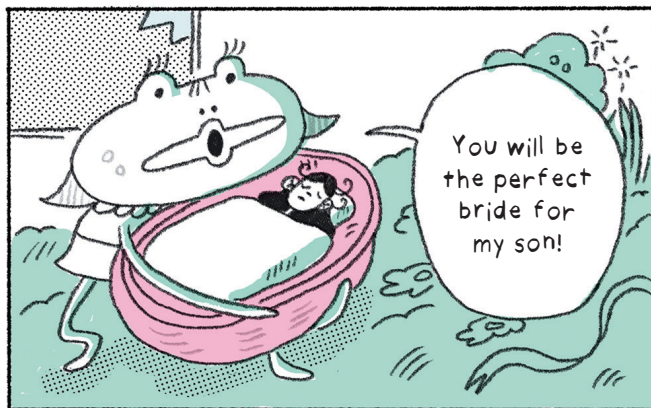
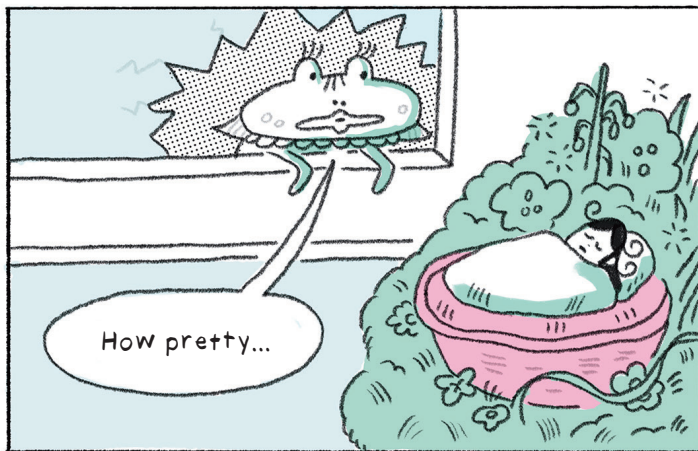


...and she lived happily on top  
of the old woman's table.

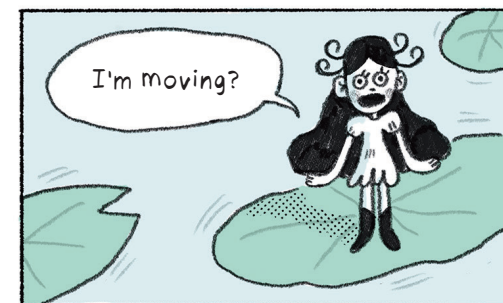
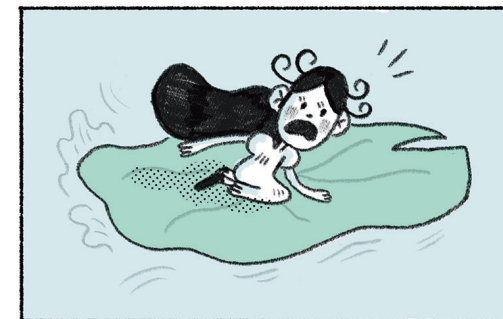
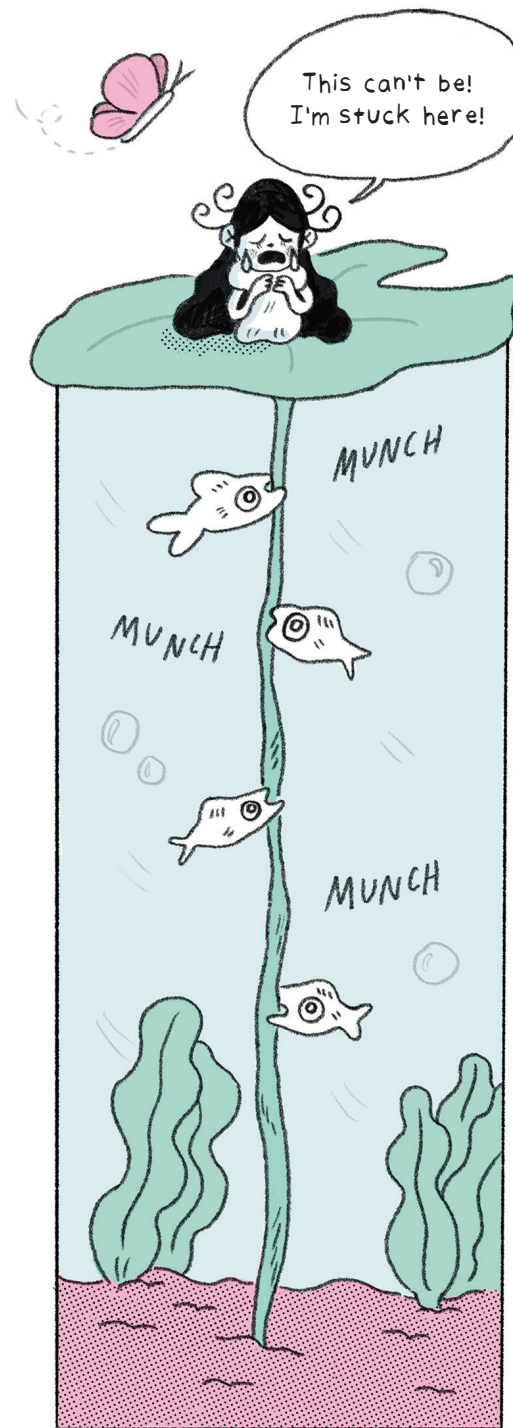
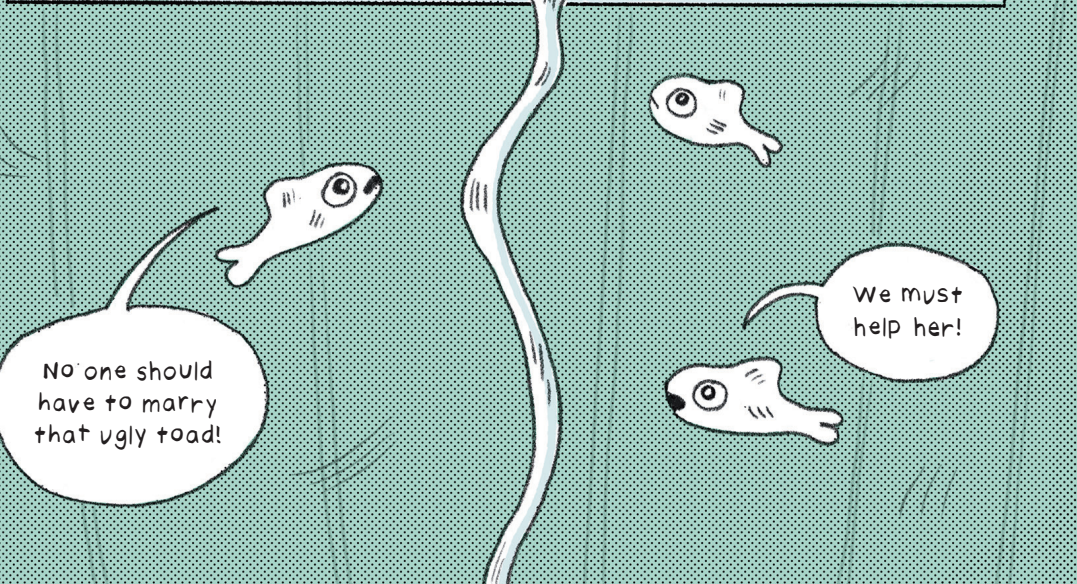
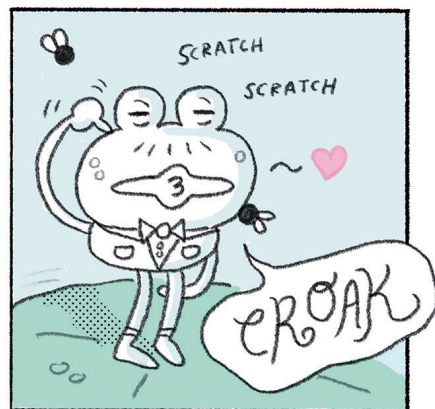
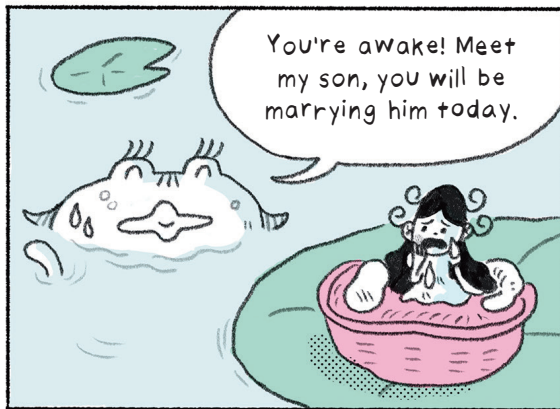




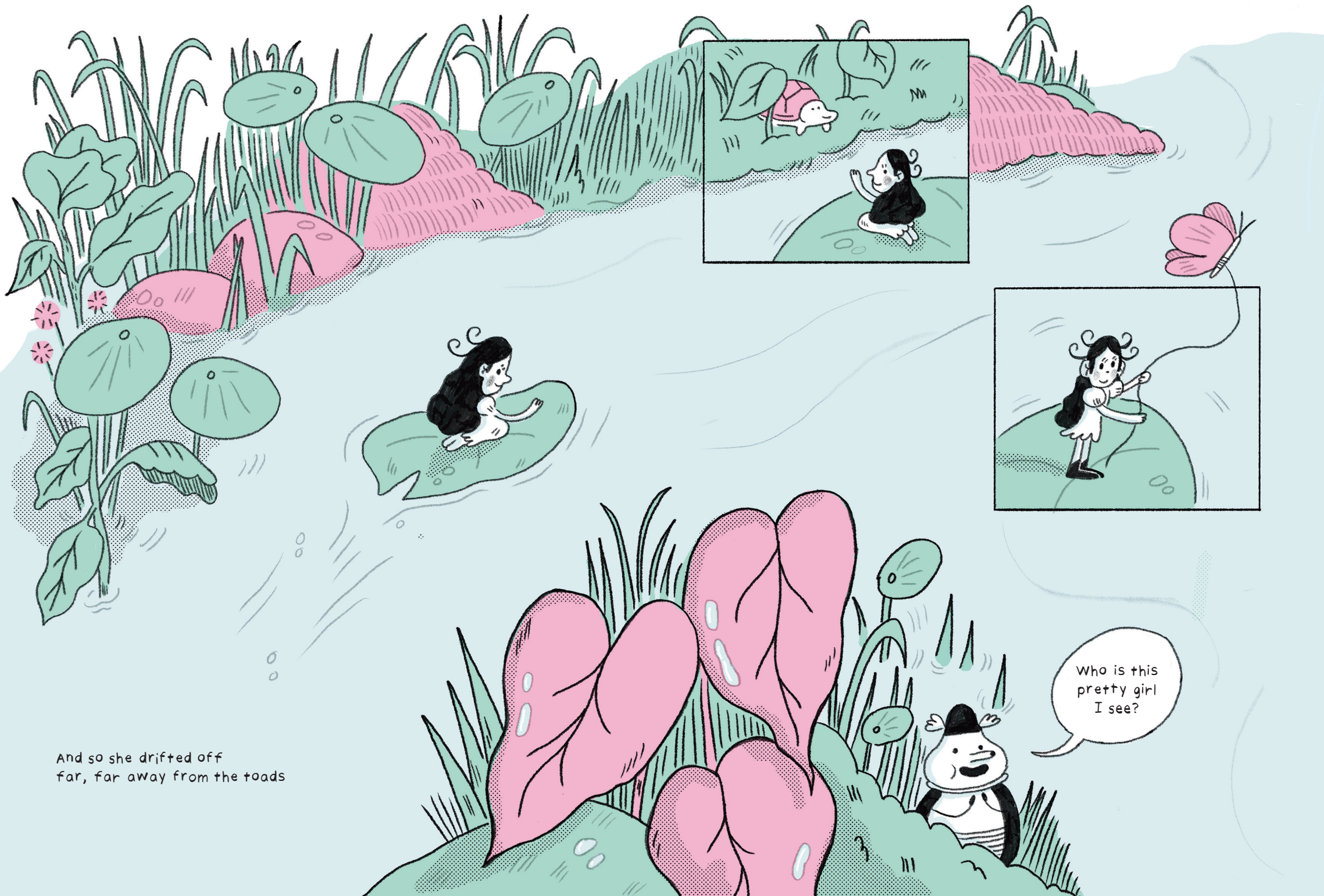
But an unexpected visitor came one night.





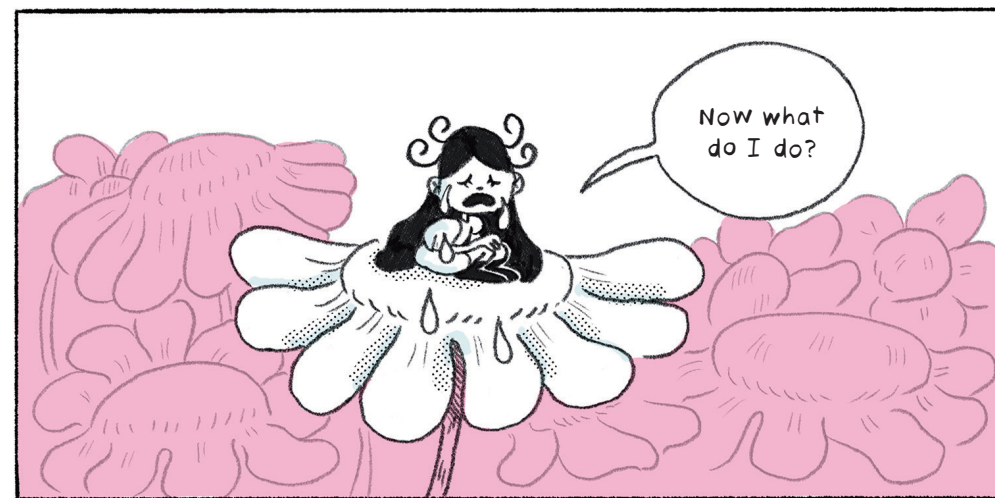
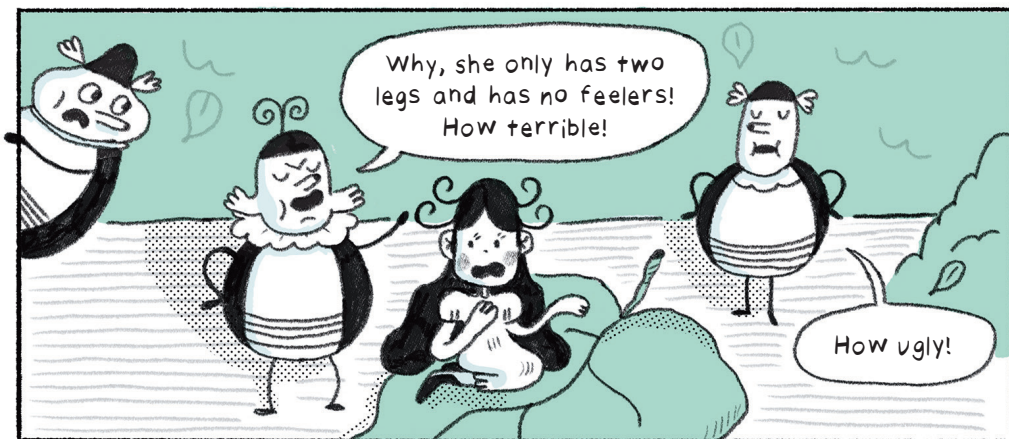
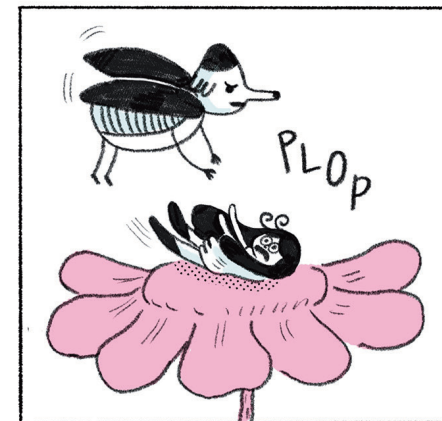
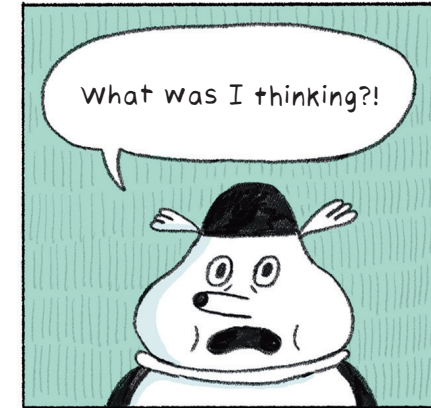
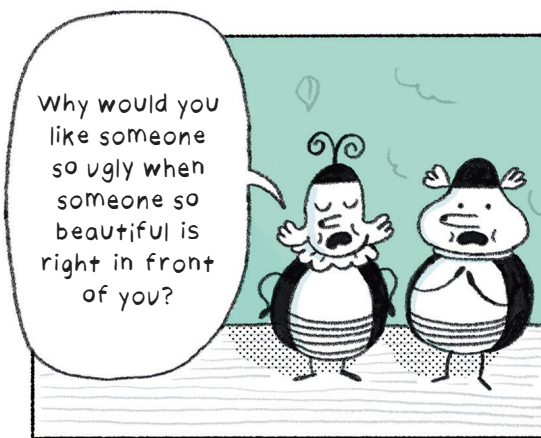






And so she drifted off  
far, far away from the toads



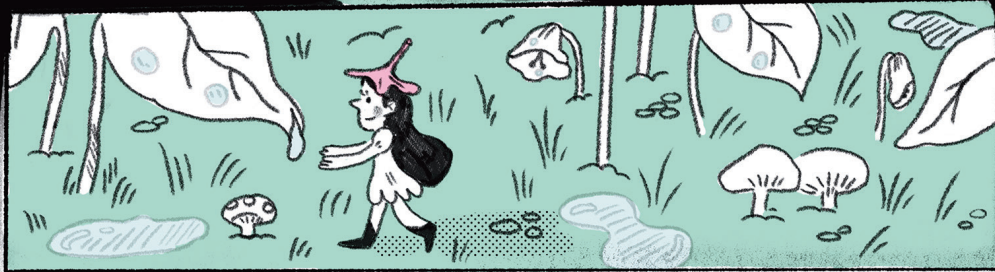




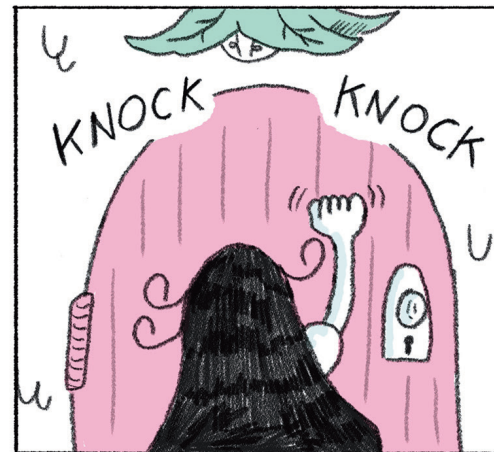
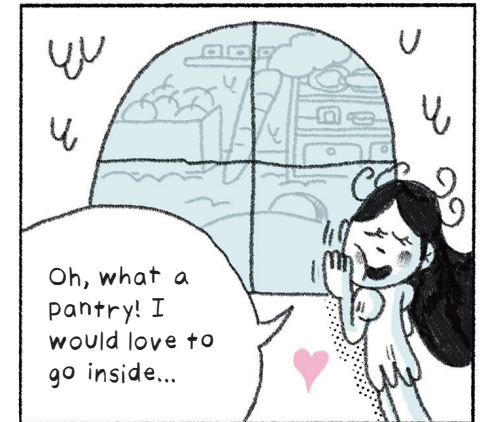
Thumbelina was left  
alone in the forest...



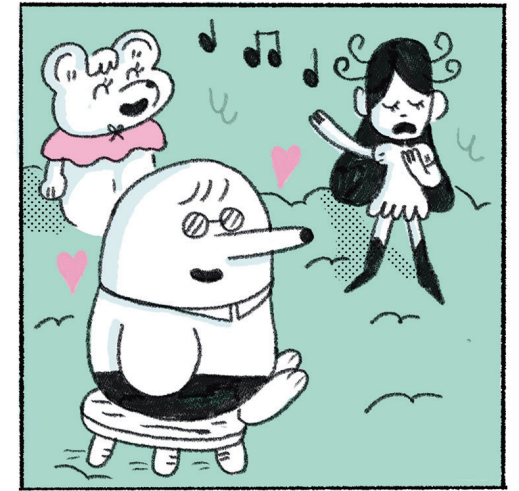
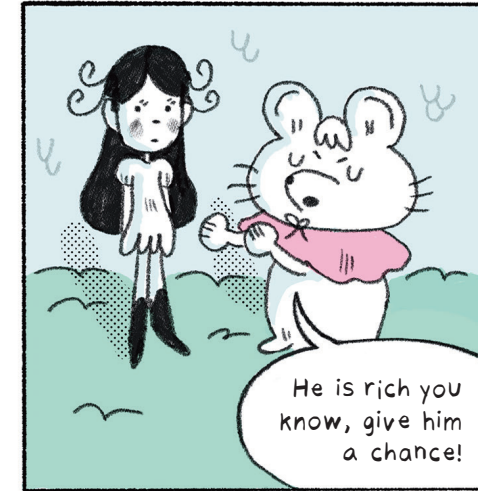
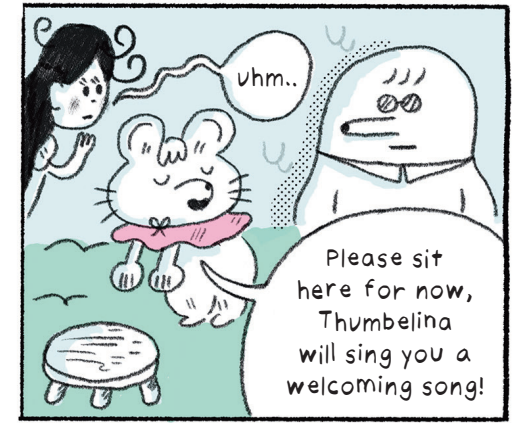
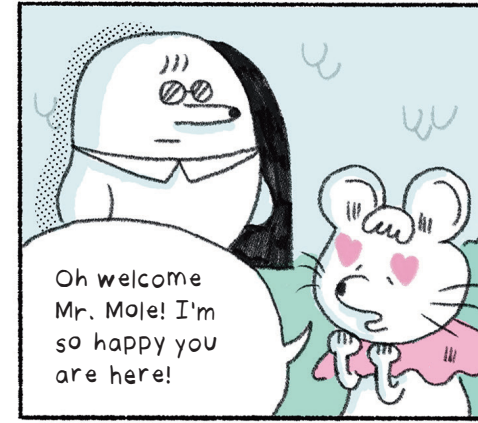
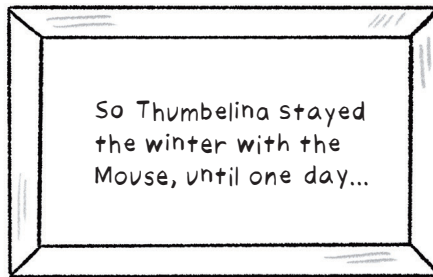
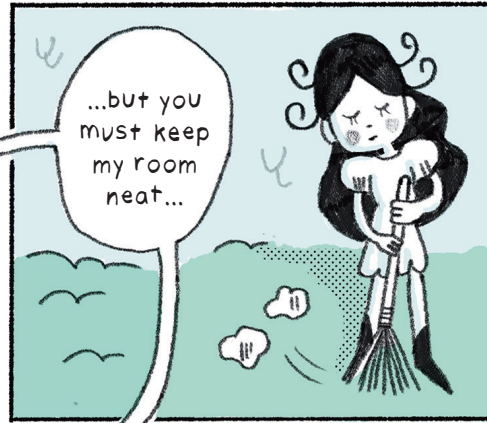
but quickly found ways to  
survive all on her own...



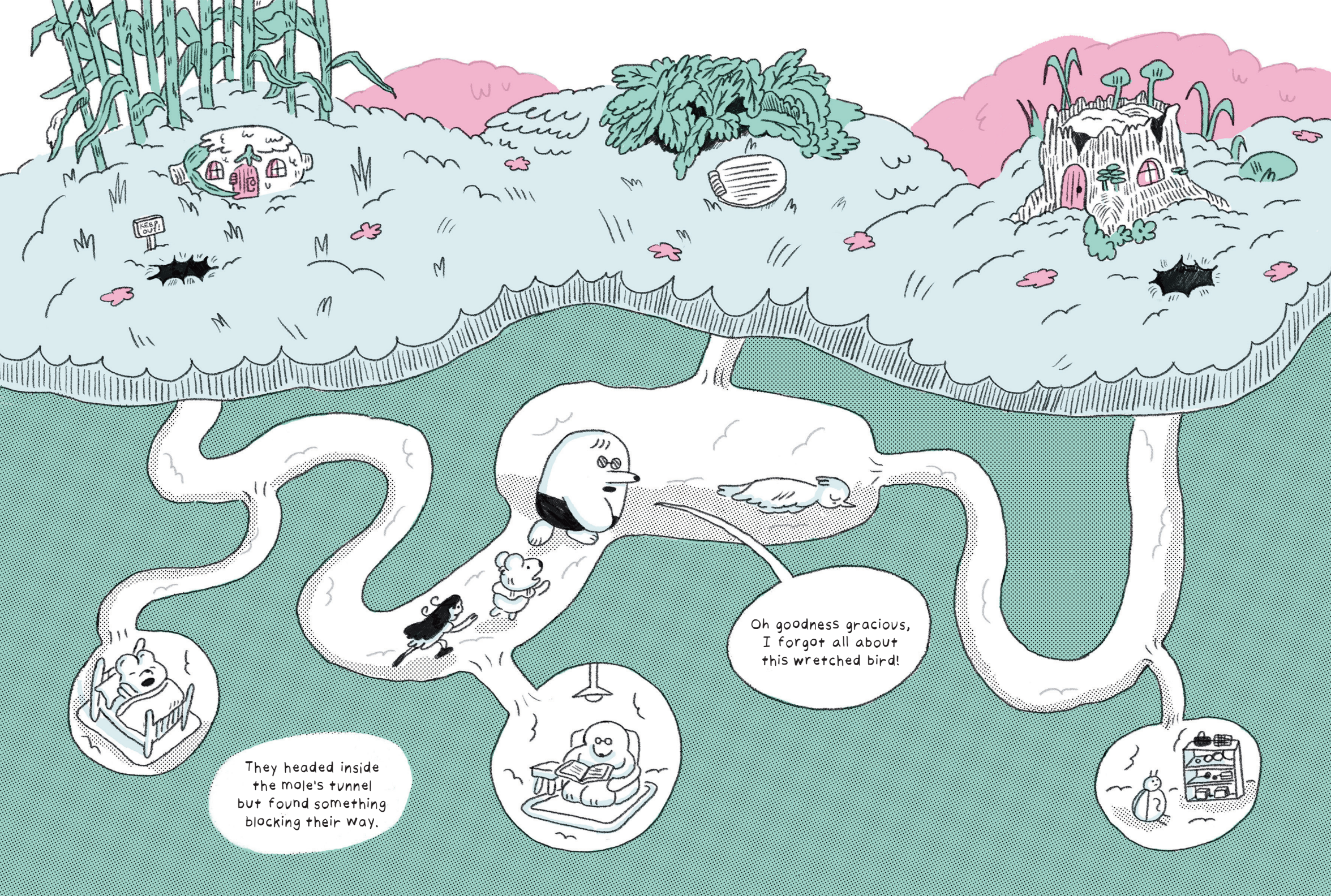
But then came winter...







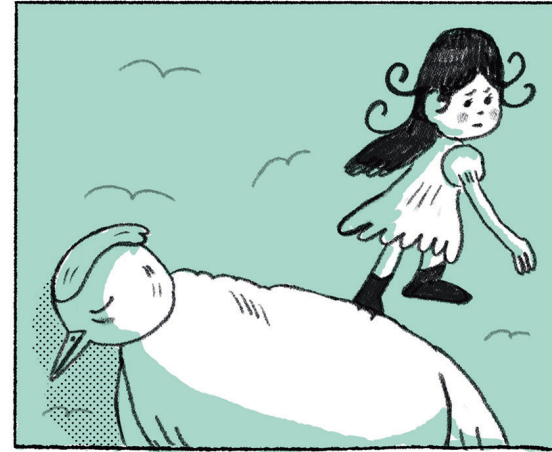
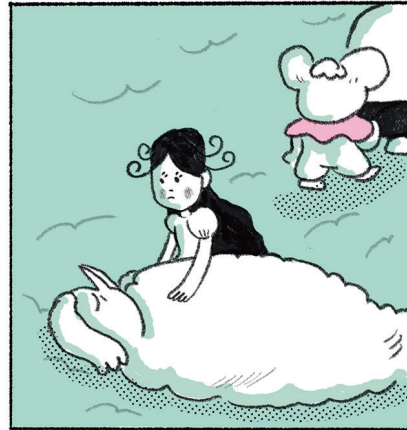
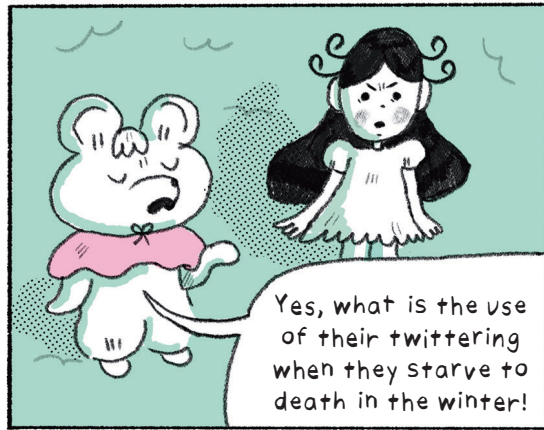
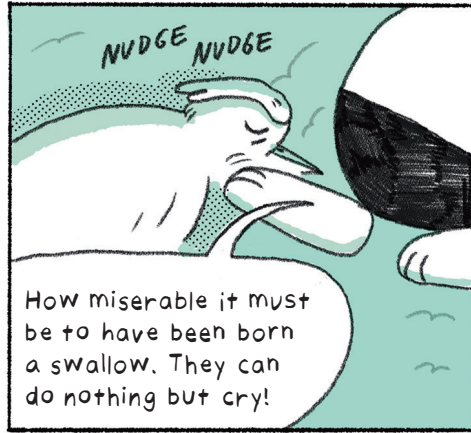




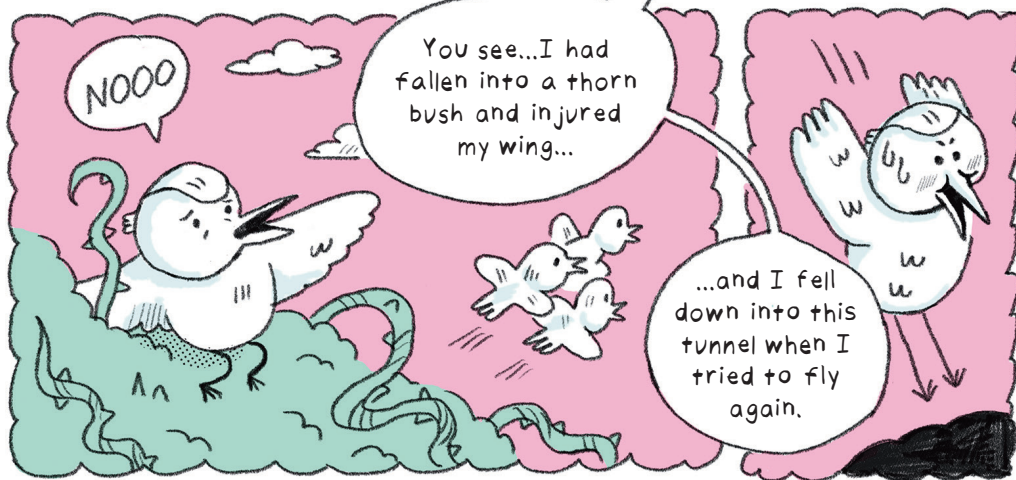
They headed inside  
the mole's tunnel  
but found something  
blocking their way.

Oh goodness gracious,  
I forgot all about  
this wretched bird!









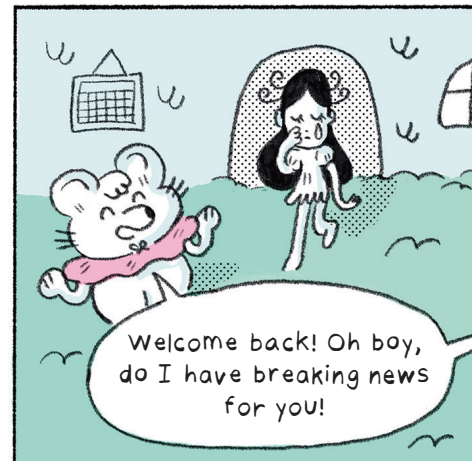
Thumbelina secretly took care of Swallow until it was spring time...



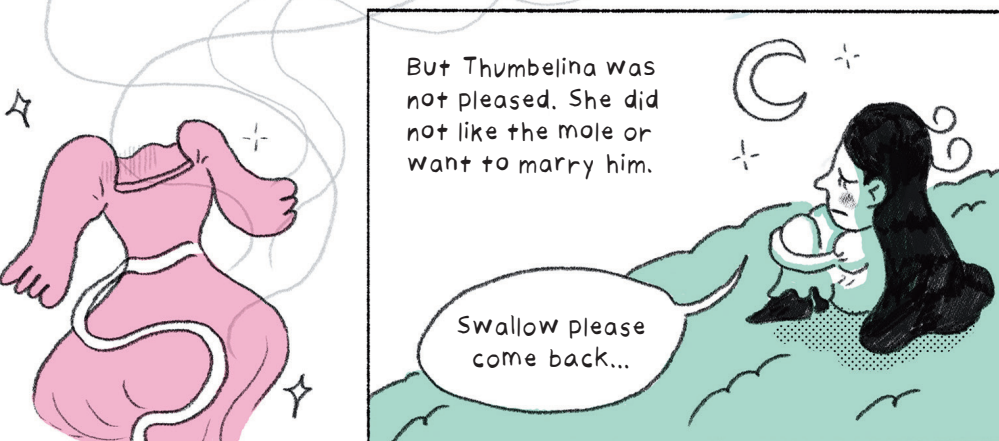




Thumbelina then realized she could no longer leave since the corns' crop was now too tall for her to go through.

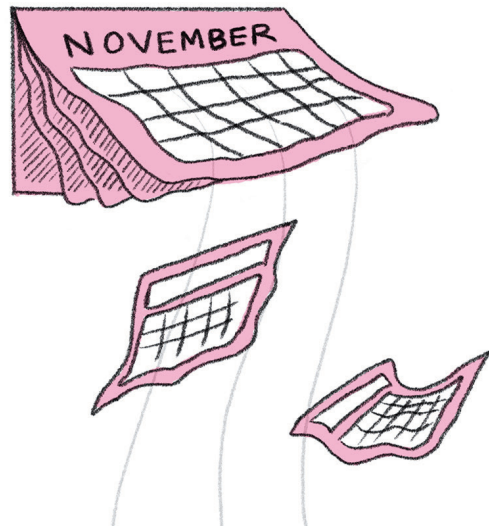
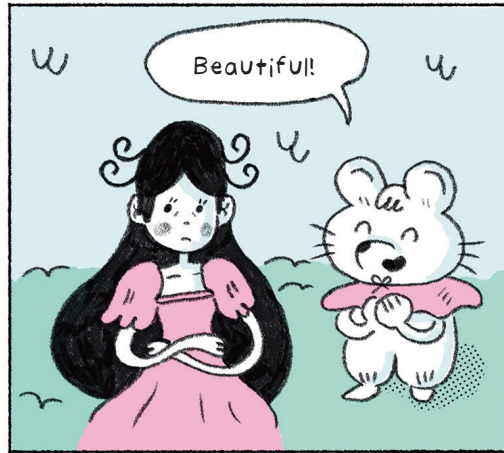


Day and night, they prepared for the wedding scheduled for Autumn.

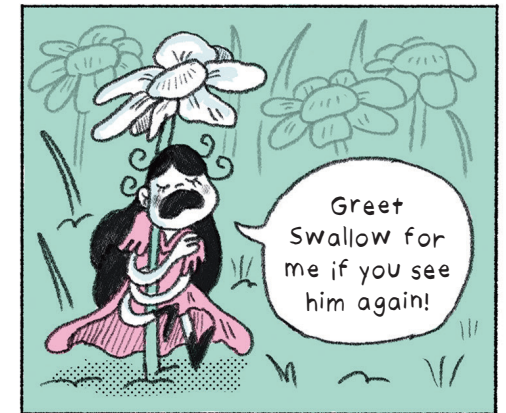




But Thumbelina's dress was already made and done...

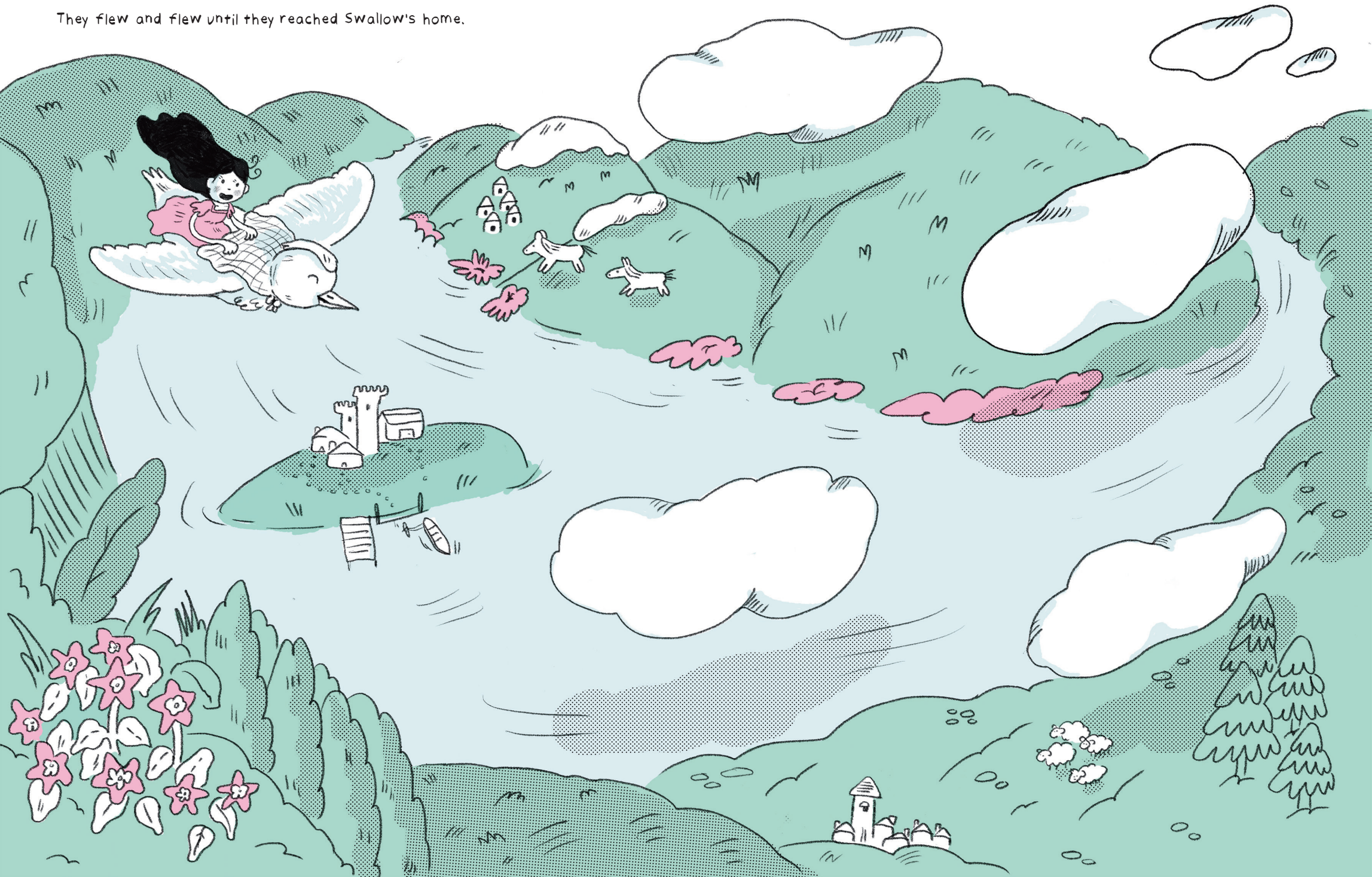


The wedding day quickly came by...

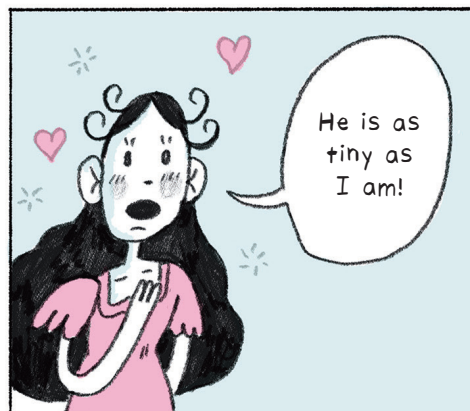
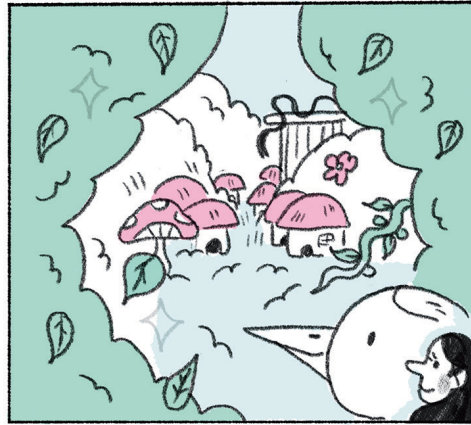




They flew and flew until they reached Swallow's home.



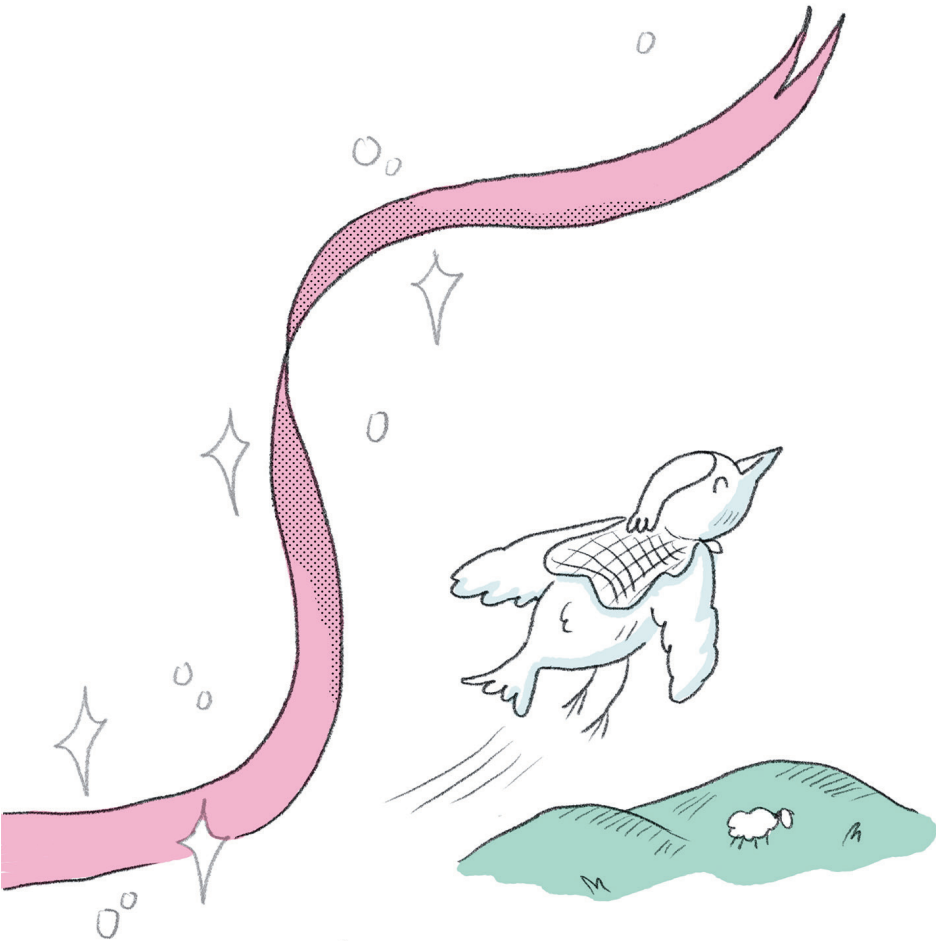






The people celebrated Thumbelina and the Tiny Prince's marriage.





Sparrow bid them a bittersweet  
farewell and tweeted the story of  
May Blossom to whoever he met.





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A tiny girl with big  
adventures ahead of her.  
How will she escape all of  
these animals who want to  
marry her?

