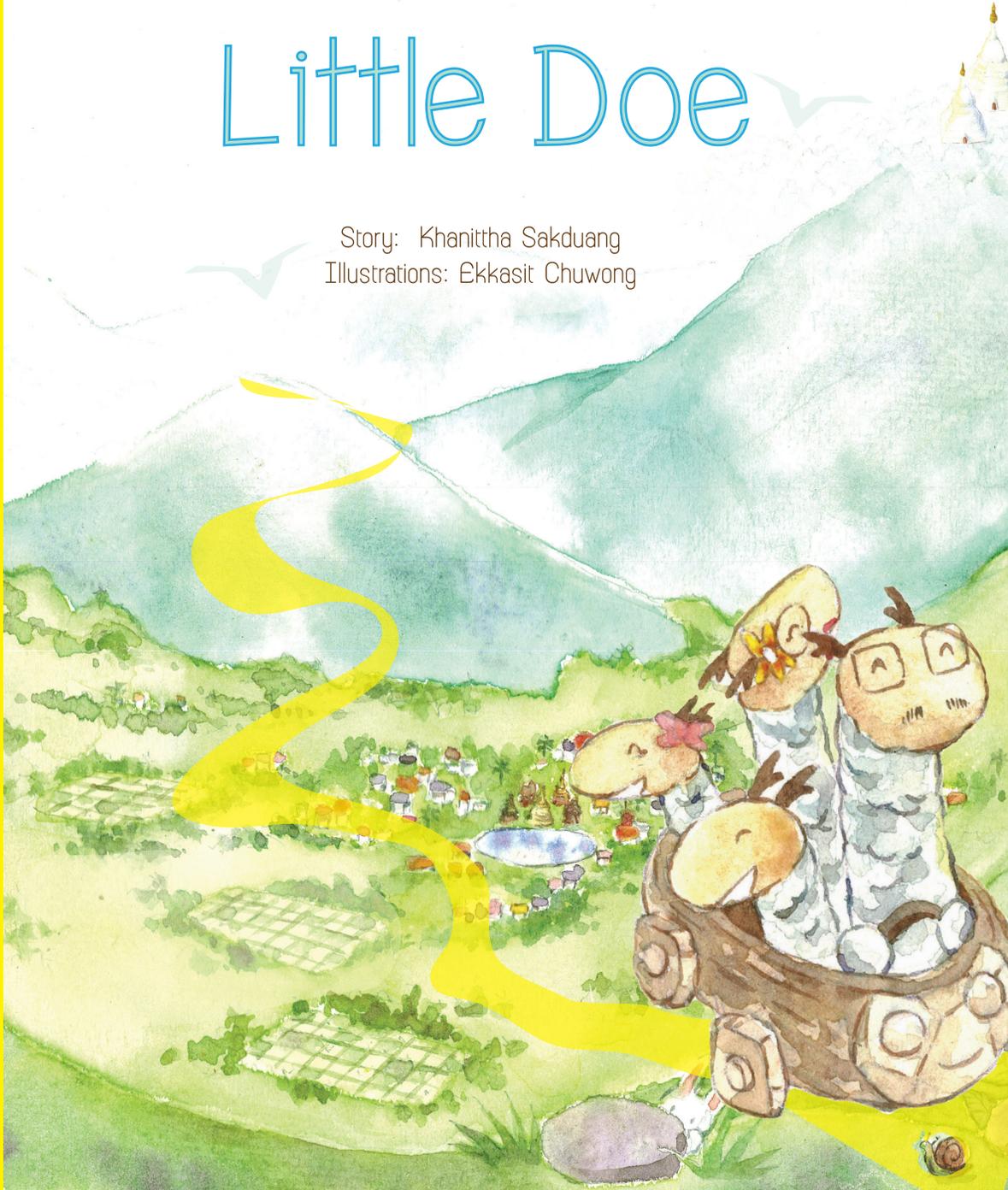


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Preface

Thailand Knowledge Park (TK park) mission in society is to develop a love of reading and give people equal opportunities to experience modern learning centers which speak to their interests. TK park has been cooperating with local administrators in many regions of Thailand to build living libraries as a way to achieve its mission.

Bringing local knowledge to children, in a modern and fun way, is an important tool to inspire them to read and explore. The idea is to create books which reflect local wisdom, together with morality and ethics, for children aged 4 – 12.

The books in the Mae Hong Son Set were developed by TK park, scholars, and local writers. Children and adults will get to know about the Mae Hong Son and be proud of the unique traditions found there. Moreover, the books also foster better understandings of and tolerant attitudes toward others from different cultures and societies.

TK park hopes the books will be another learning tool to help encourage Thai people to read more and maximize their learning. TK park aims to make the books fun and easy to read. Readers can enjoy them and appreciate their own hometowns, regions, and country.

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The background is a watercolor illustration. It features a green, textured hill in the foreground. On top of the hill are two golden stupas with tiered bases and pointed tops. Several light blue birds are flying in the sky above the hill. The overall style is soft and artistic.

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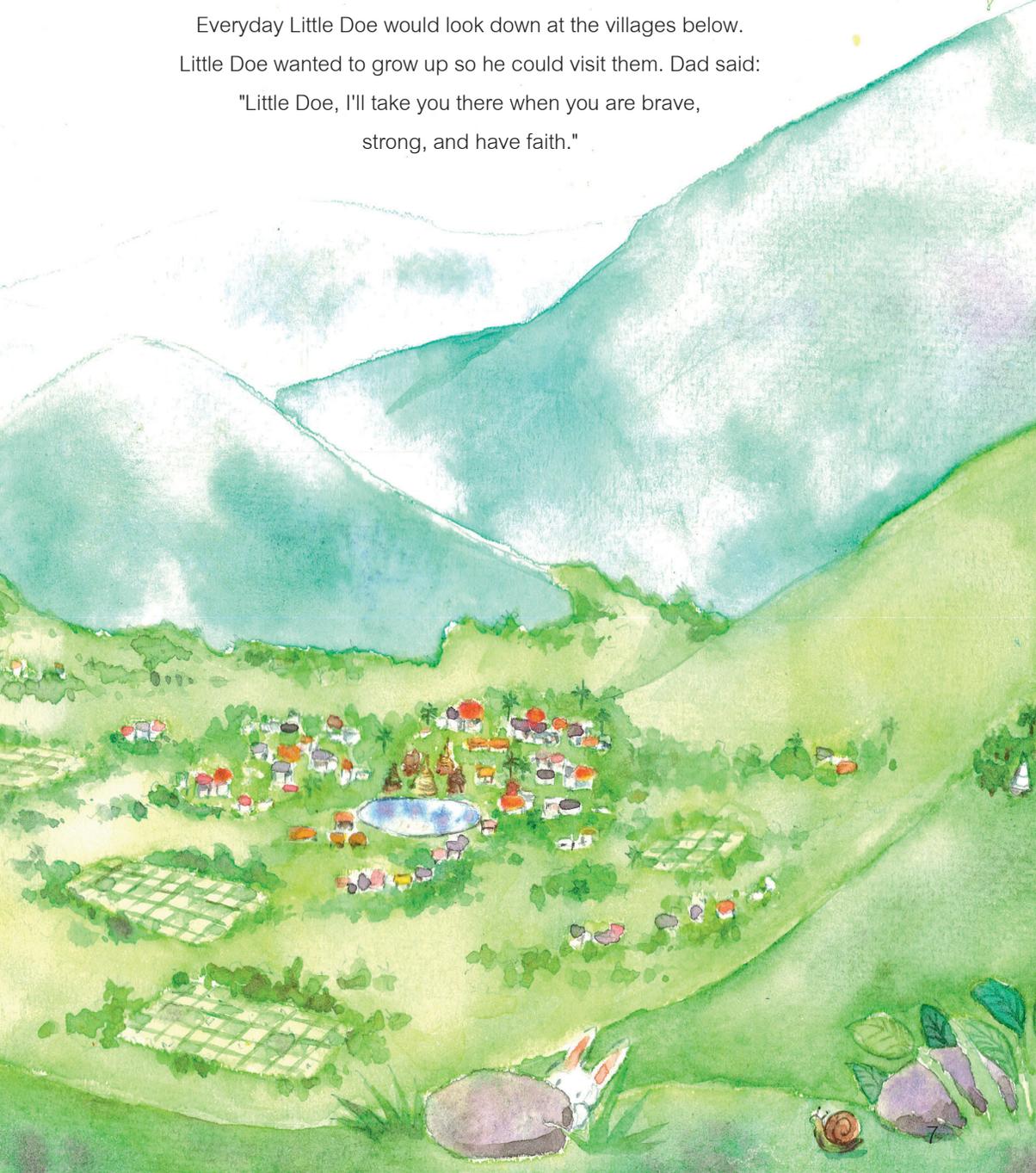
Once upon a time,

the Doe Family lived on top of a mountain.

Everyday Little Doe would look down at the villages below.

Little Doe wanted to grow up so he could visit them. Dad said:

"Little Doe, I'll take you there when you are brave,
strong, and have faith."





Buddhist Lent Day was coming, and Mom thought this would be Little Doe's moment. Dad decided to take Little Doe to the villages!

It was a long, tiring journey. Little Doe got bigger, braver, and stronger each moment along the way!



The villages Little Doe used to look at from afar
appeared closer and closer.

"What are the villages like? Are there any interesting
things to find?", Little Doe wondered.





Today Little Doe arrived at the beautiful villages and
Dad said, "If you want to know more, go explore!
Mom and I will be waiting for you."

Little Doe looked at the people and their surroundings.
There was so much to see!







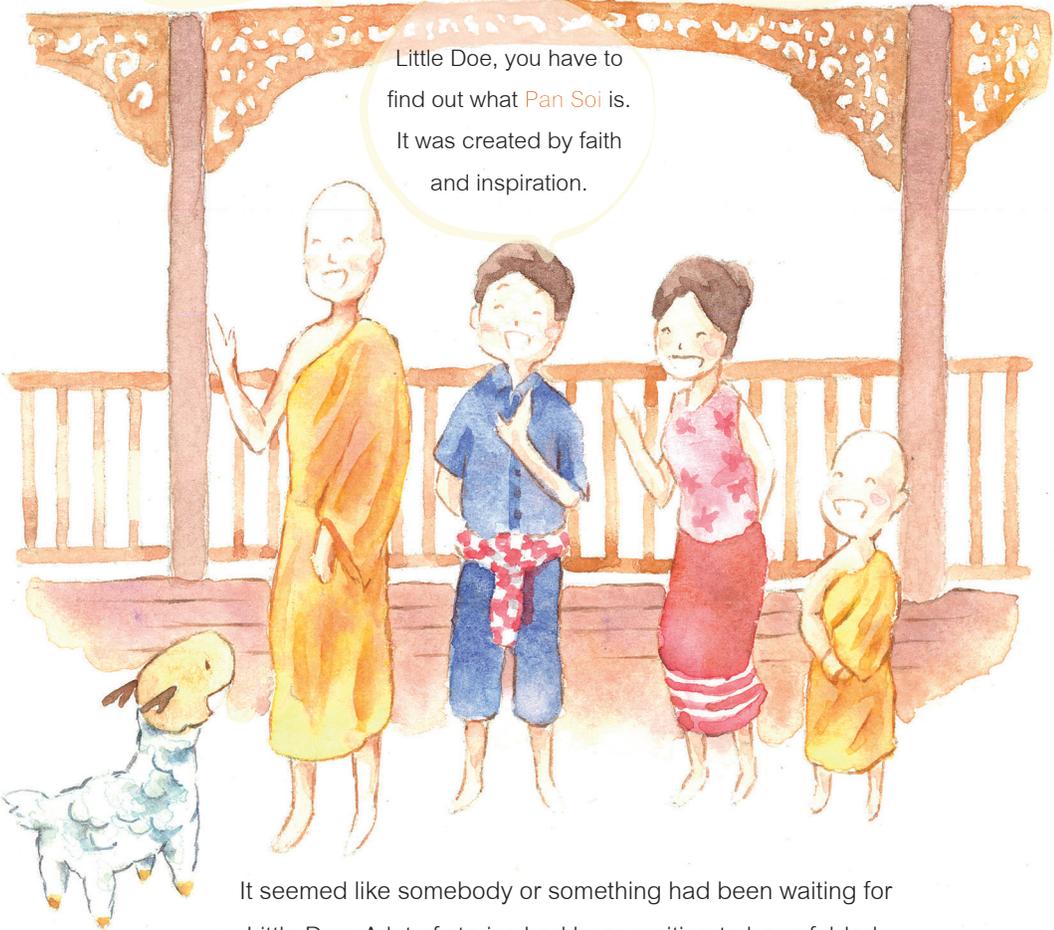
Mom and Dad took Little Doe to the temple
to pay respect to the Buddha image.
Little Doe needed some time alone.

Go to the market, Little Doe.
Find out the answers to these
two riddles:

1. It's bamboo woven to protect
you from the hot sun.
2. It's what you give someone,
chew it, and spit it out.

Let's pray and find out.
The scent of the Kamko
flowers led Little Doe to
the Bridge of Faith.

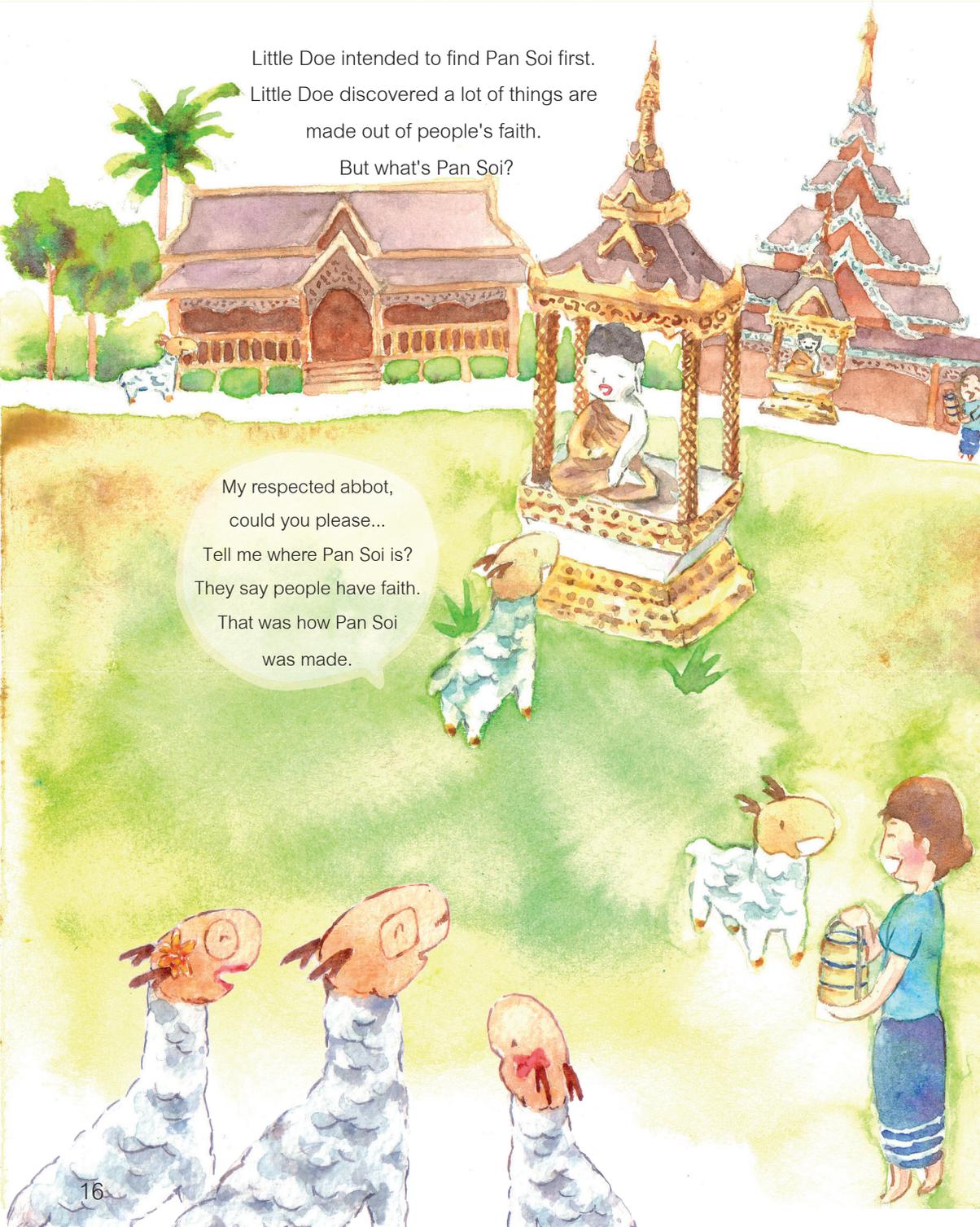
Little Doe, you have to
find out what **Pan Soi** is.
It was created by faith
and inspiration.



It seemed like somebody or something had been waiting for
Little Doe. A lot of stories had been waiting to be unfolded.

Little Doe intended to find Pan Soi first.
Little Doe discovered a lot of things are
made out of people's faith.
But what's Pan Soi?

My respected abbot,
could you please...
Tell me where Pan Soi is?
They say people have faith.
That was how Pan Soi
was made.





Is this
Pan Soi?

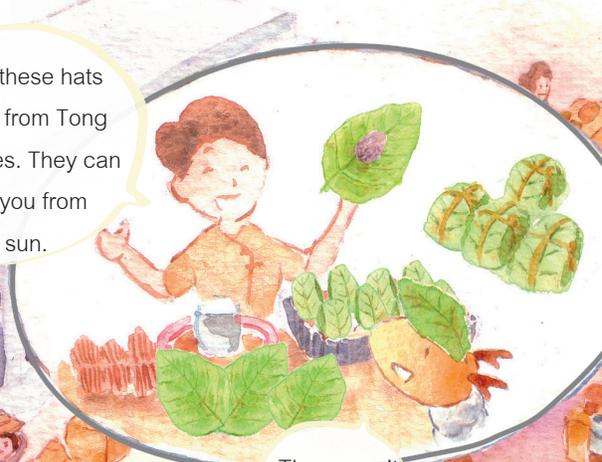
At long last,
I'm so glad I've
found you!

Pan Soi are carvings
on zinc sheets, which are
used to decorate temple
roofs or roofs of other
important buildings.

At the market, Little Doe was reciting the riddles.

1. It's bamboo woven to protect you from the hot sun.
2. It's what you give someone, chew it, and spit it out.

Actually, these hats are made from Tong Tueng trees. They can protect you from the sun.



They aren't made of bamboo

You can apply it to your face. It can protect your skin from the sun.



Well, but it is not woven.



Would you like a Kup ?

Oh, yes!
It's made from bamboo and it's woven.

Oh! That granny began chewing something and just spitting it out.

It's called Neng.

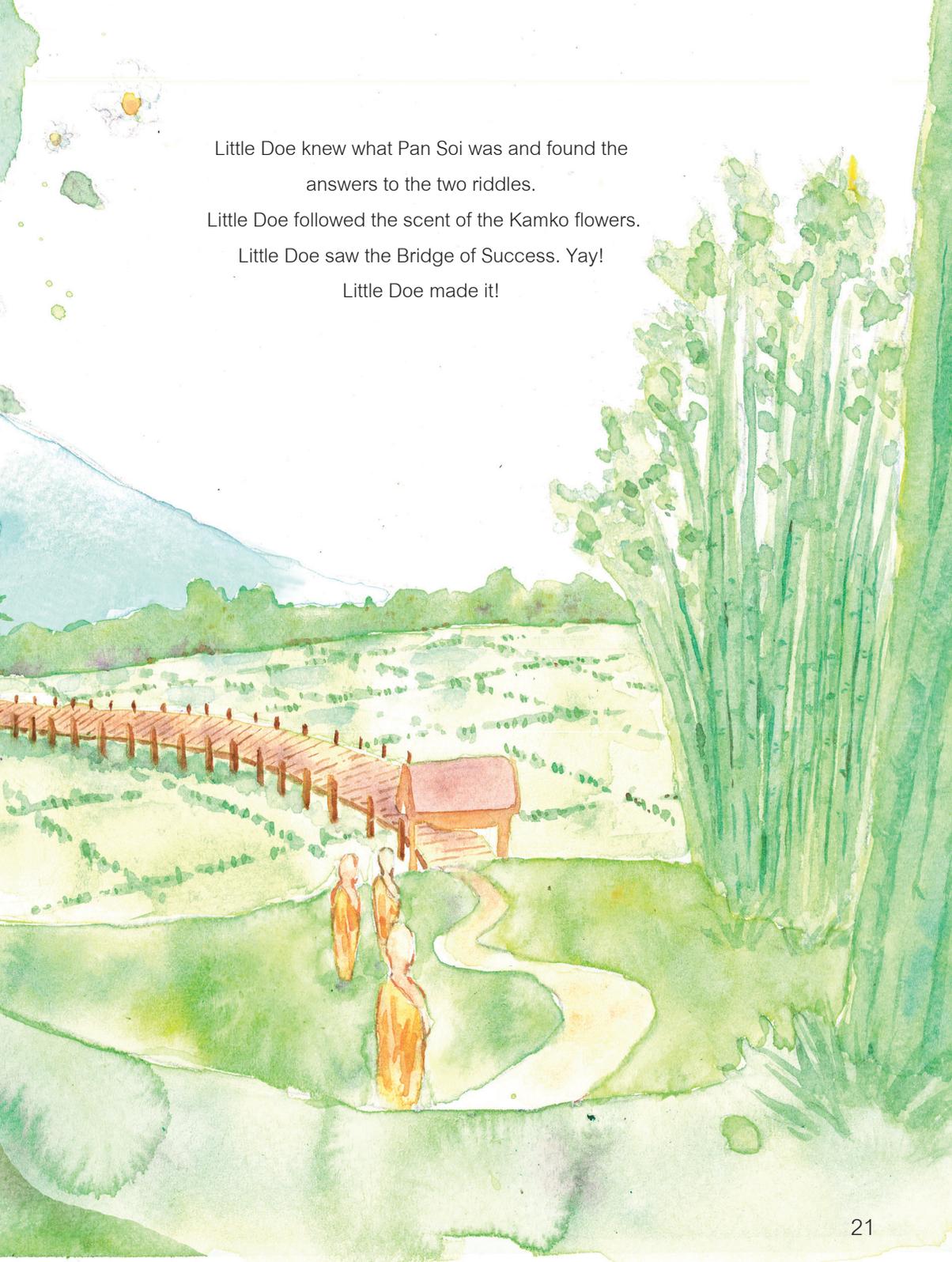


Little Doe knew what Pan Soi was and found the
answers to the two riddles.

Little Doe followed the scent of the Kamko flowers.

Little Doe saw the Bridge of Success. Yay!

Little Doe made it!





Faith, bravery, and prayer led Little Doe and the Doe Family to the Bridge of Success. Su Tong Pe Brigde

From now on, Little Doe will grow up strong and successful because Little Doe has faith.



The 15th day of the waxing moon

Poi Loen in October



How to Use Little Doe to Encourage Children to Learn While Having Fun

Little Doe is suitable for students in Grade1-3. The characters are like children who are curious about everything around them and want to learn more. The teacher may use Little Doe to encourage students to ask questions and find answers.

The teacher may start with reading Little Doe or telling Little Doe's stories. After that, the teacher may ask what Little Doe is and whether it is real. The students may draw a picture of Little Doe from their imaginations. Then students should talk about what Little Doe has to find. For example, they may discuss about Pansoi Neng or Tanaka. The teacher may ask what they are and what they are used for. The teacher may bring Pansoi Neng and Tanaka to class. The teacher may also ask related questions and have students research their answers. Students should see and handle the things depicted in the book. That way students remember and learn more. Unlike textbooks which only offer pictures, students will have fun learning because of these hands-on experiences.

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