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Once upon a time, in the beautiful spring "Las Mosas" along Anton River, there lived a young, beautiful and dreamer little frog everyone called Ada, the Golden Frog.

Her jet black eyes magically contrasted with her warm skin and radiant smile; with her cheerful and sharing nature she had the affection of all her friends, neighbors and relatives.

This little frog from my story is not just another little frog, every day her goals and dreams encouraged her desires of improvement and her need to plan the destiny of her loving tadpoles, who were commonly known as Laura the Long The-Toad, Saponcio and Renata.

Ada the Golden Frog worked real hard in a small green family business called "El Cocuyo" which engaged in hunting and sale of insects. There they imported the best inspect species, all identified and known as the juiciest and crunchiest of the "Las Mosas" Spring.

After several years of hard work, Ana the Golden Frog have managed for her company "El Cocuyo" to have great prestige and to have some profit in Croanedas, which are frogs' coins; which she had saved with lots of dedication.

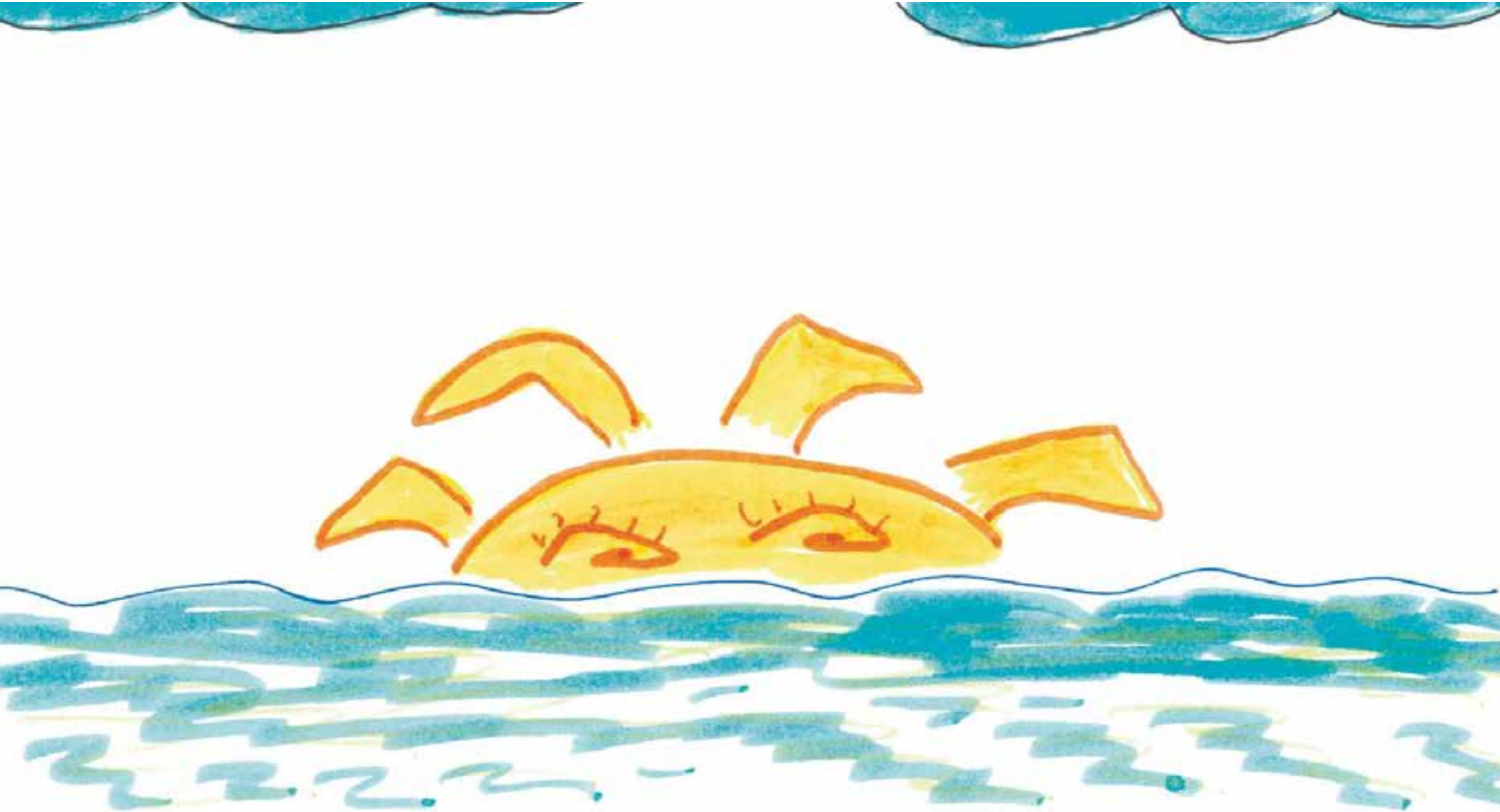
El Cocuyo

Ana the Golden Frog was not that young, but she still was the little frog with the warmest and radiant smile of all "Las Mosas" Spring; and gossip had that the more she saved, the more yellow she turned.

One day when the little frog was not that cheerful and she was celebrating her 9th birthday, because frogs do not live much longer than 10 years, nor men live more than 100; she threw a big party, filled with green balloons that contrasted perfectly with her beautiful home; she bought one delicious cake which served as an appetizer as its design had big decorations with blue-eyed flies.

Music and joy were felt in every corner of "Las Mosas" Spring, dancing, games, photos and fun turned the evening into a perfect range of colors that all inhabitants kept in their memories.

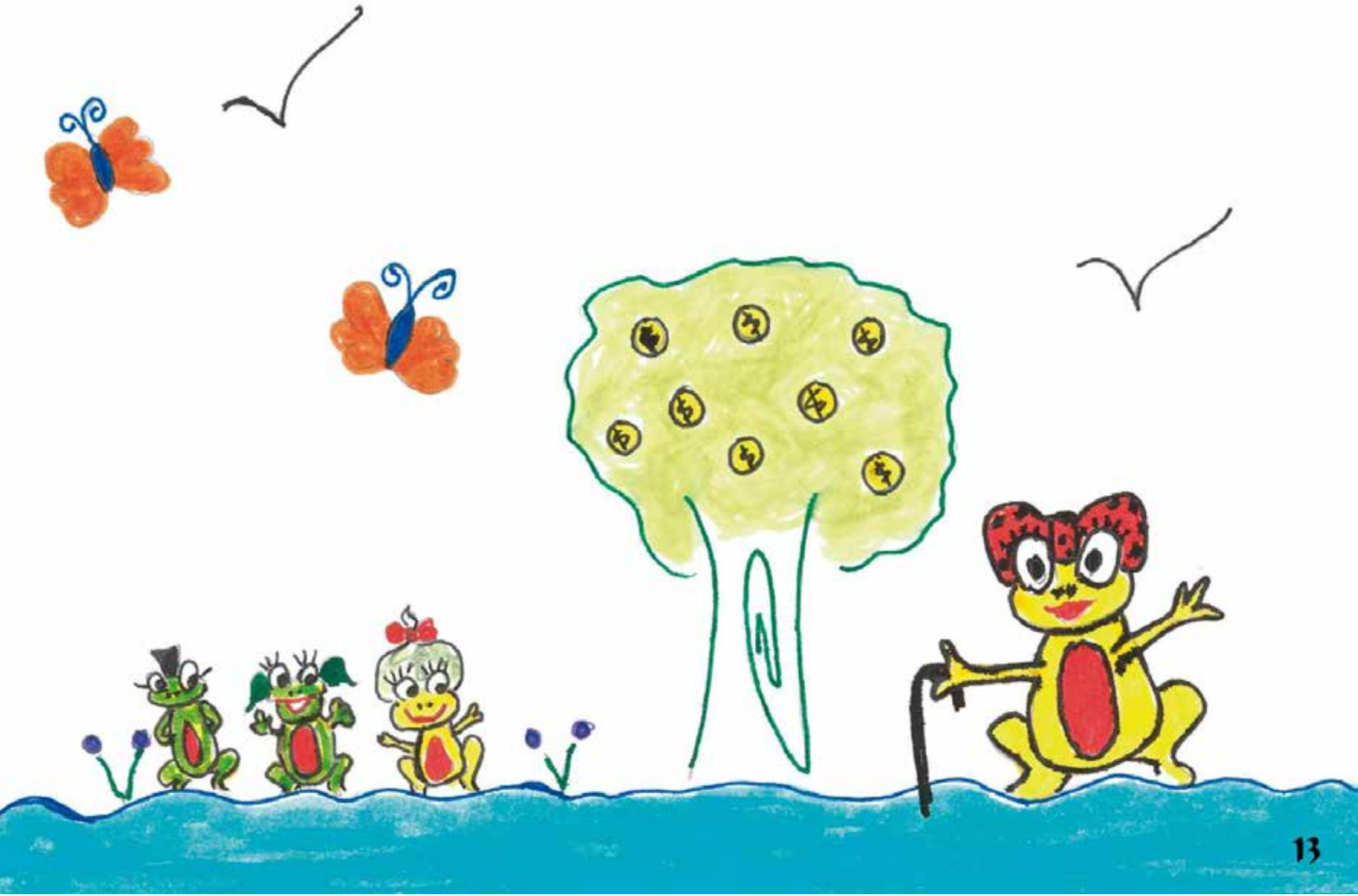
With the sunset that evening and taking advantage of such a beautiful celebration; Ana the Golden Frog gathered her loving tadpoles, who weren't that little, and told them:
– My children, I feel so lucky for being your mother, and for sharing this beautiful day with you; as you know I'm a little old and with little strength, that's why I have decided to give you a present which I hope you can make the most of in a productive way always keeping in mind three advices that will help you to make wise decisions:



First: Always remember to sow in good grounds

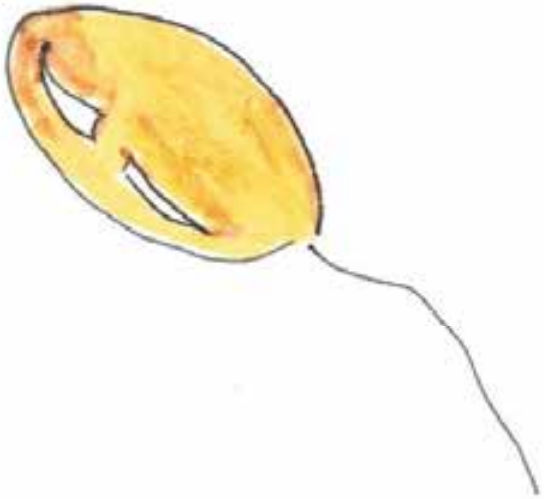
Second: Plan your money in such a way that you don't spend all you have, that what you earn is greater than what you spend and that in time you know where you want to go.

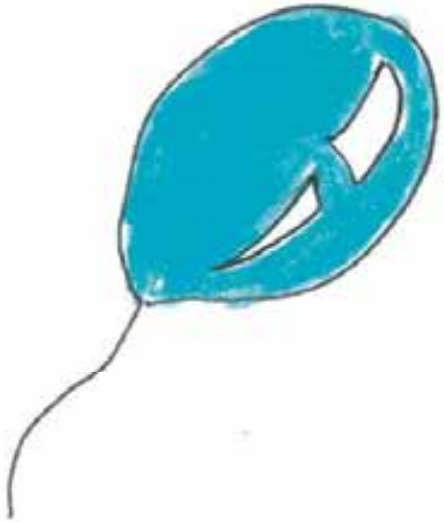
Third: Last, but not least; you should organize your money as follows for it to be enough for everything you want and need: Of what you earn, spend only 50%; save 40% and 10% for tithe; in such a way that your expenses today satisfy your needs, your savings cover your plans for tomorrow and your tithe help taking a little faith to all people in the world.



All with a big applause confirmed the intelligent words of Ada the Golden Frog; but her three children: Laura the Long The-Toad, Saponcio and Renata were left dumbfounded and her eyes popping more than ever, without understanding the depth of their mother's words.

To end the solemnity of the moment each one of her three children were delivered a scroll from leaves taken from the most ancient oak of the legendary place and calling them one by one they collected their belongings.





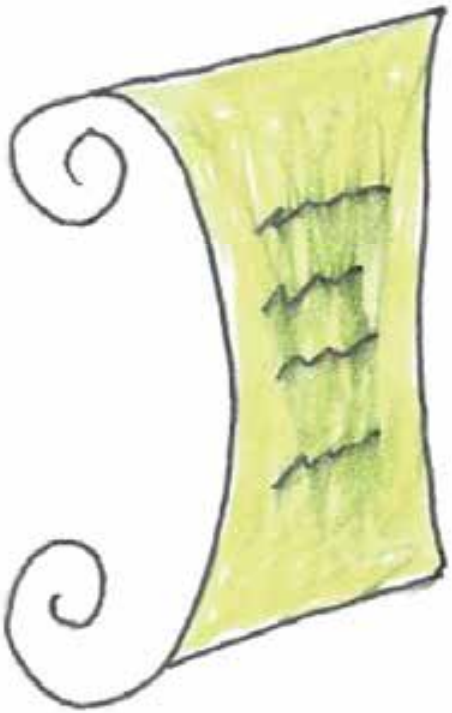
Back home, Laura the Long She-Toad read carefully her note which said:

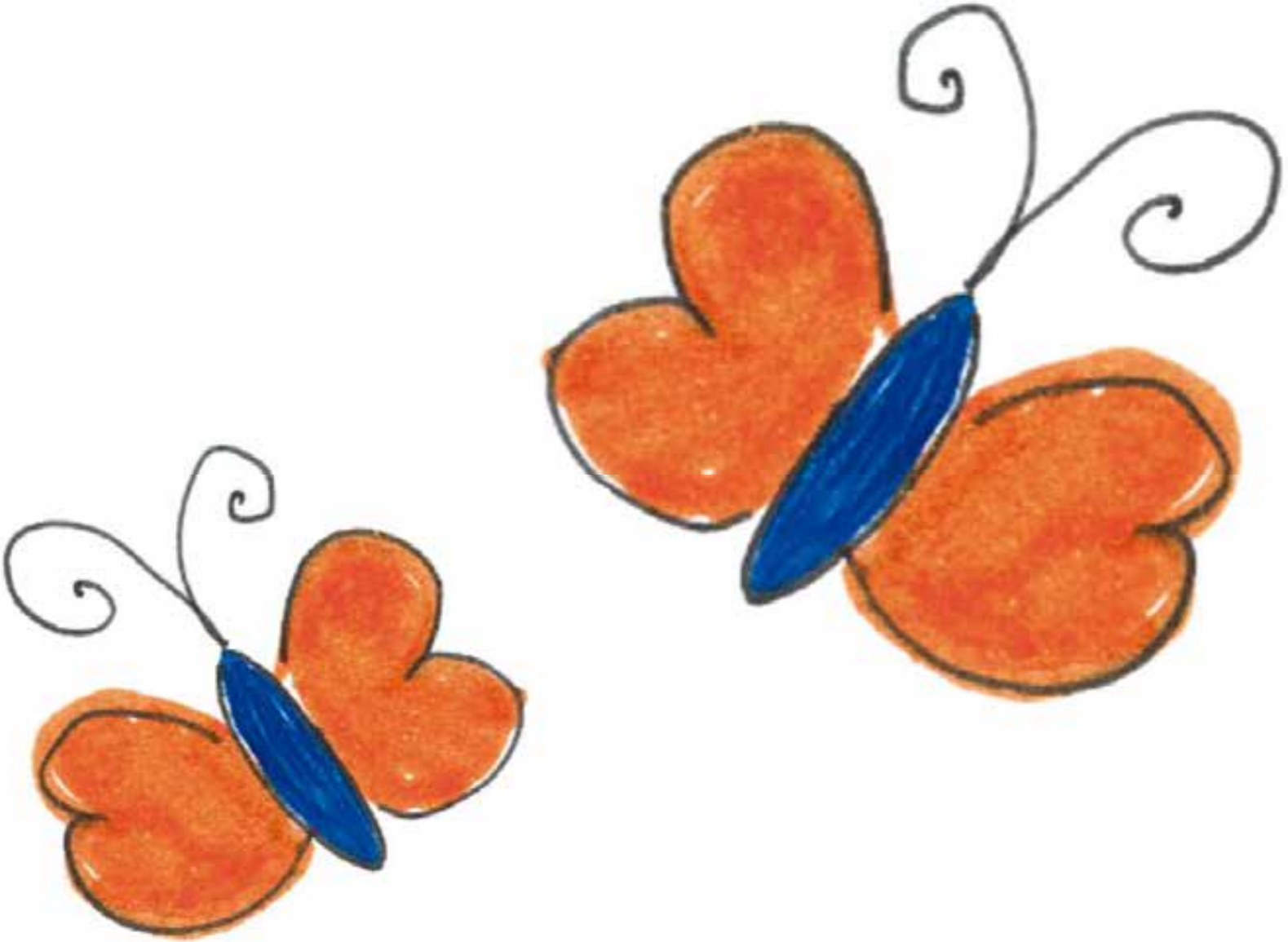
"Study, Study, Study,
Even if the studying overwhelms you,
For a frog without culture,
Is a flower without perfume".

Laura the Long She-Toad paid close attention and from the inside of the scroll three croanedas fell, and she thought:

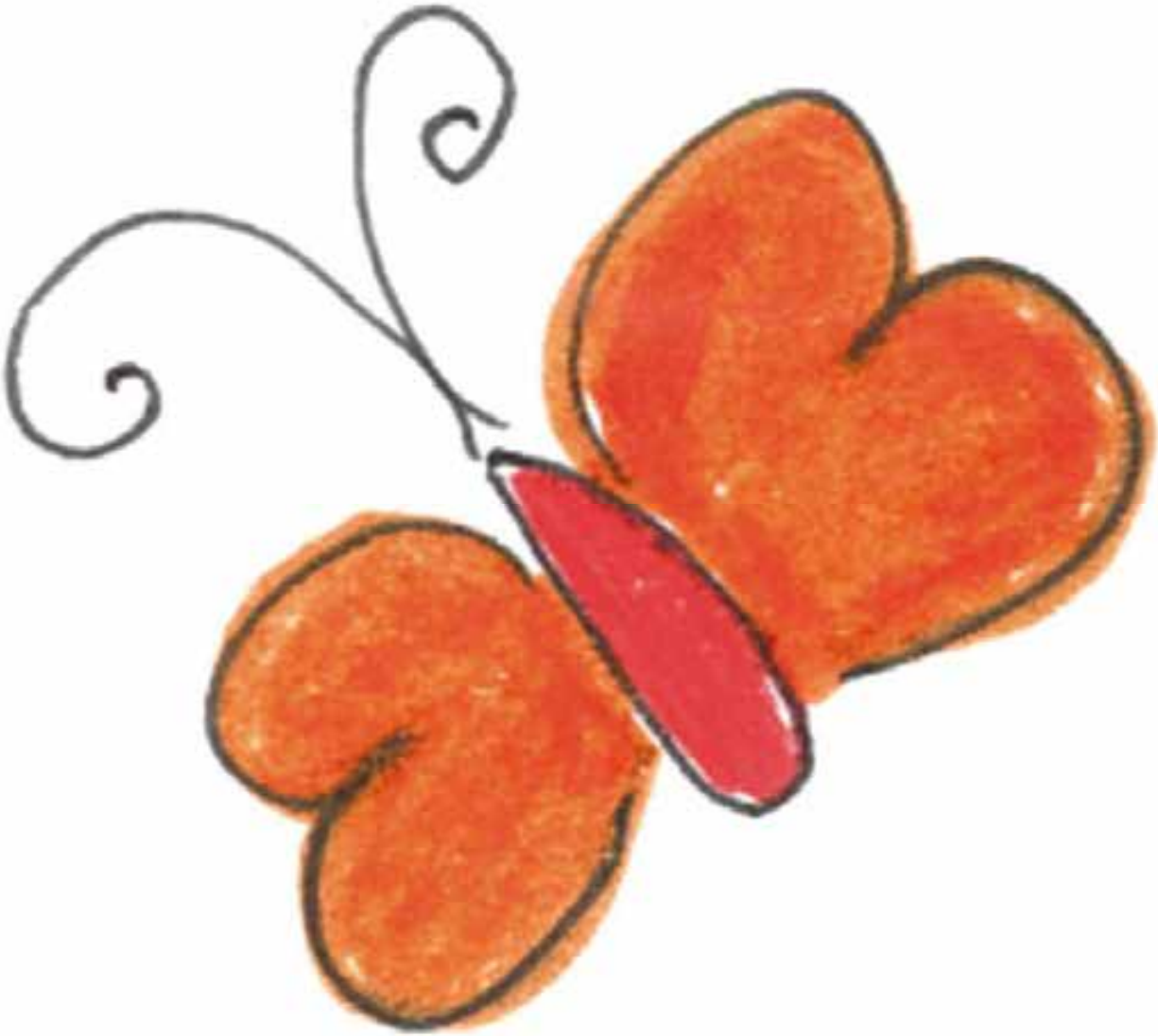
– My mother thinks that studying is easy and poetic, but no way! I better go to the store and the beauty parlor for my boyfriend Amado the Silver Toad to see how good my mother has been in giving me this present.

On his side Saponcio's scroll said:
"Work strengthens,
the soul and the heart,
he who saves always has
his future with vision".
In the same way his mother had taken 3 croanedas apart hoping that her son would put them in good use following her advices; however, Saponcio was more distracted with the sound of the coins than with the depth of the words that flew away; so he thought that what his mother had taken aside for him was too little and insignificant and he rather threw the 3 croanedas in the spring for the current to take them.



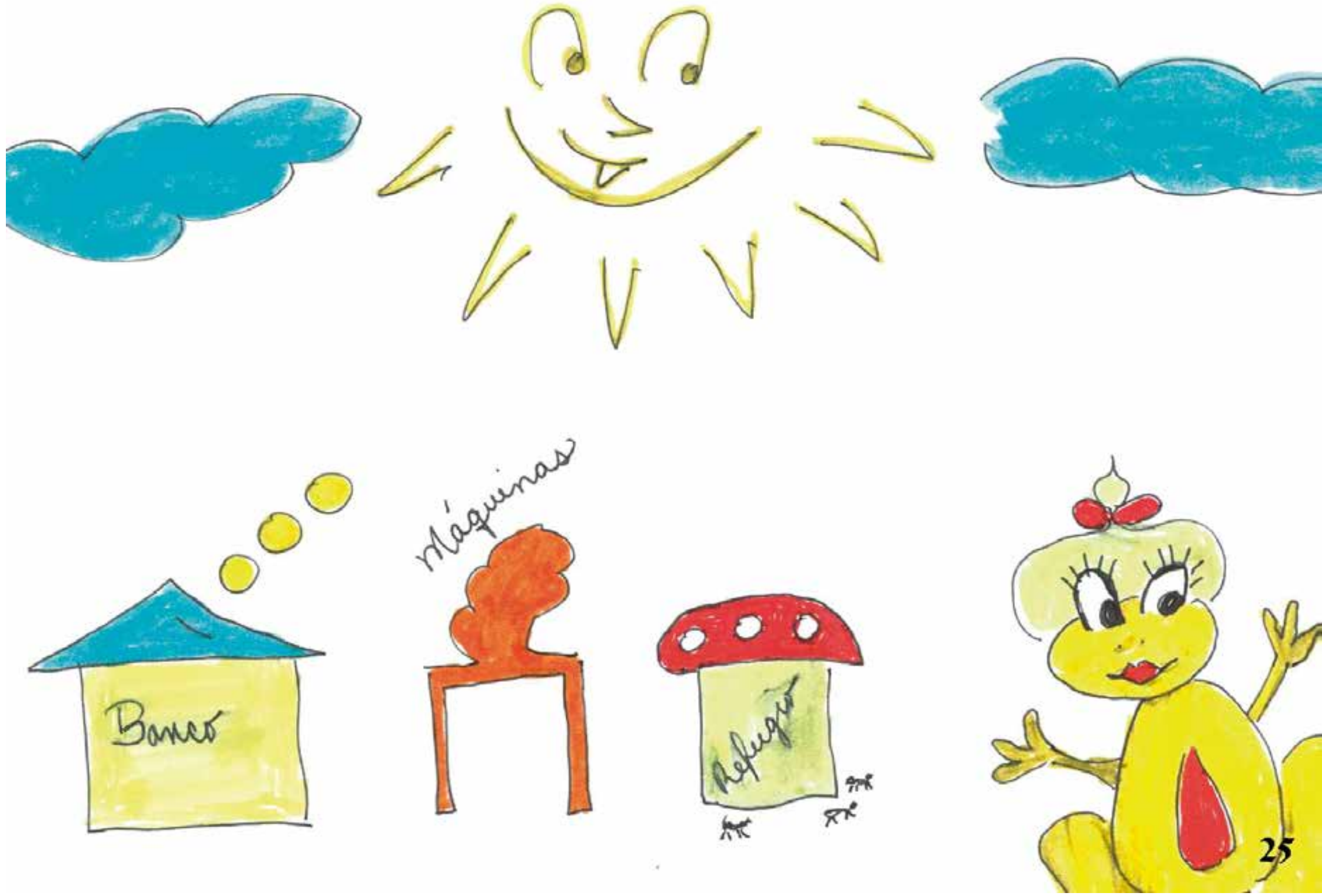


Renata gave a lot of thought to the greatness of these words and decided to work hard following her mother's advices and example; she took her 3 croanedas and she sowed them in fertile ground. The first donated a part of her coins to the big headed ants that were building a little house where little animals from the Spring left orphans would live, as their parents died victims of the food chain, some natural disaster, deforestation or just hunting.



They say that shortly after, that beautiful and dreamy little frog everyone called Ada the Golden Frog, got sick due to the years; but everybody at "Las Mosas" Spring remember her work and her wise words with admiration.

And they say that Laura the Long The-Toad, Saponcio and Renata got their green family business "El Cocuyo", a place that besides getting juicy and crunchy insects, also taught about saving to all the species that visited it.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The story of Ada The Golden Frog is not a myth; I invite you to visit "Las Mosas" Spring along Anton Rio and for sure when you see a radiant yellow little frog, you will remember the saving little frog from my story; always remembering that the more Golden the Frog, the more saver she is, and that her magic is in her warm skin and radiant smile.

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Moral: "The one that works hard and makes and effort starts fine, but the one that plans and saves ends better"

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Siempre: ahora todo lo que puedo para ayudar a mi mamá a comprarme mis cosas de la escuela, porque creo desde pequeños debemos valorar apoyar a nuestros seres queridos y guardar con cautela hoy para tener mañana.

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