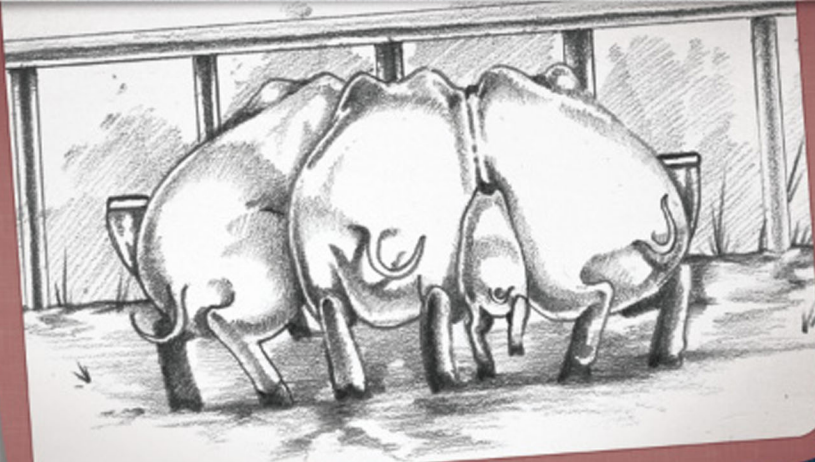




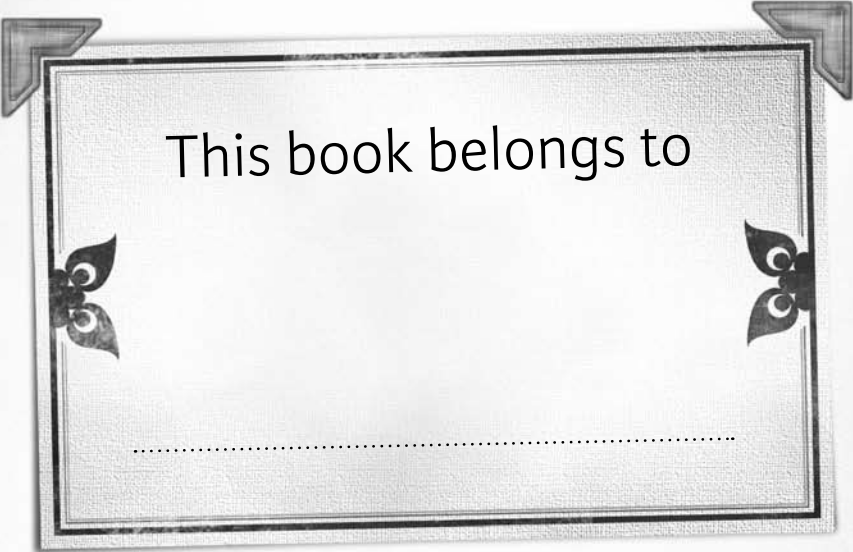
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Slim Went West



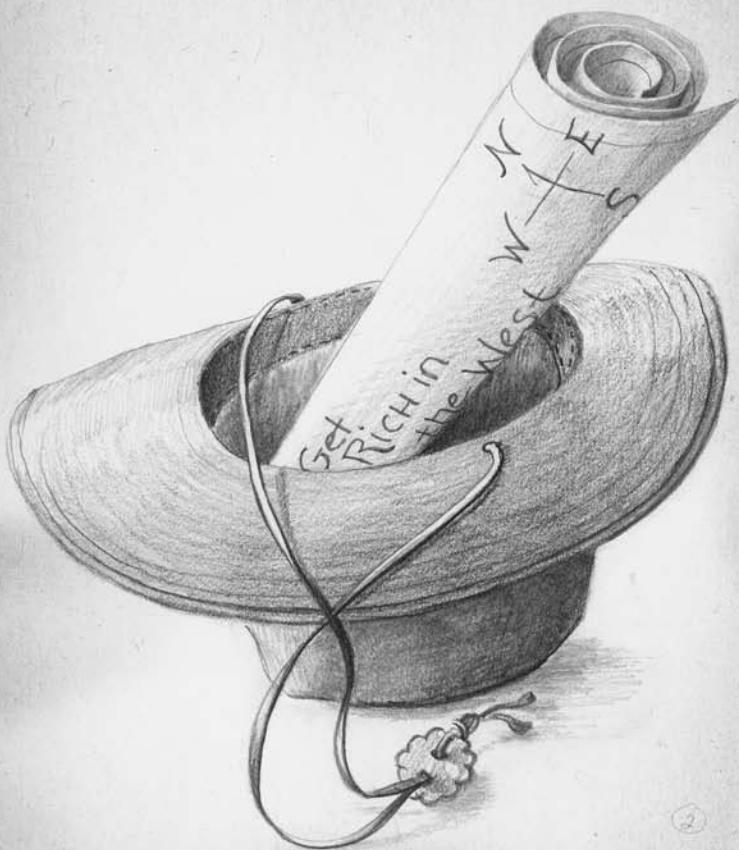
Slim had a map of the West.

It was a vast land.



Slim was not rich.

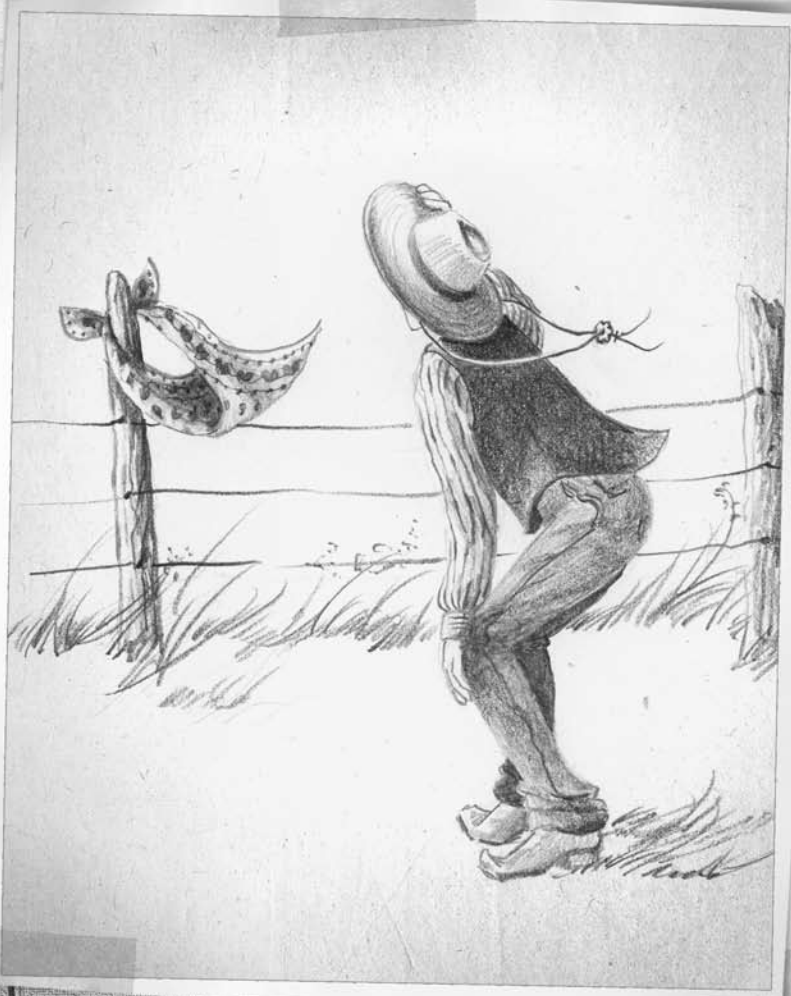
The man had just a map
and a hat.





“I will get rich in the West.”

Slim set off on a trip
with the map in his hand.



Is that a red rag?

.....
This rag can help on the trip
.....
to the West.
.....

The rag can stop the dust.



The red rag is a lunch bag
at the end of a twig.





It is hot.

The rag can stop the sun.



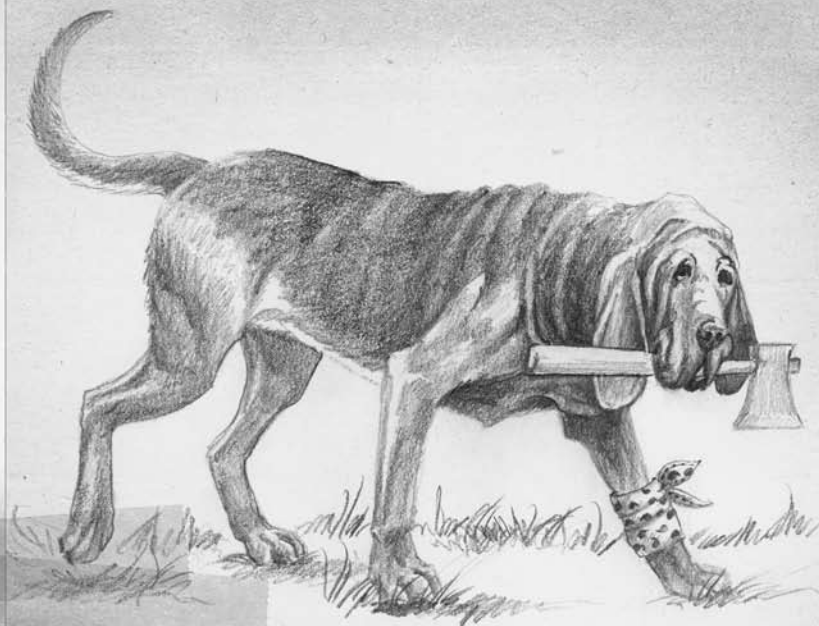
A dog is lost. His leg has a cut.

Slim can help the dog

with the rag.

The dog can help Slim.

The dog will get an ax.



Slim can chop a log
with the ax.





The sun has set.

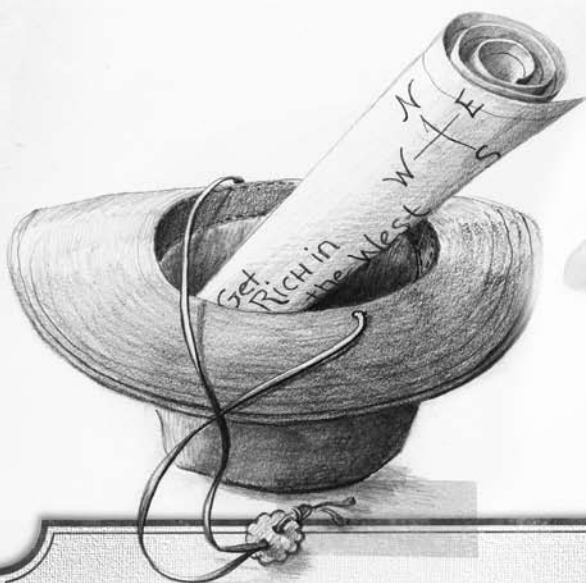
“I must stop at this tent,”
said Slim.

The dog and Slim
get in the tent.

Slim had his rag, a hat, a map,
a tent, an ax, and a dog.



Slim was rich.



The End

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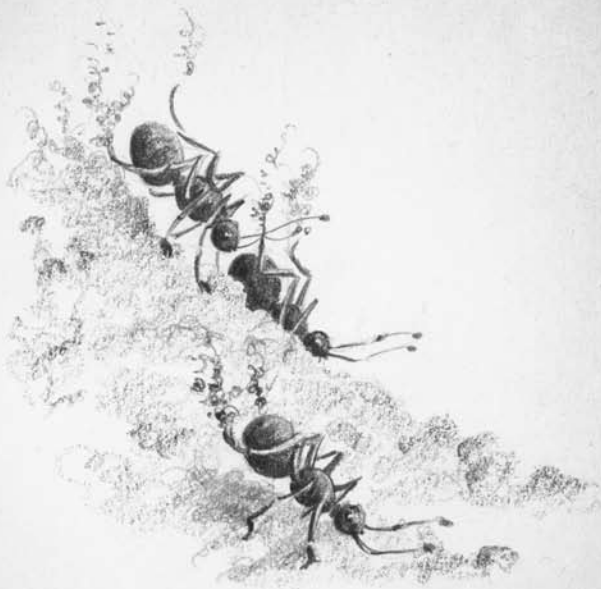
The Ant Hill



The ant had a plan.
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The ant dug a path in the sand.
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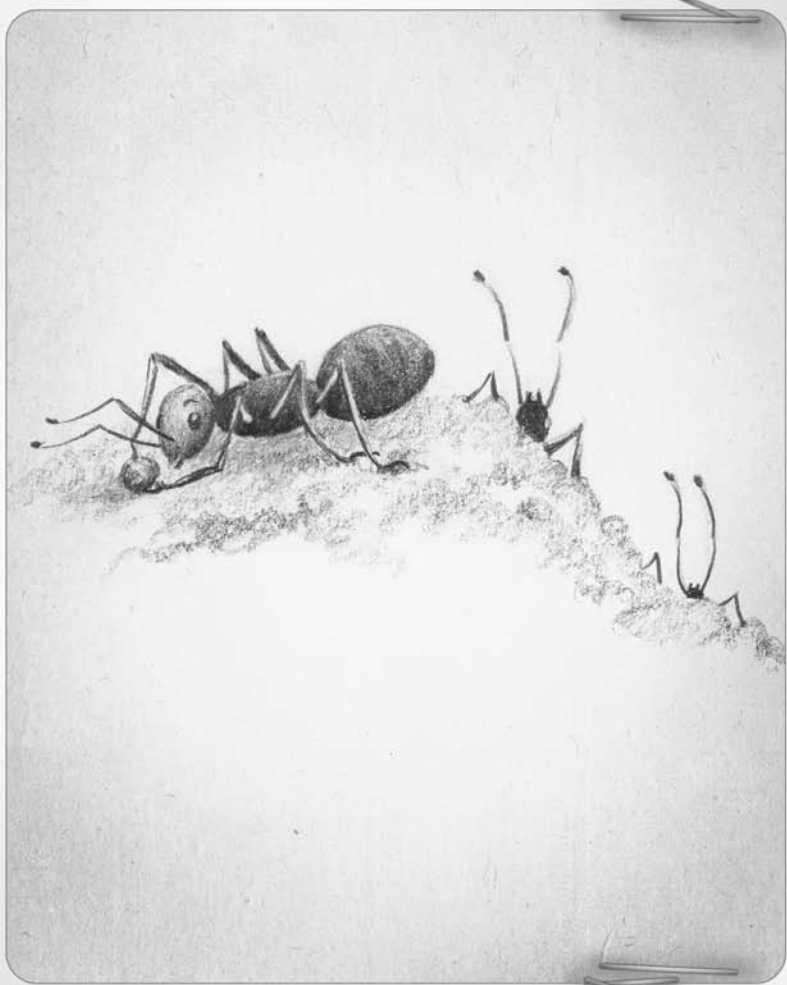
The ant dug and dug
.....
in the sand.
.....



The ant must not rest.

It is a big task,

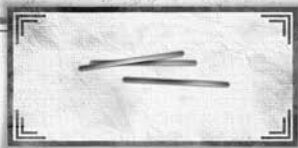
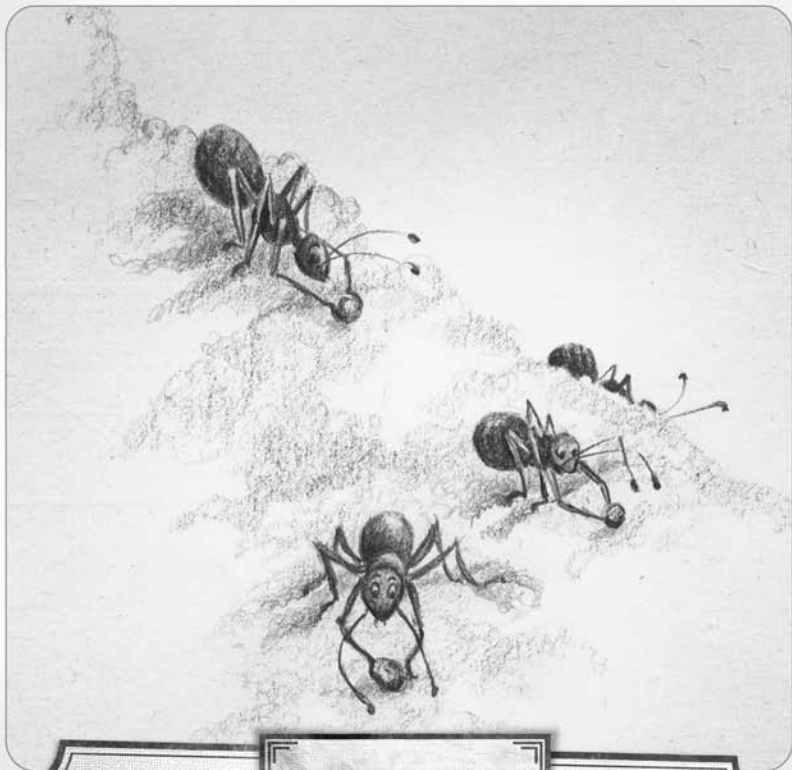
but the ant has help.



Up the hill the ants went.

The ants left the sand
at the top of the hill.

The ants did not get lost.



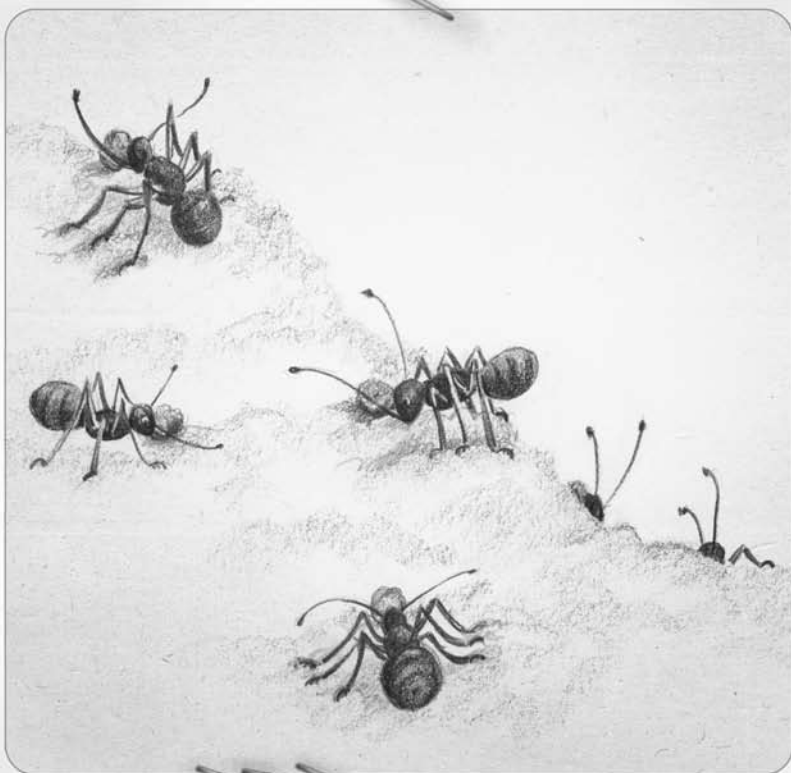
Drag and drop.

Drag and drop the sand.

Bump and dump.

Bump and dump

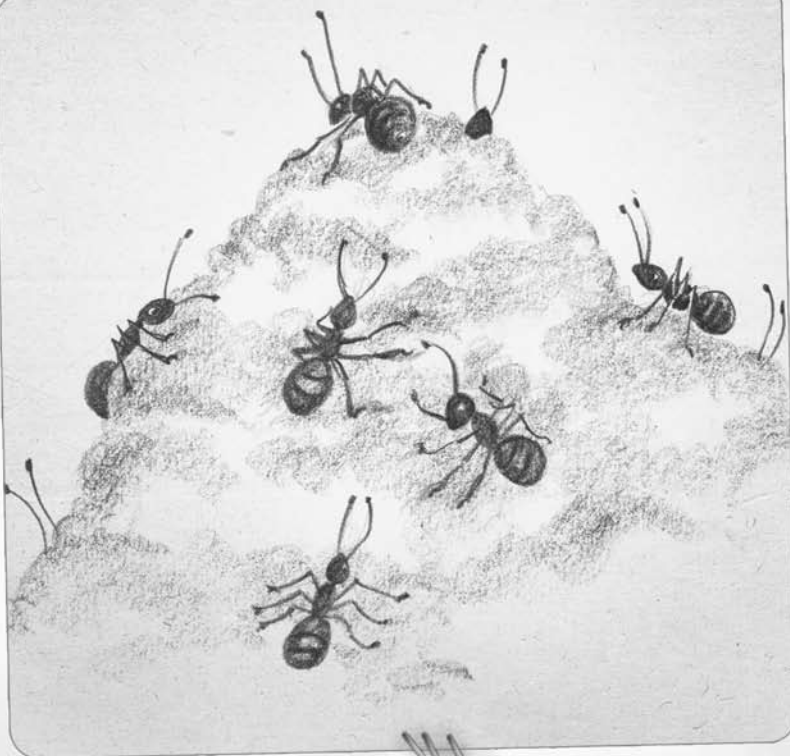
a clump of sand.



Get a grip.

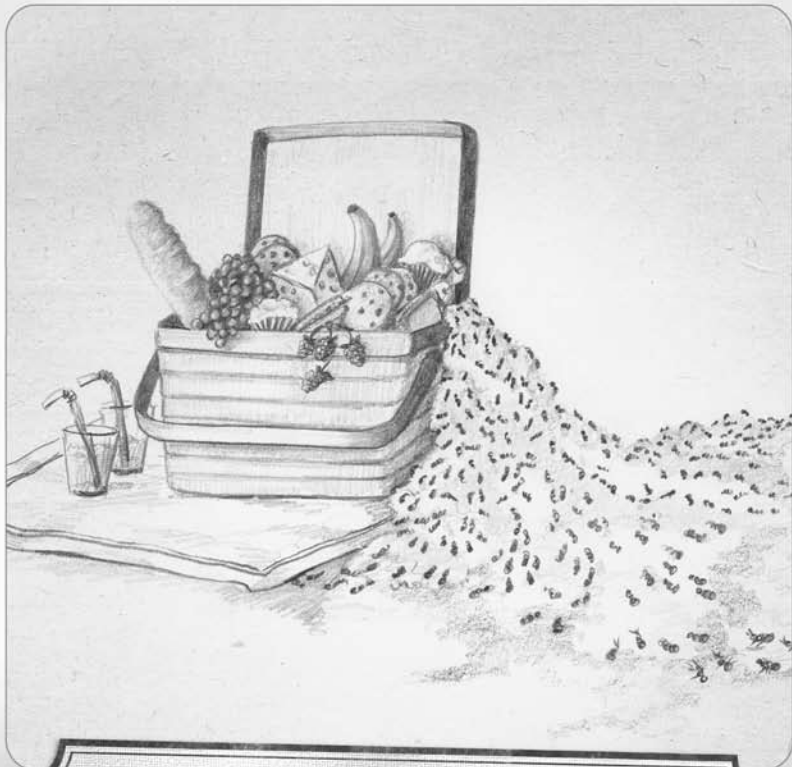
Get a grip on that grit!





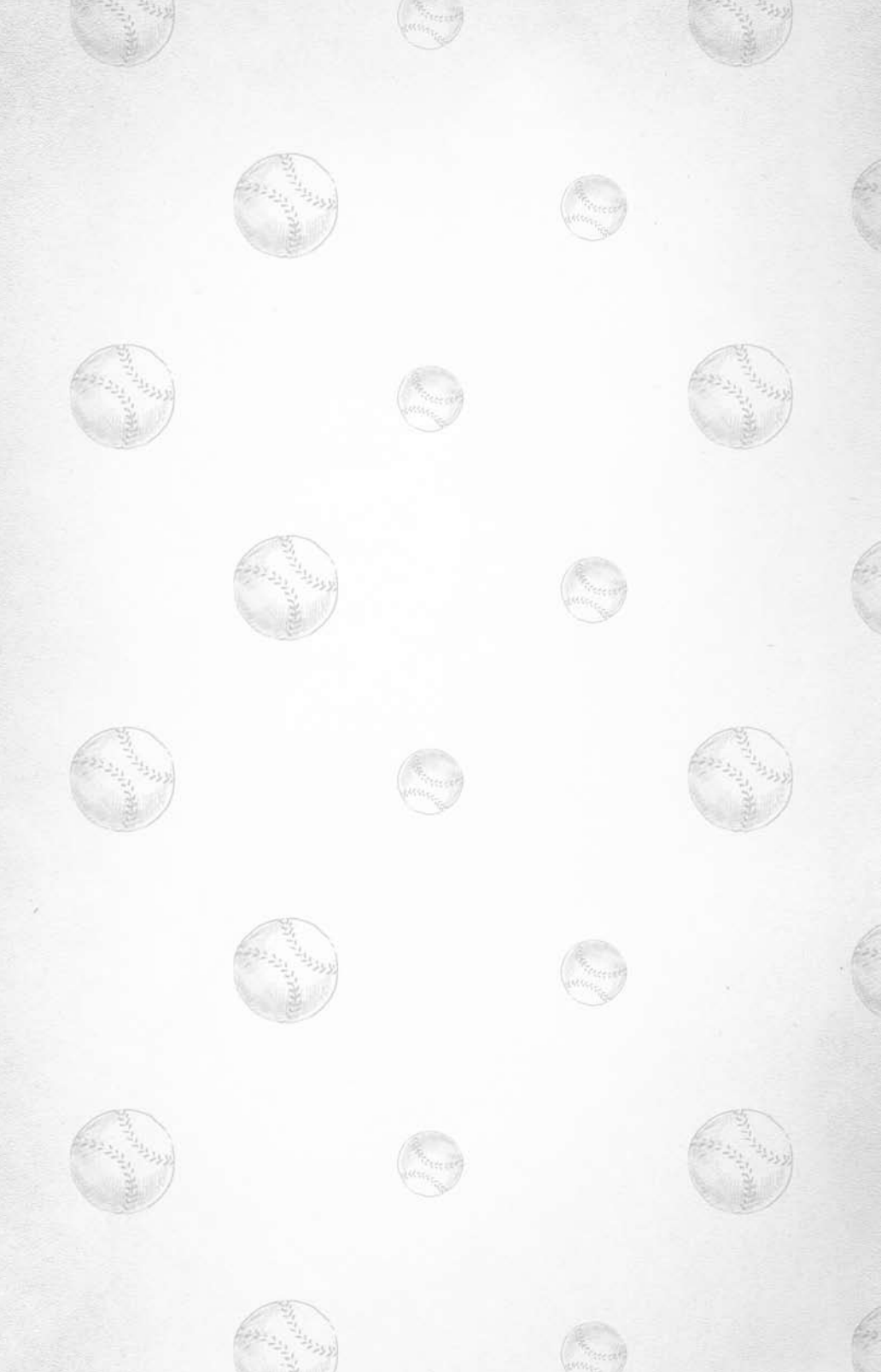
The ant hill got big.

It got big fast!



It was a big task,
.....
but the ants did it!
.....





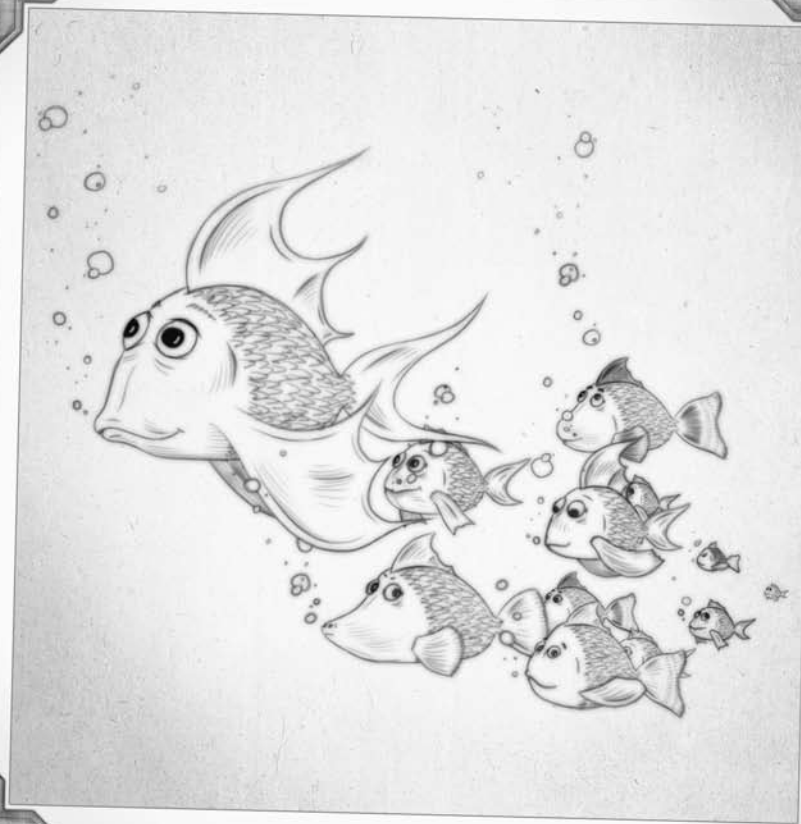


Fish Class



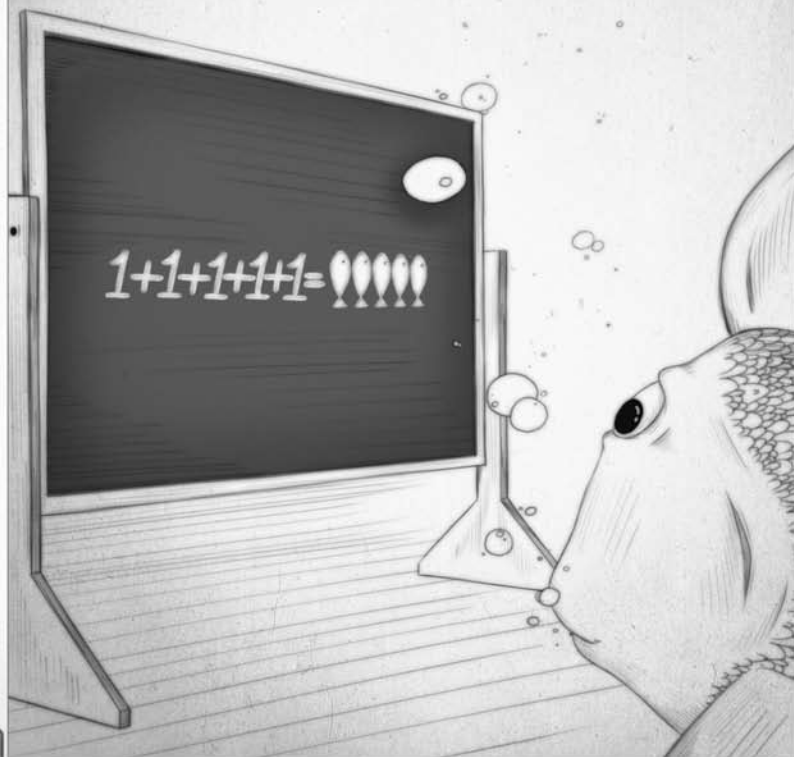
The fish went to class.

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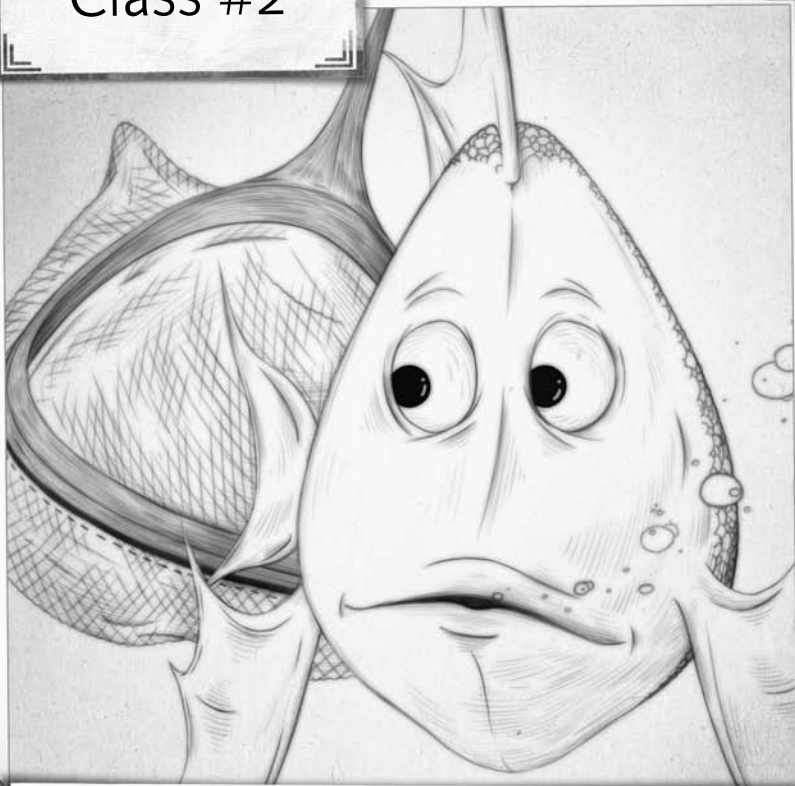


Class #1

The fish had math class.

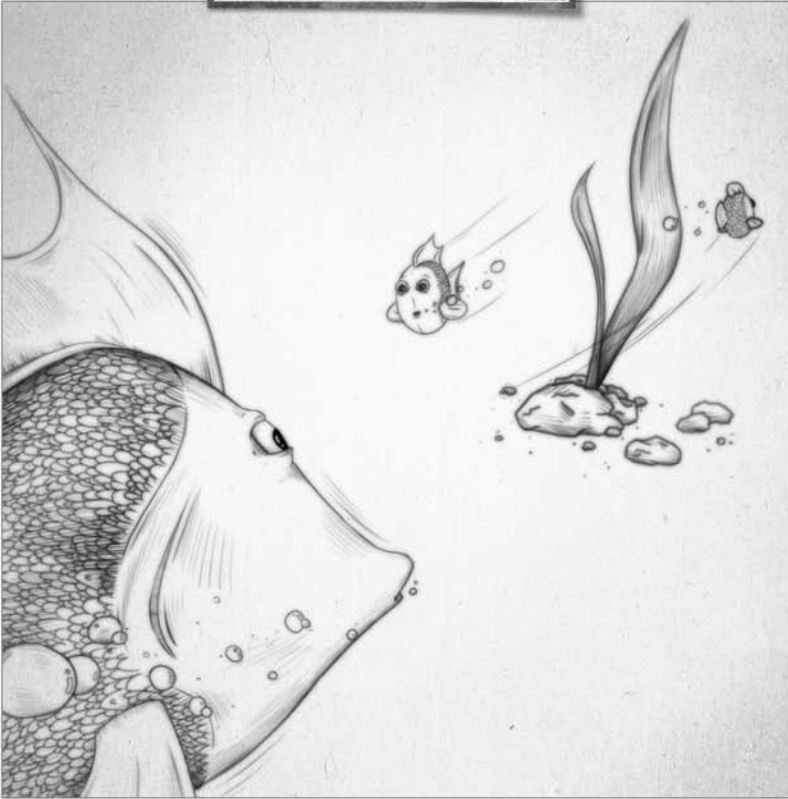


Class #2



“If a net dips in the pond,
swim to the hut — fast!”
said Miss Flip.

Class #3



The fish swam laps
to get fit and trim.



Class #4

The fish jump up
.....
and flip for fun.
.....

Class #5

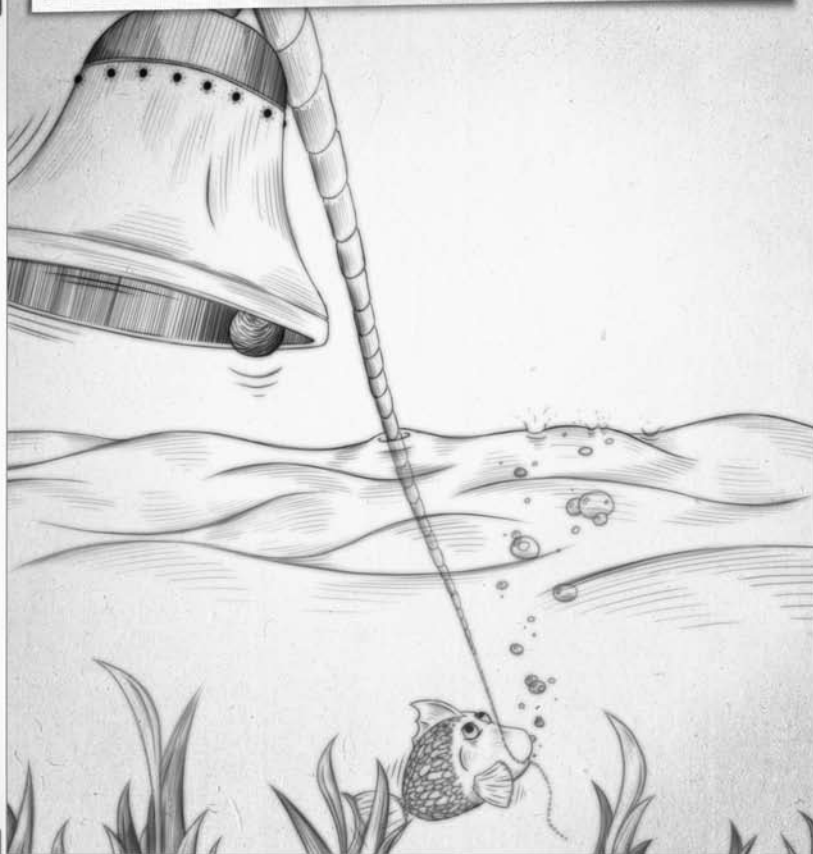
Miss Flip said, "This is
a big bad cat. If the cat gets
next to us, zig and zag.
This cat will get us if it can!"



Class #6

This is the best class.

The fish tap the bell
to get fed!



At the end of class,
.....
the fish nap.
.....





The End

What happens
when...

...fish go to school?

...a runt pig scares a rat?

...a small boy makes a big mess?

...fluffy clouds make funny shapes?

...some ants build a hill in the sand?

**Find out
inside!**

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