



Mon pote le chat-botte

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Il était une fois un voyageur tombé du ciel.



Il atterrit en plein dans un champ de tomates.

Kamala et son grand-père Thatha se précipitèrent dehors. Toutes leurs tomates étaient réduites en bouillie.
Il ne restait qu'une botte au milieu du champ.



Kamala ramassa la botte. Une patte en jaillit et la griffa. Aïe !
« Je vais te botter les fesses, vilain chat ! » hurla Kamala.
Le chat-botte se mit à bailler.



Kamala le porta jusqu'à l'étable de la chèvre et lui donna un bol de lait. Le chat-botte renifla le lait puis cracha de dégoût. Beurk !

Il engloutit tout le foin de la chèvre à la place.
Après quoi, il suivit Kamala partout.



À l'école, il griffa la maîtresse, mademoiselle Shamim.
« Je vais te botter les fesses, vilain chat ! » hurla-t-elle. Le chat-botte lui cracha dessus.
Il griffa ensuite tous les camarades de classe de Kamala.
Ses griffures laissaient des cicatrices vert phosphorescent sur leur peau.



Le chat-botte griffa le vendeur de journaux. Puis, il griffa dix-sept chèvres, treize poules, trois chiens et un vieux monsieur. Il griffa tout le monde sauf Kamala, car il l'avait déjà griffée.

— On va te botter les fesses, vilain chat ! crièrent-ils tous dans toutes les langues qu'ils connaissaient, y compris la langue des chèvres, des chiens et des poules.

— Pote ! leur répondit le chat-botte.



L'école fit installer un panneau : INTERDIT AUX CHATS.



La boutique installa un panneau : CHATS NON ADMIS.



Le terrain de jeux arbora lui aussi un panneau : ENTRÉE
INTERDITE AUX CHATS.



Kamala et le chat-botte rentrèrent tristement à la maison.
Thatha était en train d'installer un panneau : RENTRE CHEZ TOI, SALE CHAT.



Ce soir-là, Kamala et le chat-botte grimpèrent sur le toit de la maison pour observer le ciel.
La lune dardait ses doux rayons verts.
Le chat-botte leva la tête et se mit à miauler : MIAOOOUUU !



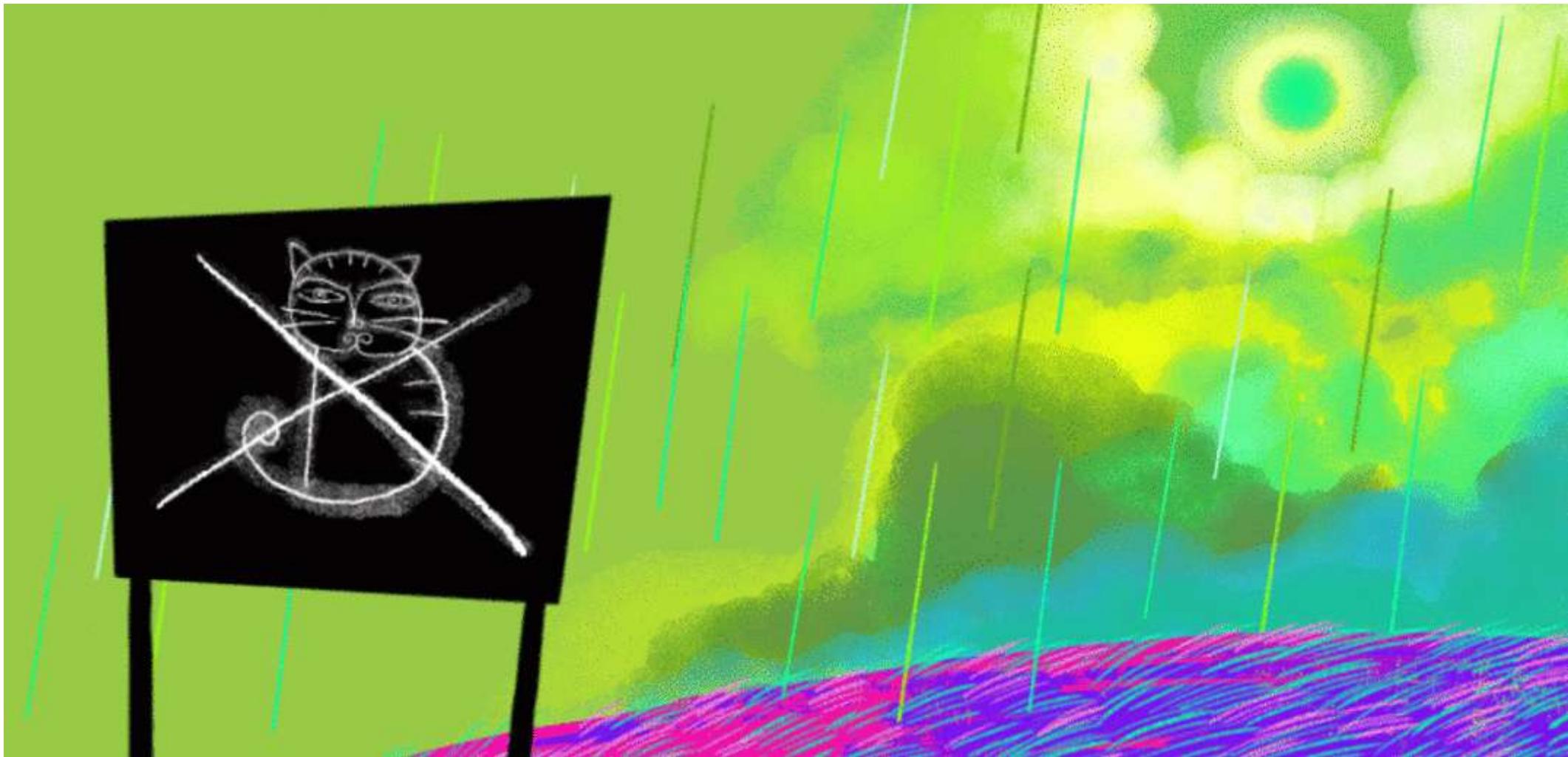
Dans l'étable, dix-sept chèvres levèrent la tête au ciel
et se mirent à hurler à la lune : Houuuuuu !

Thatha s'assit sur son lit et mit ses lunettes.
Houu, quoi ? marmonna-t-il, encore à moitié endormi.

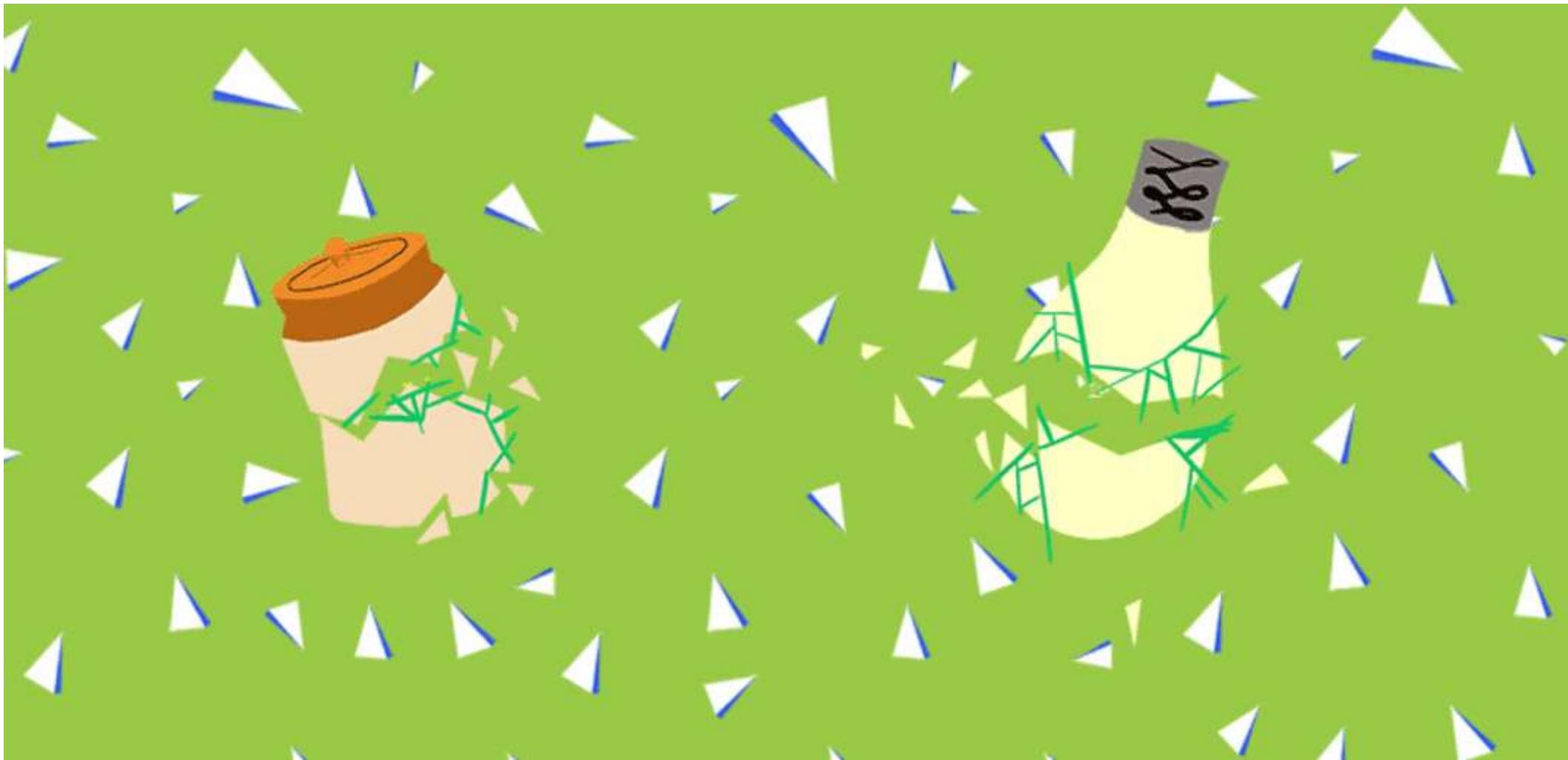


Dans le village, l'institutrice de Kamala, ses camarades de classe, le vendeur de journaux, treize poules et trois chiens regardèrent tous en direction de la lune et se mirent à hurler : Houuuuuu !

Sur le toit de la maison, Kamala se mit à hurler elle aussi : Houuuuuuuu !



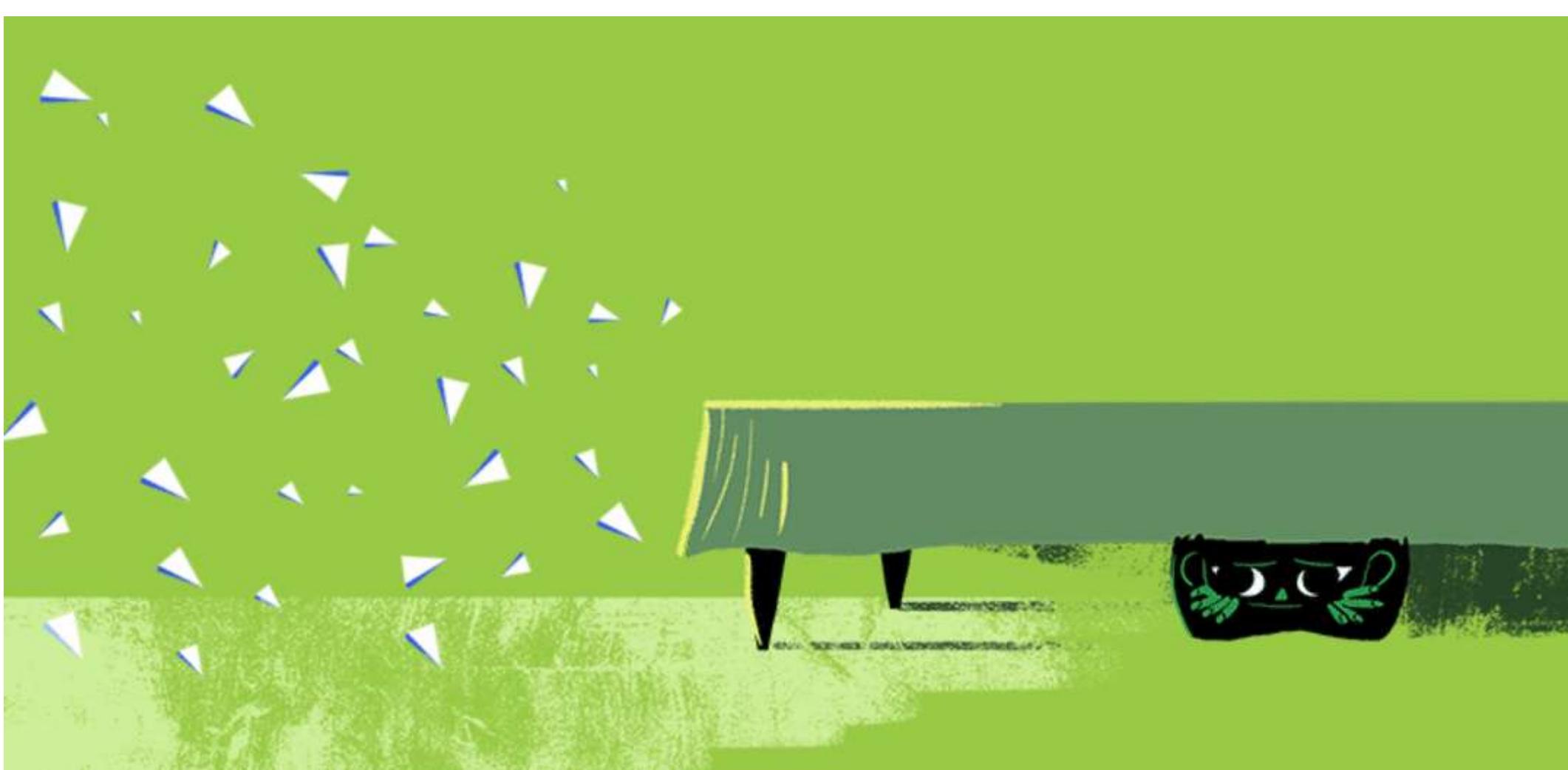
Un éclair zébra le ciel.
La pluie se mit à tomber à verse, effaçant alors
tous les panneaux interdisant les chats.



Le tonnerre retentit soudain. BADABOUM !

Tous les objets en verre se brisèrent les uns après les autres. CRAC ! firent les ampoules. CRIIC ! firent les bocaux. Les miroirs se fendirent et se cassèrent en mille morceaux.

Les fenêtres battirent contre les murs, faisant exploser les vitres
et s'envoler des morceaux de verre jusque sur les toits.

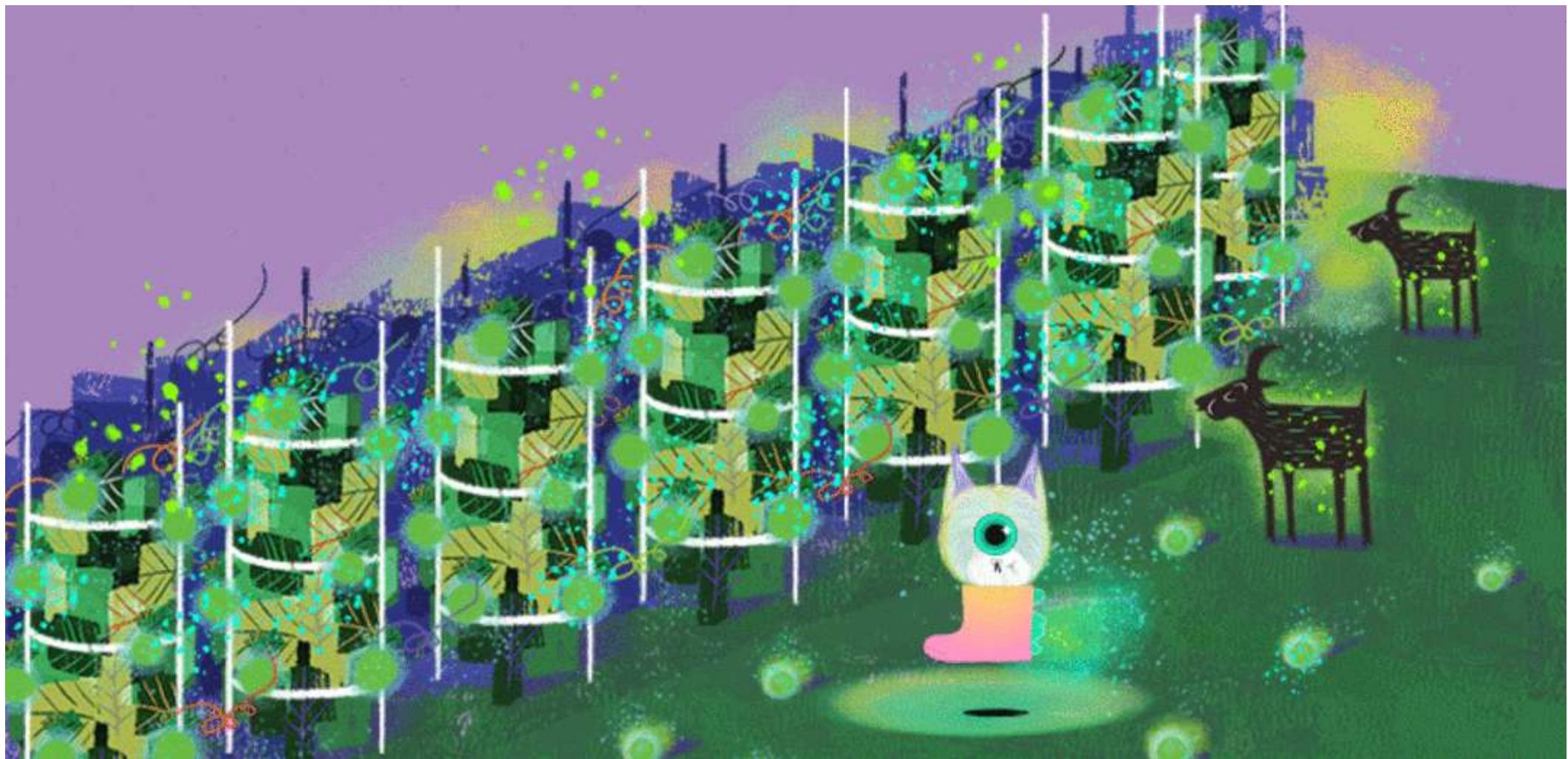


Kamala se réfugia sous son lit.



Le lendemain matin, elle sortit de sa cachette.

Thatha était assis sur les marches du perron. Il dégustait une tomate verte duveteuse.
« Formidable ! Tu peux remercier ton chat-pote, s'écria-t-il. Quel merveilleux chat-botte ! »



Dans le champ, se trouvaient de magnifiques plants de tomates immenses,
des chèvres de taille moyenne et un petit chat-botte.



— Potes ! fit le chat-botte sur un ton amical.

— Potes ! lui répondit Kamala en croquant dans une tomate verte.



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(French)

Le nouveau chat-botte de Kamala attaque toutes les personnes qu'il rencontre. Tomates, vieux messieurs, amis, institutrices, chèvres... tout le monde le déteste. Découvre dans cette petite histoire ce qu'il va se passer.

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