

Wandering Journey on Our Planet

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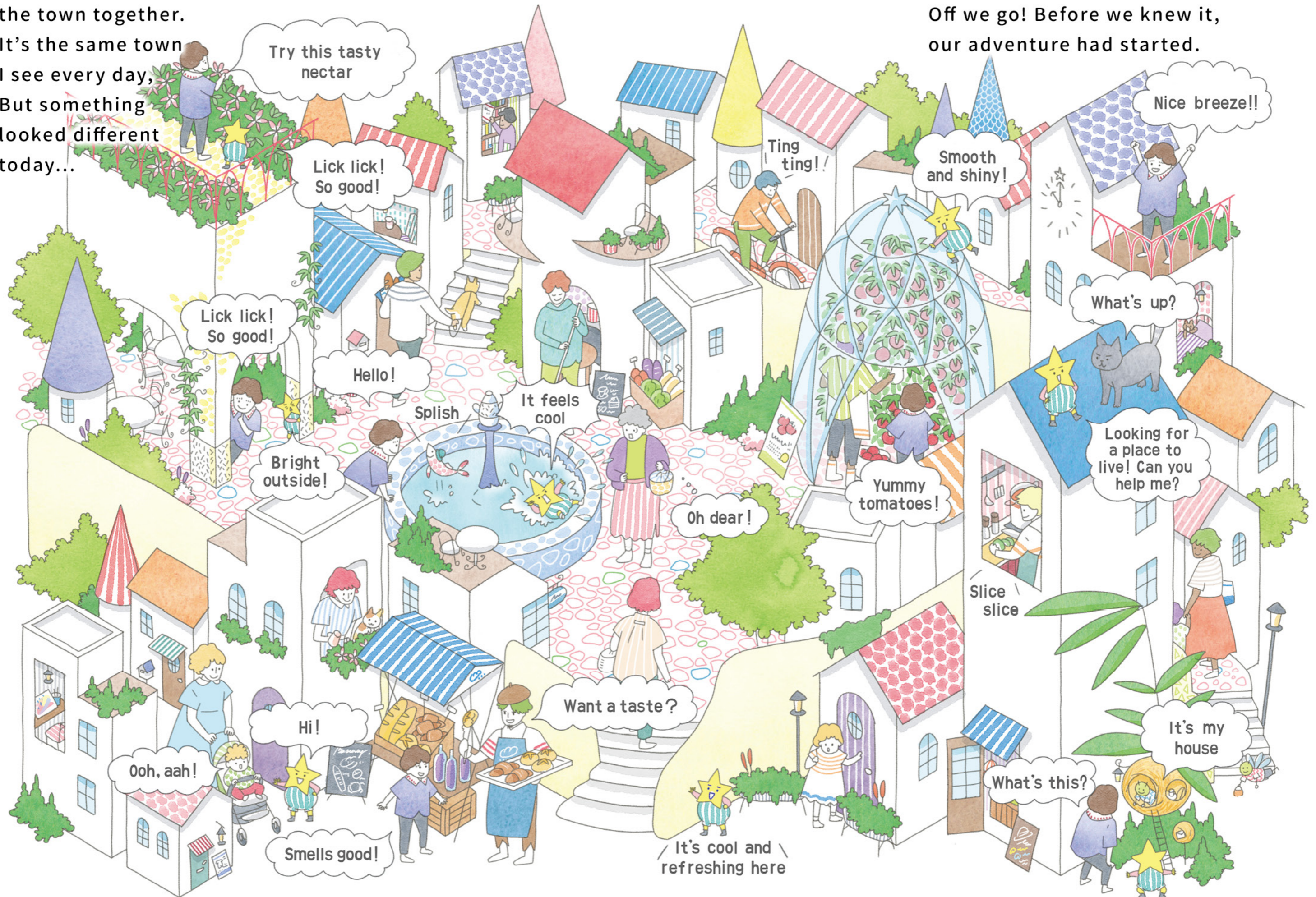




One day, as I was looking down the town square,
A little star fell from the sky,
And said, " I' m looking for a place to live. Can you help me?"
I decided to help the star find a home in this town.
Off I go!

The star and I explored the town together. It's the same town I see every day, But something looked different today...

Lots of interesting things everywhere. Off we go! Before we knew it, our adventure had started.



Try this tasty nectar

Lick lick! So good!

Lick lick! So good!

Hello!

Spish

It feels cool

Bright outside!

Oh dear!

Yummy tomatoes!

Nice breeze!!

What's up?

Looking for a place to live! Can you help me?

Slice slice

It's my house

Ooh, aah!

Hi!

Want a taste?

It's cool and refreshing here

What's this?

Smells good!

Ting ting! Ting ting!

Smooth and shiny!



We looked and looked,
But it wasn't easy to find a place the star liked.
Then it started raining.
Soon, all that water from the sky turned into a river.

A small empty boat came flowing down
in our direction.
We jumped onto the boat at once.

The river turned into an ocean in no time,
The boat carried us to an unknown island.
It was made of big rocks and nothing more,
No one seemed to live there.

"How about here?"
I was about to climb up to sit on
a beautiful rock,
When a half-broken robot
jumped out from behind.



"Hands off! This is a special throne
of the ancient king of this island,"
Said the robot, gently stroking
the chair.

The robot took out a big book
And taught us the history of this place.

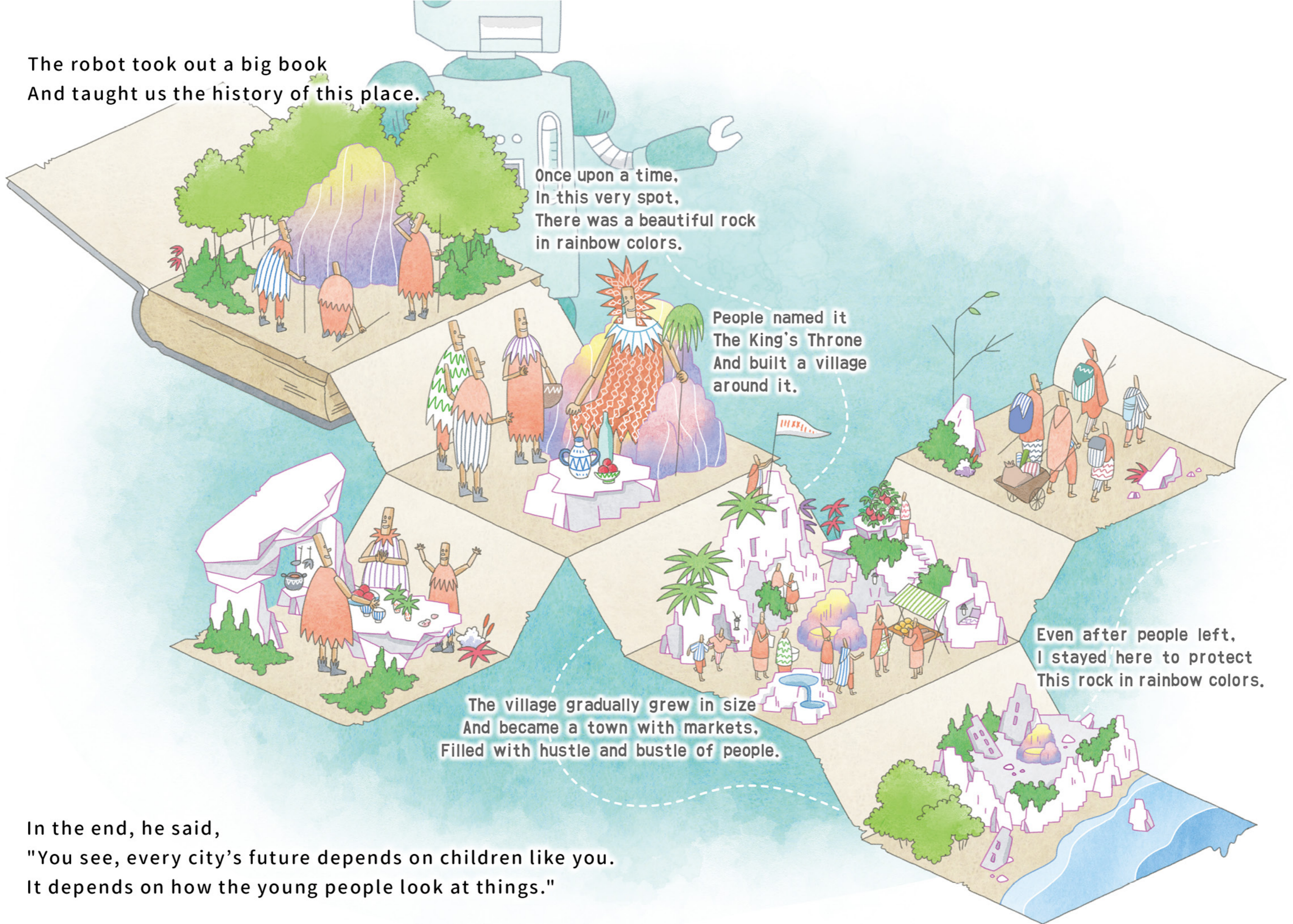
Once upon a time,
In this very spot,
There was a beautiful rock
in rainbow colors.

People named it
The King's Throne
And built a village
around it.

Even after people left,
I stayed here to protect
This rock in rainbow colors.

The village gradually grew in size
And became a town with markets,
Filled with hustle and bustle of people.

In the end, he said,
"You see, every city's future depends on children like you.
It depends on how the young people look at things."



As we listened to the robot,
All the rocks around us came to life
And showed us how the island used to look.
The star twirled, shining in rainbow colors,
"What a wonderful place this used to be! I want to stay here!"
The robot said, "Wonderful! I'll help you."

And so, I joined them in making a home for the star.
We looked around here and there very carefully,
And discussed what kind of place we wanted
this island to be.



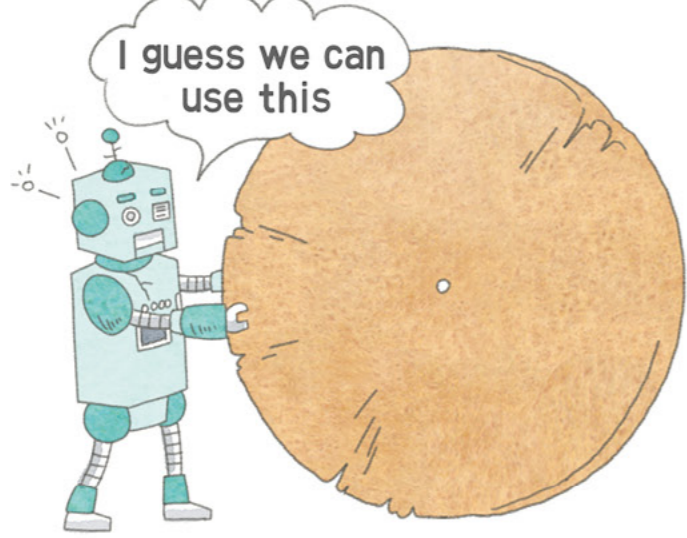
I want a hammock

I want this as a bed

That's nice!

Would it be like this in 3D?

Next, we gathered things to build a home
And got on with our plan.



We found some disks,



Stacked rocks,



Dug holes,



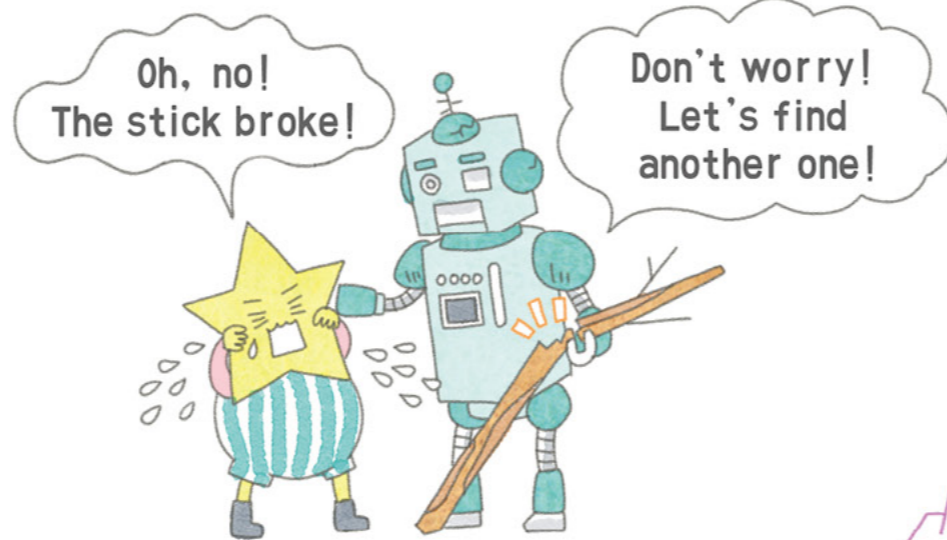
Found and carried wooden boards,



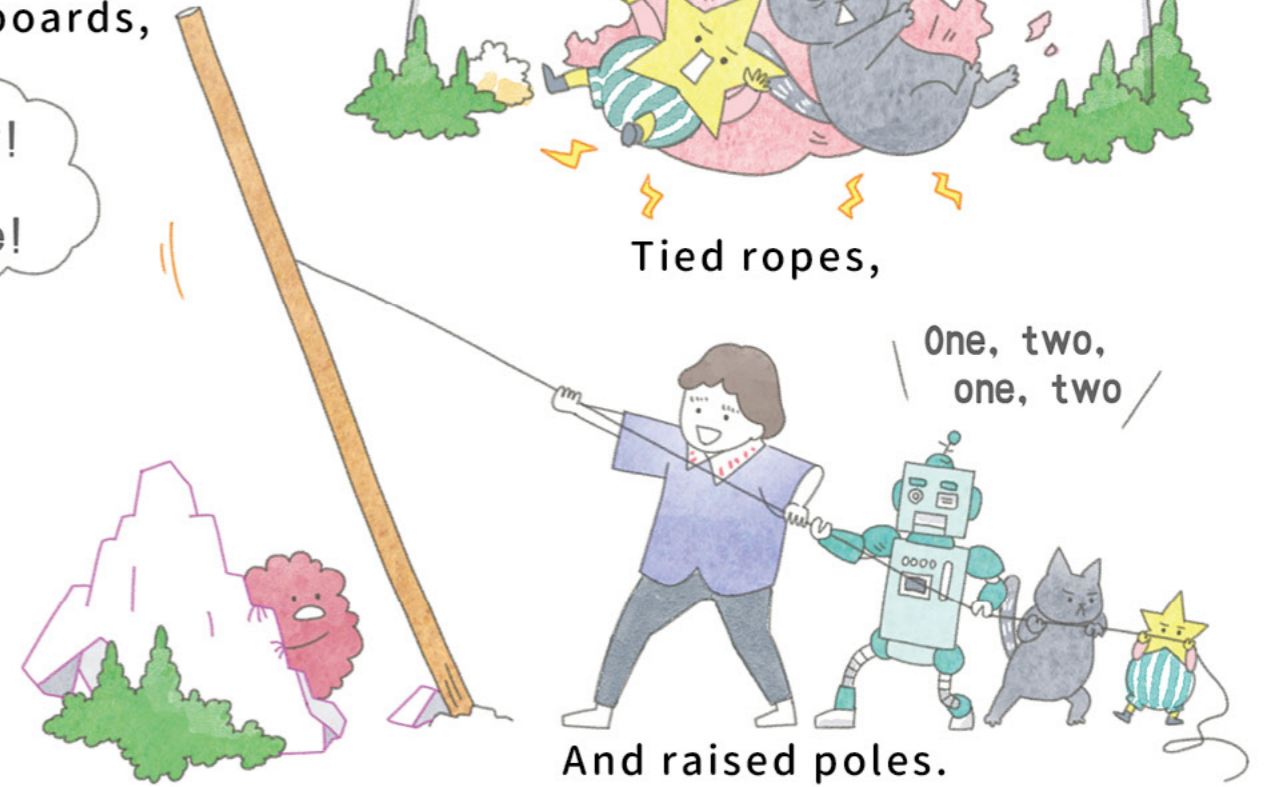
Tied ropes,



Hung nets,



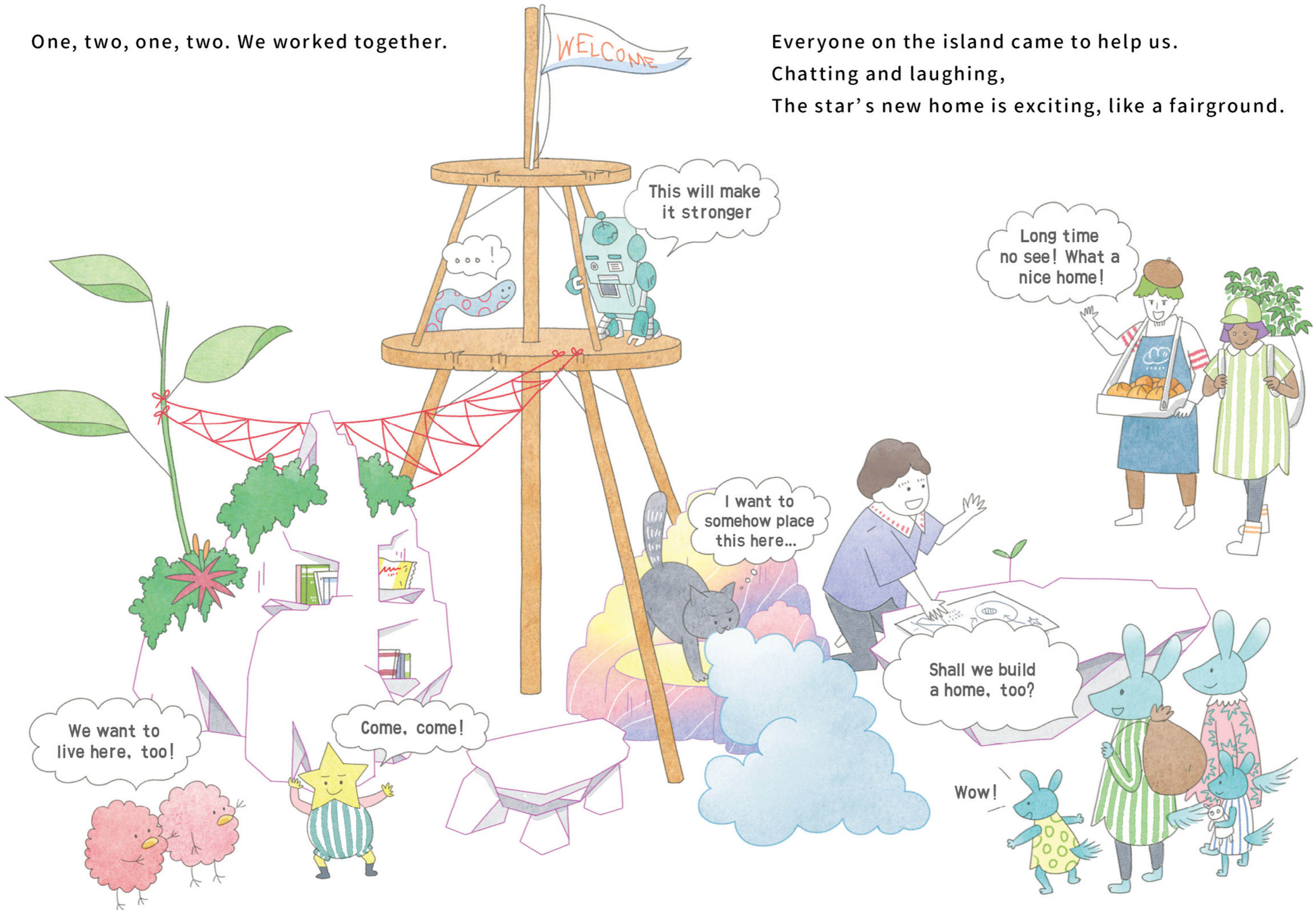
We occasionally made mistakes



And raised poles.

One, two, one, two. We worked together.

Everyone on the island came to help us.
Chatting and laughing,
The star's new home is exciting, like a fairground.



The warm sunset was shining down on our island.
The first star of the evening appeared in the sky.

Everyone was preparing for a big party
Their family and friends would come to join.





What a wonderful planet!

The work will continue tomorrow.
Come visit our planet,
And can you tell me about your planet, the Earth?



01 : Town for everyone to live and for you to grow

A family lives together in a house. A town is formed when lots of houses are built in one area. In a town, families live together, and neighbors help one another. There are places for everyone from babies to older people to play, learn, and work. Also, there are buildings for people to use together. Through the residents' everyday activities and special events such as festivals, a town will become a unique place, in the same way that every person is different.



**02 : Go outside to add more pages to your encyclopedia
A town is a classroom and an information database**

Christopher Alexander is an architect and urban planner who spent time exploring what makes towns and buildings comfortable. He put together his findings in a book titled A Pattern Language. It is an encyclopedia filled with eye-catching phrases and images that reveals the secrets to creating comfortable spaces. You, too, can compile an encyclopedia by exploring your town and its buildings using the human senses.



03 : Protect people from nature while working with nature

There are the sun, wind, rain, and snow. There is heat, and there is cold. Buildings protect people from nature, which can be harsh at times. On the other hand, buildings also take advantage of nature. The space inside a building is designed based on the size of the human body. But have you ever wondered what the best scale is for us?

04 : Forms that guide us and spaces filled with meanings

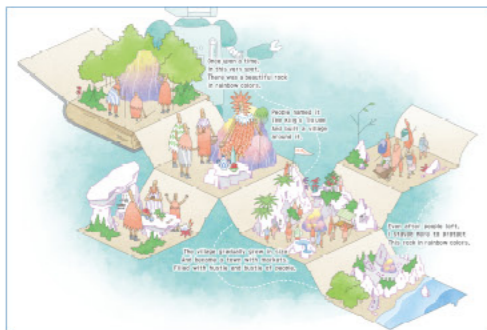
For some reason, an open field tempts us to run, while a closet space is dark and small yet calms us down. A hard chair makes us sit straight, while a soft sofa draws us to lie down. Forms, materials, and colors around us guide us to behave or feel a certain way without noticing. Some places have clear rules, such as no running or no shoes inside, but we should look around for hints suggesting certain meanings or intentions.



05 : Scratches on a column tell us about the present from the perspective of the past

Architectural education is a doorway to fresh insights into history and what is to come

When you look at old houses carefully, you may find repair marks or traces of remodeling work to adapt to changing lifestyles. Today, the concept of dynamic preservation is attracting attention, in which cultural properties are preserved while in use. For example, Jiyu Gakuen Myonichikan, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, no longer serves as a school building but is still used for other things with great care. Studying history and thinking about the future are important aspects of architectural education.



06 : Decision-making is about listening and communicating

The process of constructing a building or a town is made up of countless decisions. It involves extending consideration beyond us and our own needs to include consideration of the Earth and people and animals who will use, live, and visit there in the future. You will also need to be able to communicate your ideas with words to your collaborators and the people around you. A method of decision-making is another important topic to discuss with everyone involved.



07 : Cooperation, not competition, to create new resources for the future

The Earth's resources are limited. If we continue fighting over them, there will be nothing left. But we can pass down a wonderful gift to the future if we collaborate on creating new resources. That gift is our creativity.



08 : A place people gather is a ground for festivities, where people can participate in many ways as creators, audiences, entertainers, etc.

Every person has a unique relationship with a building or a town. There is a place for everyone of all ages. There are different roles everyone can play, such as making tea and singing a song for others. When the lively sound of the town takes shape or travels afar, more people will chime in. Everyone is a creator of the town's future.



09 : Cozy space for you and everyone

Do you feel relieved when you come home from a long trip? Spaces can directly influence our mood. When you think about buildings and towns, it is crucial to use your imagination not only for yourself and the people close to you but also those who are not present. That includes the people in the past and the future.



10 : A magnifying glass with varying resolution: Exploring the anatomy of the global environment in various scales, from the microscopic world to our homes and towns

"God is in the details" is a famous quote by the architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Let's take it as a message that architecture is an important part of the discussion of global issues. An example is the effort to construct buildings with a heavy focus on using wooden materials. It may not seem environmentally friendly because it involves cutting down trees, but it is an effective use of forests and a countermeasure to climate change.

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