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“Fairy tales are more than true:
not because they tell us that dragons exist,
but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.”

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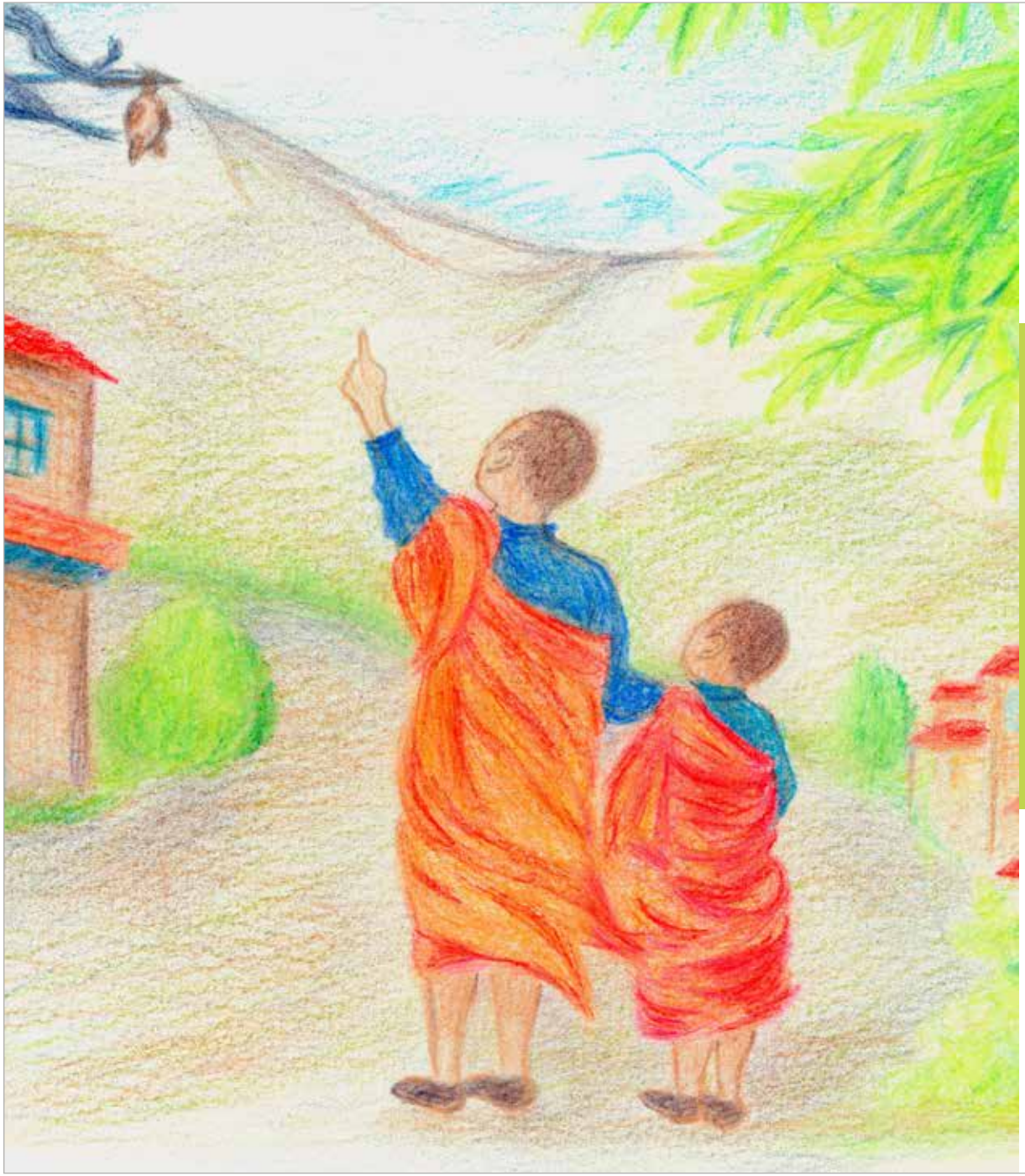

Deux cigognes et une tortue

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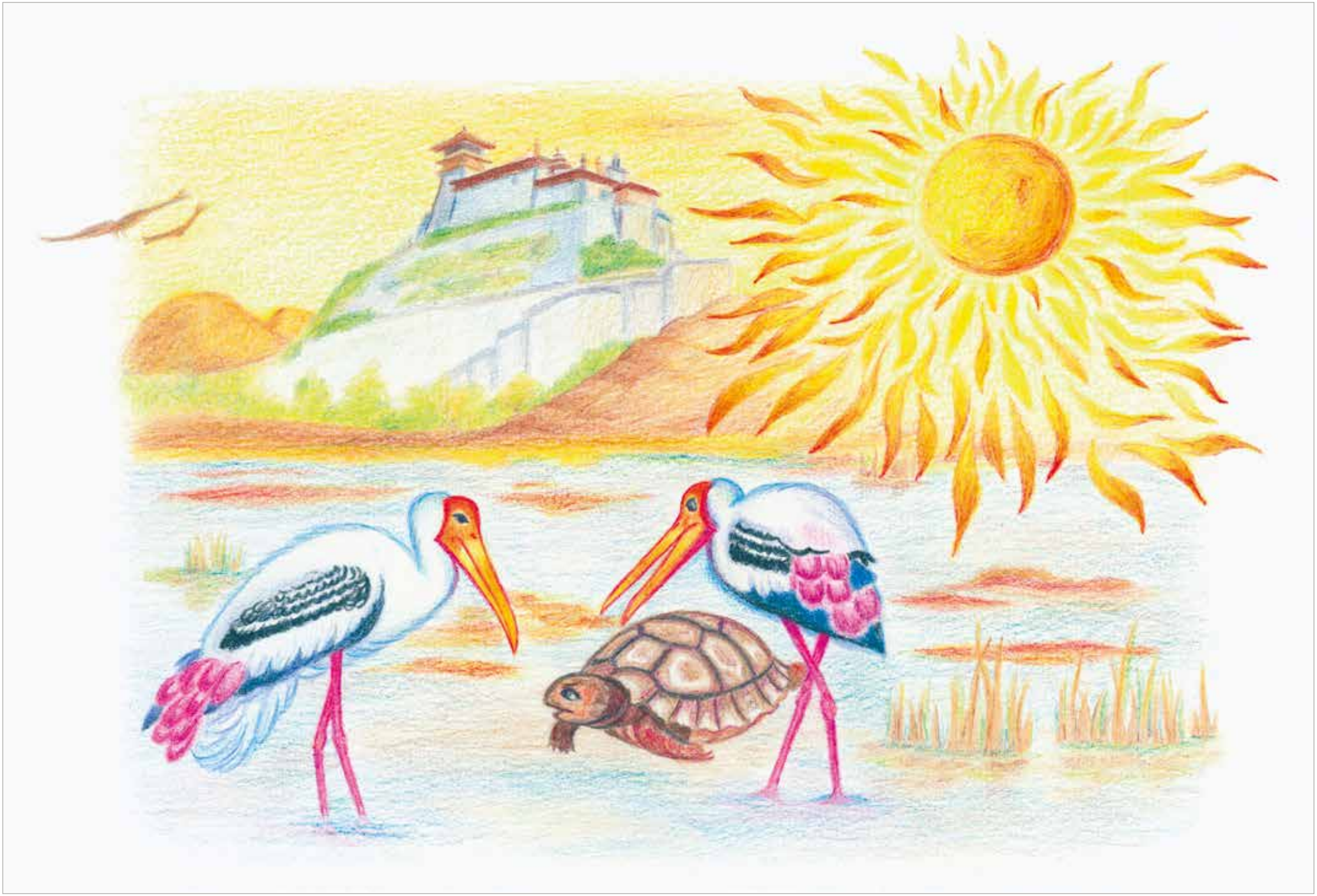
Il était une fois, deux cigognes et une tortue qui vivaient sur des terres humides. Cependant, la terre se desséchait tout doucement.

« L’eau aura vite fait de s’évaporer », dirent les cigognes. « Nous allons donc nous envoler vers de meilleures contrées. Au revoir. »
« S’il vous plaît, prenez-moi avec vous », dit la tortue.
« Mais comment ? », demanda l’une des cigognes



« Si vous trouvez un bâton, il suffit que l'une d'entre vous le tienne par un bout et l'autre par l'autre bout. Je n'aurai qu'à me suspendre en mordant le milieu du bâton. Comment trouvez-vous mon idée ? »

Les cigognes acceptèrent. Elles trouvèrent un bâton. La tortue mordit le milieu du bâton et ils volèrent au-dessus du village comme prévu

Soudain, un jeune enfant vit les cigognes et la tortue dans le ciel et s'exclama : « en voilà des cigognes intelligentes ! »
Quand la tortue entendit cela, elle se mit en colère. Elle ouvrit la bouche et dit : « C'était mon idée ! »

Aussitôt, la tortue lâcha le bâton.
Elle tomba au sol et mourut.

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