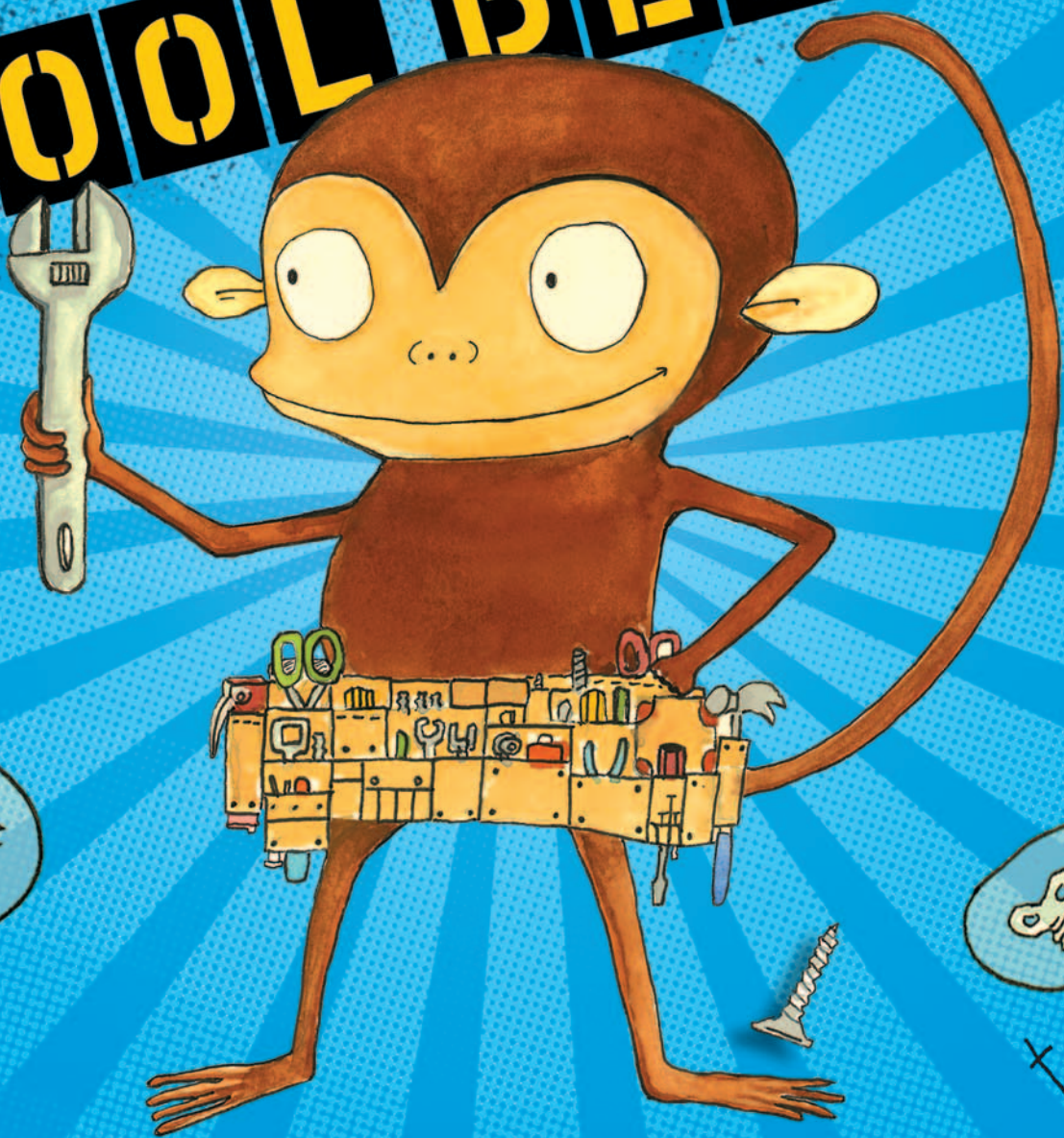


MONKEY WITH A TOOL BELT



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**THIS IS
CHICO
BON BON.**



**THESE
ARE HIS
TOOLS.**



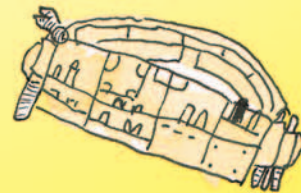
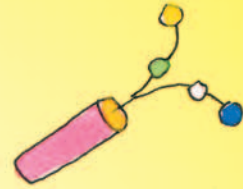
**AND THIS
IS THE
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GRINDER**

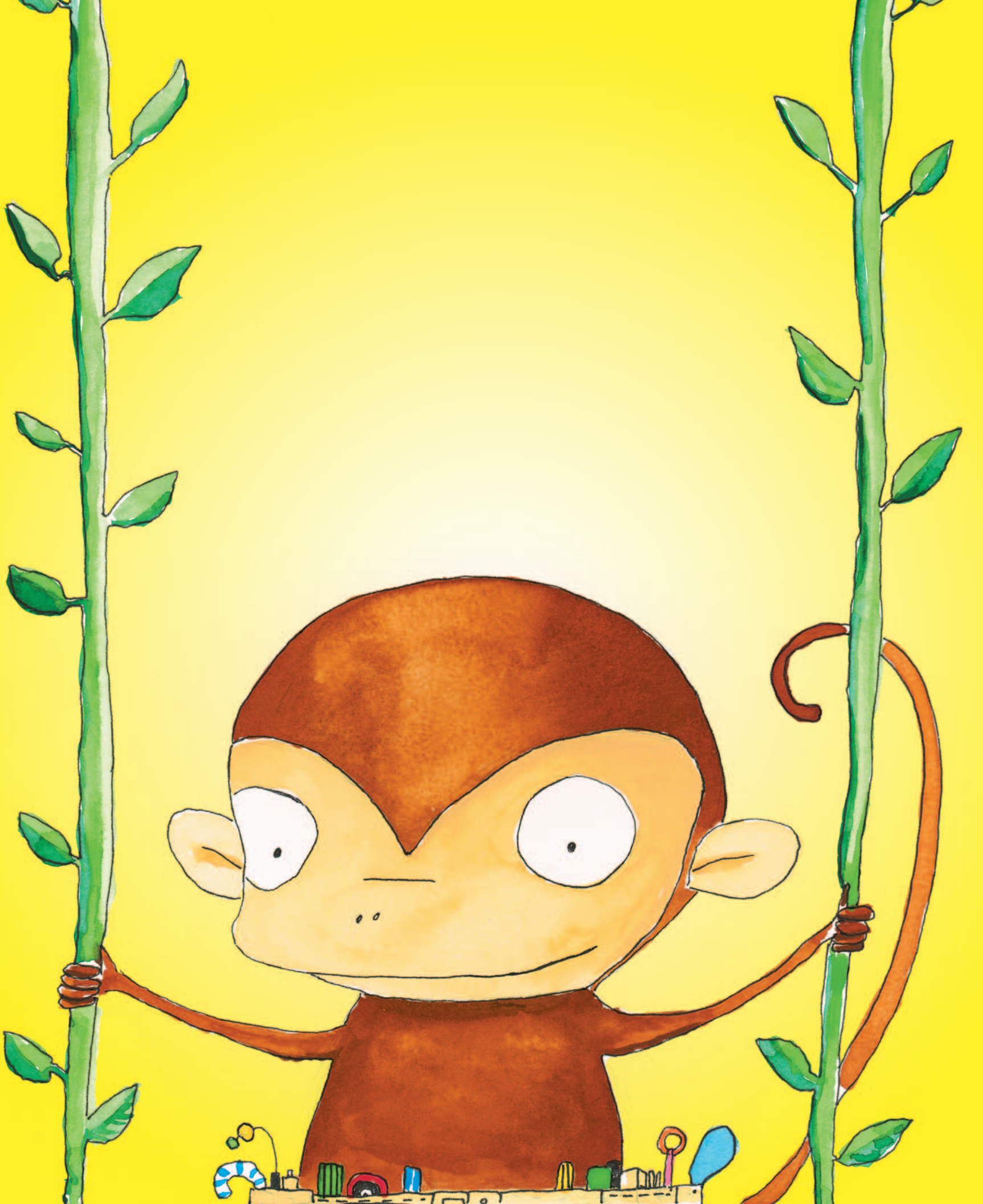


**WHO HAS NO IDEA
WHAT CHICO CAN DO
WITH THEM!**

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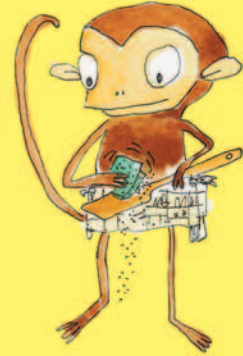
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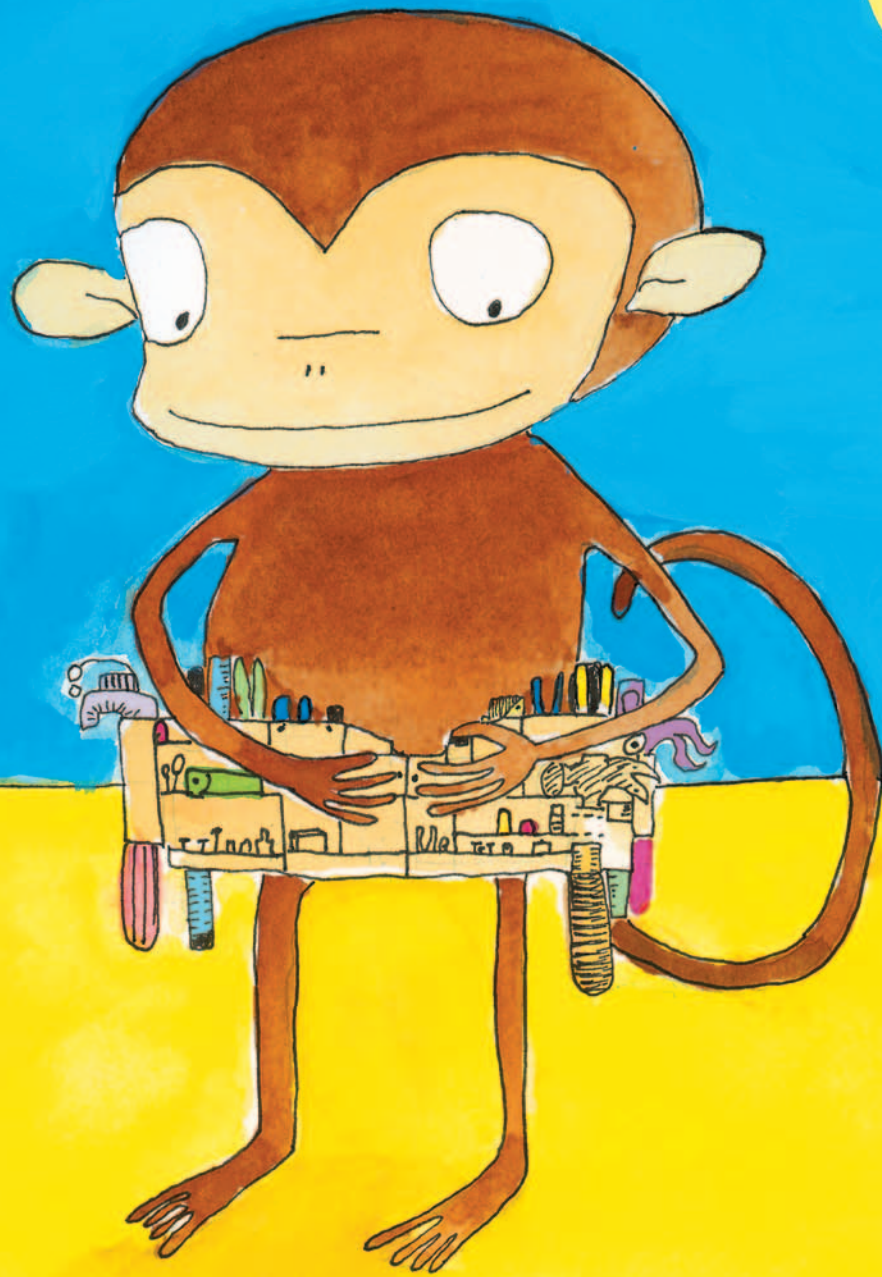


Here is Chico Bon Bon.



He is a monkey.

Chico is a monkey with a tool belt.



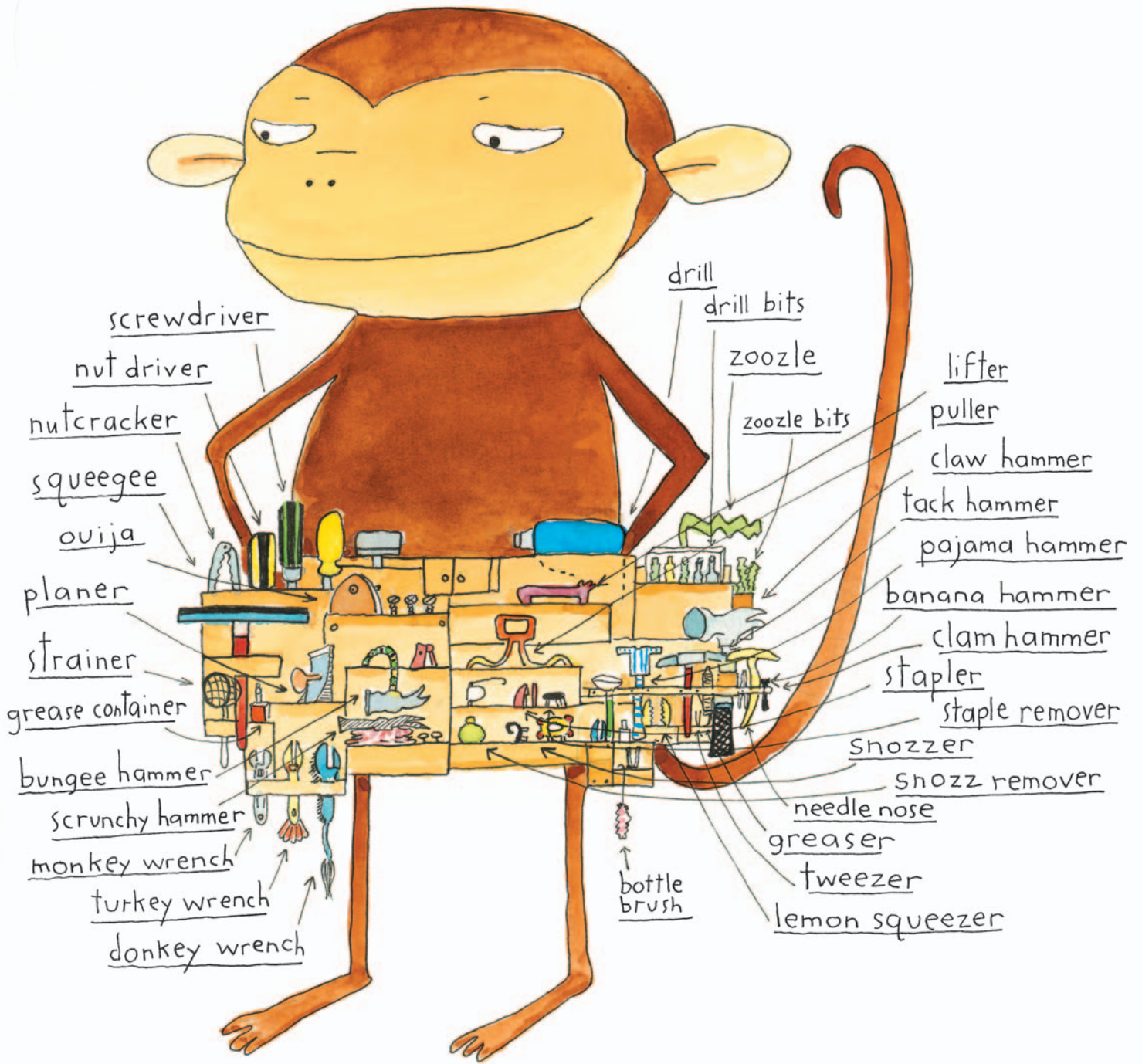


He is quite handy
with tools.

He builds and fixes
all sorts of things.



some of Chico's tools

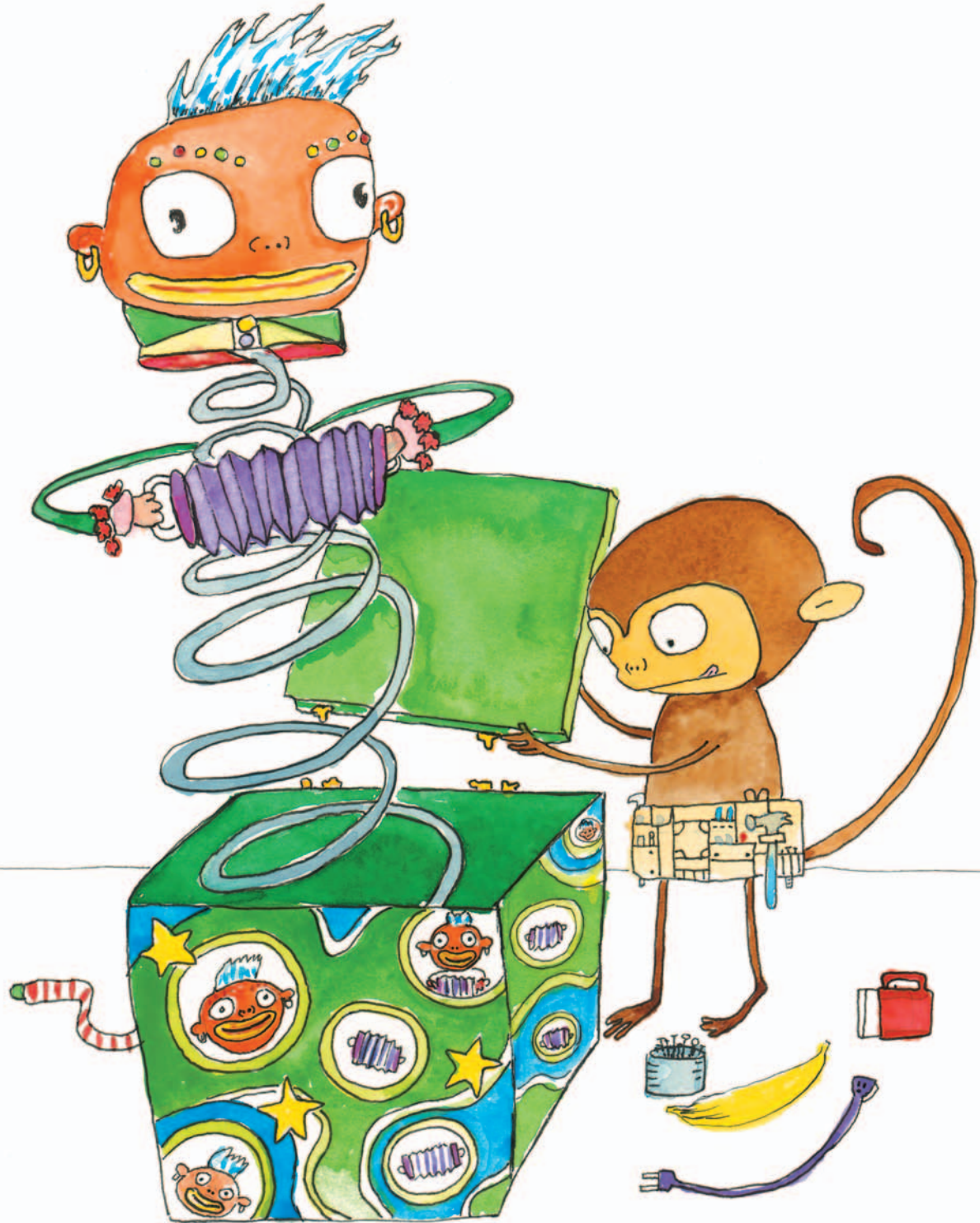


All his tools fit on his **belt**.

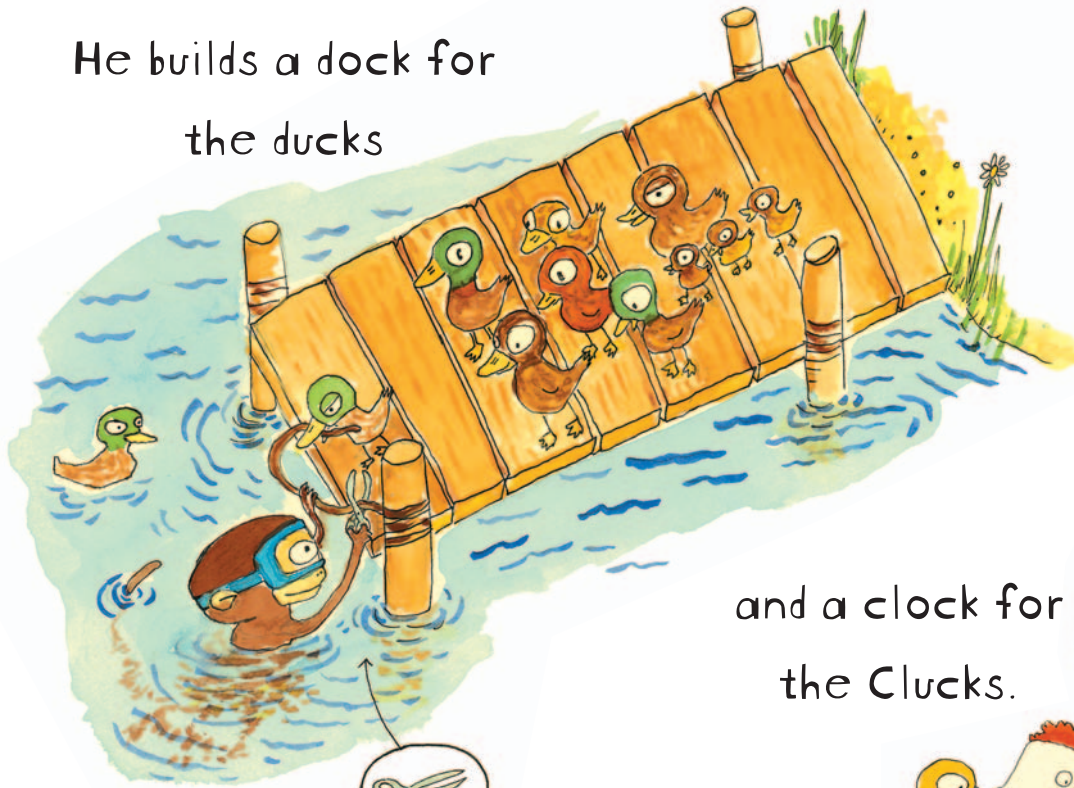


Every day, Chico builds or fixes something for his friends and his family.

He is very **creative**.



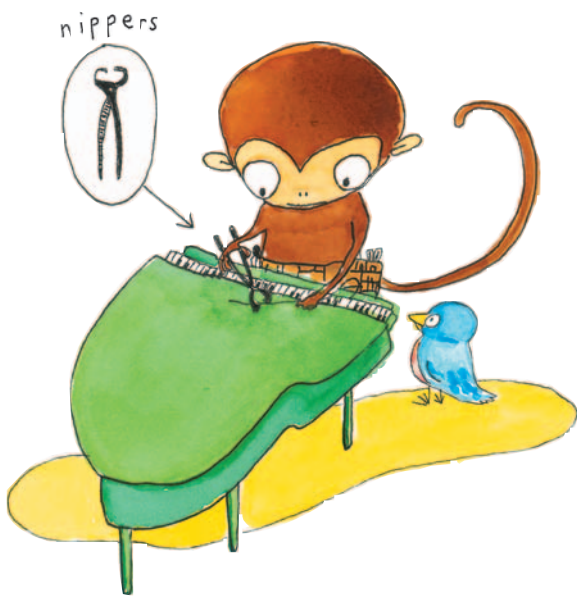
He builds a dock for
the ducks



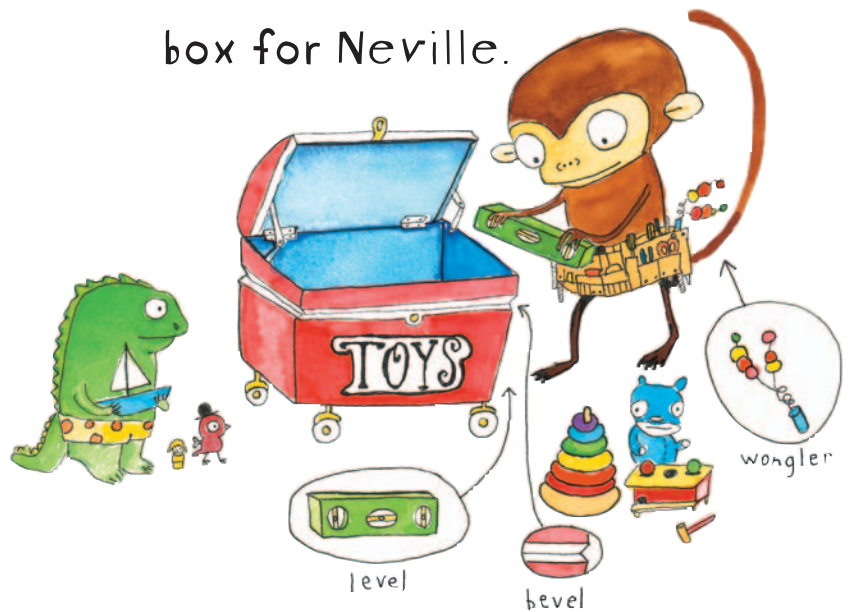
and a clock for
the Clucks.



He uses his nippers for
nipping and tucks.



He uses his level on a toy
box for Neville.



Wood wonglers are needed to
make this nice bevel.

He builds a go-kart for Go-Go to transport the skunks



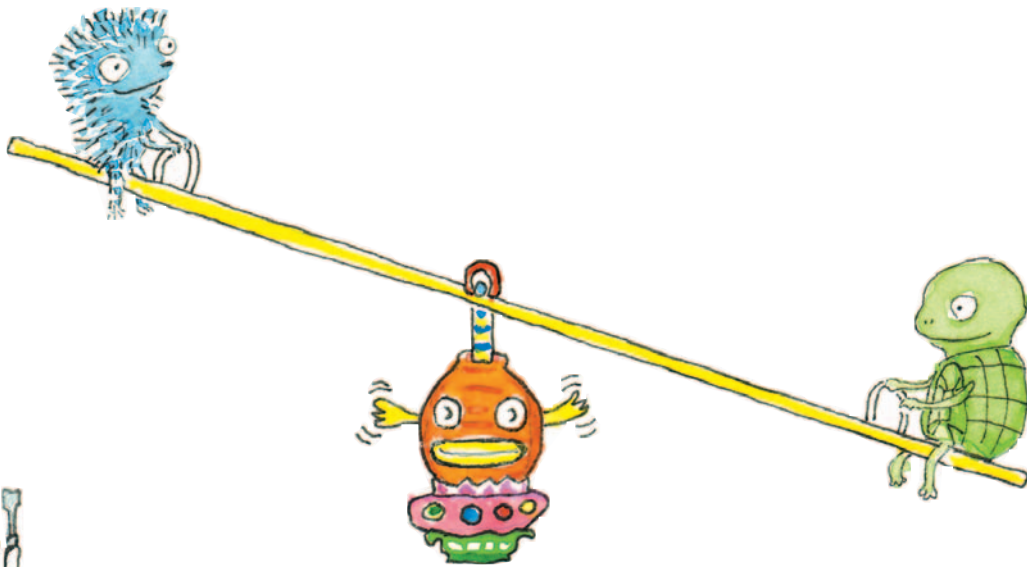
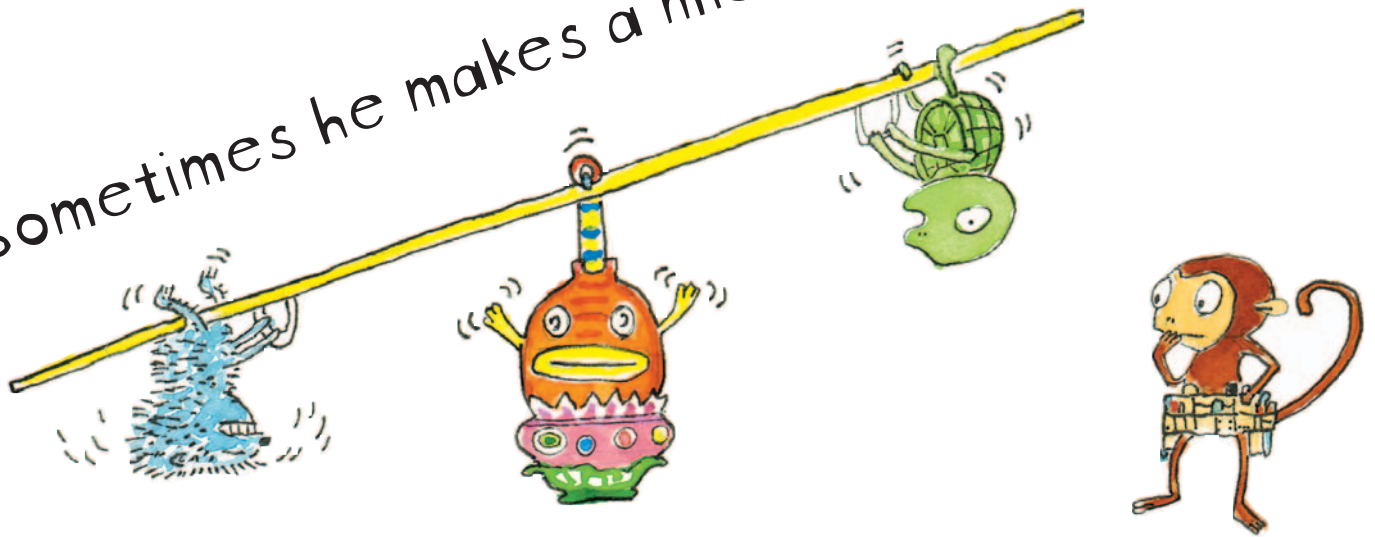
and a small roller coaster for local chipmunks.



plus a chisel, a frizzle, and a giant C-clamp.

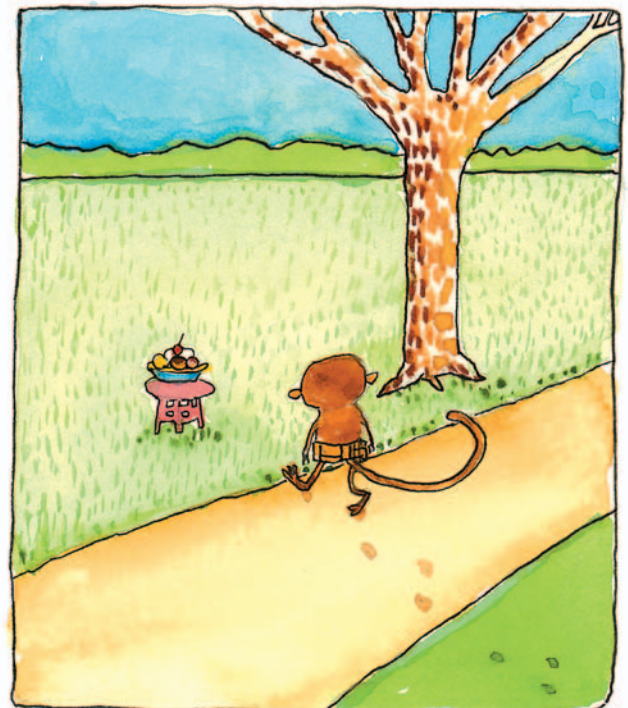
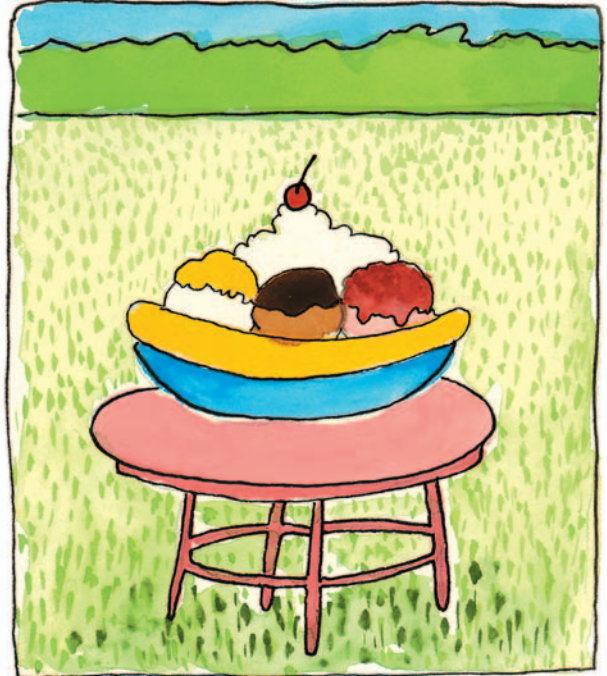


Sometimes he makes a mistake

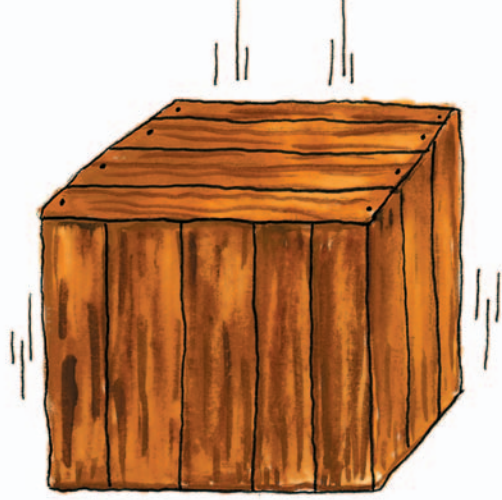


. . . but he just finds the right tool and fixes it.

One day, Chico noticed a **banana split** on a tiny table across the road from his house.



He went over to investigate.

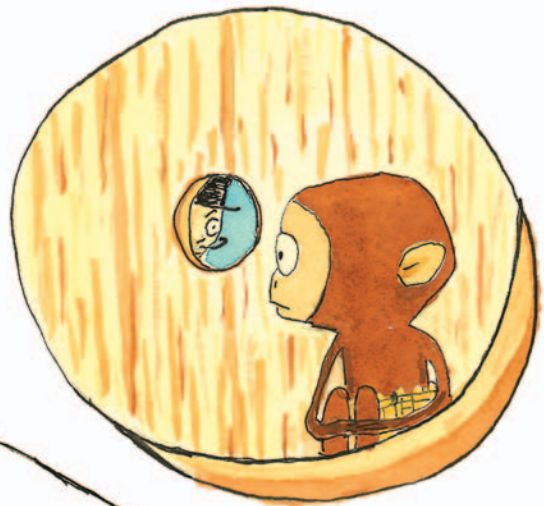


Chico tasted the mysterious banana split.
It was fake! He wondered why a banana split would
be made of plastic.

Just then, a big box came down on top of him.

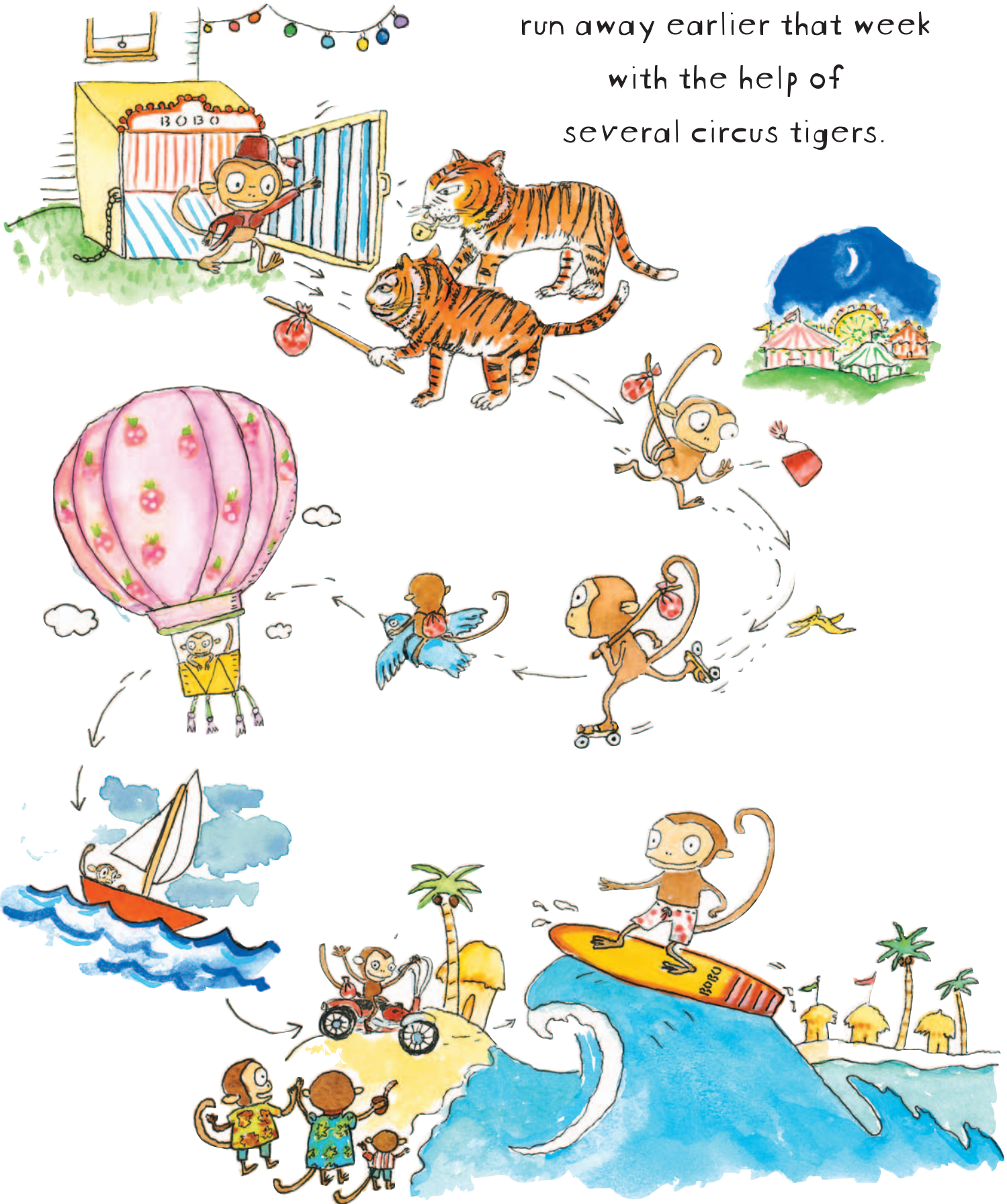
It was a trap!

He was captured!



He looked out of a hole in the box and saw an organ-grinder from the circus.

This organ-grinder needed a new monkey. His old monkey, Bobo, had run away earlier that week with the help of several circus tigers.





Chico could not get out.

The organ-grinder locked the box
and bungeed it to his bicycle.

He rode a long, long way.





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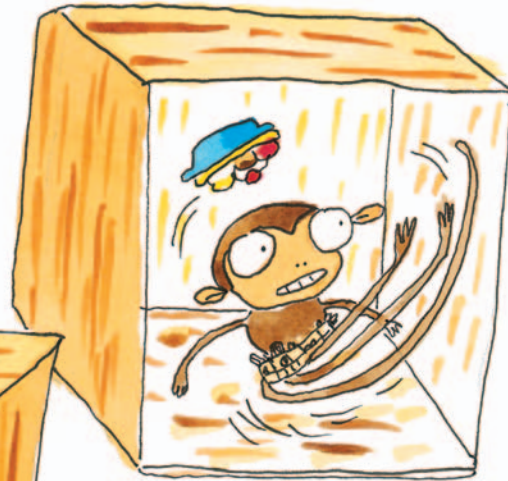
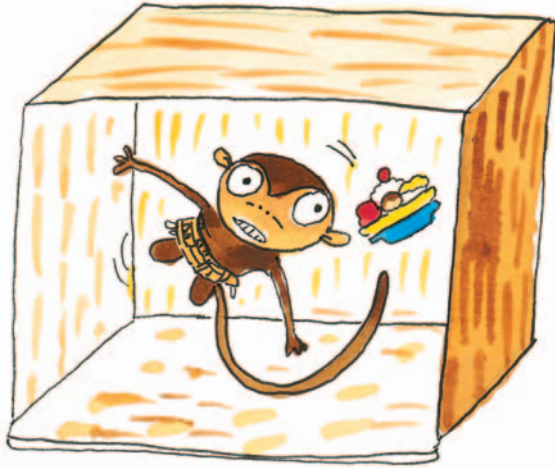
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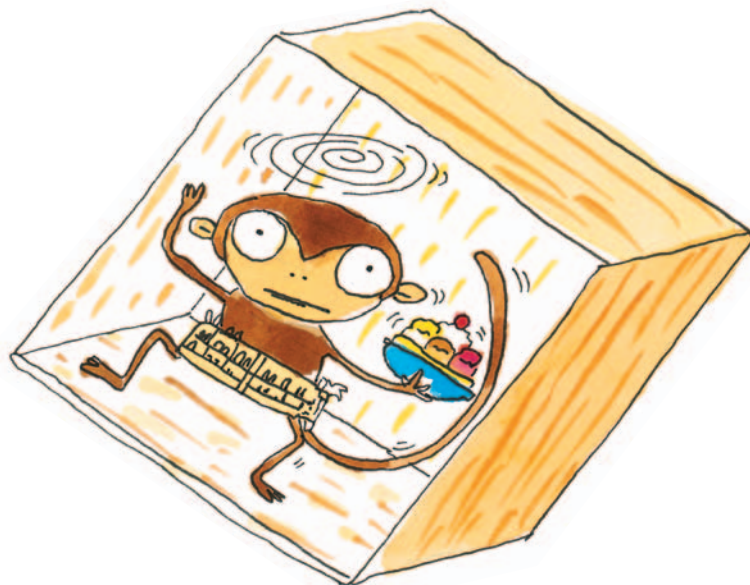
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It was a rough ride.



Chico felt lucky the banana split wasn't real. He would have been covered in ice cream.



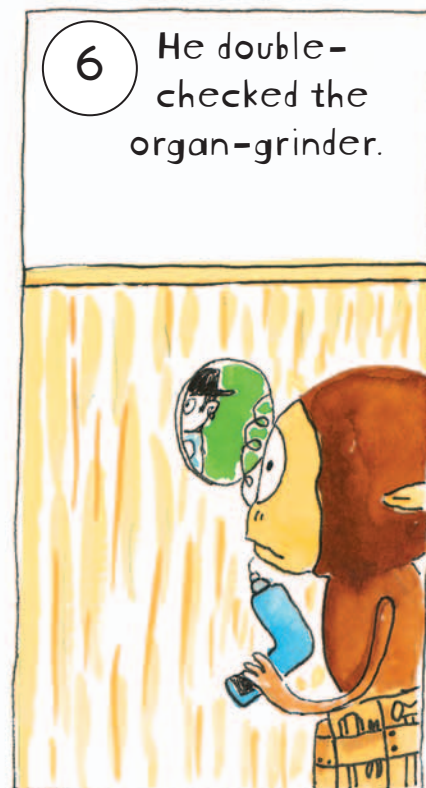
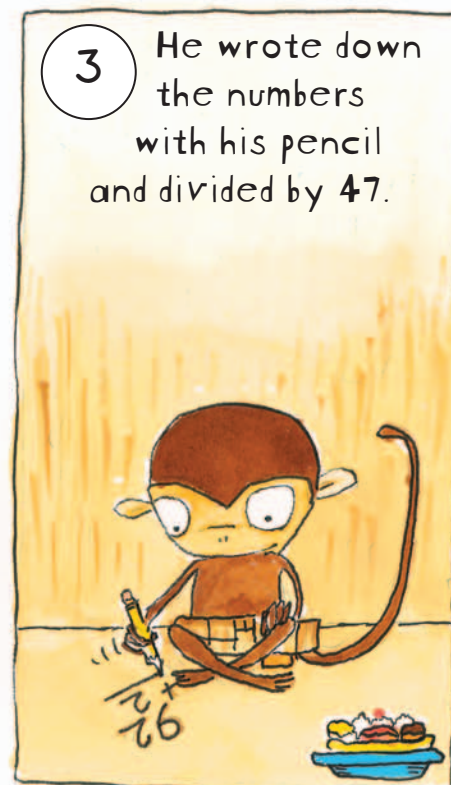
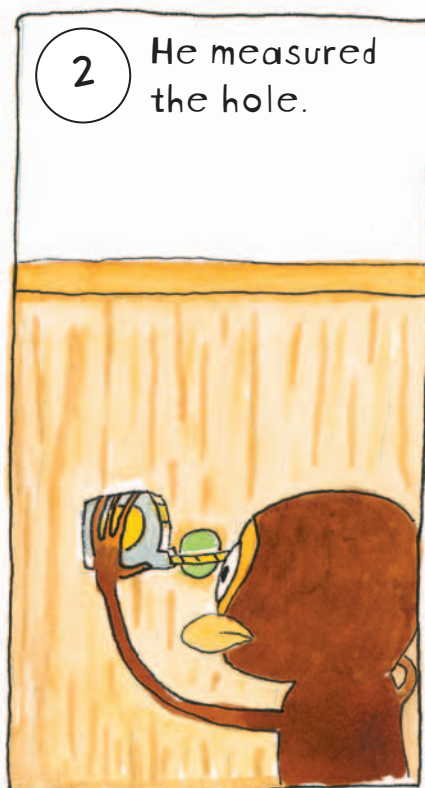
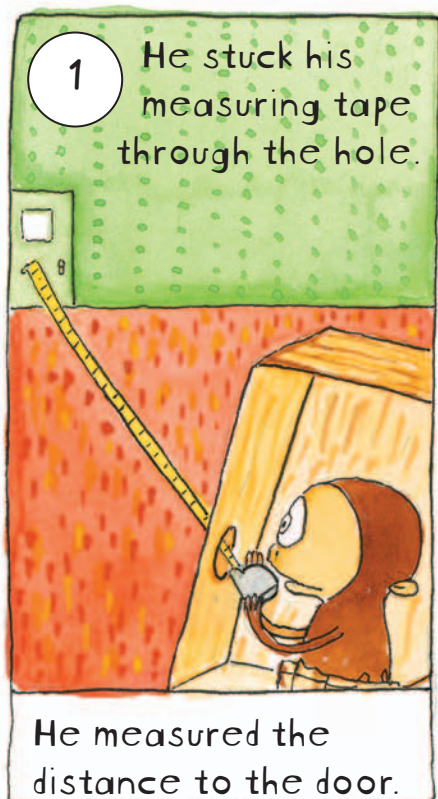
He carried the box inside his trailer. He began to make dinner.



He used an egg beater, a blender, a can opener, a vacuum cleaner, and a coffee grinder. It was all extremely noisy.

Chico watched him through the hole in the box. The man didn't realize that Chico was wearing his tool belt.

Chico had a plan:



7 He used a mini file to make the hole bigger.



8 He made the hole even bigger with a tiny hacksaw, a hole razer, a half-inch beebersaw, a small jimmy-jubber, and some sandpaper.



9 He sliced the plastic banana split with his utility-knife-lemon-squeezer-flashlight-banana-peeler.



(It's one of the best multi-use tools around.)

10 He disguised the hole with sawdust, spackle, and a piece of the plastic banana split.



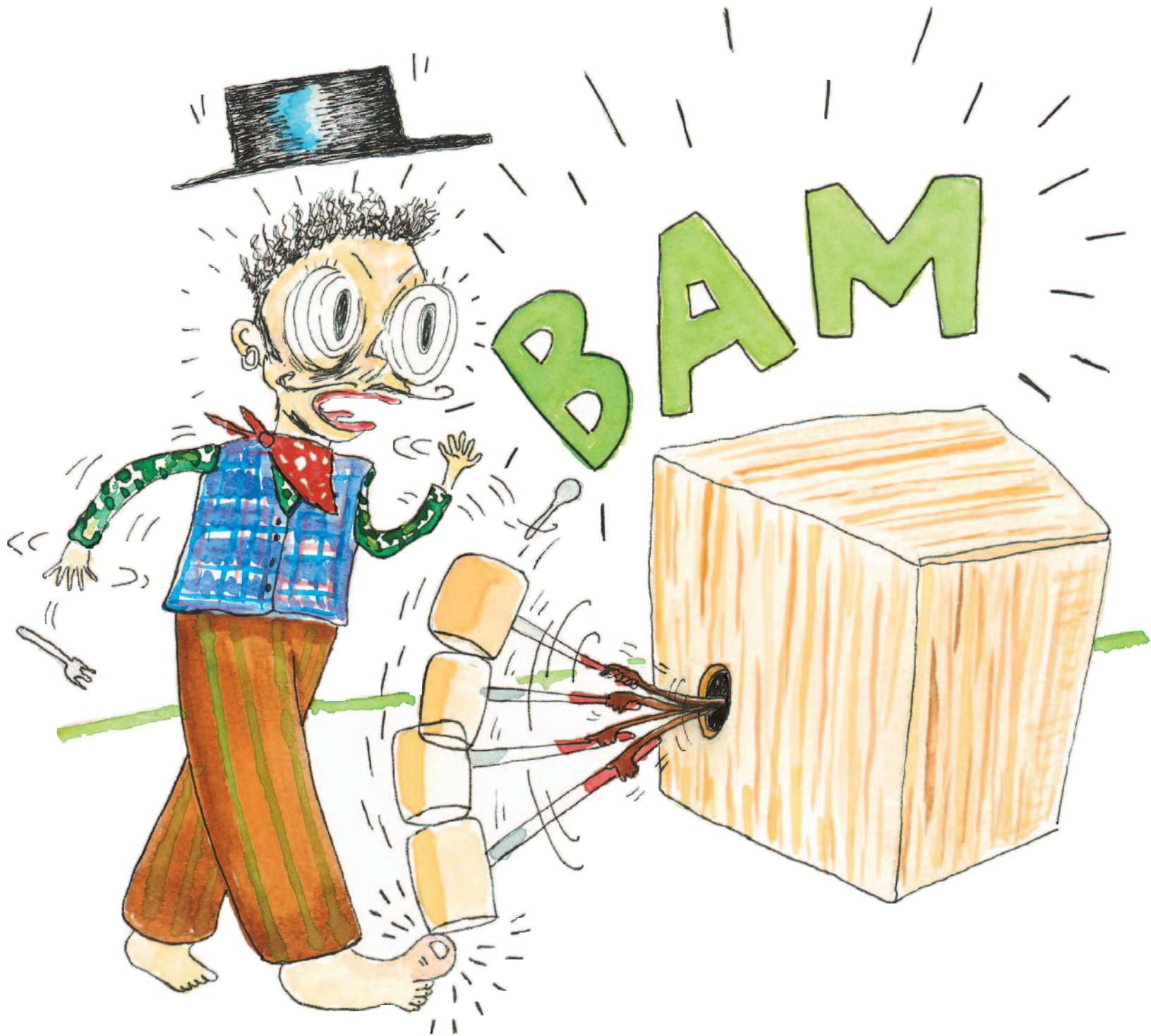
11 Then he made a loud water-buffalo noise with his kazoo.



12 The organ-grinder looked over.

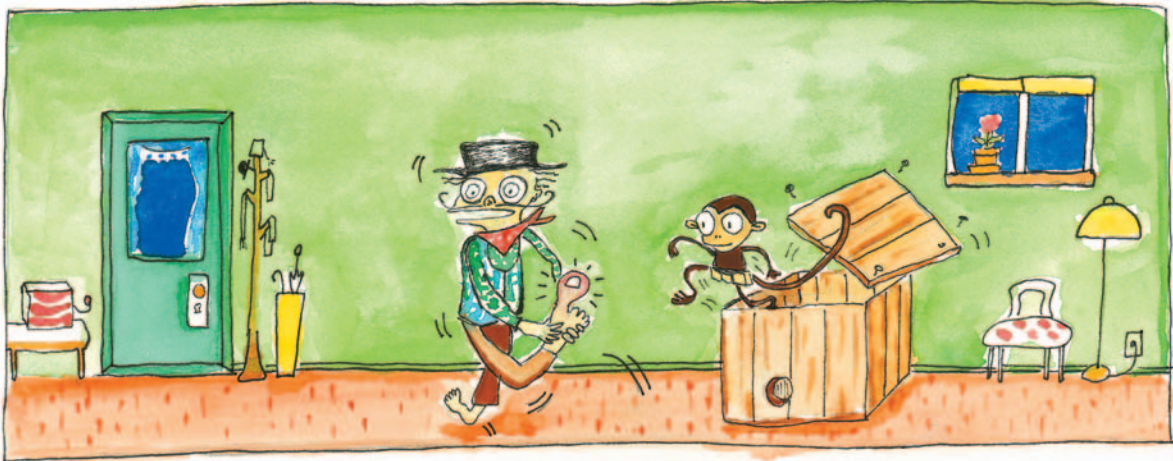


He walked over to the box . . .



Suddenly, Chico used his rubber hammer
on the man's big toe!

The man leaped back on one foot,



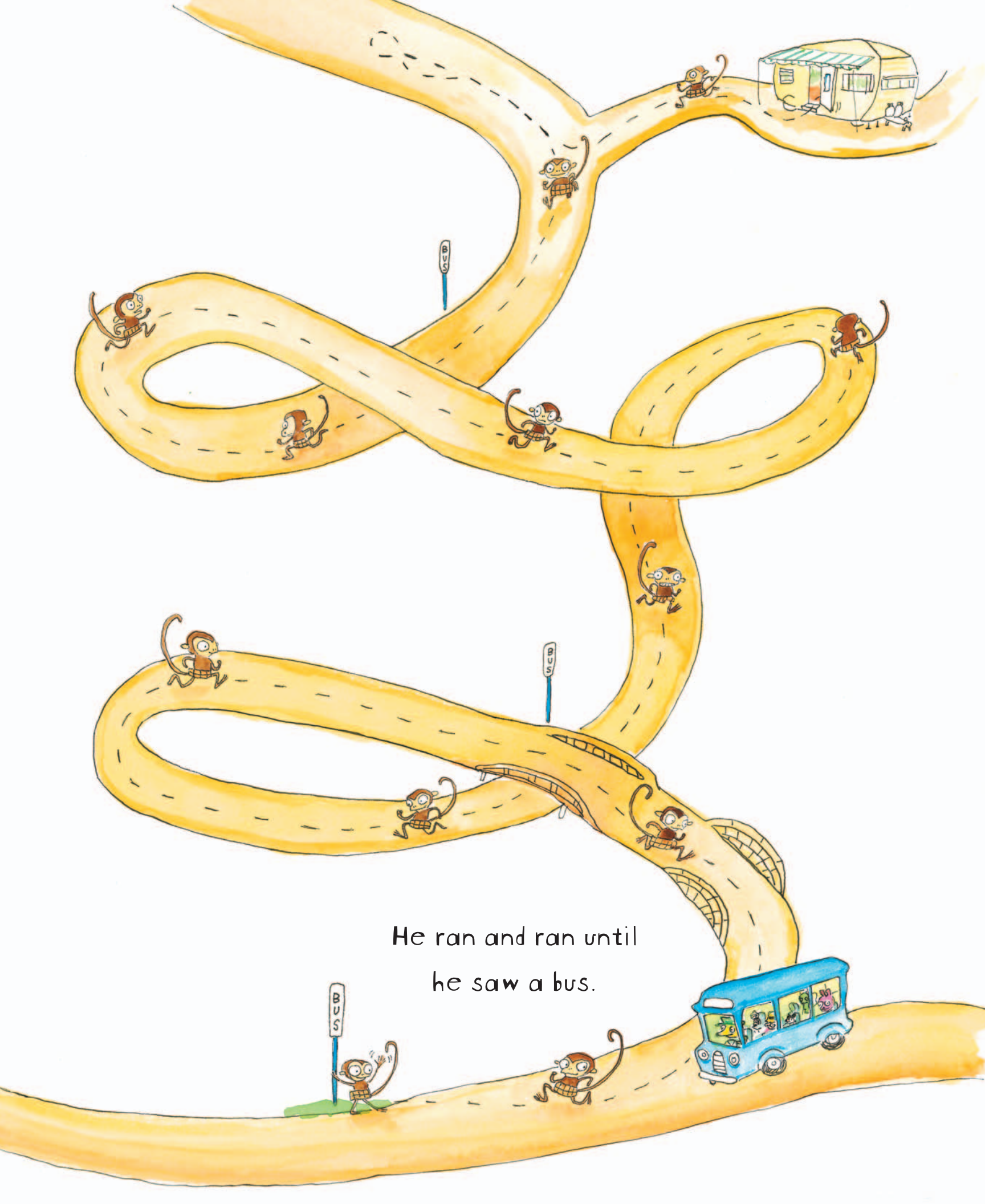
holding his big toe and hopping about!



Chico pushed open the box lid and jumped out.



He ran out the door.



He ran and ran until
he saw a bus.



He fished some change
out of his tool belt



and got on the bus.



He rode the bus to his house.



Chico was home!

"Good thing I have this tool belt," Chico Bon Bon said to himself. He took the tool belt off and laid it on his dresser.



He put on his pajamas.



Then he put his tool belt back on and climbed into bed.

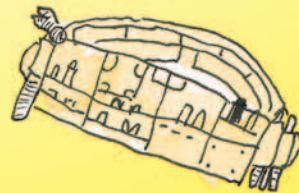
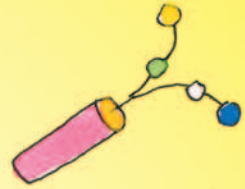


Well, good night, Chico Bon Bon!



I wonder what he'll build tomorrow?





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Starfire



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