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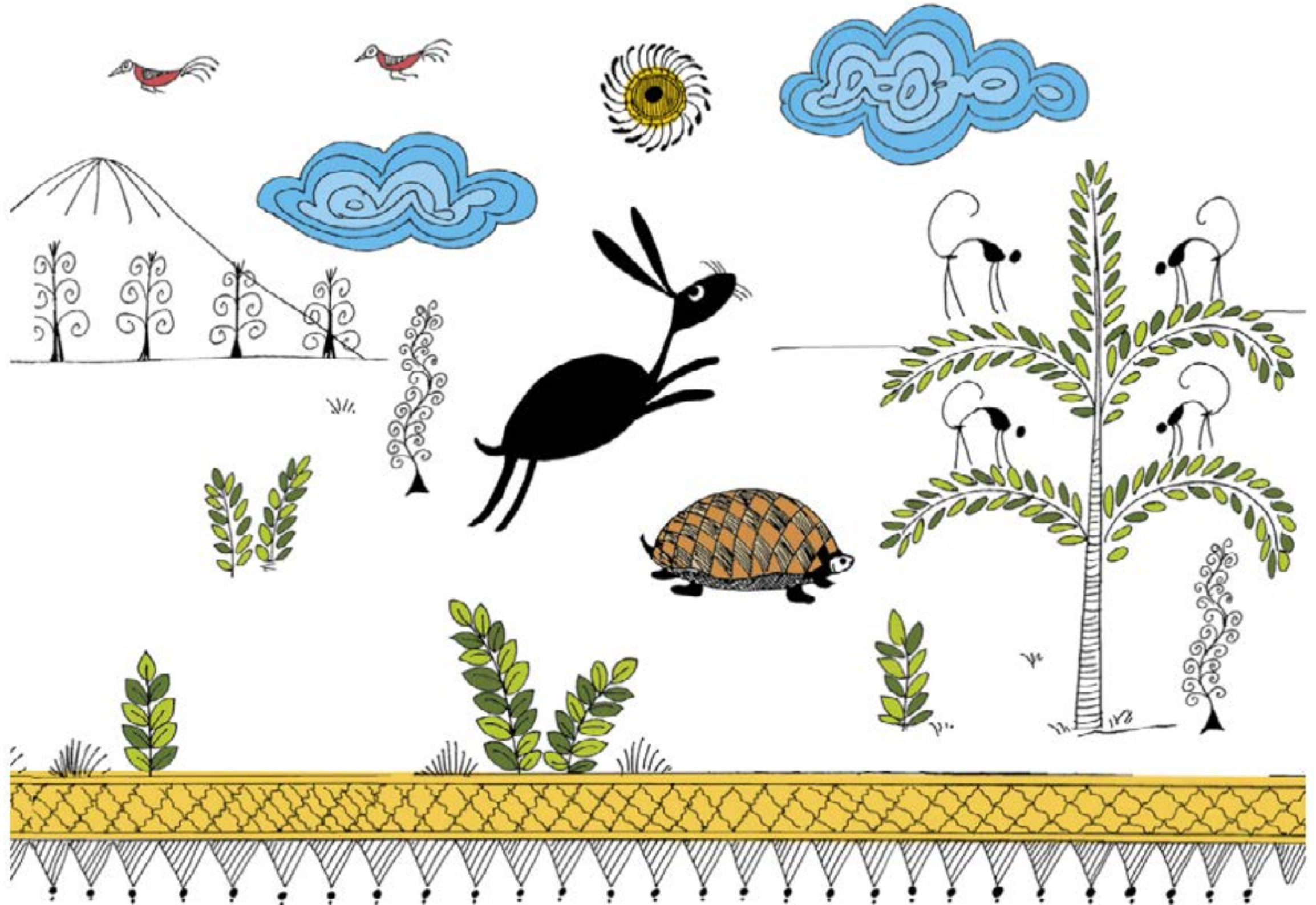




In the green and cool forest of Maranda,
there were many streams.

Some of them flowed into ponds where
small animals came to drink water.

Others were big rushing rivers where you
could even find crocodiles.





A hare and a tortoise lived near a small pond in Maranda forest.

They were the best of friends.

One fine day they set out to the market.

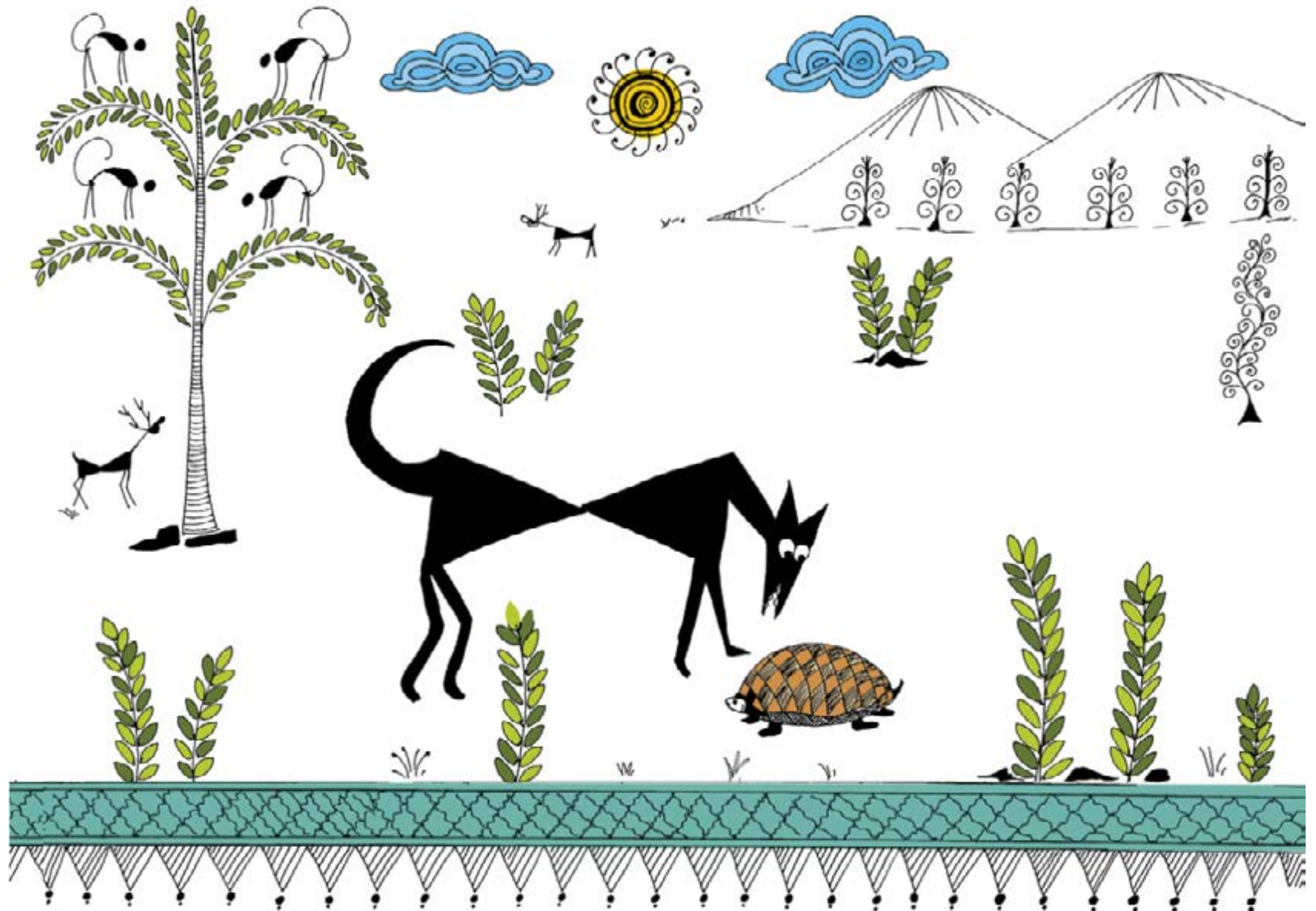




Suddenly, there was a jackal with an evil grin blocking the road!

Where did he come from?

Looking at his scary face, the hare said, "Run, run!" and ran away as fast as he could.





Things were happening too fast for the tortoise.

Before he could peer at the jackal he had been carried away in his mouth!

The tortoise had just enough time to put his head inside his shell.





The hare saw what had happened as he hid behind a tree.

He knew he had to help his friend.

He walked up to the jackal, and asked, "Hello Jackal uncle, what have you got there?"





"I've got my food here," the jackal replied.

"Oh, I see!" the hare said.

"I had seen it long ago, but it was too hard for me to eat. I think you should leave it in the water for some time. When it grows soft, you will be able to eat it."





The jackal liked the hare's idea as the shell of the tortoise was very hard.

He dropped the tortoise into the river.

The tortoise swam away to safety.

The hare also ran away.





The clever hare had saved his friend from
the jackal!



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