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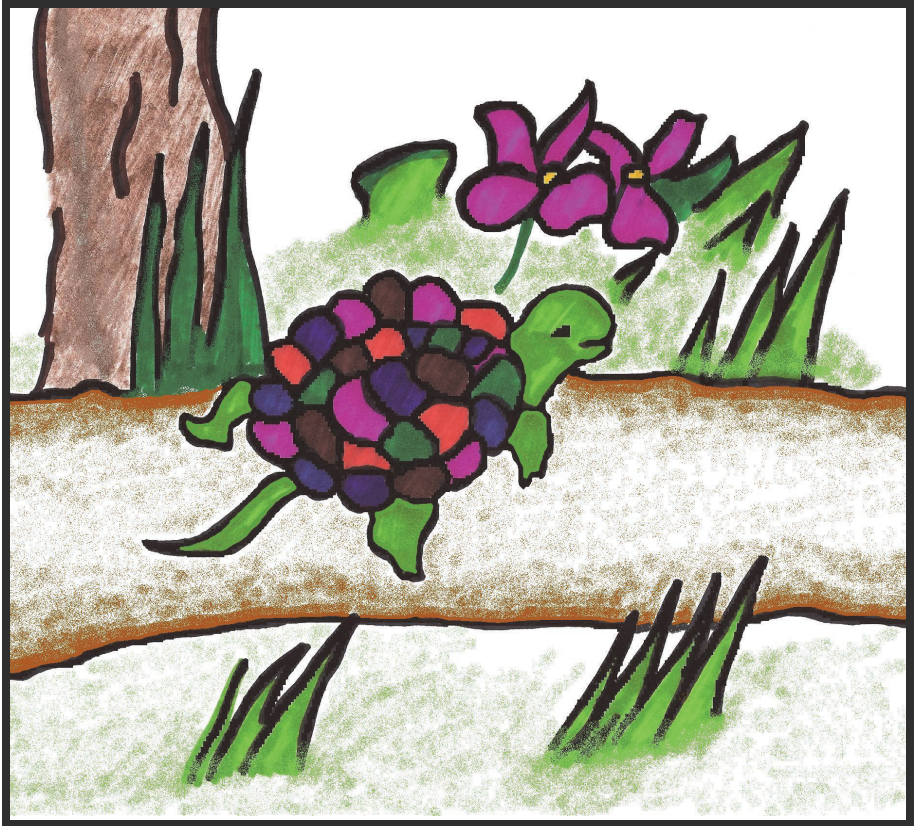

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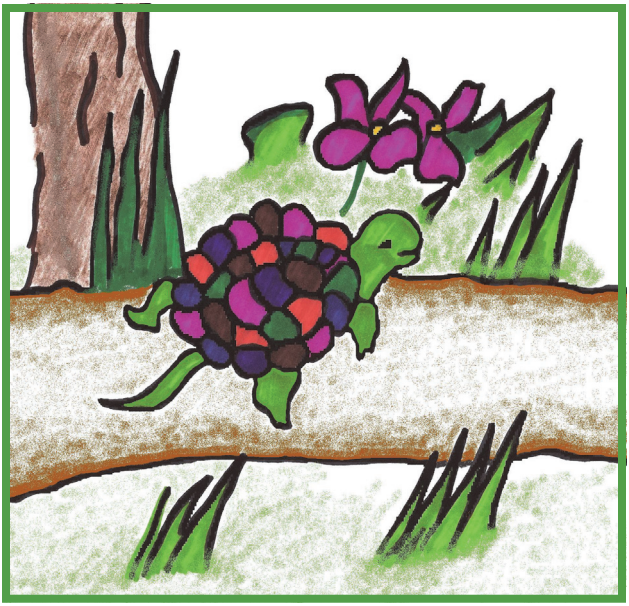

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Halítoh!

Loksi yat kanit ahchowa il
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(The Man and the Ant story)
(How the turtle got its design (on its back))

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Shokka Annopa kómikat kanaha kanit akchokmát mayáchika imábachih kiyok mat kaniyómi kato pi yoppa ikbi yómih. Isht ika ak ósh shokka annopa anóli attók. Isht ika mat akchokmát atta, nokwiya iksho, hicha hopóyoksa ilawah okmako oklah atókolih íkattók. Himakno kanah at shokka annopa oklah annólih alhi kiyoh. Hih kiya shokka annopa kómika falámat hapim alla imanólit ikít oklah il ilhkólik ma Chahta annopa hakloh ósh maya hínah.

Chahta annopa ik hapi kaníyoh kiya!

Hattak at nána ataklamat kaniyah ósh ayah tók.

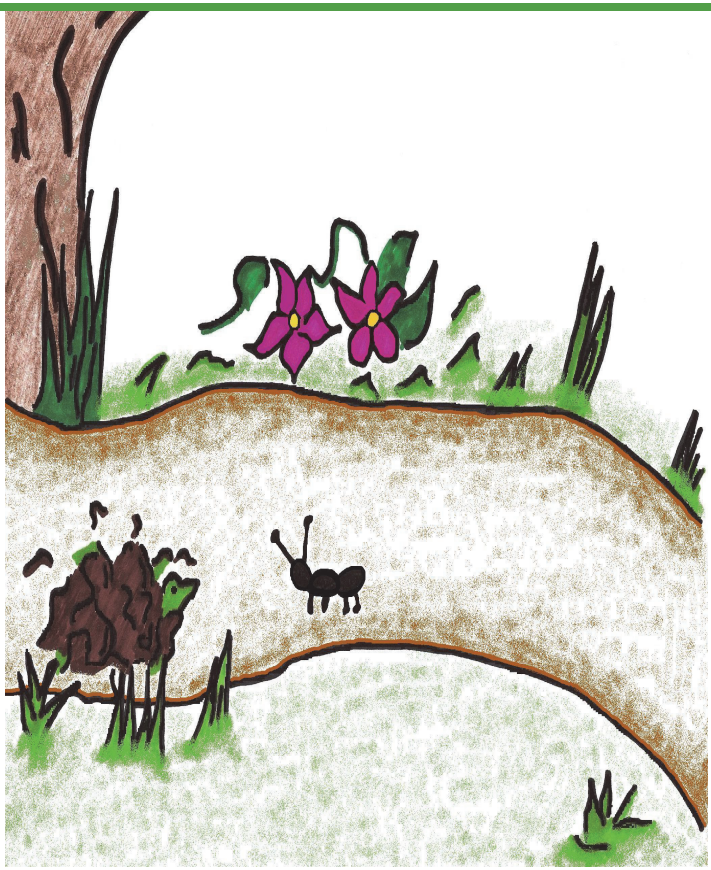
(Once there was a man walking deep in thought about something that was bothering him.)

Tali chito yósh ittolah im ahwáh hicha ot ánowat iyá tok ako Loksi átok áchinih tók.

(Thinking a stone was laying on the road, he stepped on it as he was walking, but it turned out to be a turtle.)

Loksi ihakshop at “Yasak!” át kókowah tók. Hattak mat, “katína akchokmat ak píso tok o” ahnih ókák ósh kanih cha hina kat ik ikkánoh átok ósh pi iyah tók.

(The turtle’s shell made a sound “Crack!” as it broke apart. The man thought “why didn’t I watch where I was going” but couldn’t do anything about it, so just went on.)



Shokani yat loksi pisa hicha i nokhakloh tók.

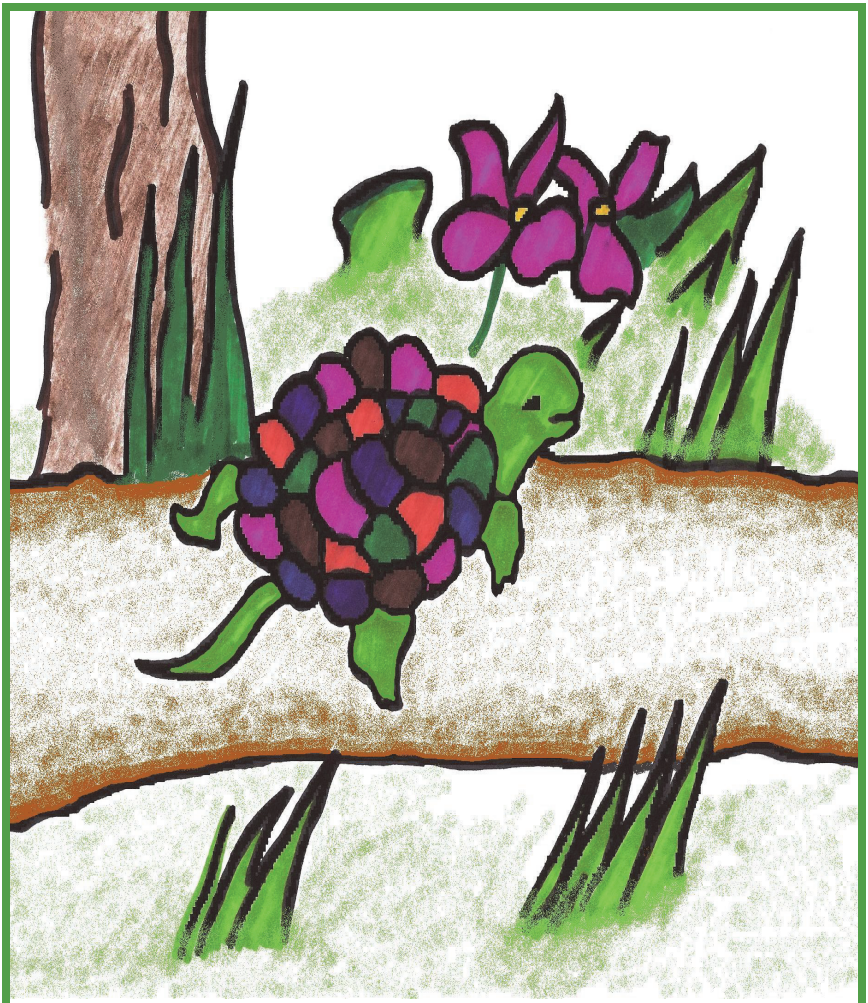
(An ant saw the turtle and felt sad.)

Mak ohmat shokani ilaka ot imanólih tók.

(Then he went and told the other ants.)

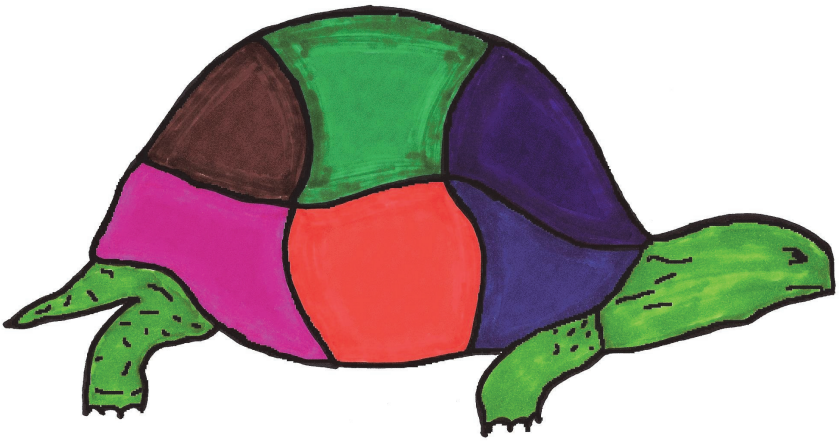
Shokani alhíha yat loksi i hakshop nánah oklah ahochá hinak mat isht oklah acholih tók.

(The ants found things they could use and the ants went and sewed up the turtle's shell.)



Loksi i̱ hakshop at ahcho̱wa il ayyoka ósh tobah ó kak ósh ná yoppah tók.

(That is why the turtle's shell had many different shaped lines on it but was happy.)



“Himak no kanah at tali siyah oklah imahwá chih kiyoh akinih” ahtók.

Toff.

(“Now people will not think I am a rock”, he said.
The End.)

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