

# Tortoise and his shell

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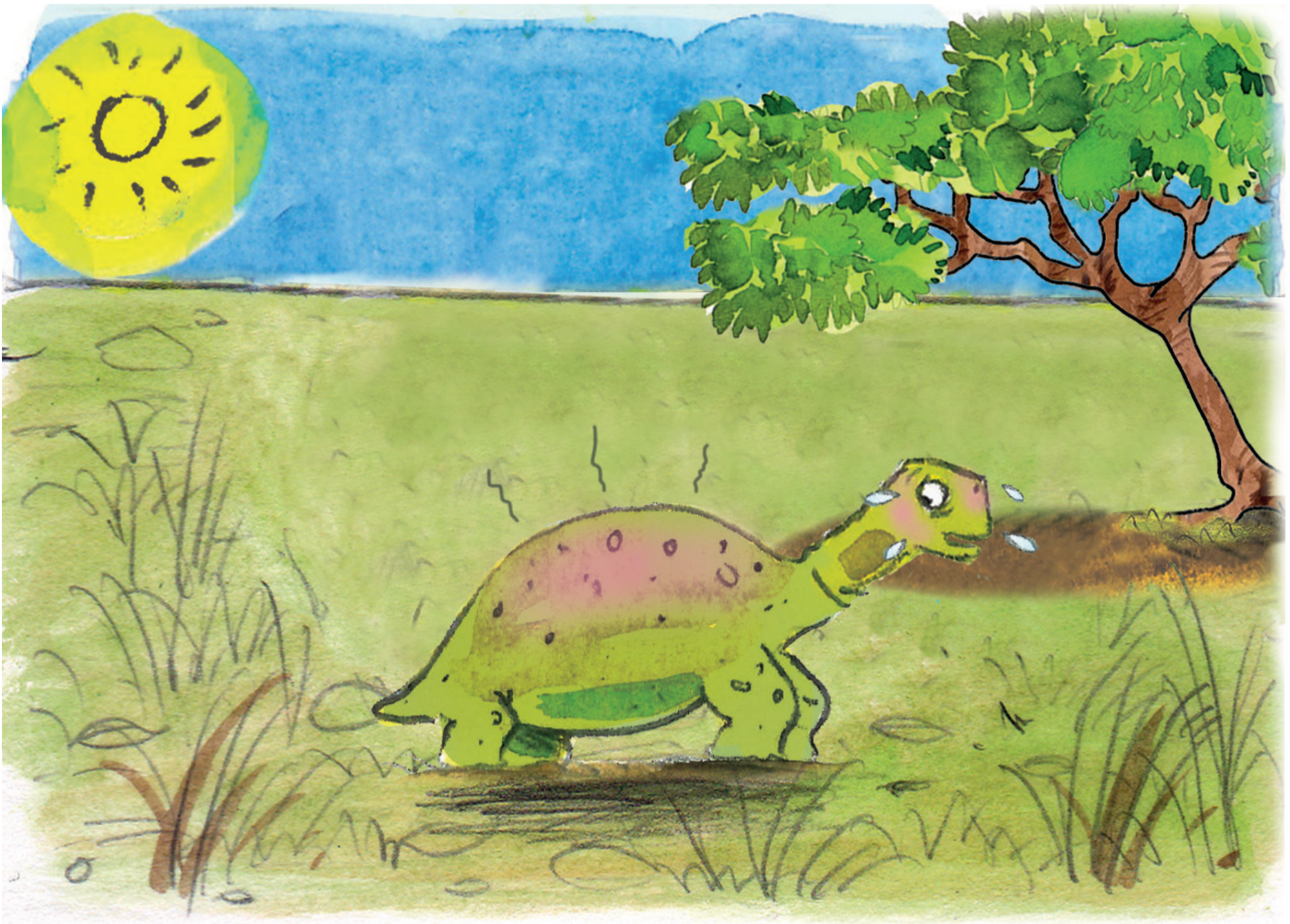


Tommy the tortoise lived in a field by himself. “I wish I could run fast like all the other animals,” he said.

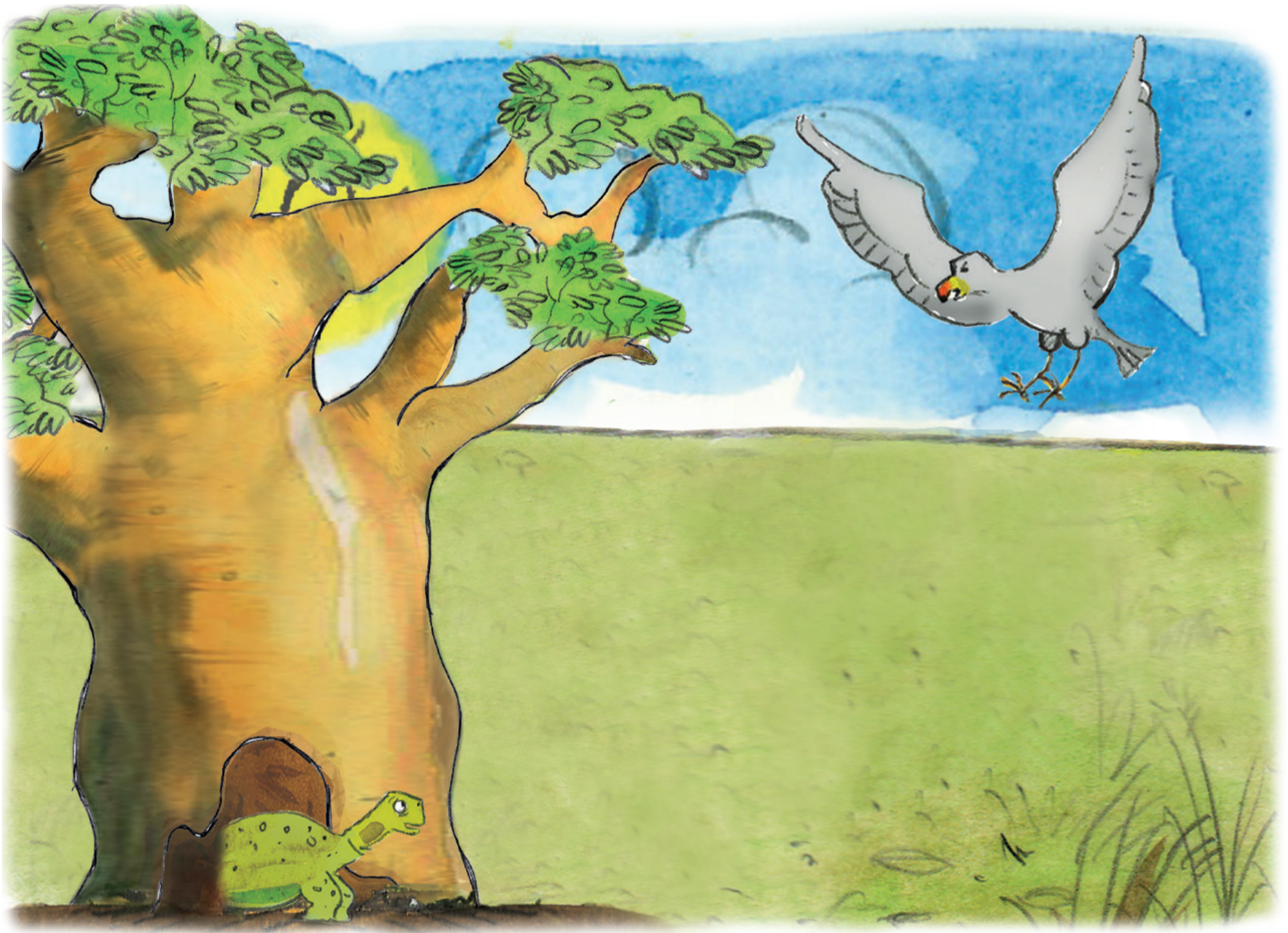




Tommy crawled out of his shell and shouted, “Look at me! I can run fast without my heavy shell!”



After a while Tommy stopped running. The hot sun was burning his soft back. “I don’t have my shell to protect me, so I’ll rest in the shade.”



Tommy heard a noise in the sky and saw an eagle. “I wish I had my shell to protect me,” he said. He quickly hid in the hole of a tree.

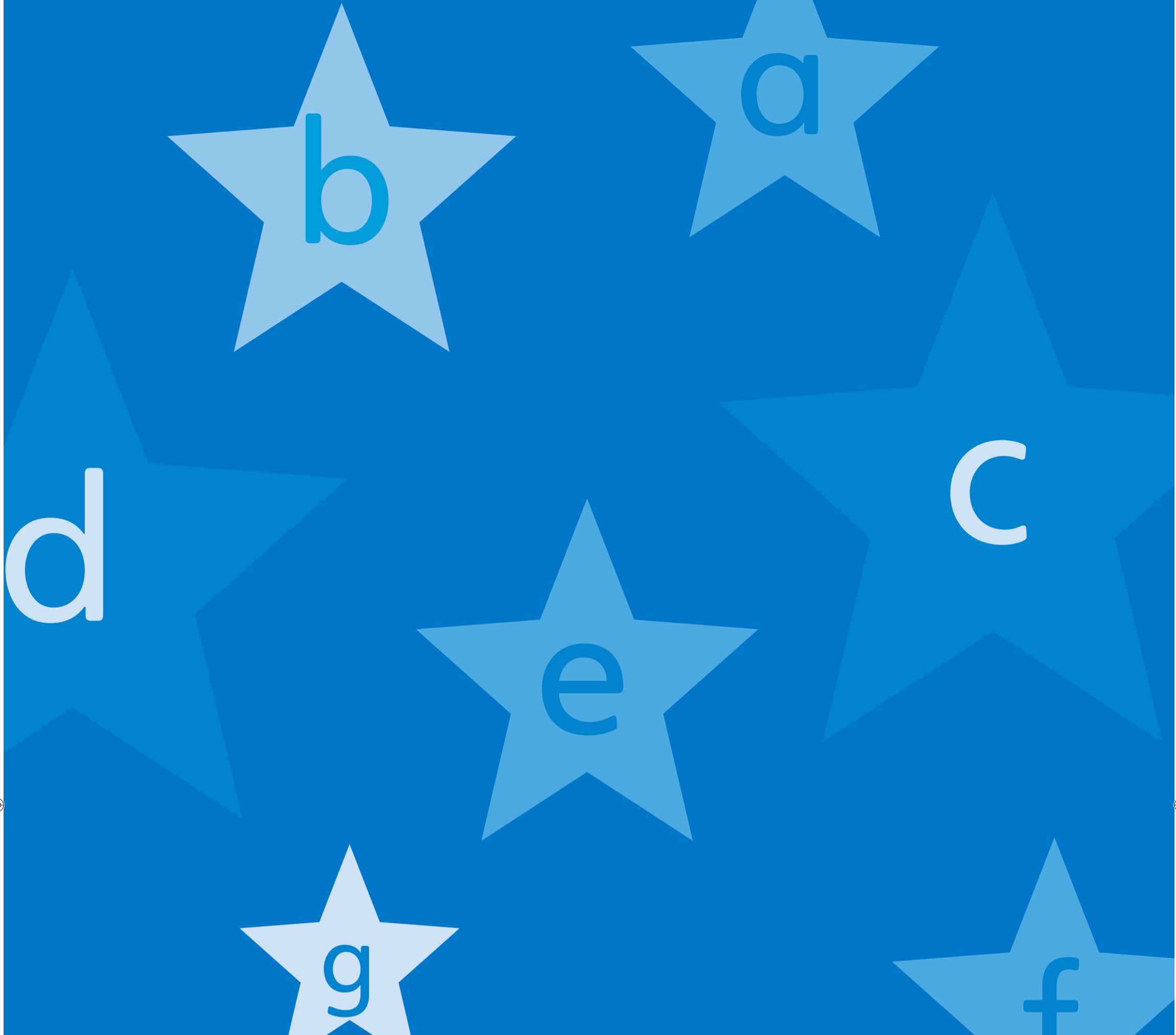


Tommy started to run again. He heard thunder and felt the rain on his back. "I wish I had my shell to protect me," he said.

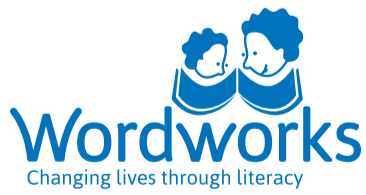




Tommy missed his shell.  
He ran and crawled back  
into his shell. “I don’t care  
if I can’t run fast,” he  
thought. “I am happy to  
be me!”



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