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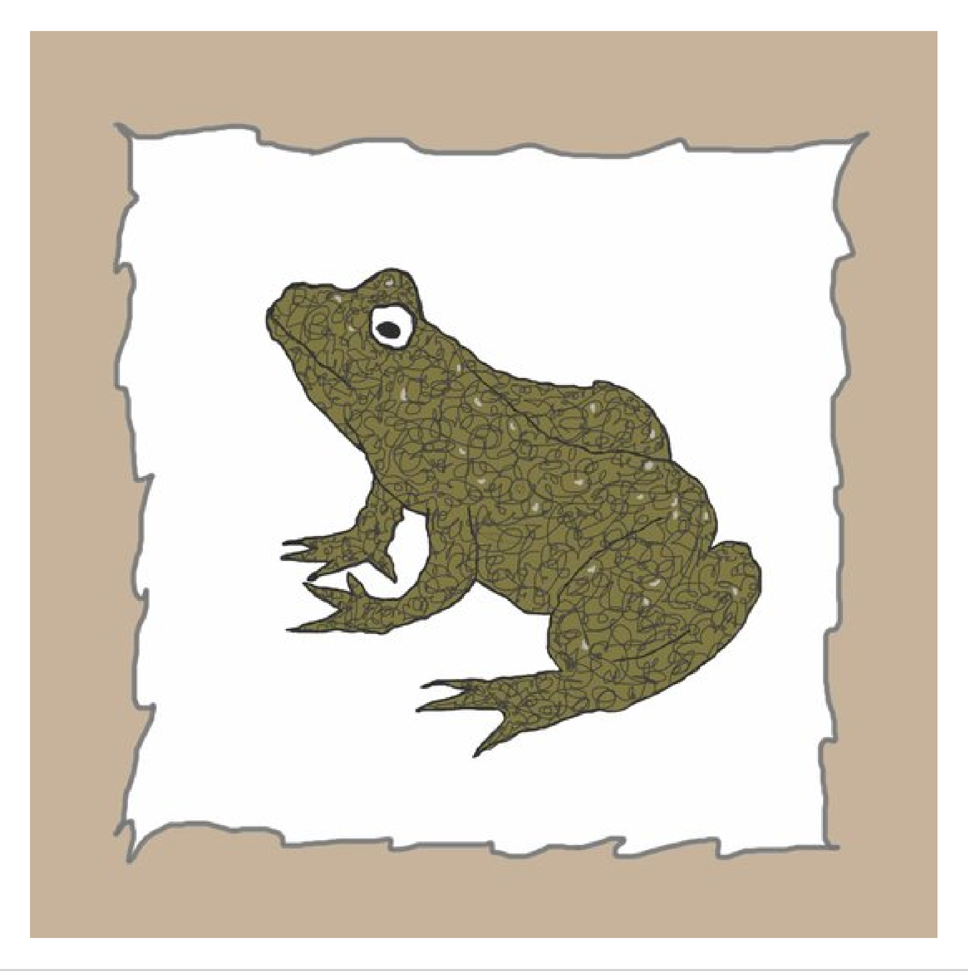
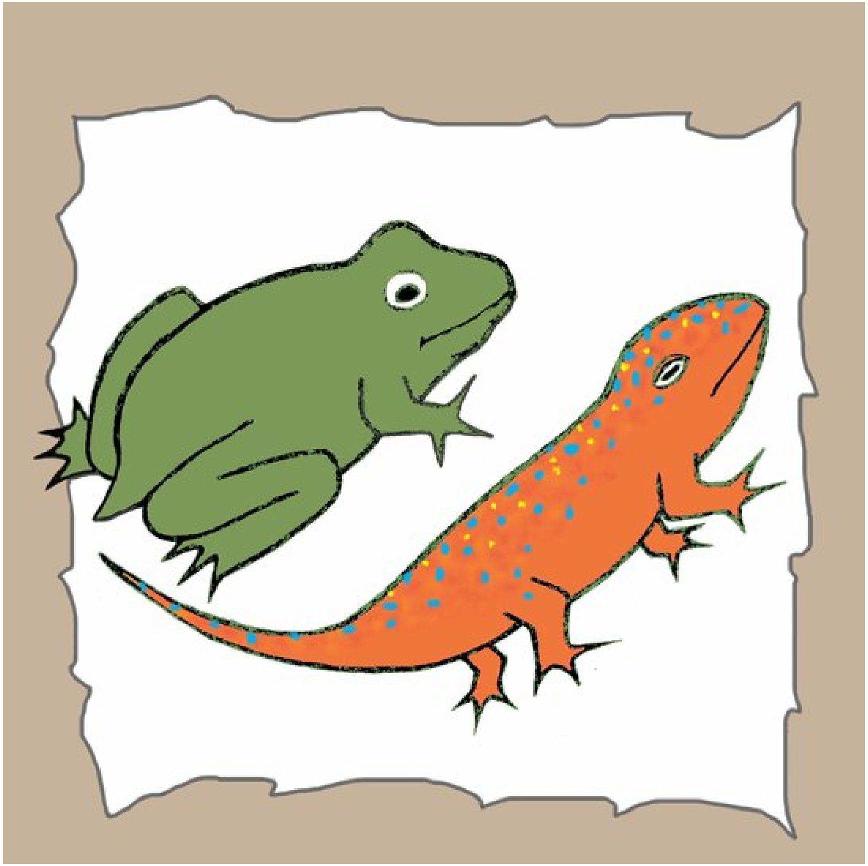
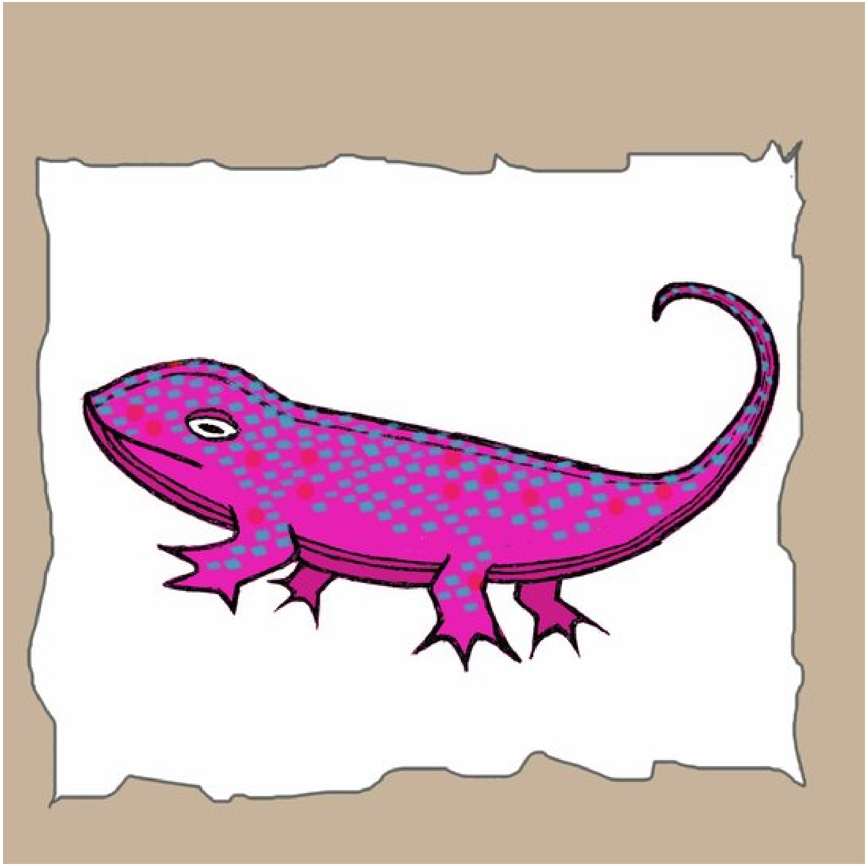


Baie jare gelede was die Akkedis en die Padda vriende. Eendag het hulle besluit om vir meisies te gaan soek in die stad.

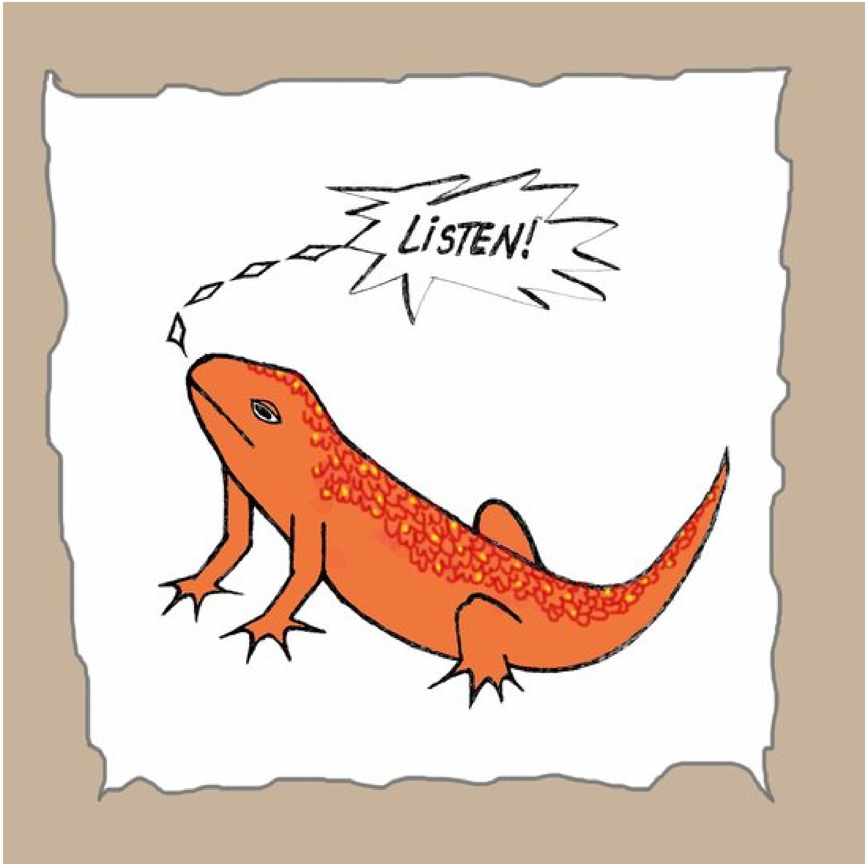


Die Padda was jaloers op die Akkedis se blink en briljante vel.

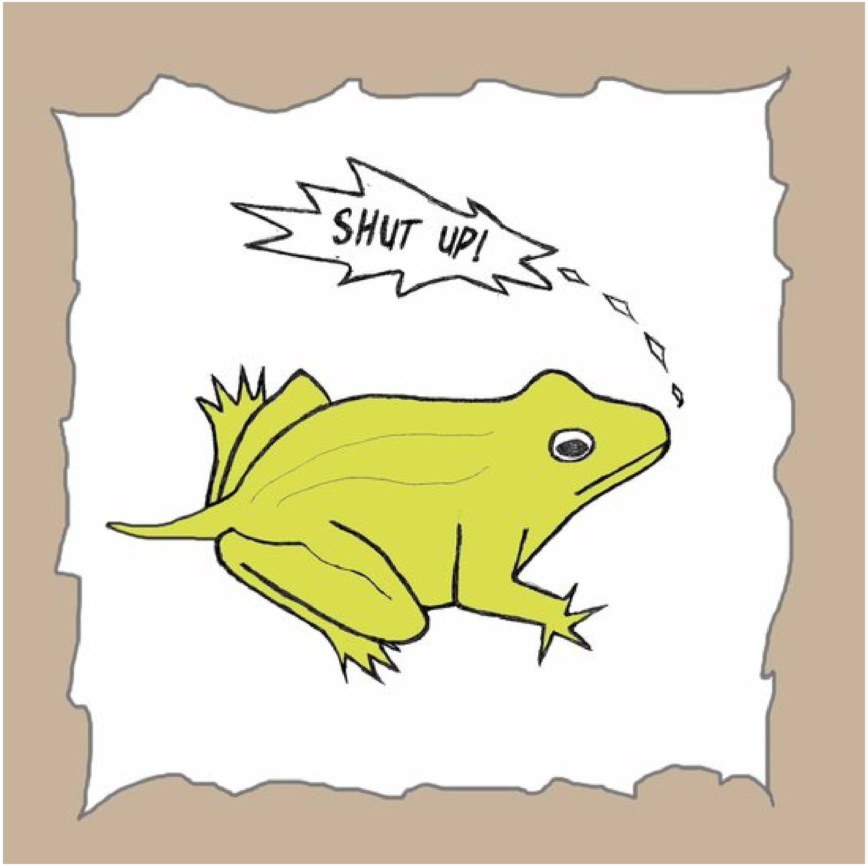


Hy het gesê: Wat het jy gedoen om so mooi te lyk? Kyk na my, ek is so lelik. Wat kan ek doen omtrent my vel?

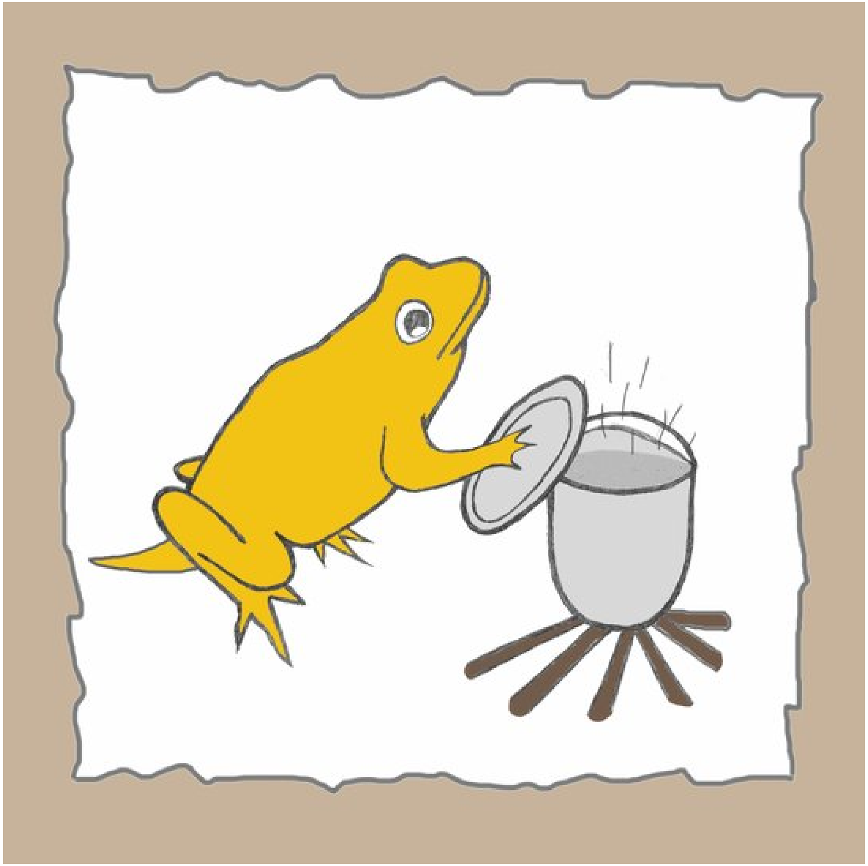
Die Akkedis het gesê: Luister! Sit 'n bietjie water in 'n pot en sit dit op die vuur. Langs jou...



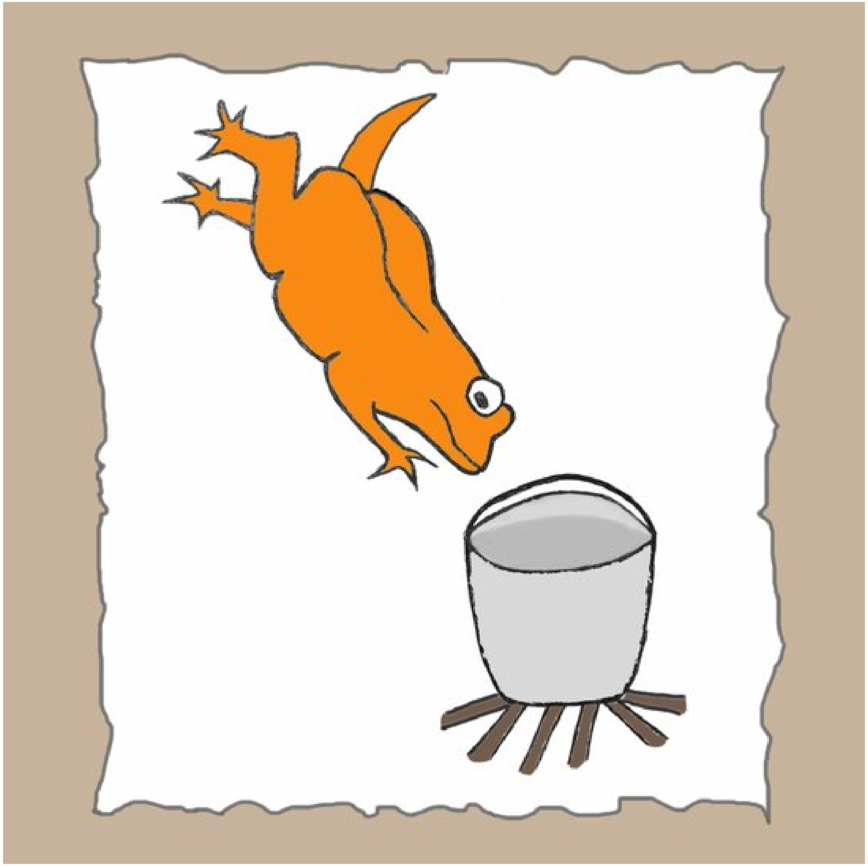
Maar die Padda het gesê: Ek weet alreeds, ek weet. Bly stil, my vriend. En hy het weggegaan.



Hy het by die huis aangekom en bietjie water in 'n pot gesit.

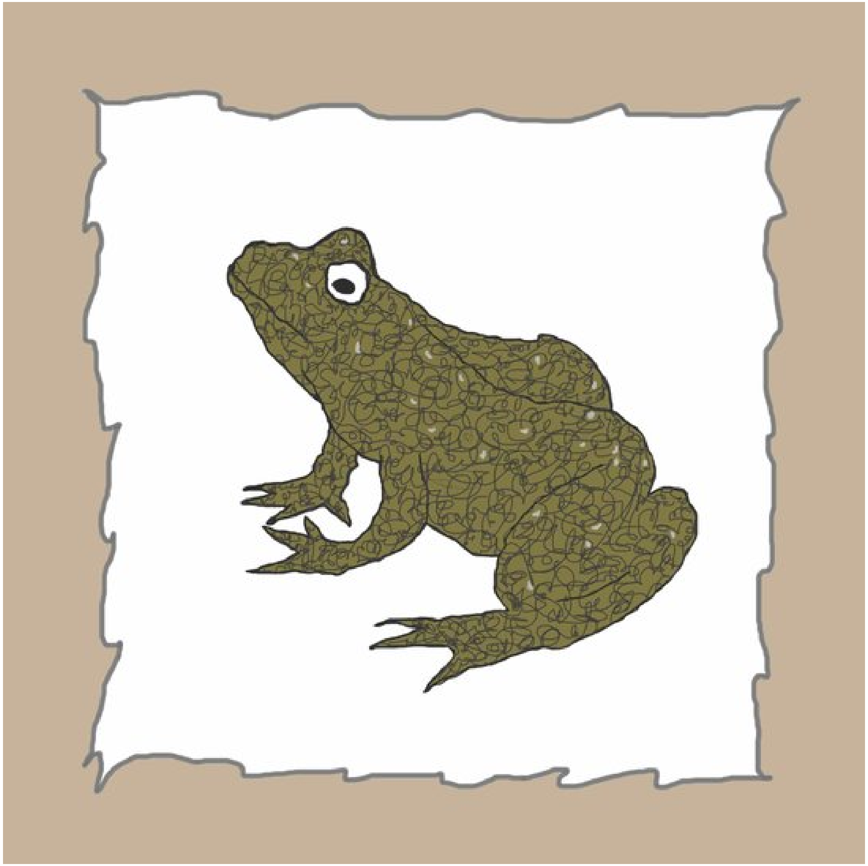


Toe die water begin kook, het hy ingespring,



en sy vel was gebrand en sy stert het afgeval.

En in plaas daarvan om briljant en beeldskoon te wees soos die Akkedis, was hy selfs leliker.



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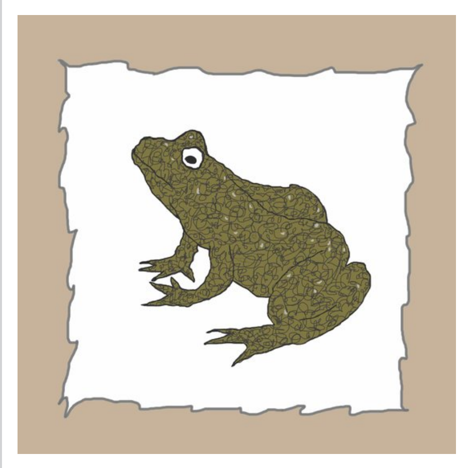

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