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***“When will I grow?”***  
asks Layo.



**“I don’t know,”** replies Baba.  
**“Soon,”** says Mama.

**“When you are ready,”**  
says Grandma.



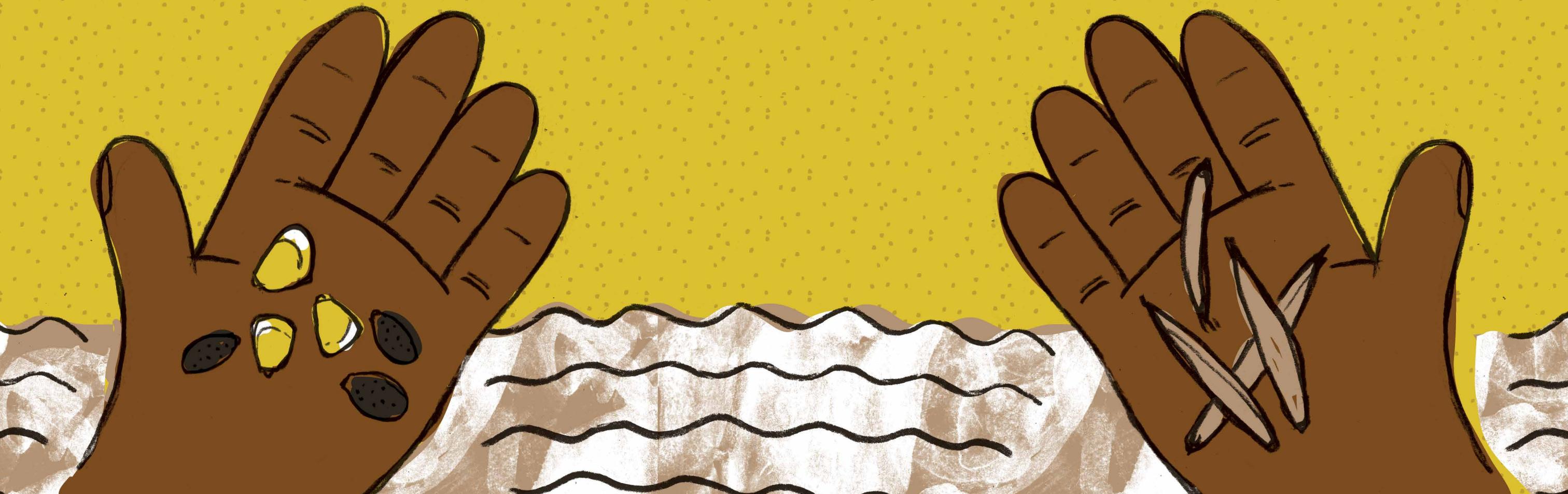


Grandma takes Layo  
to the farm.  
***“Let us plant some seeds.”***



In one field they plant corn,  
and in another, melon.

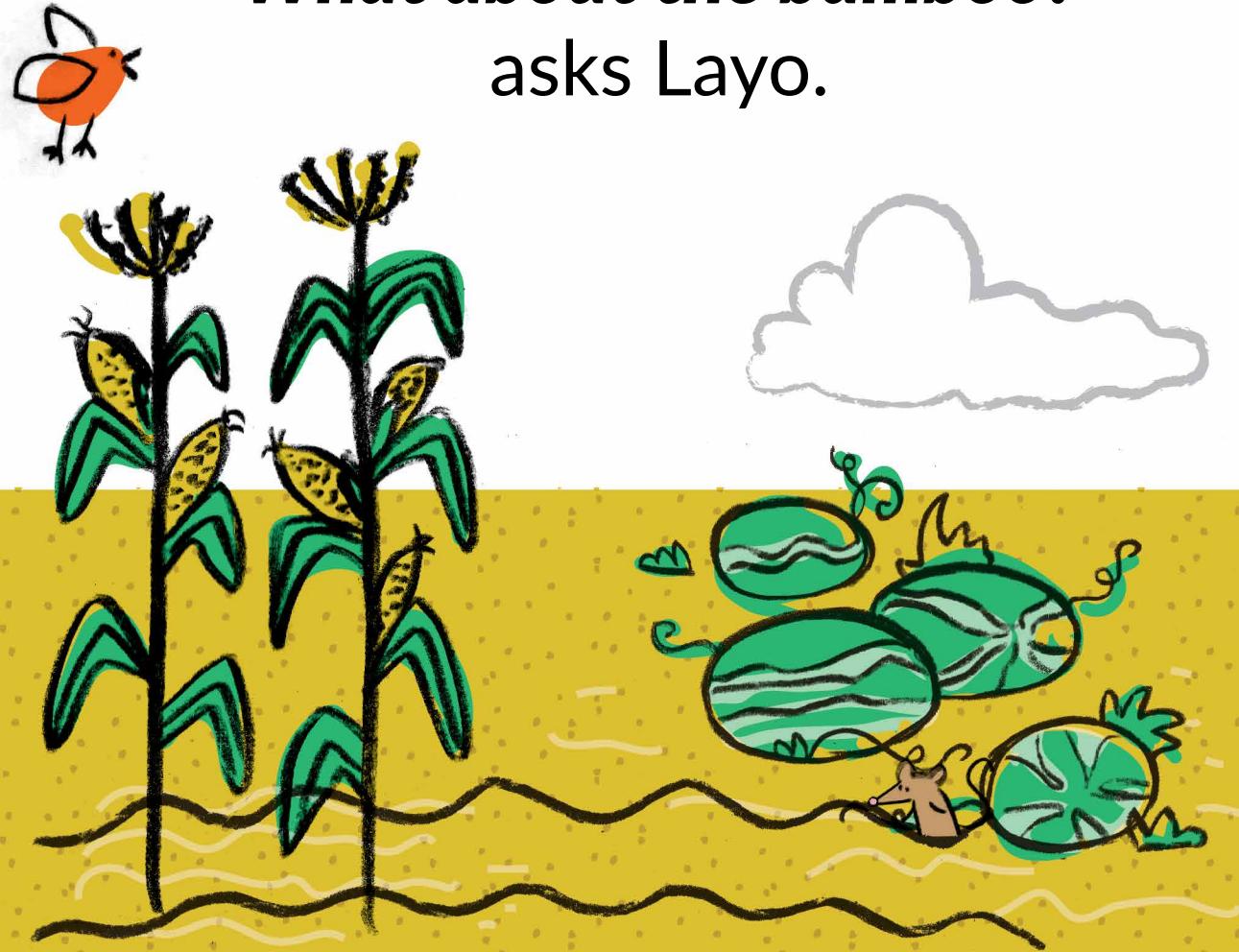
**“What are these?”** asks Layo.  
**“Bamboo seeds,”** replies Grandma.





***“The corn and melon have grown well,”*** says Grandma.

***“What about the bamboo?”***  
asks Layo.

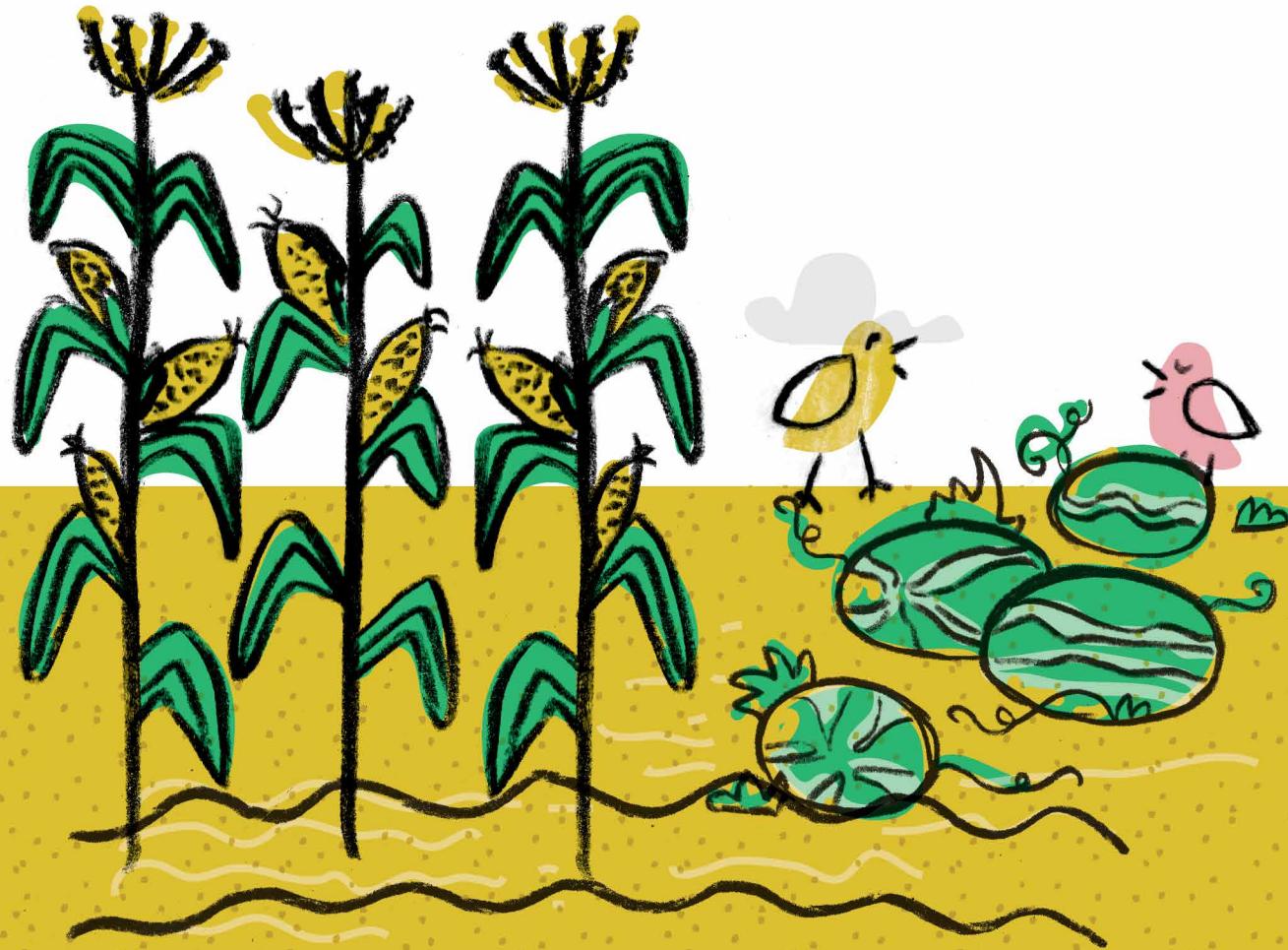


***“They will grow when they are ready.”***





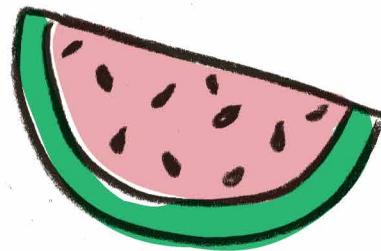
***“Everything grows in its own time,”***  
says Grandma.



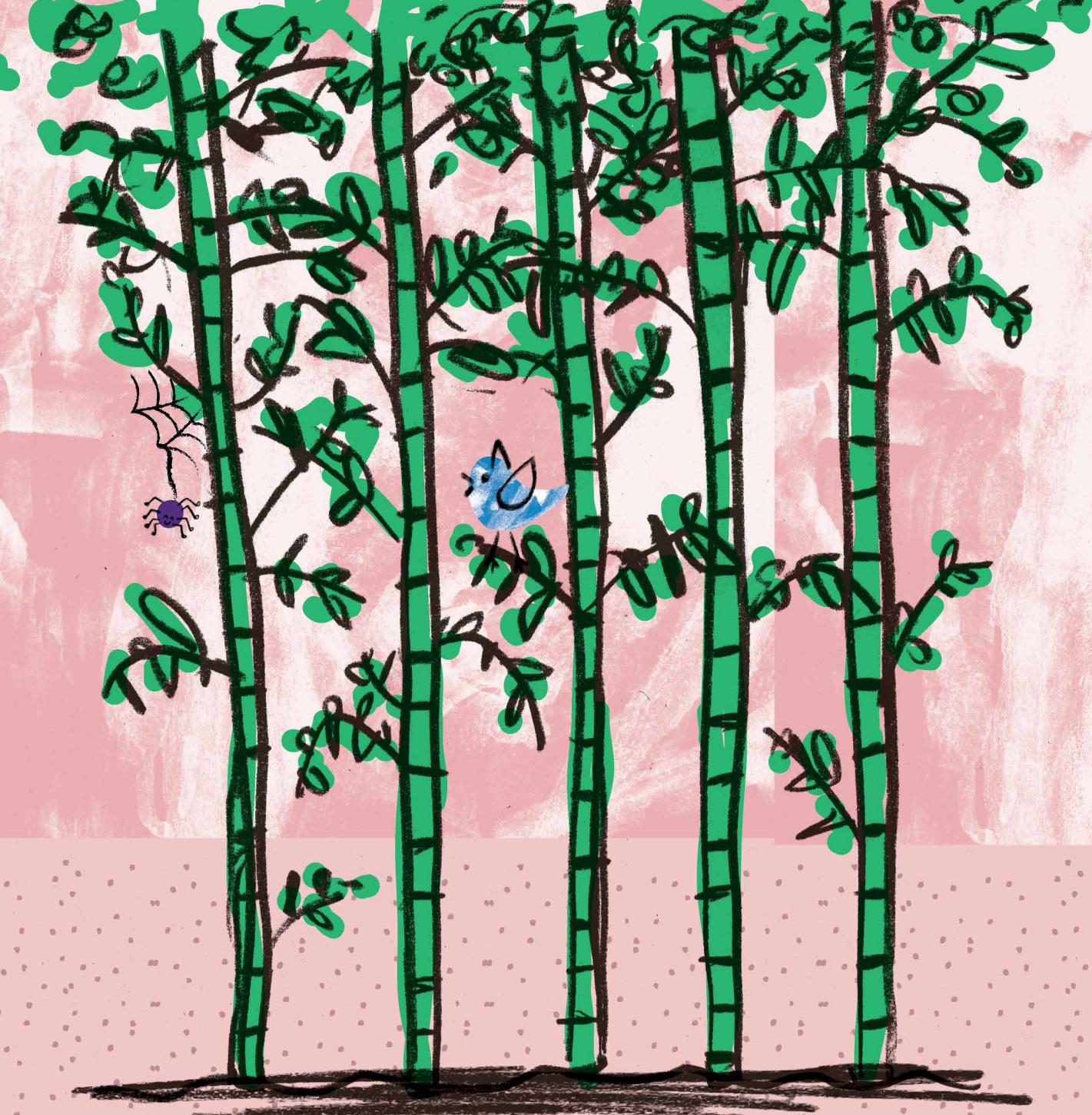




***“They have grown well,”***  
says Grandma.







***“You have grown well.”***





