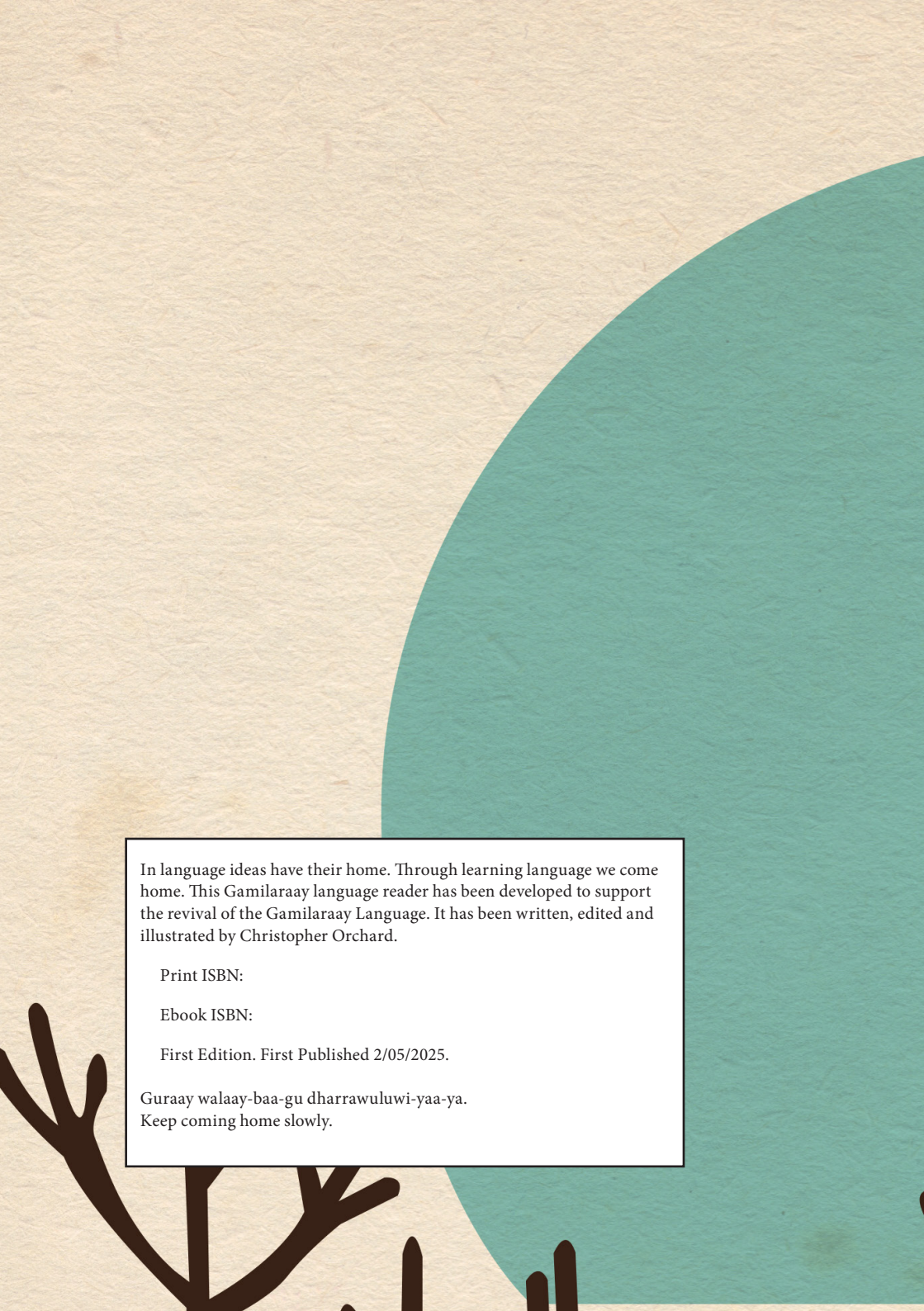




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Guraay walaay-baa-gu dharrawuluwi-yaa-ya.
Keep coming home slowly.



Gayrr ngaya Wiidhaa.

My name is the Spotted bowerbird.

A Gamilaraay Language Reader

Level 5

“Yaama, gayrr ngaya Wiidhaa.”

“Hello, my name is Wiidhaa”.





Wiidhaa-gu guumal guuyalaraay ngaawa-y-nginda.

Wiidhaa wants to find a collection of shiny things.









“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr bura Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

”Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a bone.”

Walaay-gu-bala nguru bura gaa-g-uwí-yaa-nha.

Wiidhaa carries the bone back to his camp.





“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr waa-bidi Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

“Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a large shell.”





Walaay-gu-bala nguru waa-bidi gaa-g-uwi-yaa-nha.

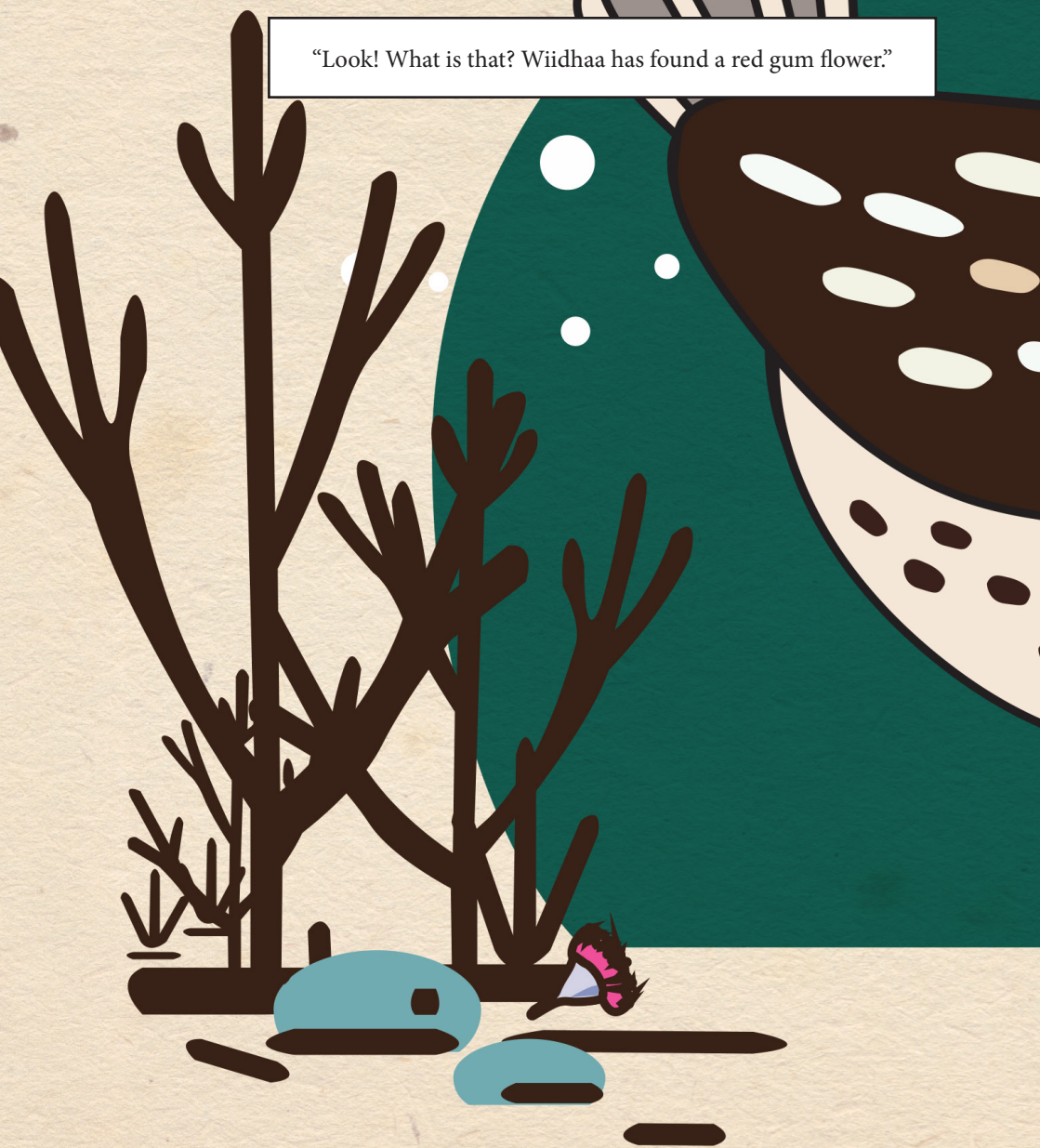
Wiidhaa carries the large shell back to his camp.





“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr yarraan-biyan Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

“Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a red gum flower.”





Walaay-gu-bala nguru yarraan-biyan gaa-g-uwi-yaa-nha.

Wiidhaa carries the red gum flower back to his camp.

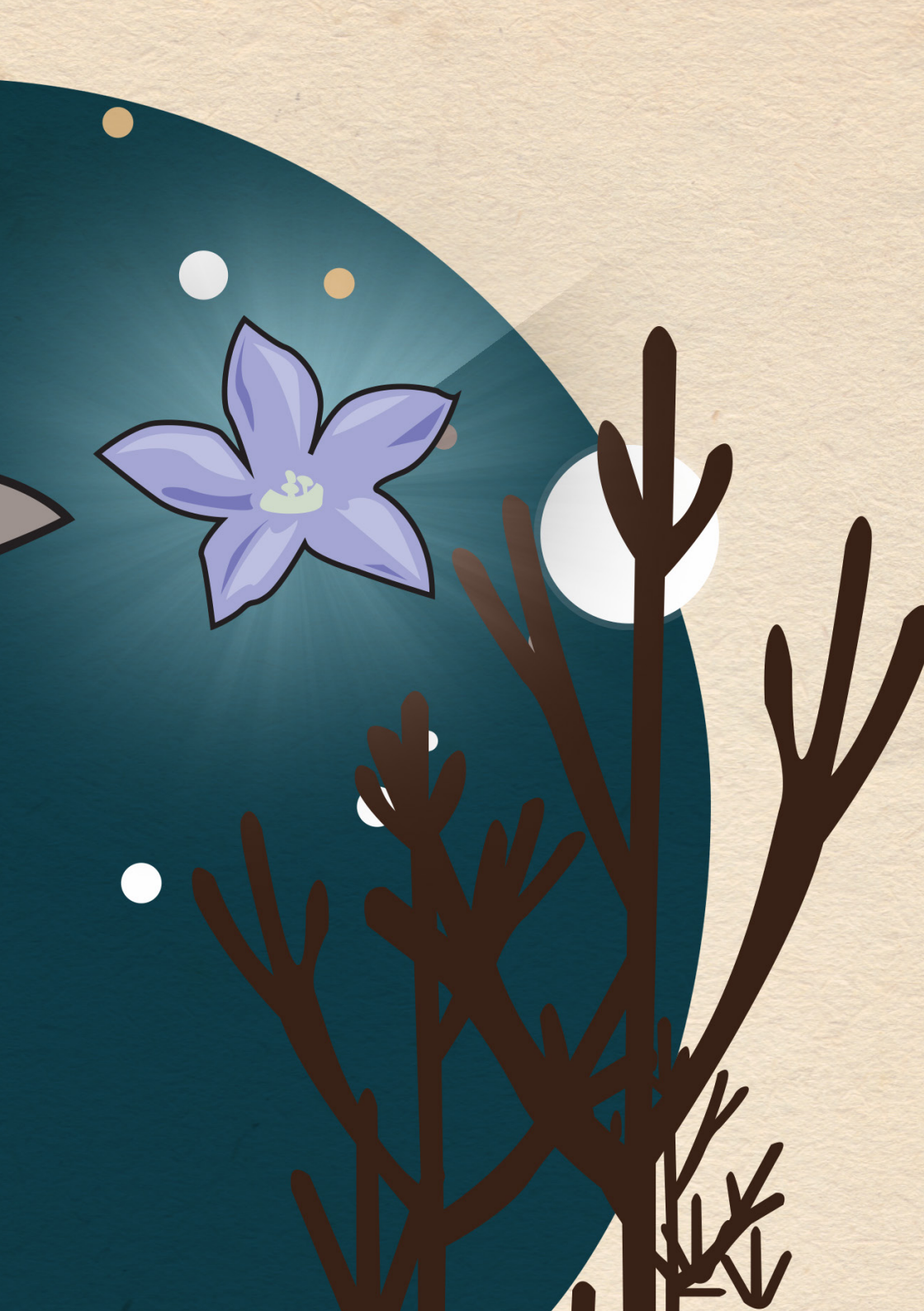




“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr gurayn yiluwidi Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

“Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a blue flower.”

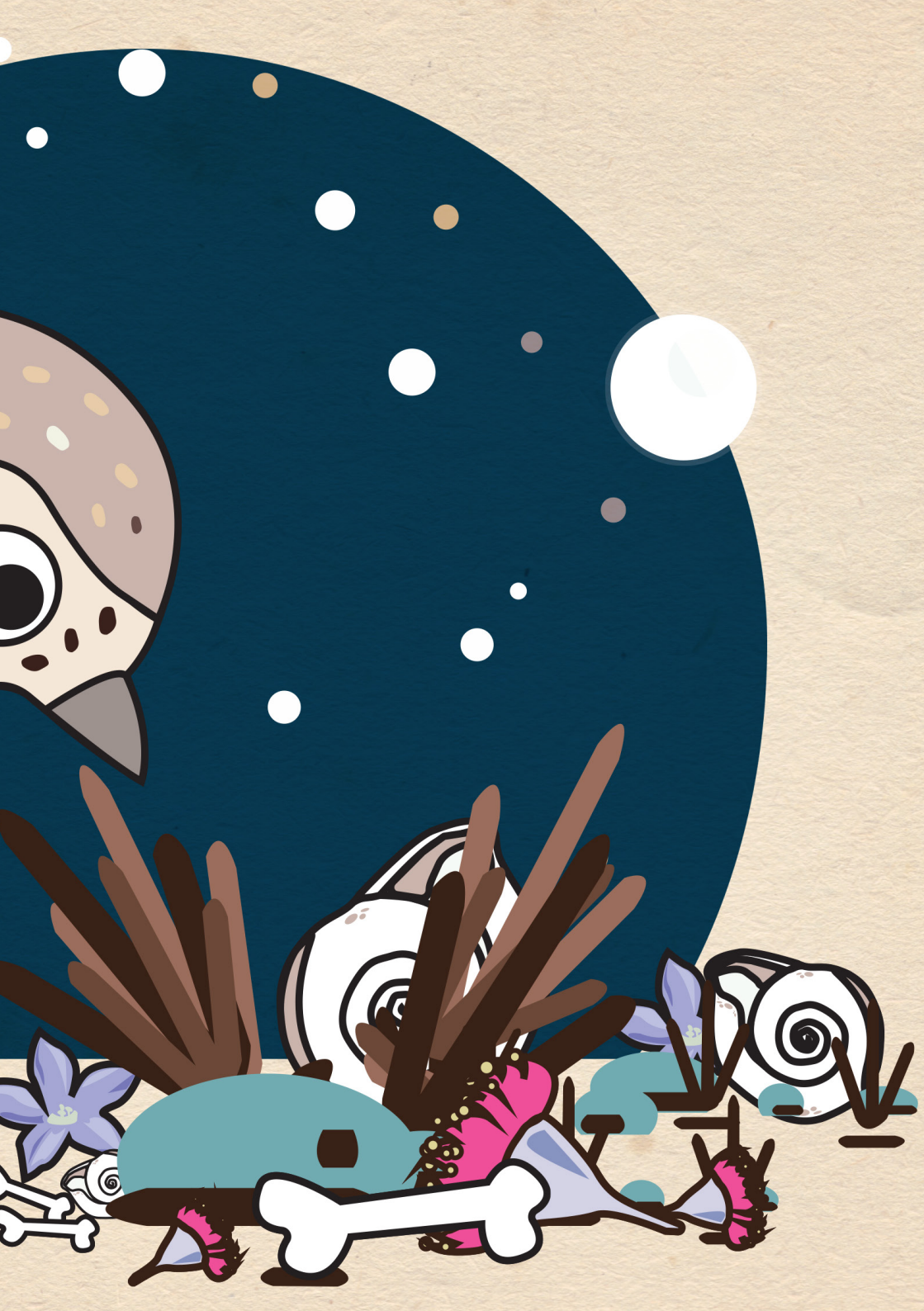






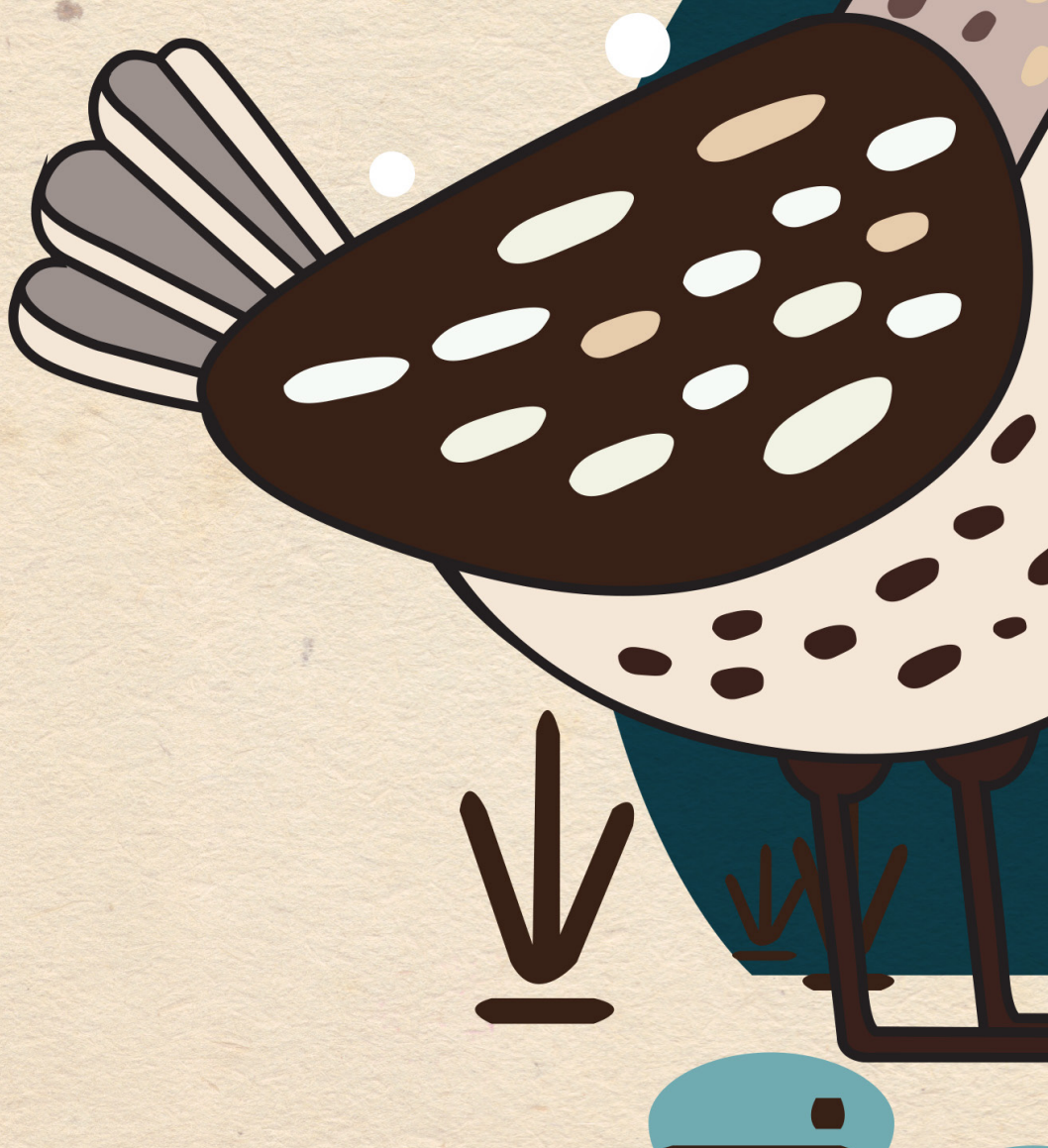
Walaay-gu-bala nguru gurayn yiluwidi gaa-g-uwu-yaa-nha.

Wiidhaa carries the blue flower back to his camp.



“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr yadhaarr banggabaa Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

“Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a white feather.”





Walaay-gu-bala nguru yadhaarr banggabaa gaa-g-uwii-yaa-nha.

Wiidhaa carries the white feather back to his camp.

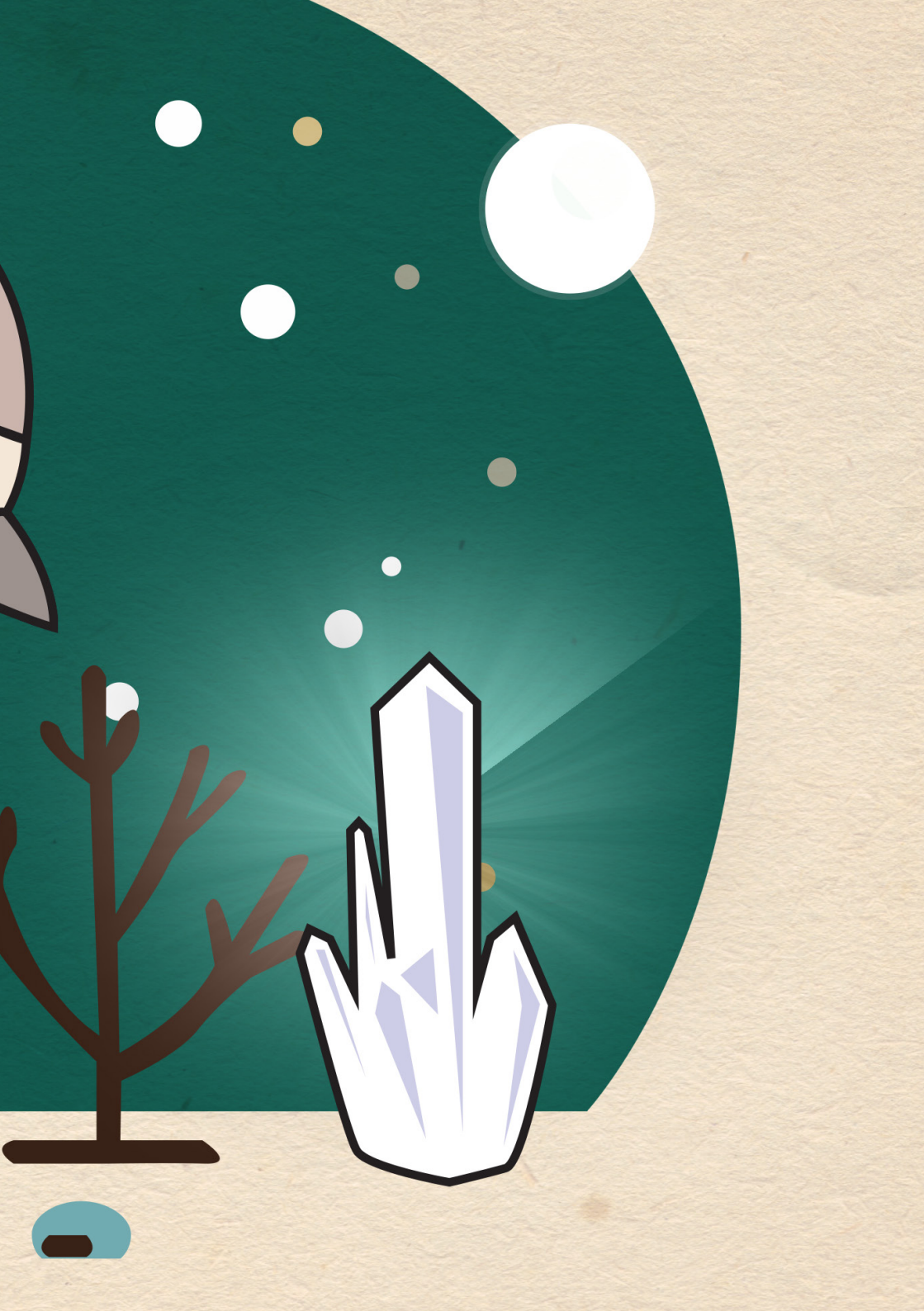




“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr gunu guuyal-araay Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

“Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a shiny crystal.”





Walaay-gu-bala nguru gunu guuyal-araay gaa-g-uwi-yaa-nha.

Wiidhaa carries the shiny crystal back to his camp.

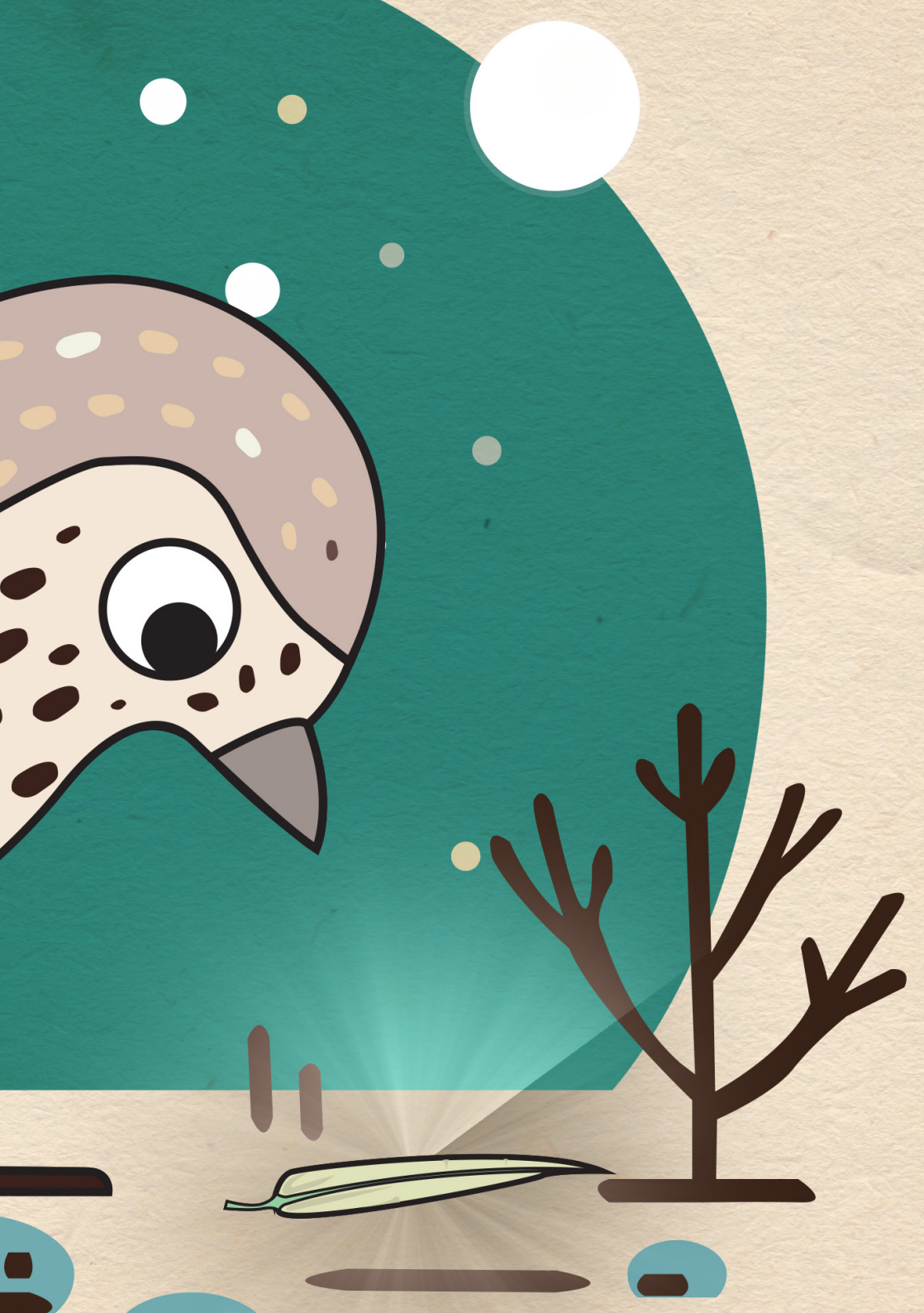






“Ngami-la! Minya nhama?
Giirr garril gidjirrgidjirr Wiidhaa-gu ngaawa-nhi.”

“Look! What is that? Wiidhaa has found a yellow leaf.”

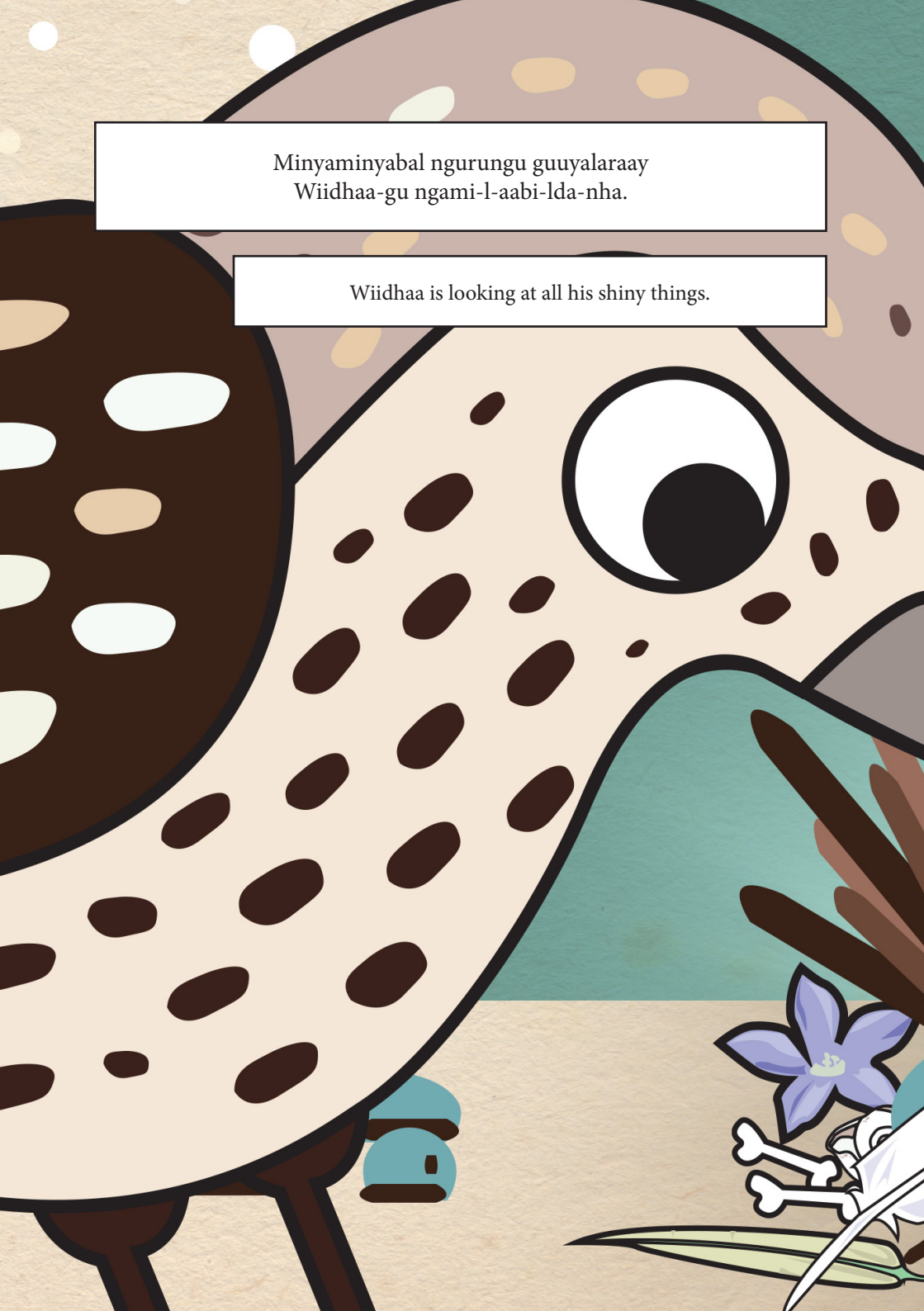




Walaay-gu-bala nguru garril gidjirrgidjirr gaa-g-uwu-yaa-nha.

Wiidhaa carries the yellow leaf back to his camp.






Minyaminyabal ngurungu guuyalaraay
Wiidhaa-gu ngami-l-aabi-lda-nha.

Wiidhaa is looking at all his shiny things.



The background of the page features a stylized illustration of a bird's head on the right side, with a large, dark brown seed in the foreground on the left. The bird's head is light brown with dark brown spots and a large, white eye with a black pupil. The seed is dark brown with white and light brown spots. The text is contained within two white rectangular boxes with black borders.

“Gaba nhalay walaay ngay, “ Wiidhaa-gu guwaa-y.
Gayaa nhama gi-gi-la-nhi, guumal-dhi ngurungu.

“Here is my pretty nest,” says Wiidhaa, happy with his collection.





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