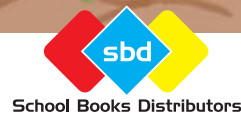


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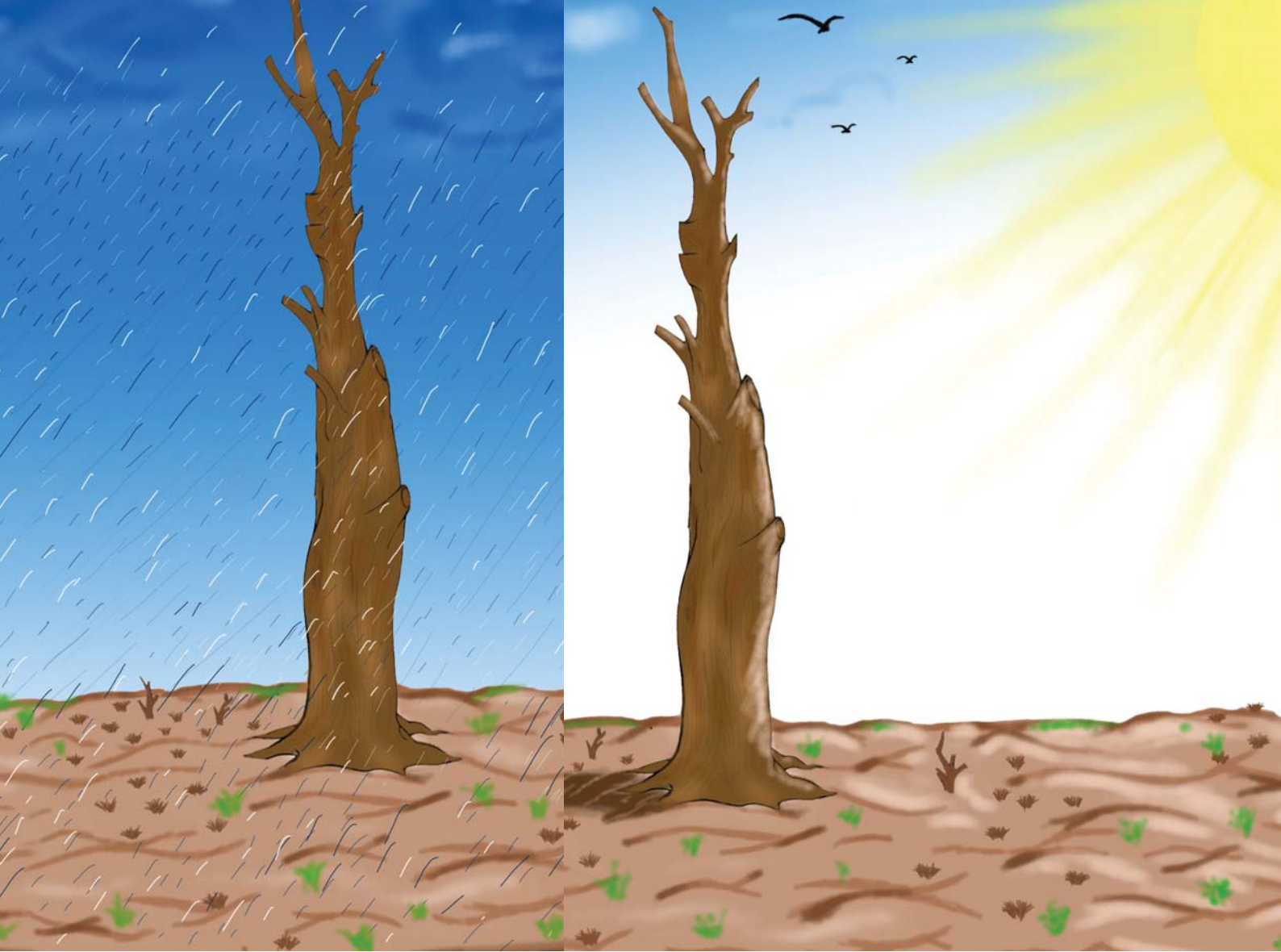
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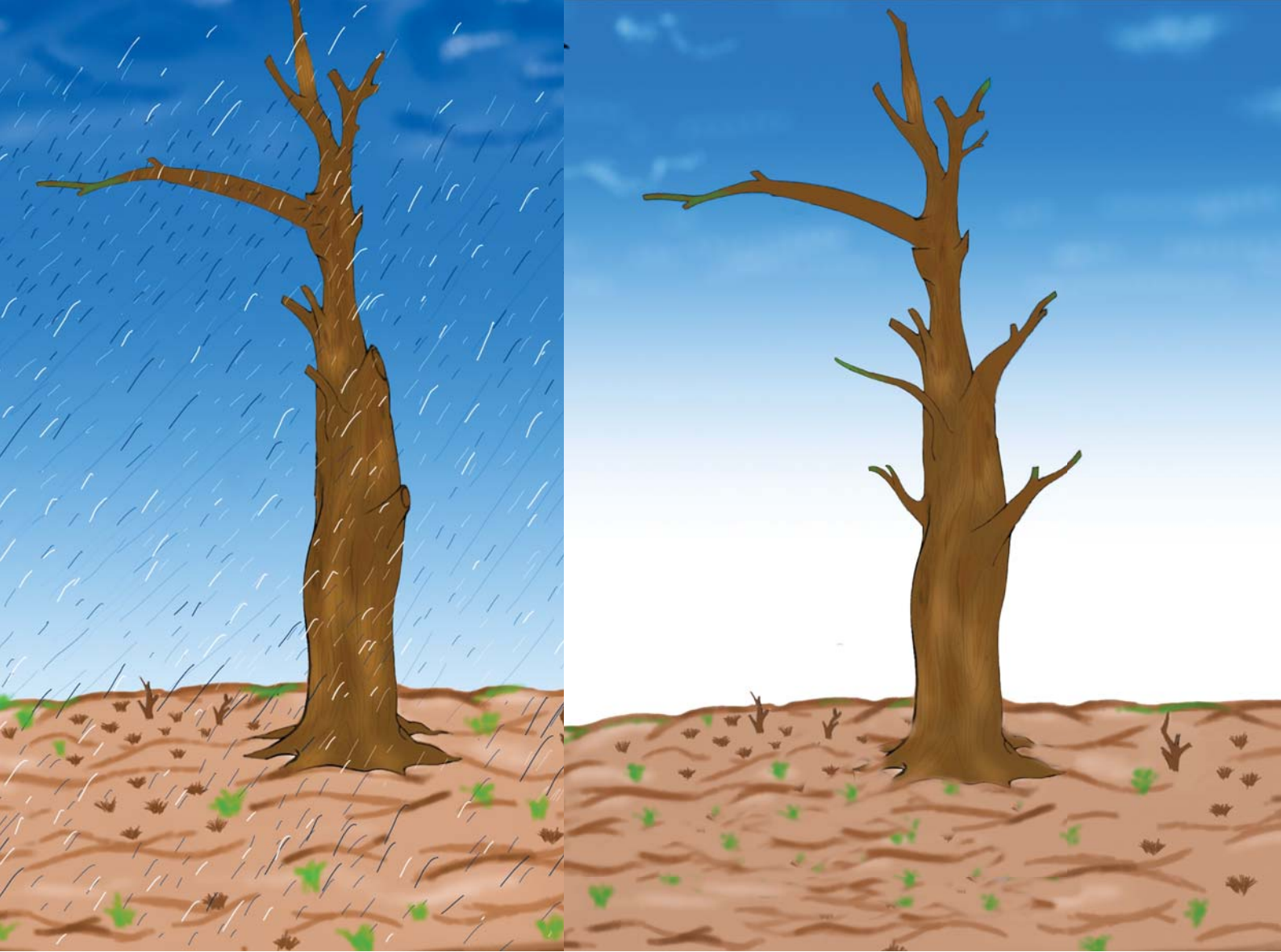
Kalisa had a big tree in his garden. But the tree was bare.



One day, it rained heavily in the morning and the sun shone in the afternoon.



The next day, the tree grew a branch. Kalisa was very happy to see a new branch on the tree.



The next day it rained heavily again in the morning and the sun shone in the afternoon.



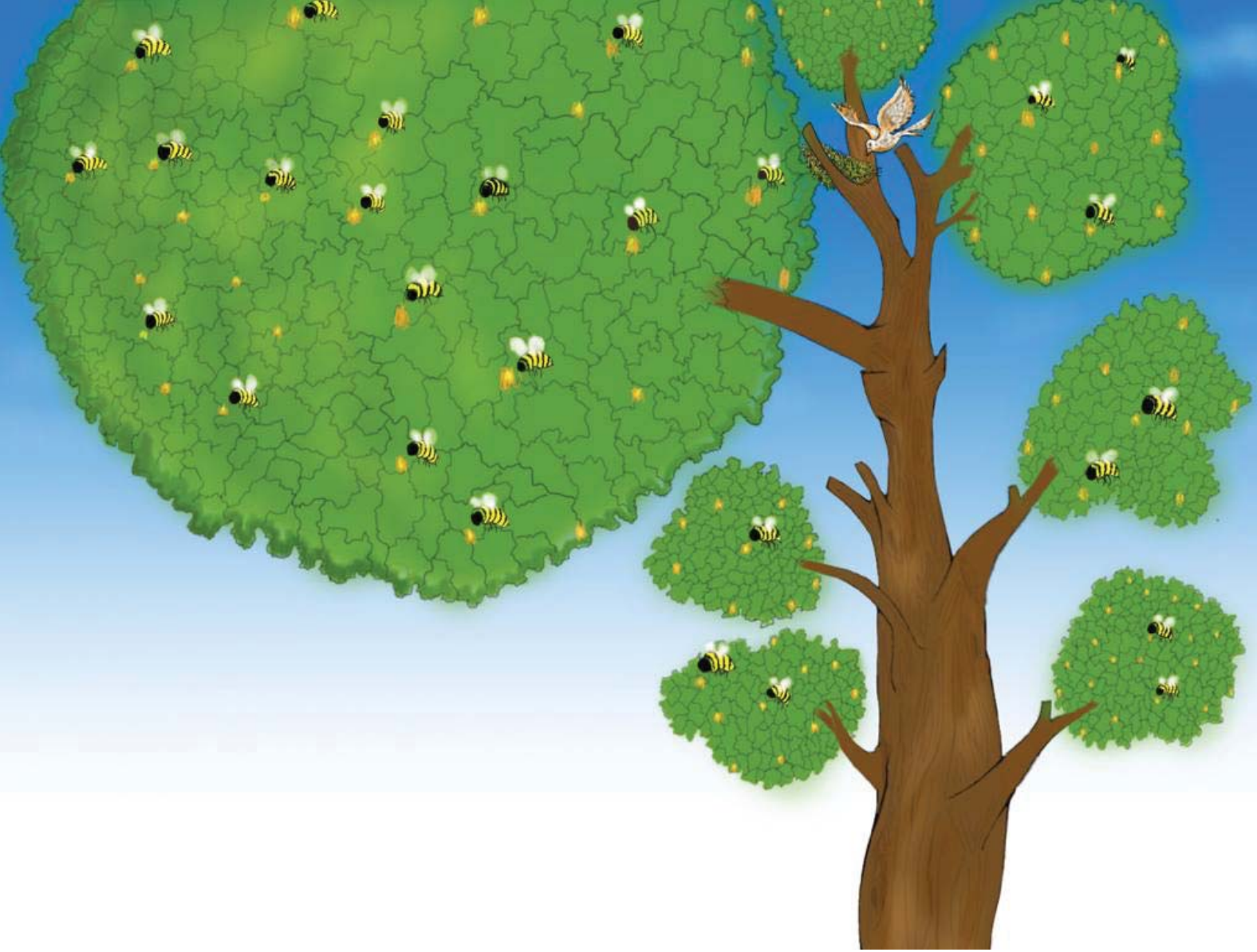
Kalisa put manure from the cow dung heap on the ground near the tree.



The next day, the tree had some leaves. Kalisa was so happy that he started dancing.



After a few days, Kalisa added more manure at the base of the tree. The sun shone in the afternoon and the rain fell at night.



Days later, flowers were growing among the leaves. There were bees buzzing near the flowers and a bird had built a nest on a branch.



Kalisa was very happy to see flowers on the branch with the bees buzzing and a bird with a nest. He sat down under the tree and thought of what to do. He called the tree, “The Thinking Tree.” After thinking for a while, Kalisa decided that he needed a beehive.



When Kalisa brought a beehive and put it on a branch, he found that flowers had turned into small mangoes and the bird had laid an egg in the nest.



After some days, Kalisa visited his garden. He found the mangoes on the tree had ripened, a baby bird had hatched and the beehive had a lot of bees in it.



The next day, Kalisa brought his family to see the wonders the tree had made. The children ate the mangoes and Kalisa harvested honey from the beehive while the birds were singing.



At the end of the day, Kalisa sat down with his family under the tree and said, “The trick to having all these good things from the tree is the rain, the sun, good soil and the manure from the cow dung heap.”



The whole family was so happy that they danced until the evening. Kalisa said, “Where there are trees, there is life.”

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