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"When will I grow?"
asks Layo.

"I don't know," replies Baba.

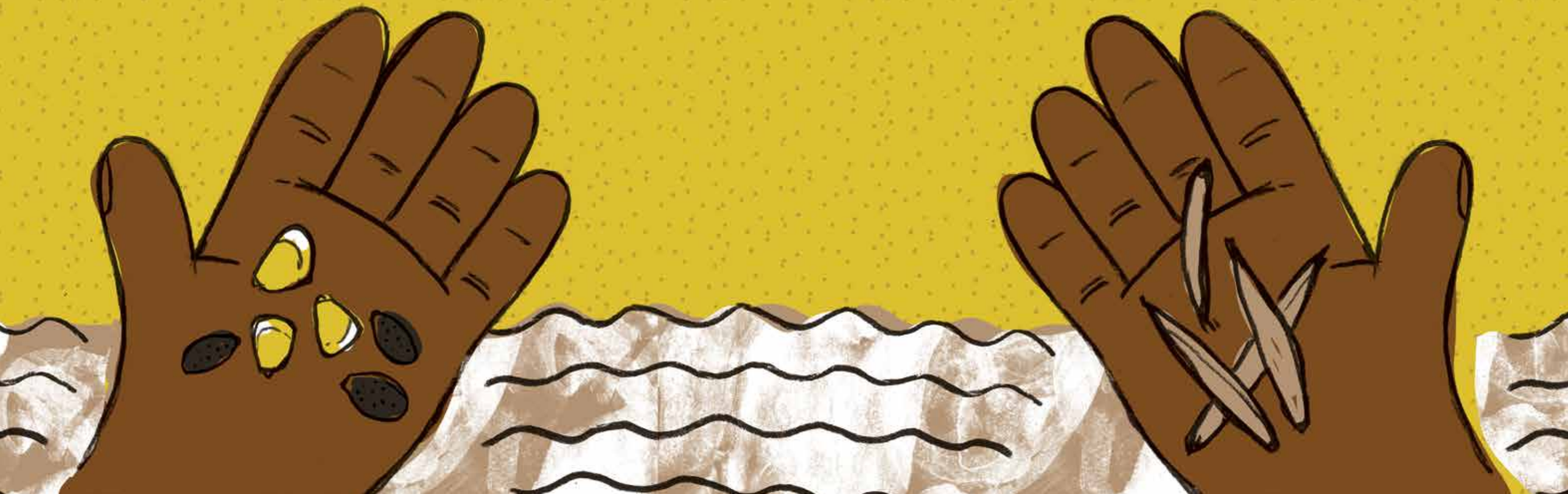
"Soon," says Mama.

"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.

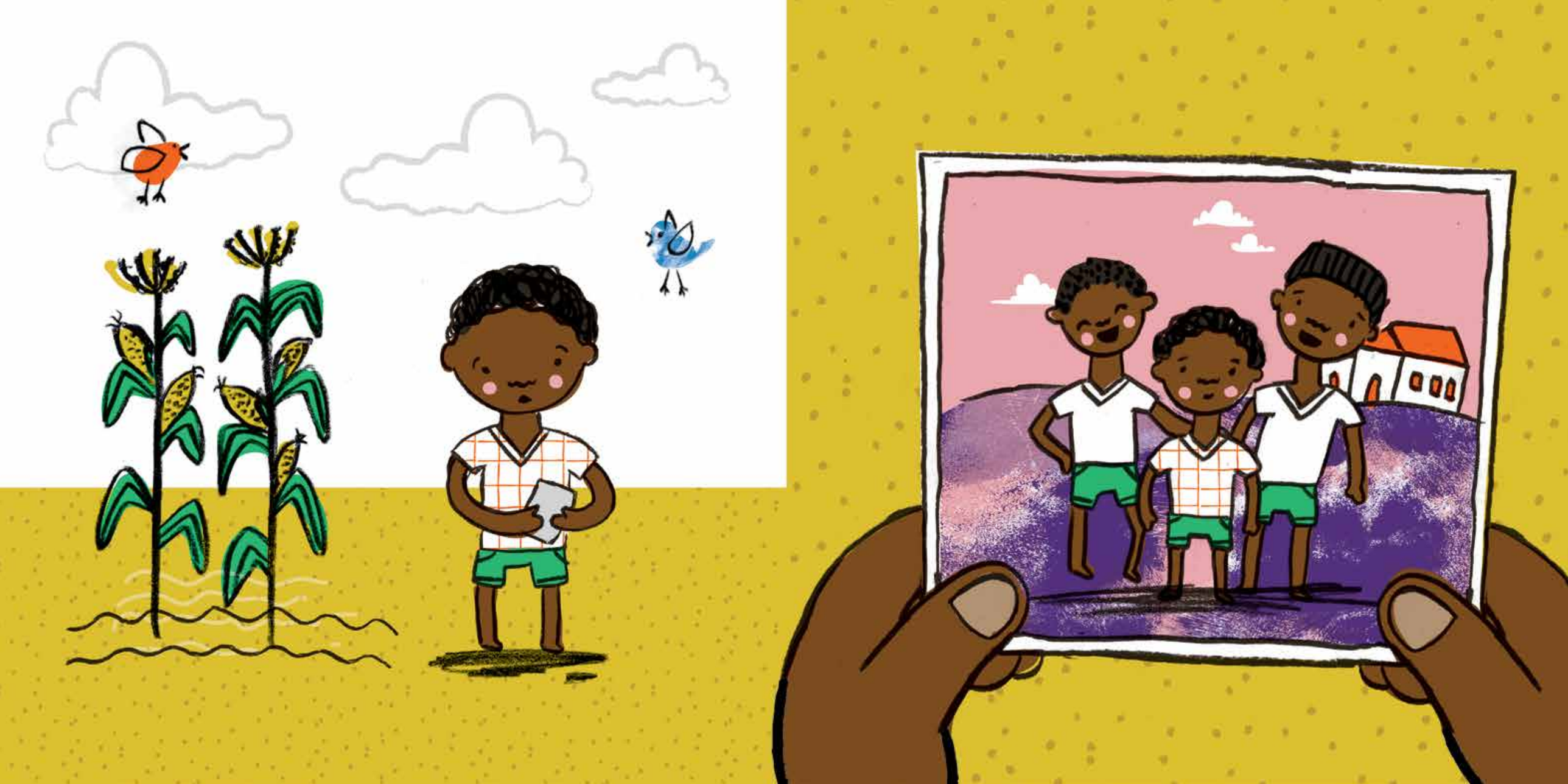
"What are these?" asks Layo.
"Bamboo seeds," replies Grandma.



"The corn and melon have grown well," says Grandma.

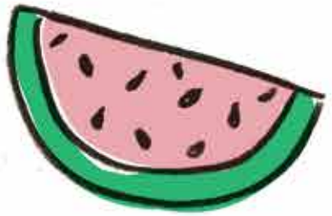
"What about the bamboo?" asks Layo.

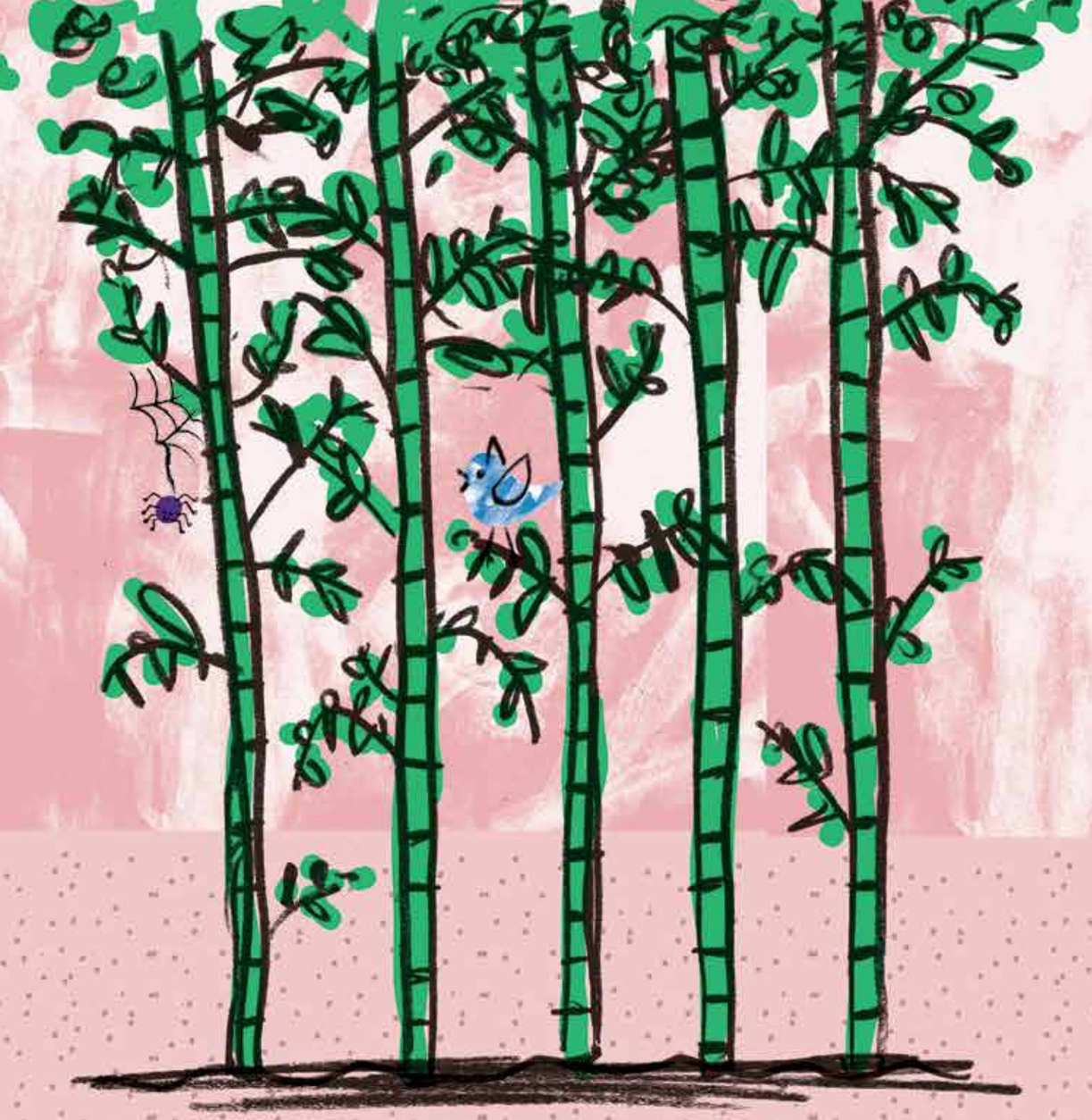
"They will grow when they are ready."



"Everything grows in its own time,"
says Grandma.

"They have grown well,"
says Grandma.





"You have grown well."