

Amanika and the Earth

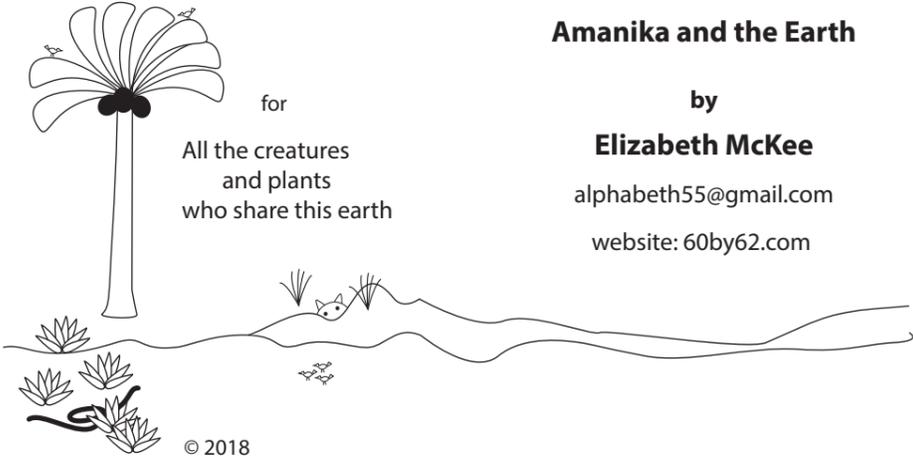
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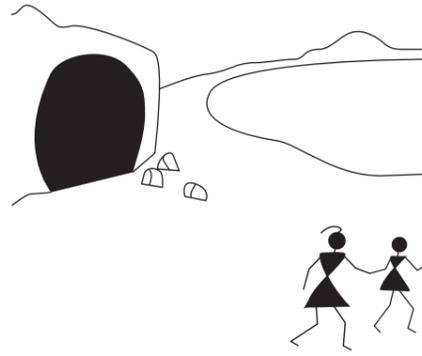
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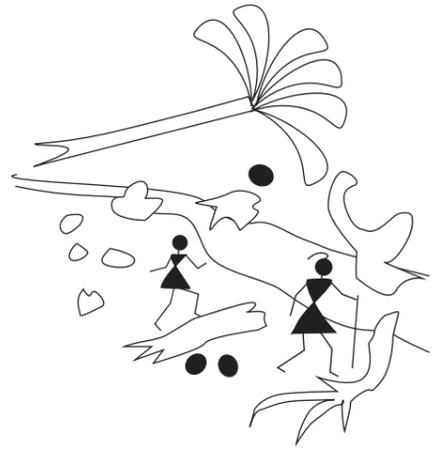
for
All the creatures
and plants
who share this earth



Amanika and Samtam left their large cave home by the lake in search of their mother and father and grandmother and grandfather who had been blown away by the seven seas.



They walked along the river being careful not to trip on things that had been blown around when the seven seas roared out of their grandmother's treasure box.

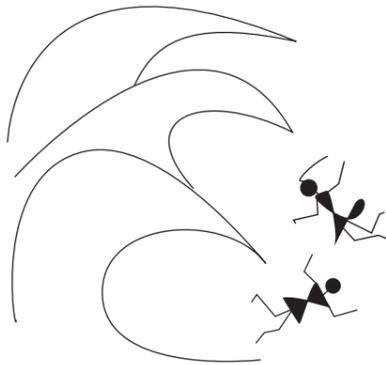
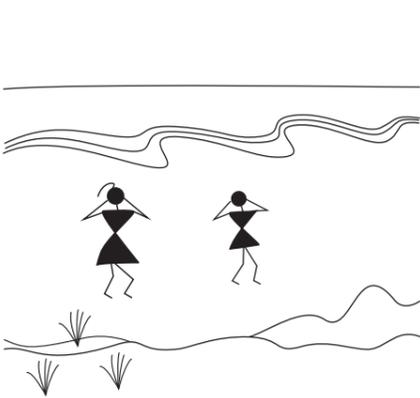


When they arrived at the sea they shouted to the waves,
*Have you seen our parents
and grandparents?*

The waves knocked them both down onto the sand.

Two great white pelicans landed beside them.

We fly over the whole world and know where they are. We can give you a ride.



Oh, thank you, said Amanika and Samtam.

Amanika and Samtam climbed onto the pelicans' backs and closed their arms around their necks. Then they soared over the world.

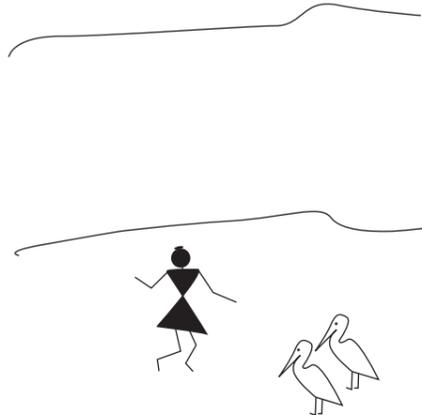
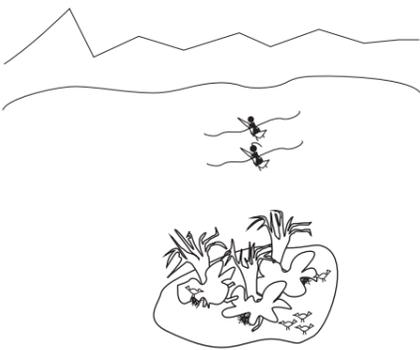


The children had a bird's eye view of the earth. It was a mess. The escaping seven seas had pulled up trees and thrown animals and fish all over the place. They saw a zebra floating on a log in the ocean and a crocodile in a tree.

They saw islands with trees turned upside down. They flew high over mountains. The children were cold but hung on.

Finally they flew over the top of a waterfall that fed a river flowing through a long valley. Their father and mother and grandfather and grandmother stepped out of a cave nearby. Amanika and Samtam jumped for joy.

Thank you for bringing our children, said mother. The seven seas dropped us here and we cannot climb out.



The pelicans said,

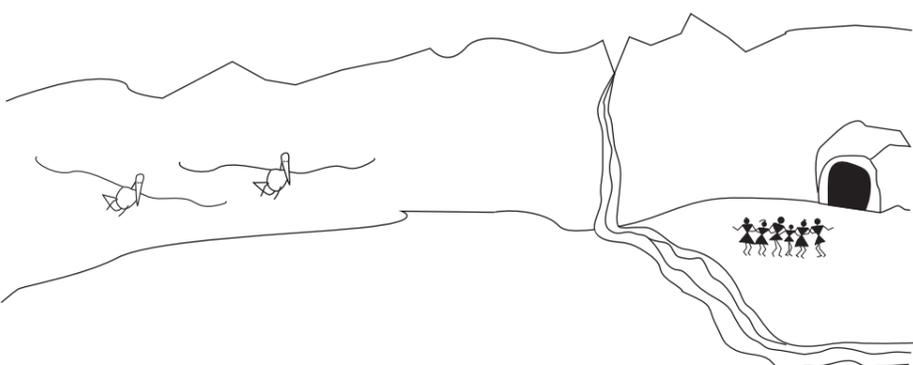
The children's grandmother hurt the earth when she put the seven seas in her treasure box. Many plants, fish, birds and animals died. The seven seas and four strong winds and all the plants, animals, birds and insects think that humans are harmful to the earth. So the seas dropped you here in this valley from which there is no escape. We want to see if you can use your cleverness to improve the earth.

If you are good caretakers of this valley we might be willing to share the rest of the earth with you.

We will return, said the pelicans.

But that's another story.

Then they flew away.



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They can then be made into a book with DRUM LEAF BINDING.

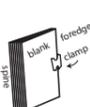
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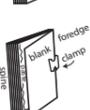
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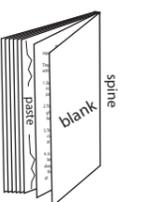
3. The sections should be clamped together firmly at the foredge (front).



4. A little paste should be run between each section along the spine so that the pages will all hold together.



5. With all the pages pasted together at the spine, the clamp can be removed from the foredge and paste should be applied along the foredge on the **blank pages between the printed pages.**



6. To make sturdy covers, cut 2 sheets of cardstock to size A7. One can be pasted on the front and one on the back.

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