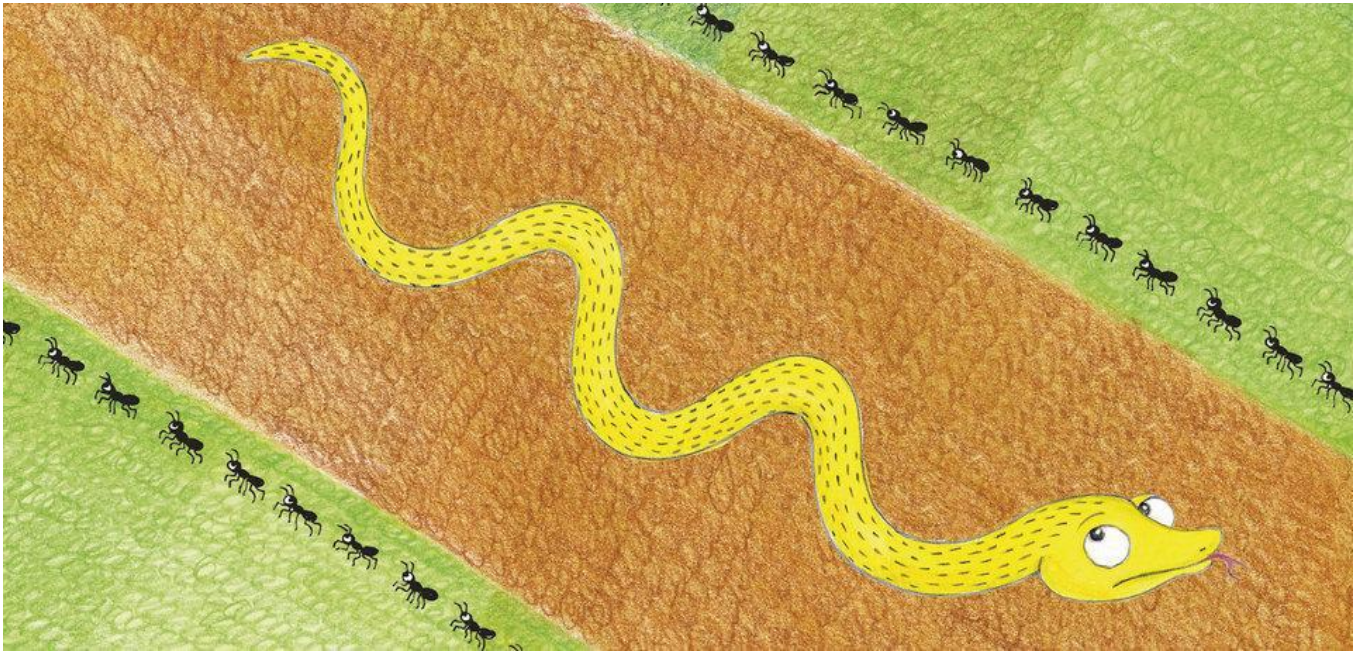


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Serpy wants to move in straight lines. But have you ever seen a snake move in a straight line? Serpy looks at the world around him and comes up with a straight answer!



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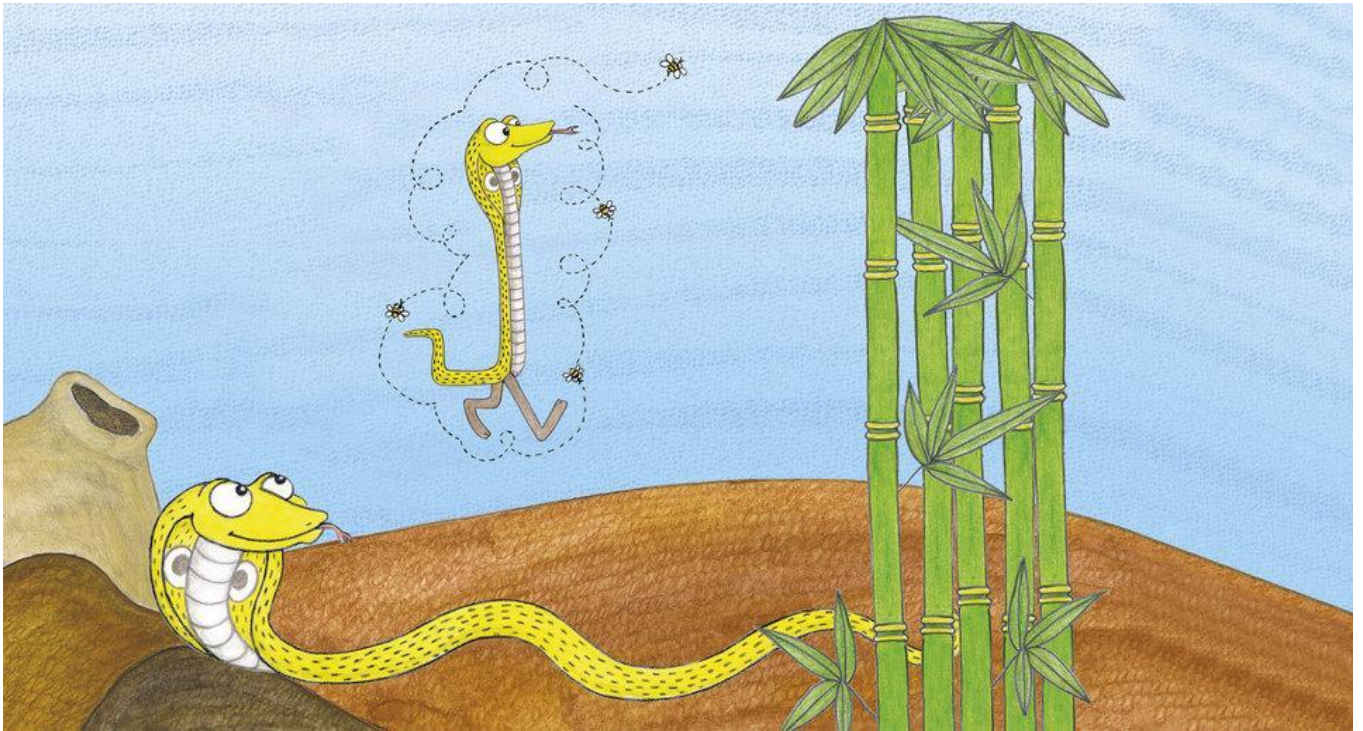


In
a thick, dark forest lived Serpy, the snake.

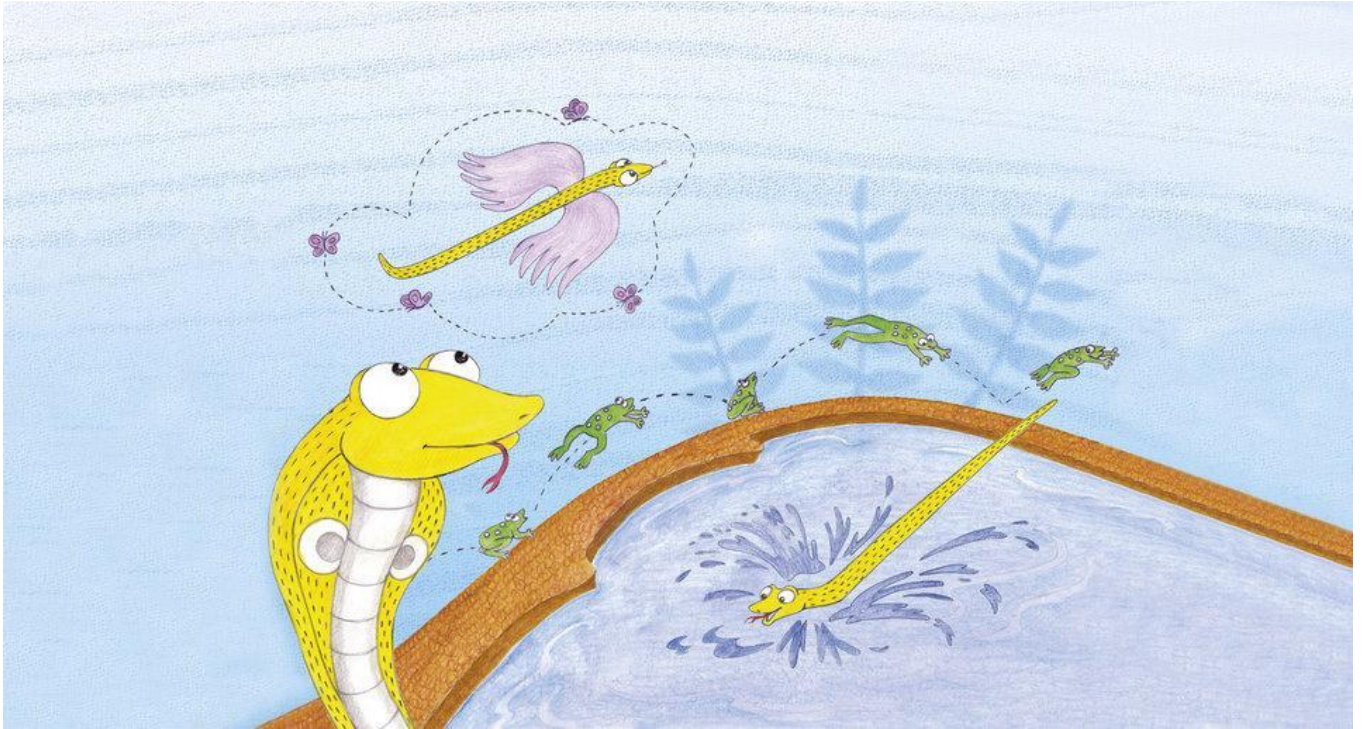
A
snake does not have legs.

A snake cannot walk. It cannot run. A
snake does not have wings.

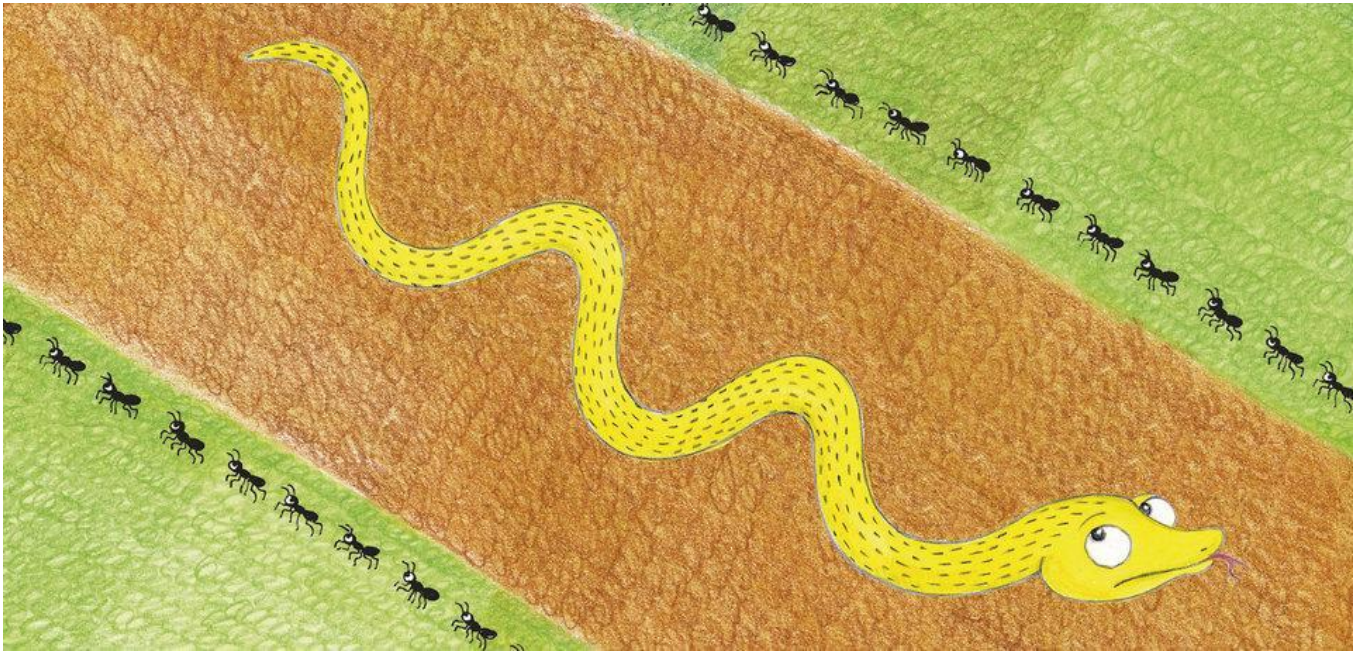
A snake cannot fly. A snake cannot
swim in a straight line.



But
Serpy wanted to walk, run, fly and swim in a straight line.
That was
all he could think of.



'If
I had legs, I would walk in a straight line.
If I had wings,
I
would fly in a straight line.'



'But
oh, I am so weird!

I can't walk straight, can't run
straight!

I can't fly straight, can't swim straight.
I
can only slither

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Serpy
saw some birds flying in the sky one day.
They were going up, going
down, going around in circles and arcs. Not a single bird was flying
straight.
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Looking
across the plains one day, Serpy saw some fawns.
The
fawns ran here and there. They ran in the most
zigzag way. Not
a single fawn walked in a straight line.
This
made Serpy

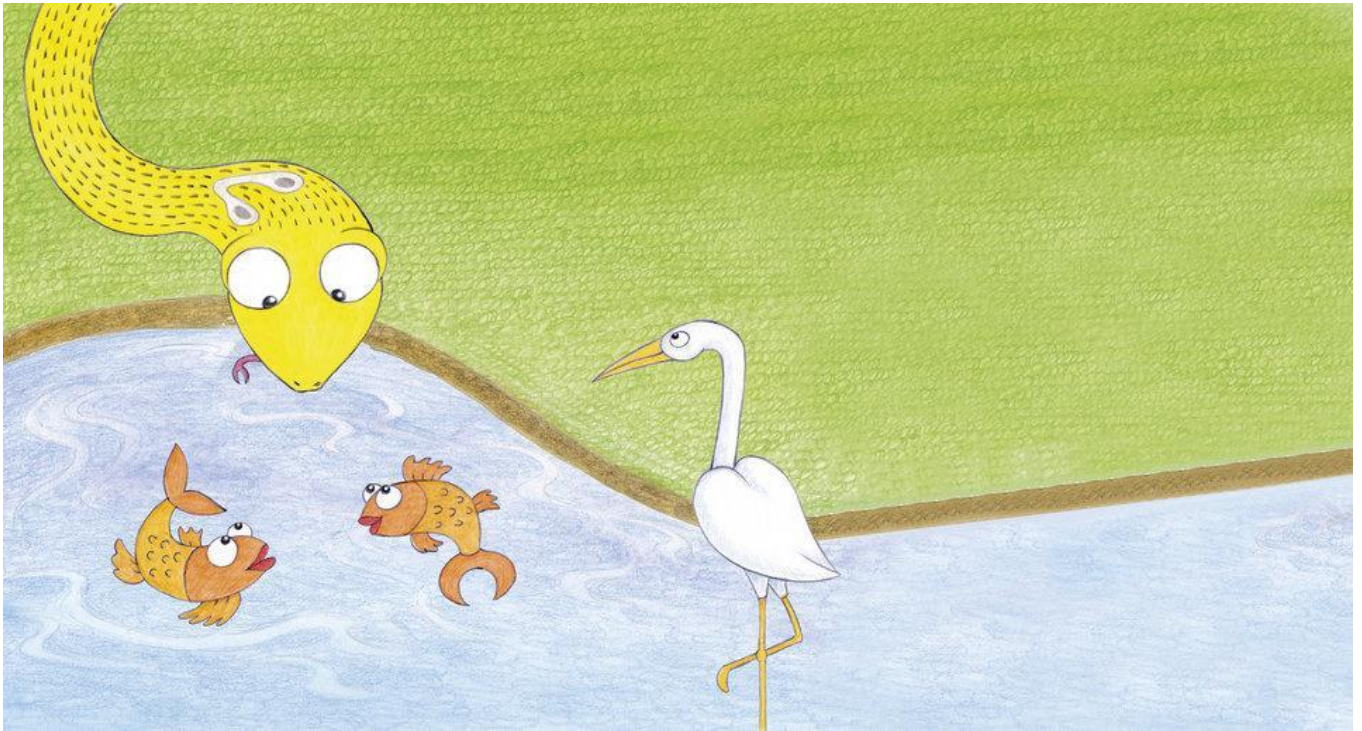
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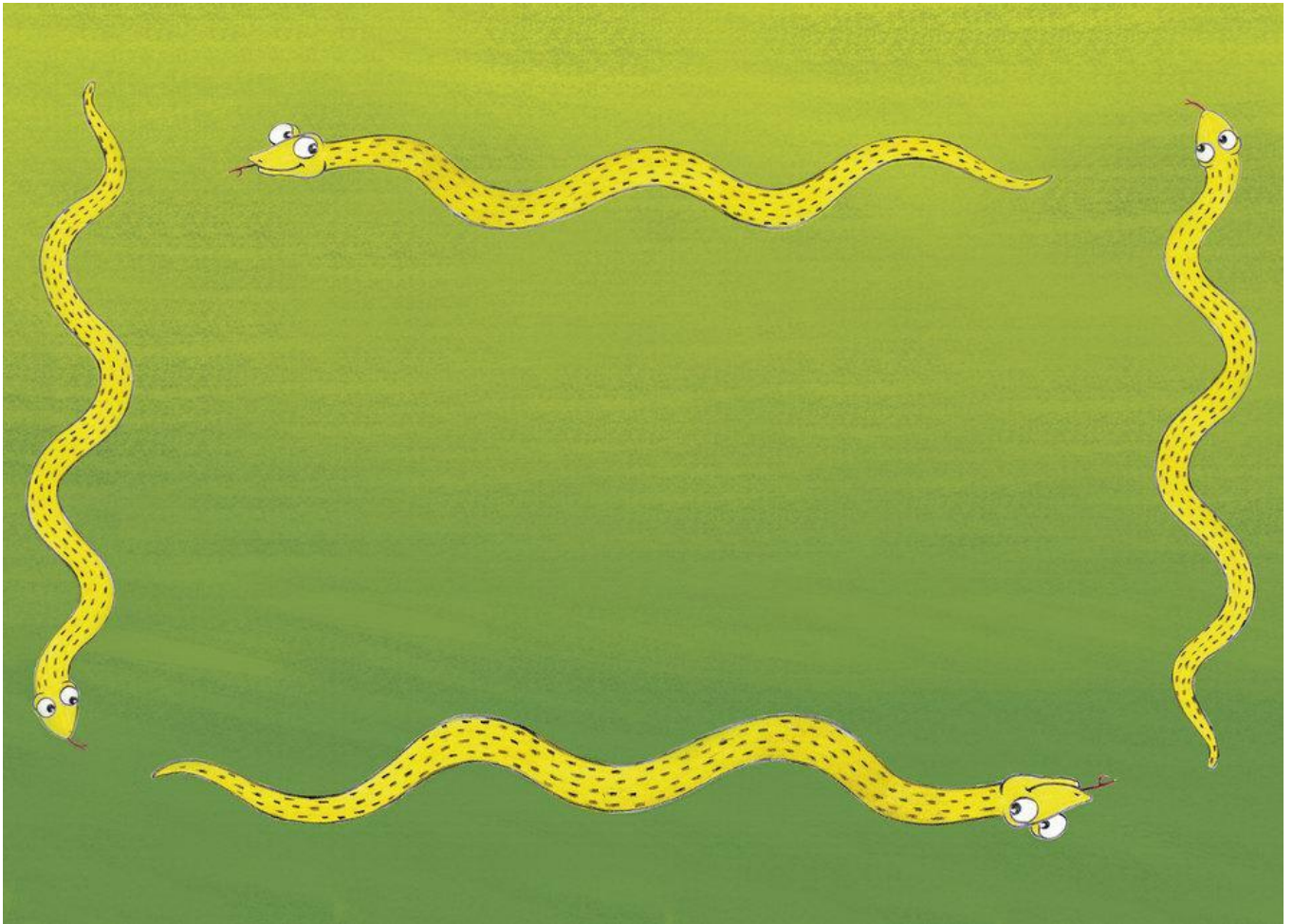
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went towards the river.
The
fish in the river wiggled and waggled as they swam.
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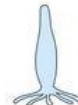
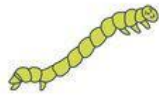
Serpy
sat on the river bank, lost in thought. Just then a crab came by.
Serpy moved aside. The crab walked past. But not in a straight line!
The crab had half a dozen legs and yet could not walk straight!
This
made Serpy think some more!



Serpy
thought, did he really need wings? Did he really want those legs? Now
zigzag, then criss-cross, is not the way he moved.



'I am fine the way I am. My slithering ways are always the same. My zigzag ways are the same each day. And the rest of them are silly any which way!'



Do
it yourself!

1.
Draw five geometric shapes made out of straight lines.

2.
Name five animals that move in funny ways.

3.
Look around you. See if you can spot at least five living things that are made up of straight lines.



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