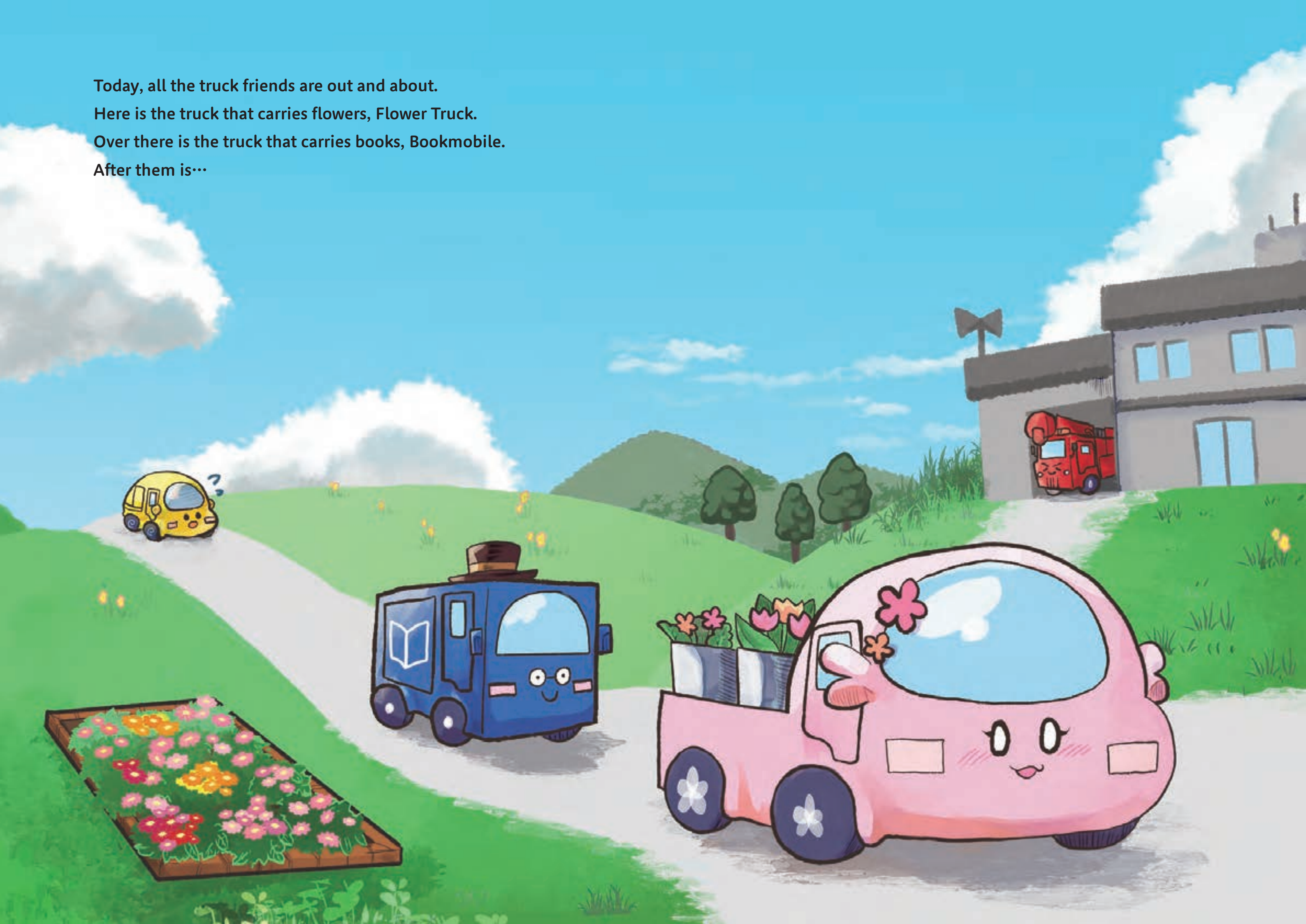


Thanks to Everyone





Today, all the truck friends are out and about.  
Here is the truck that carries flowers, Flower Truck.  
Over there is the truck that carries books, Bookmobile.  
After them is...





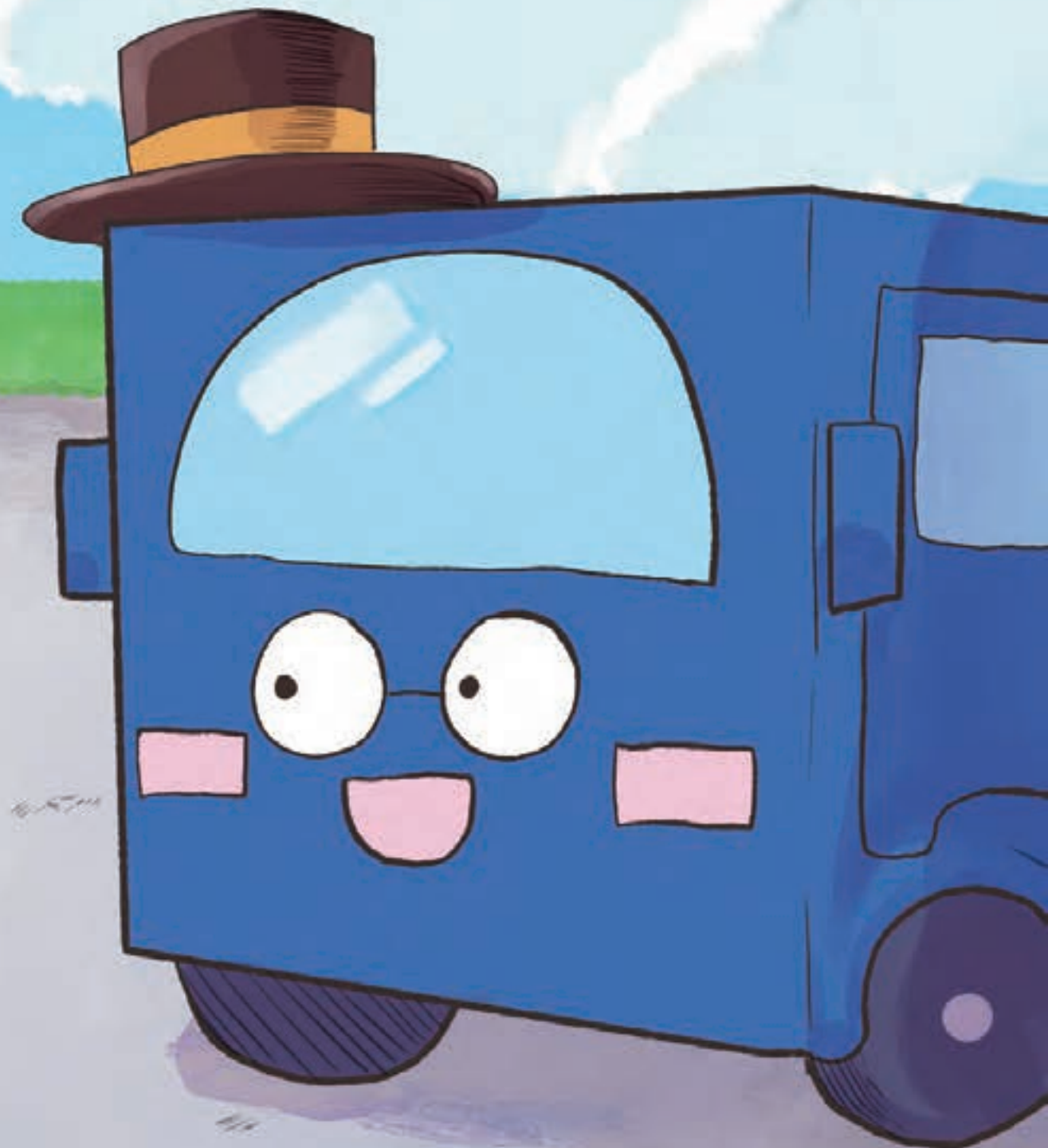
the food truck, Ka-chin.

Ka-chin is good at making yummy food and drinks.

But he is very, very shy, so he can't talk to visitors.

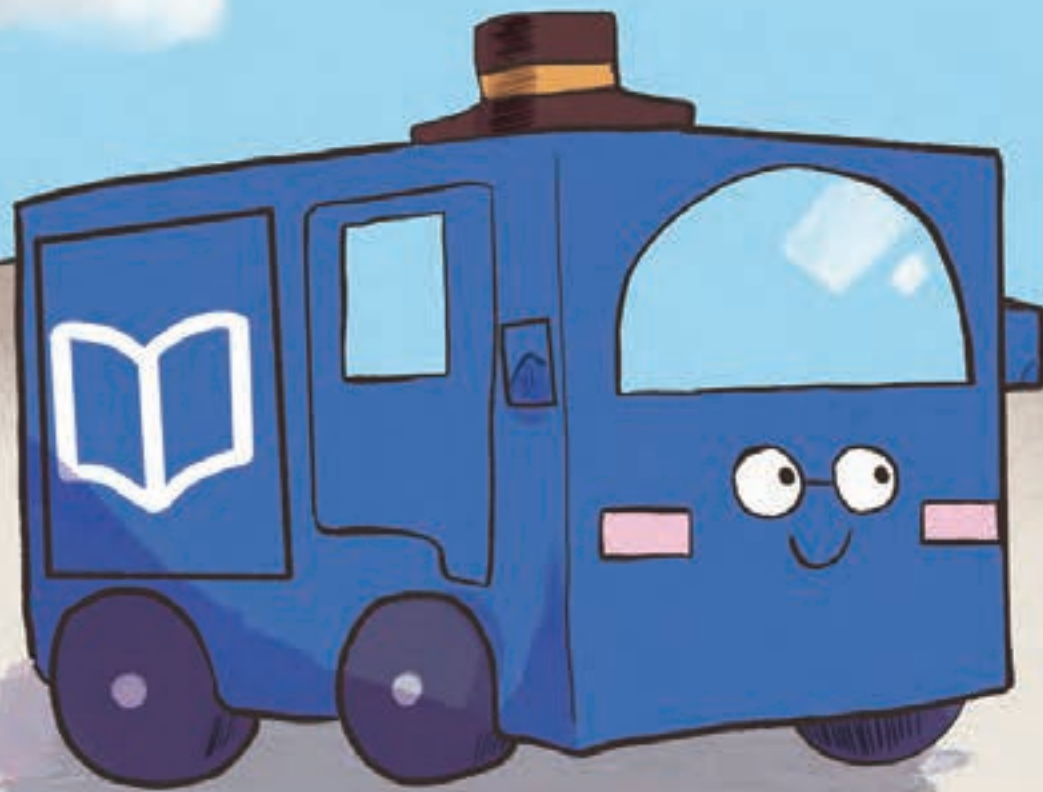
One day, Ka-chin was with Bookmobile.

"There's a place I'd like you to see," said Bookmobile.



“Here is where a big tsunami washed away  
all the houses and shops.”

“The people living here had to go live somewhere else.”  
“Let’s go and see it!”





“Everyone, I’m back!”

Everyone came running to the sound of Bookmobile’s voice.

“Which book shall I choose today?”

In the blink of an eye, people were lining up in front of Bookmobile.

“Wow! Bookmobile is so cool!”

thought Ka-chin with his eyes sparkling.





“Ka-chin, won’t you serve everyone some juice?”  
said Bookmobile.

Everyone stopped and looked at Ka-chin.

Ka-chin’s heart pounded.  
He squeezed his eyes shut  
and handed over a cup of apple juice.  
And then...





“This is delicious!”

Ka-chin opened his eyes  
to see all the children happily gulp down the juice.

“Oh, I’m glad!”

Ka-chin smiled with relief.



WOO-000!  
WOO-000!

That night, a siren was heard!  
“Hey, Ka-chin! Come with me.  
I need your help!”





The rain poured down.

Thunder crashed and lightning lit up the sky.

Rescue Car drove down the pitch-black streets.

“There are people in trouble at the evacuation center.

We must help them!”

Ka-chin did his best to keep up.





A large tree had fallen over in the middle of the road and was blocking the way.

“We can’t go forward like this!”

While Ka-chin panicked...

**Clank! Clank!**

Rescue Car hoisted the tree up and off the road.

“Phew! Now we can get to where everyone is!”





When they got to the evacuation center, everyone was happy to see them and gathered around.

Rescue Car called out to each person saying, "Don't worry! You're okay now!"



Then Ka-chin had an idea. "Now it's my turn to help!" he thought.





Ka-chin cooked up a big pot of hot Hittsumi Soup.

“I’m starving!”

“This is great! It’s a big help!”

“Let’s eat!”

Everyone enjoyed the delicious soup.

“What a feast! Thank you, Ka-chin!”





After that, Ka-chin went out to various towns.  
He made delicious food and met a lot of smiling faces.

Then one day...  
Ka-chin had grown big and strong.  
Now he had a beautiful rainbow on his body.



“I’m feeling more and more powerful!”

Ka-chin said to Flower Truck,  
“There is a place I’d like you to see.”





They went back to the place Bookmobile had taken Ka-chin before.

“I want to plant flowers here and make all the people happy,” said Ka-chin.

“In that case, here are some flowers that will bloom beautifully by the beach!” said Flower Truck.

Then, Flower Truck handed some flowers to the people.

As they planted flowers diligently, many people gathered around.





“We did it!”

Everyone working together created a beautiful flower garden.

Bright flowers in many colors danced in the breeze.

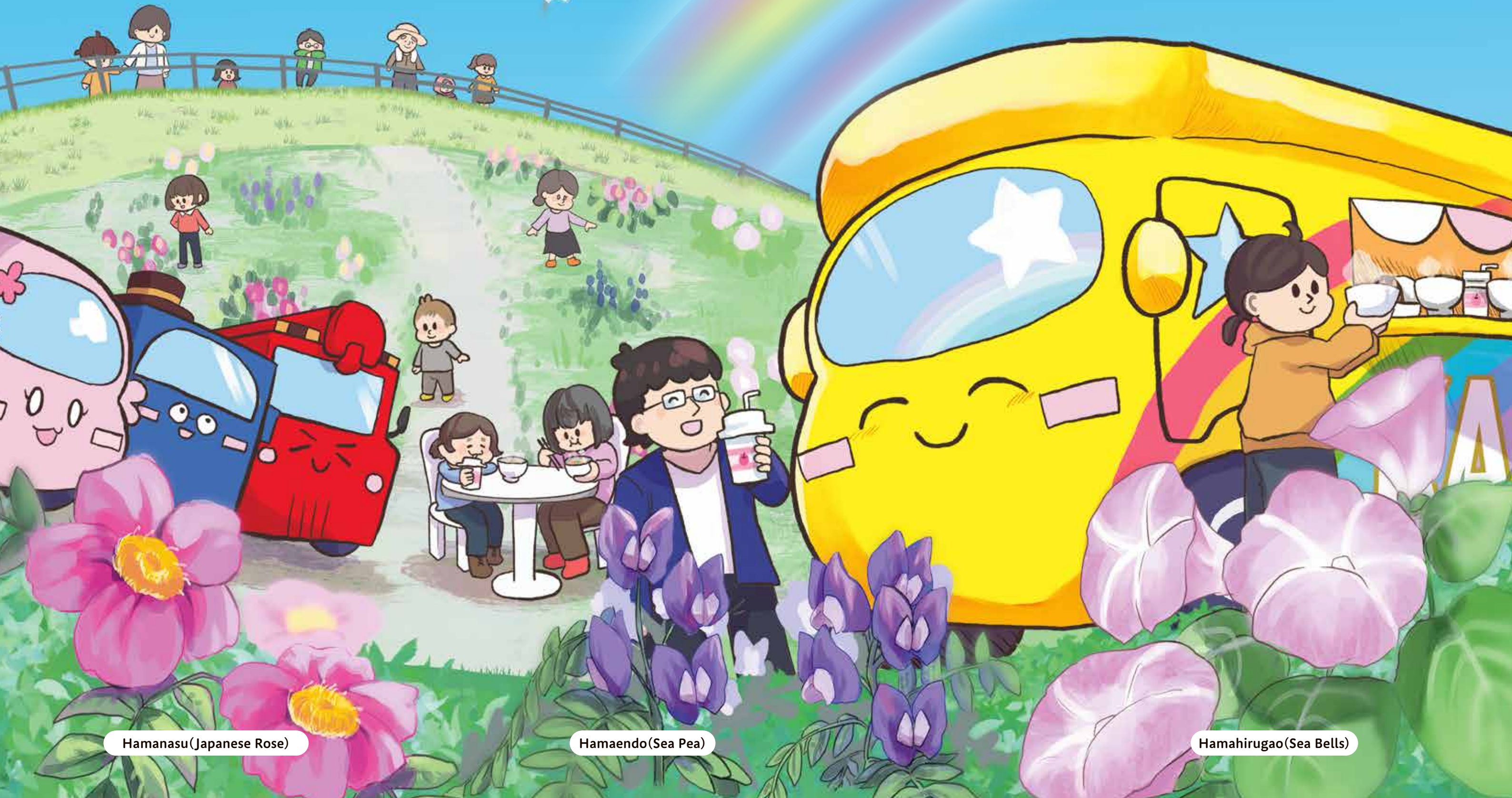
Ka-chin made lots of yummy food.

The people, the flowers, everyone was full of smiles.

Then, Ka-chin had a thought.

“Thanks to everyone I can smile, too!”

And the sky was filled with a beautiful rainbow.



Hamanasu(Japanese Rose)

Hamaendo(Sea Pea)

Hamahirugao(Sea Bells)



There are more and more places Ka-chin would like to visit.



**The departure of Miyako Umineko Maru**

Shunsuke Yachi  
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**Lights**

Seika Sato  
(2nd Grade  
Iwayado High School)



**Anatoshiiso Rock**

Mana Kikuchi  
(3rd Grade  
Ofunato Higashi High School)

# My Favorite Views of Iwate Painted by Students



**Kaiunbashi Bridge and the winter scenery of Morioka**

Togo Hatayama  
(2nd Grade  
Shimonohashi Junior High School  
Morioka City)



**The rich nature that surrounds us**

Mai Kikuchi  
(2nd Grade  
Kitakami Shonan High School)



**Memorable scenery**

Yoshika Nakai  
(1st Grade  
Daiichi Junior High School  
Ofunato City)



The featured paintings are prize-winning works submitted to the "Iwate Reconstruction Education" picture book, a large-scale art contest themed "My Favorite Scenery of Iwate's Sea, Mountains, Rivers, and Towns," by elementary to high school students residing in Iwate Prefecture.





**The Morning sun over Tsuriganedo Rock at Kosode Coast**

Shiori Nakamura  
(6th Grade  
Kosode Elementary School  
Kuji City)



**My Mt. Iwate**

Kira Uchimura  
(4th Grade  
Morioka Higashi Special Support School  
Elementary Department)



**My elementary school**

Aoi Kagabu  
(2nd Grade  
Takamatsu Elementary School  
Morioka City)

“We’ll go visit you next time!”



**Autumn foliage galaxy**

Shicho Lu(3rd Grade Ueda Junior High School Morioka City)



This picture book was made for children aged 4 to 5 as part of the “Iwate Reconstruction Education” program.

Iwate Reconstruction Education aims to nurture individuals who love their hometown, support reconstruction and development, and foster three educational values: “living,” “engaging,” and “preparing.” The story this time focuses on the theme of “engaging.”

The main character “Ka-chin” was inspired by the “Kamaishi Kitchen Car” that started operating just 90 days after the occurrence of the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami. Its owner is Hiroyuki Mitsuzuka, who had run a restaurant in Kamaishi City. Despite his restaurant being washed away by the tsunami, he operated this food truck, driven by the desire to “illuminate the city.”

In addition to Mr. Mitsuzuka, we also received assistance from kindergartens in Miyako City and Iwaizumi Town, which had suffered from significant damage due to Typhoon No. 10 in 2016.

Natural disasters can strike anytime, anywhere. However, even in the toughest of situations, people can move forward step by step by engaging with others.

Just as Ka-chin grew, we hope that children lead their lives meaningfully here in Iwate through many encounters.

May beautiful rainbows fill everyone’s hearts...

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