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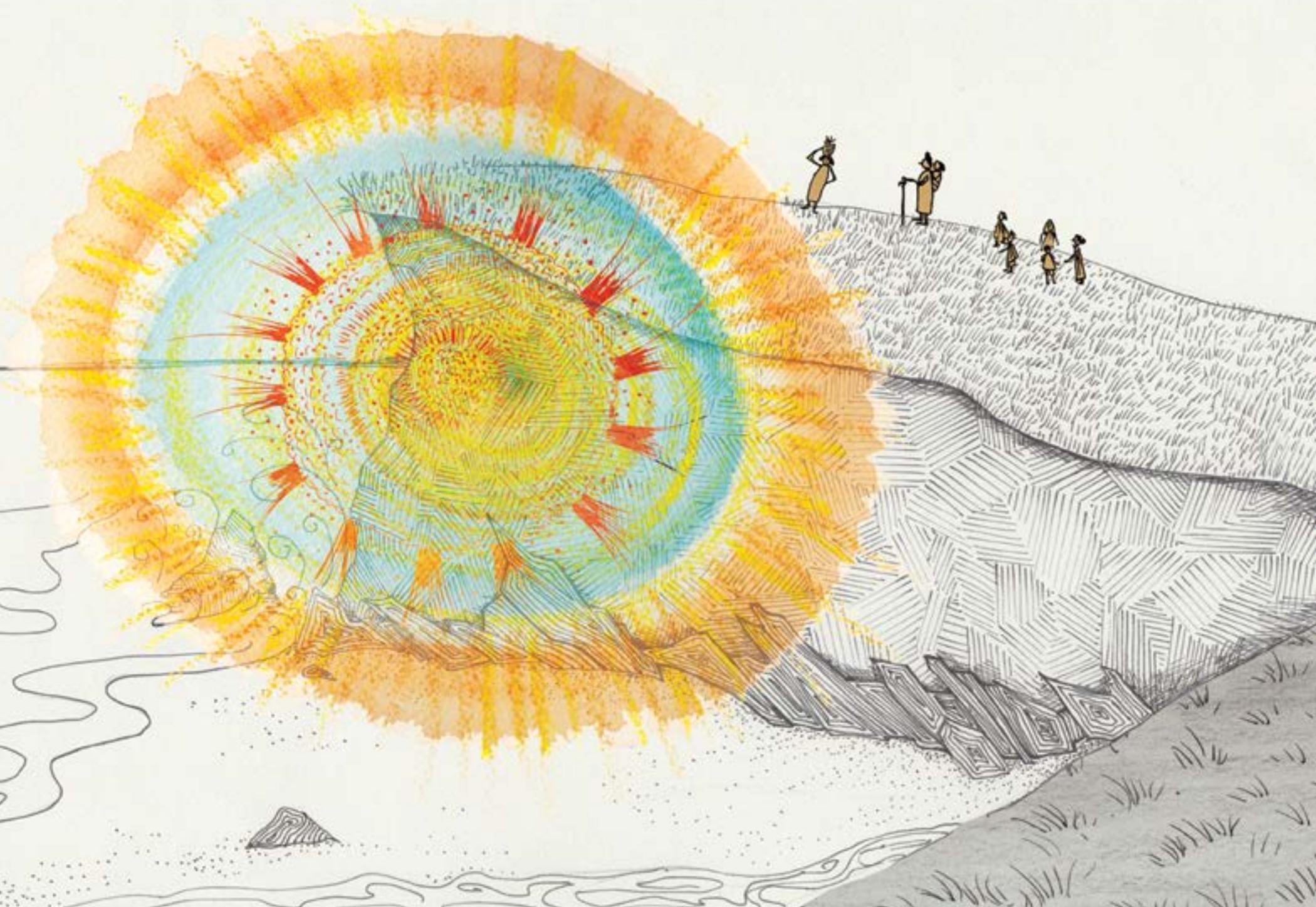
WHEN GOD GAVE US WORDS



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One day God decided to give words to man and woman.



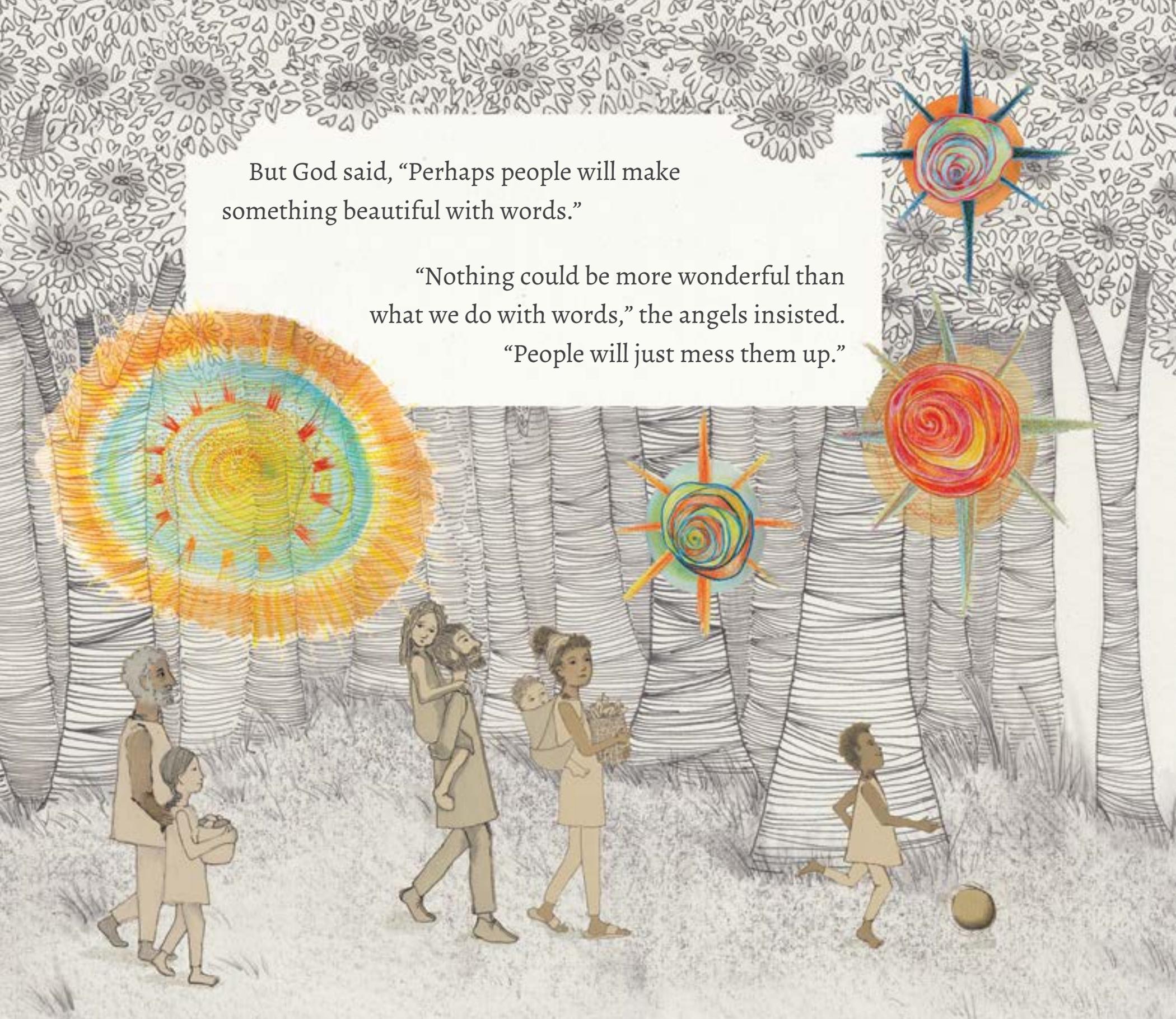


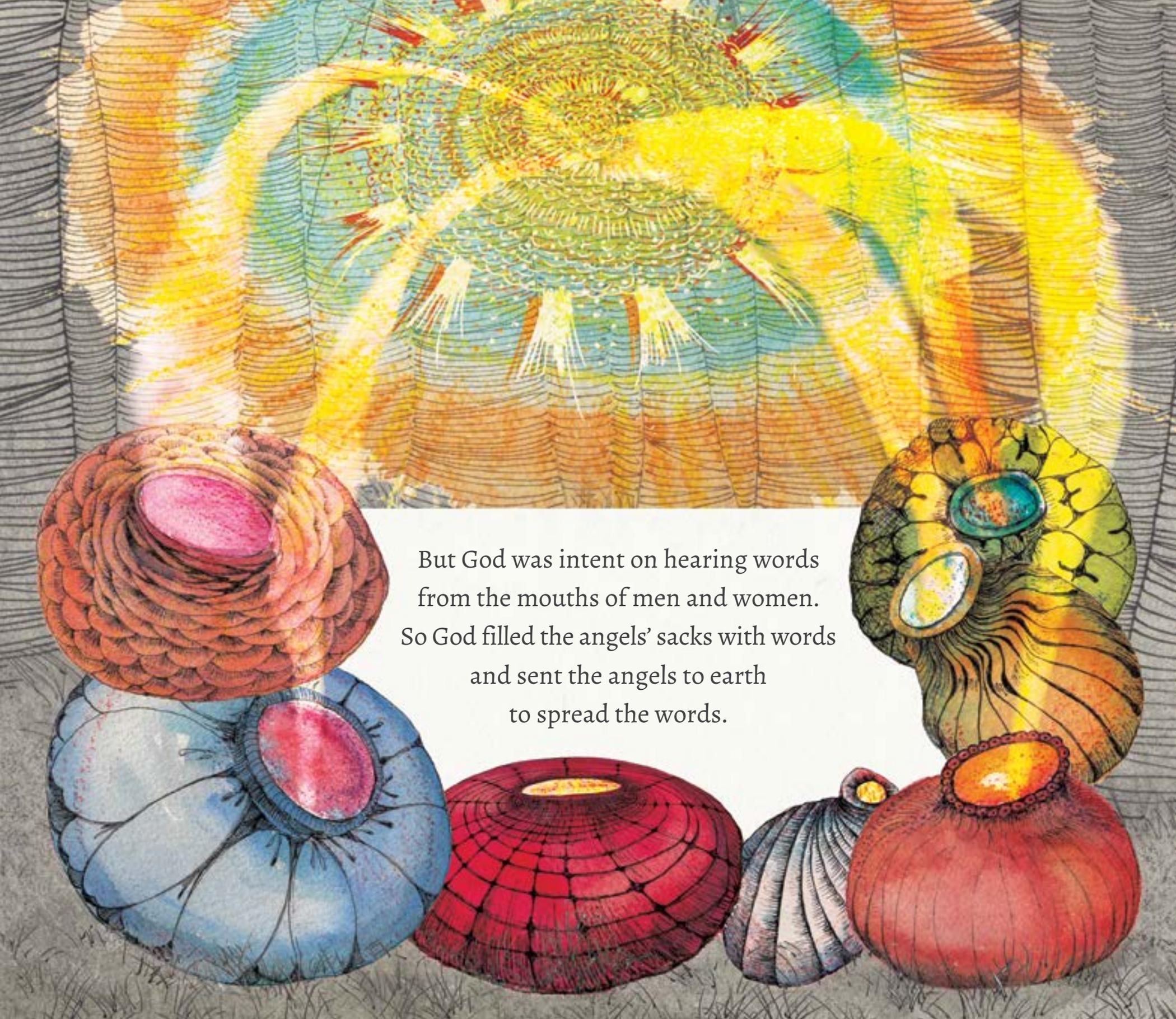
But the angels objected.

“People will not know what to do with words.
Words should belong only to angels.”

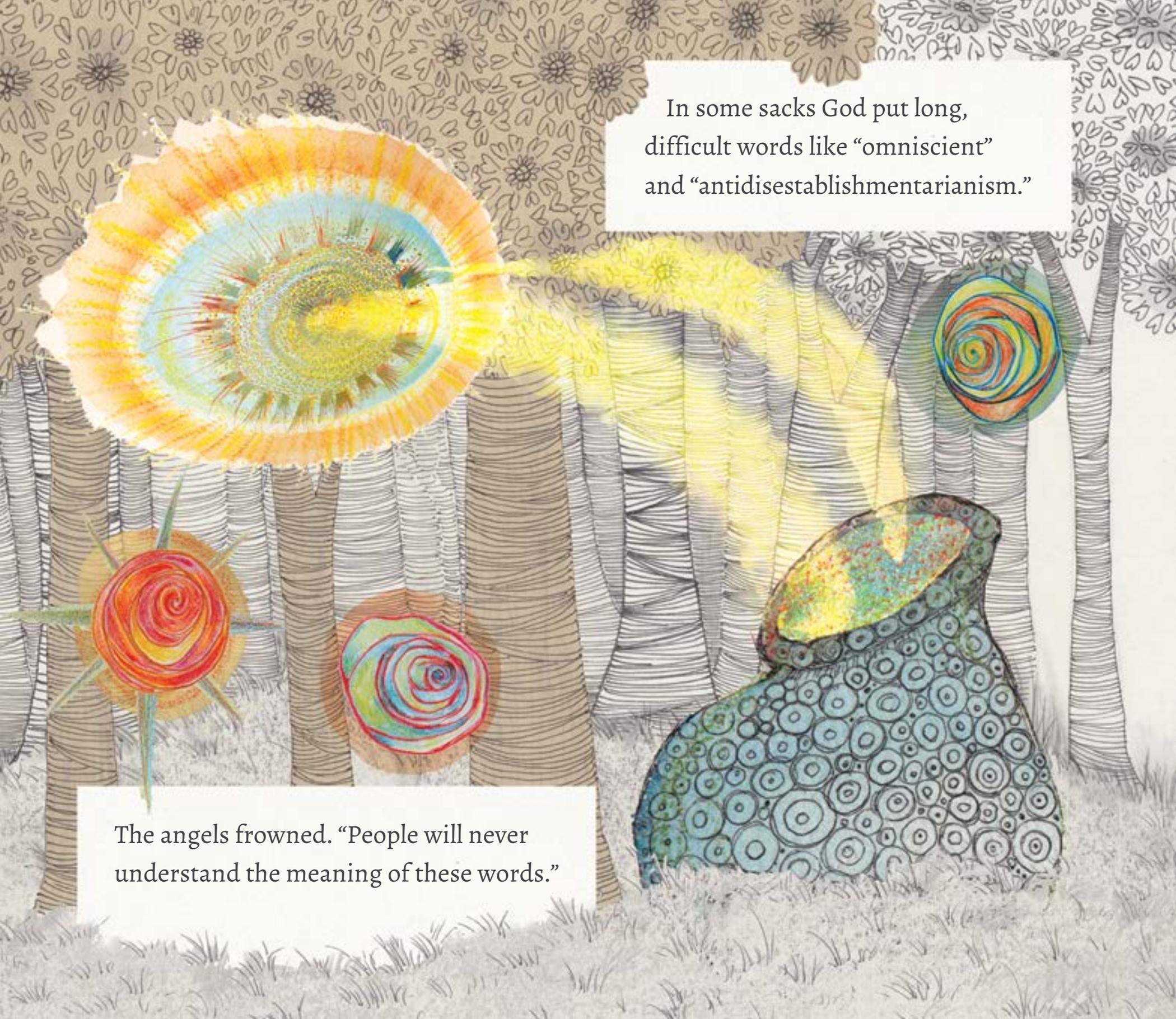
But God said, "Perhaps people will make something beautiful with words."

"Nothing could be more wonderful than what we do with words," the angels insisted.
"People will just mess them up."





But God was intent on hearing words
from the mouths of men and women.
So God filled the angels' sacks with words
and sent the angels to earth
to spread the words.

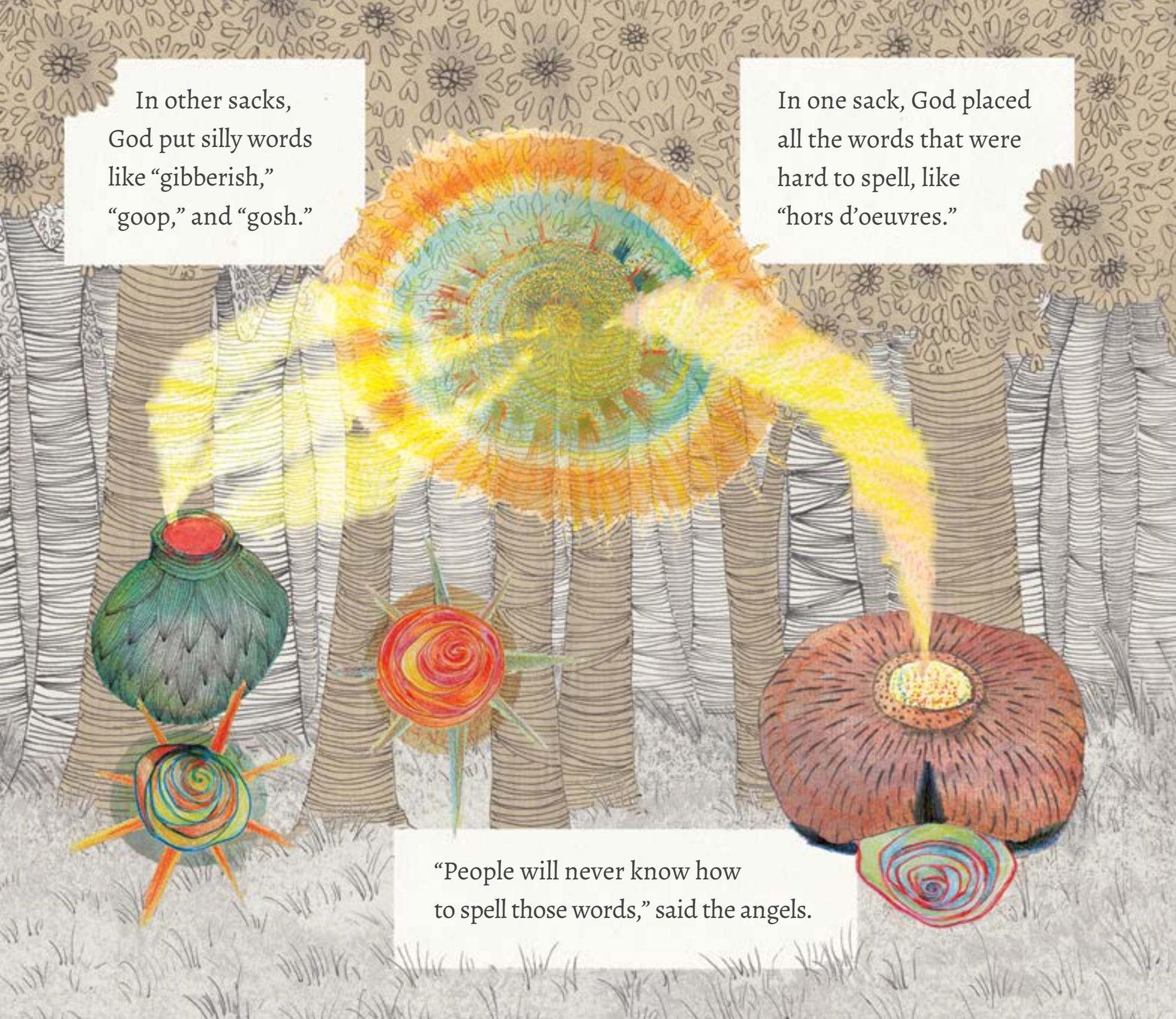


In some sacks God put long,
difficult words like “omniscient”
and “antidisestablishmentarianism.”

The angels frowned. “People will never
understand the meaning of these words.”

And it was so. Because of the long, difficult words, dictionaries were created.

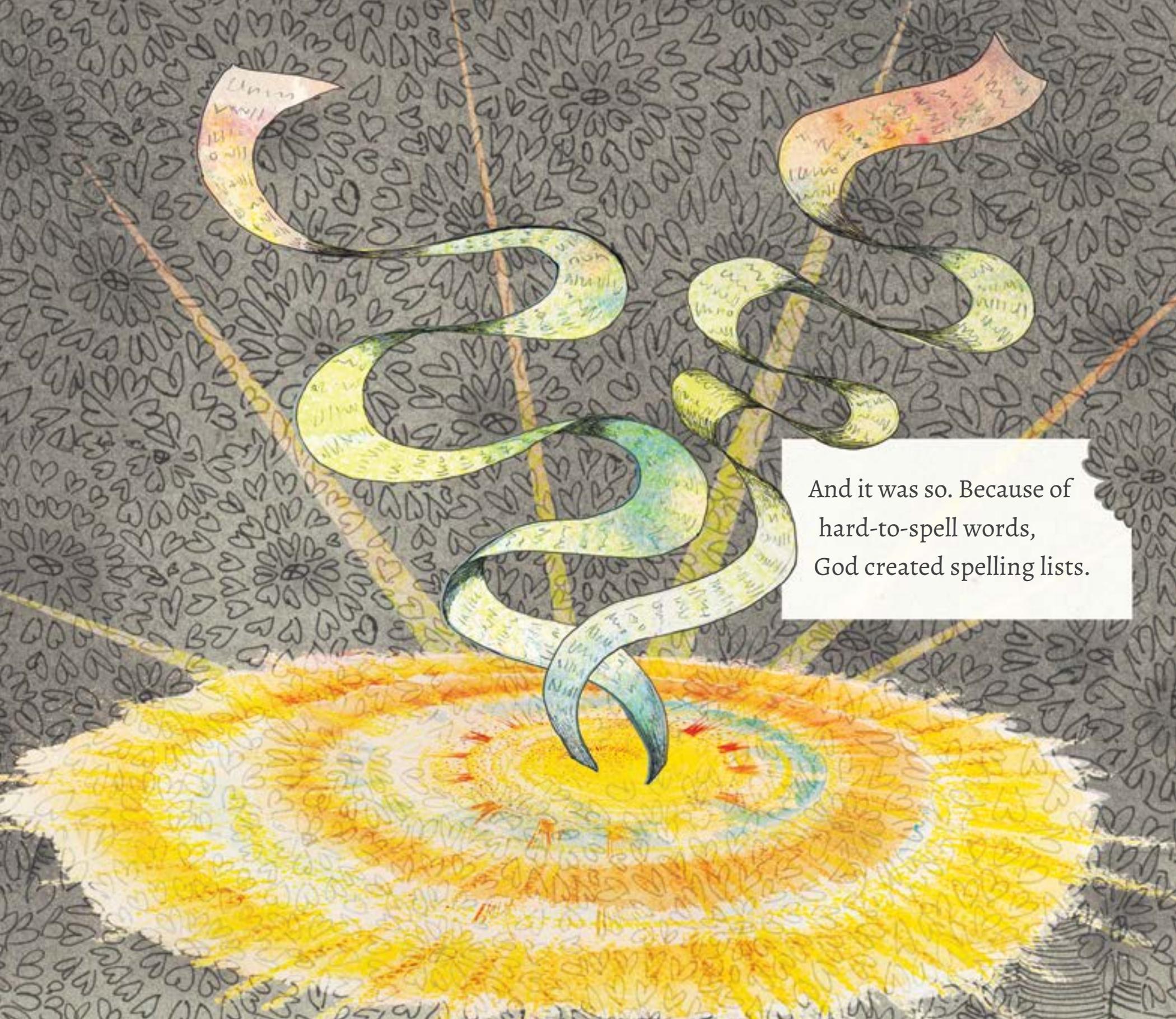




In other sacks,
God put silly words
like “gibberish,”
“goop,” and “gosh.”

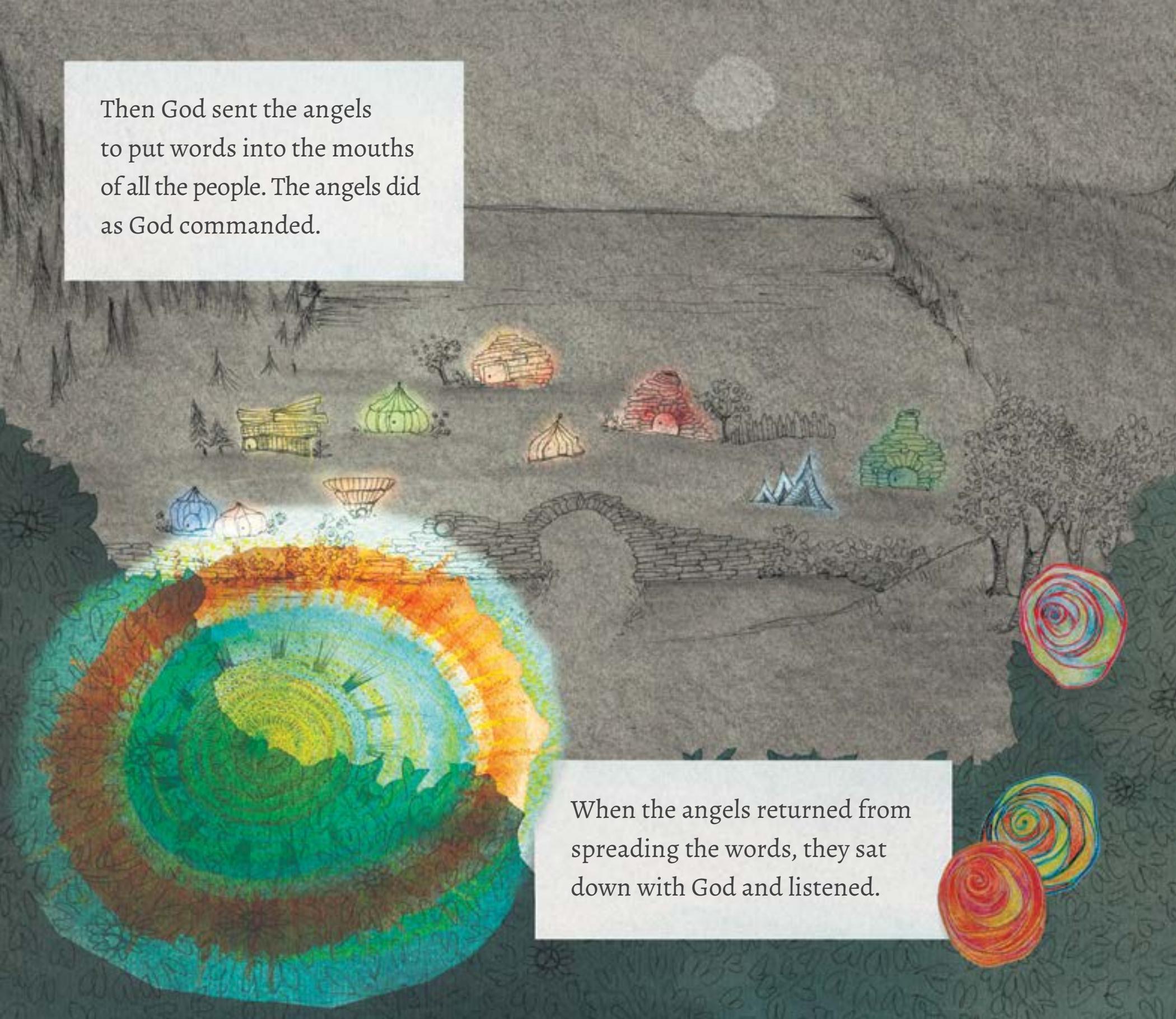
In one sack, God placed
all the words that were
hard to spell, like
“hors d’oeuvres.”

“People will never know how
to spell those words,” said the angels.



And it was so. Because of
hard-to-spell words,
God created spelling lists.

Then God sent the angels
to put words into the mouths
of all the people. The angels did
as God commanded.

A colorful illustration of a village at night. In the foreground, a large, vibrant rainbow arches across the scene, with colors ranging from purple and blue on the left to red and orange on the right. The village in the background features several houses with glowing windows, a stone bridge with an arch, and various trees. The sky is dark with a full moon. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

When the angels returned from
spreading the words, they sat
down with God and listened.

It took some time for people to get accustomed to using words. Slowly they let each word form in their mouths. Carefully, they added one to another to another until they made sentences.

