

The Glassblowing Cat

Adventures in Glass Recycling



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Safety Glasses



Tweezers



Glass rods



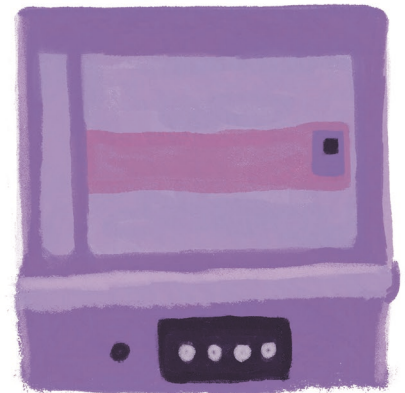
Torch



Blow hose



Flattener



Fire kiln



Blowpipe

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Every day in a glass workshop,
a very talented cat named Yai
would use tools and a hot torch to
melt and shape glass.



A curious kitten called Lek would watch,
excited to see what Yai would create.

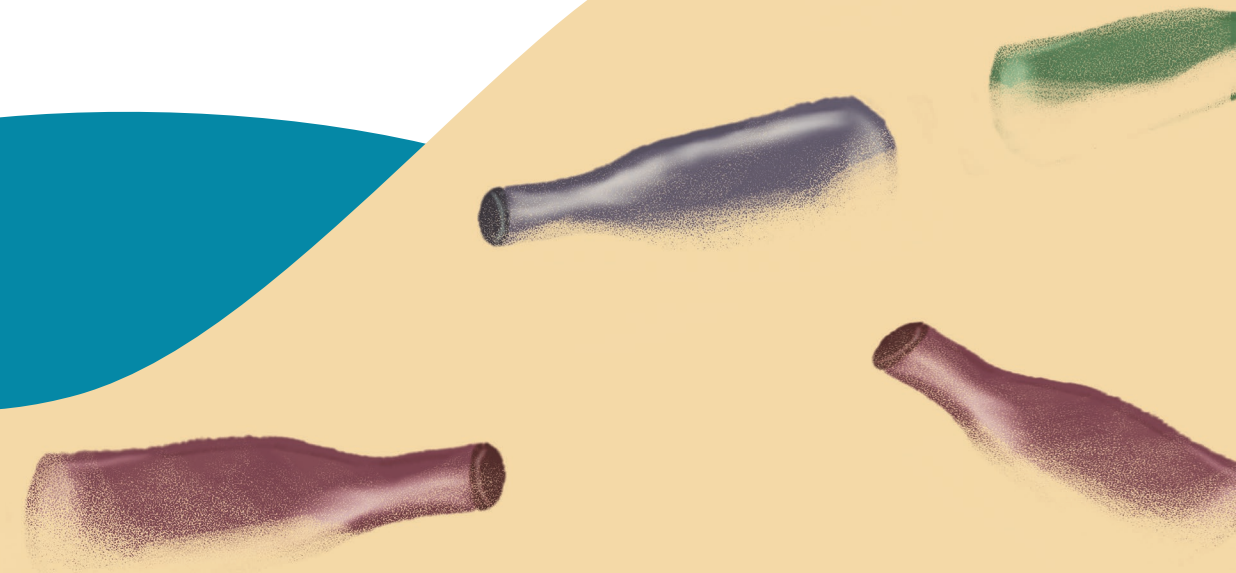
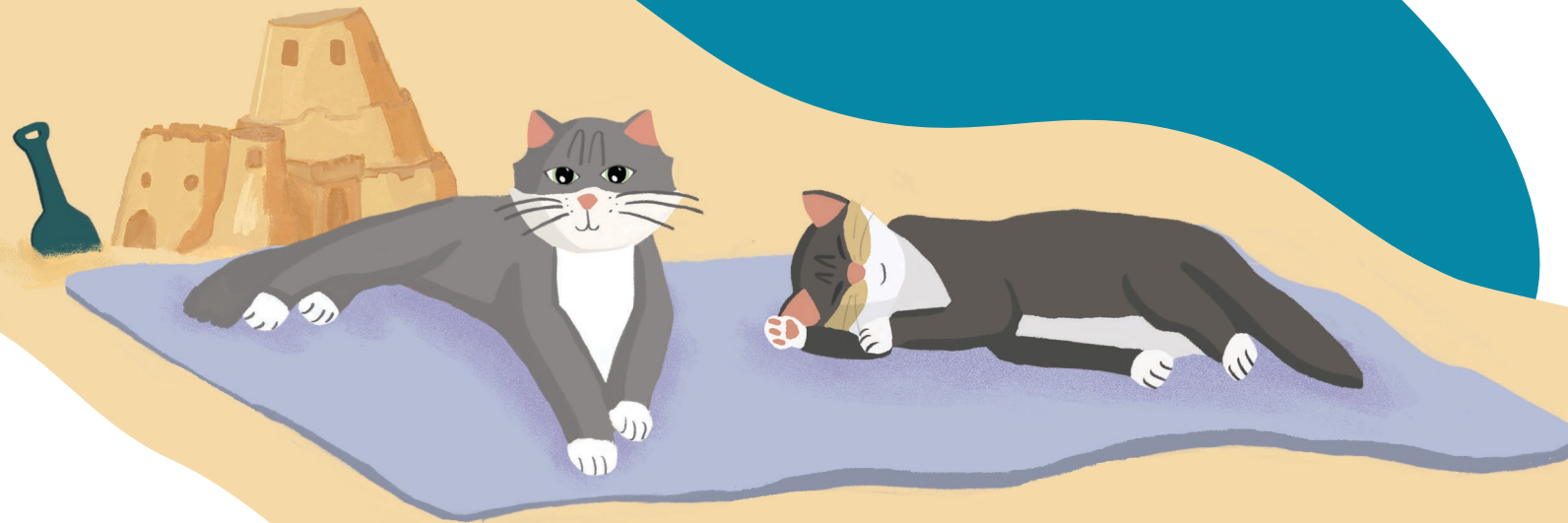


At times, Yai would stay up all night working hard in front of the flames.



**One day, Yai and Lek
took a much needed break
from their workshop
to spend a day at the beach.**

**Sadly, the beach was littered with trash,
including glass bottles.**



**Yai and Lek started to
gather the glass bottles.**

**“What are we going to do with these?”
asked Lek.**

**“We’ll recycle them back
at the workshop!” replied Yai.**



**Back at the workshop,
Yai melted the glass bottles
and turned them into new art pieces.**



**Seeing the magic of recycling,
Lek felt inspired to
find more glass to turn into art.**



**One day, Lek curiously went searching
for more glass to recycle.**

**A grumpy raccoon peeked out
from a trash can.**

“What are you doing?” he asked.



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Lek was excited to explain to the raccoon that they can recycle glass and turn it into magical new creations.



“No!” the raccoon insisted.

**“That’s impossible!
Old glass is worthless.
It belongs in the trash.
Just leave it there!”**



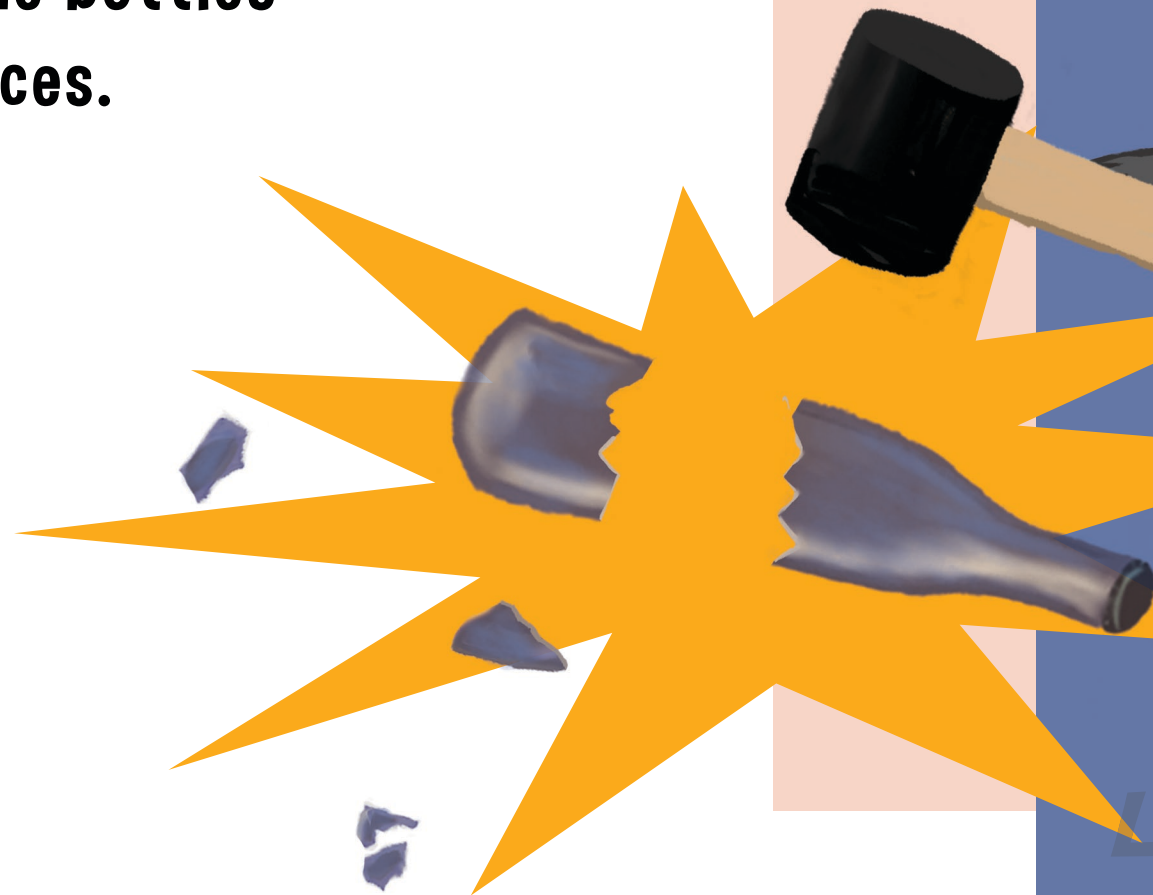
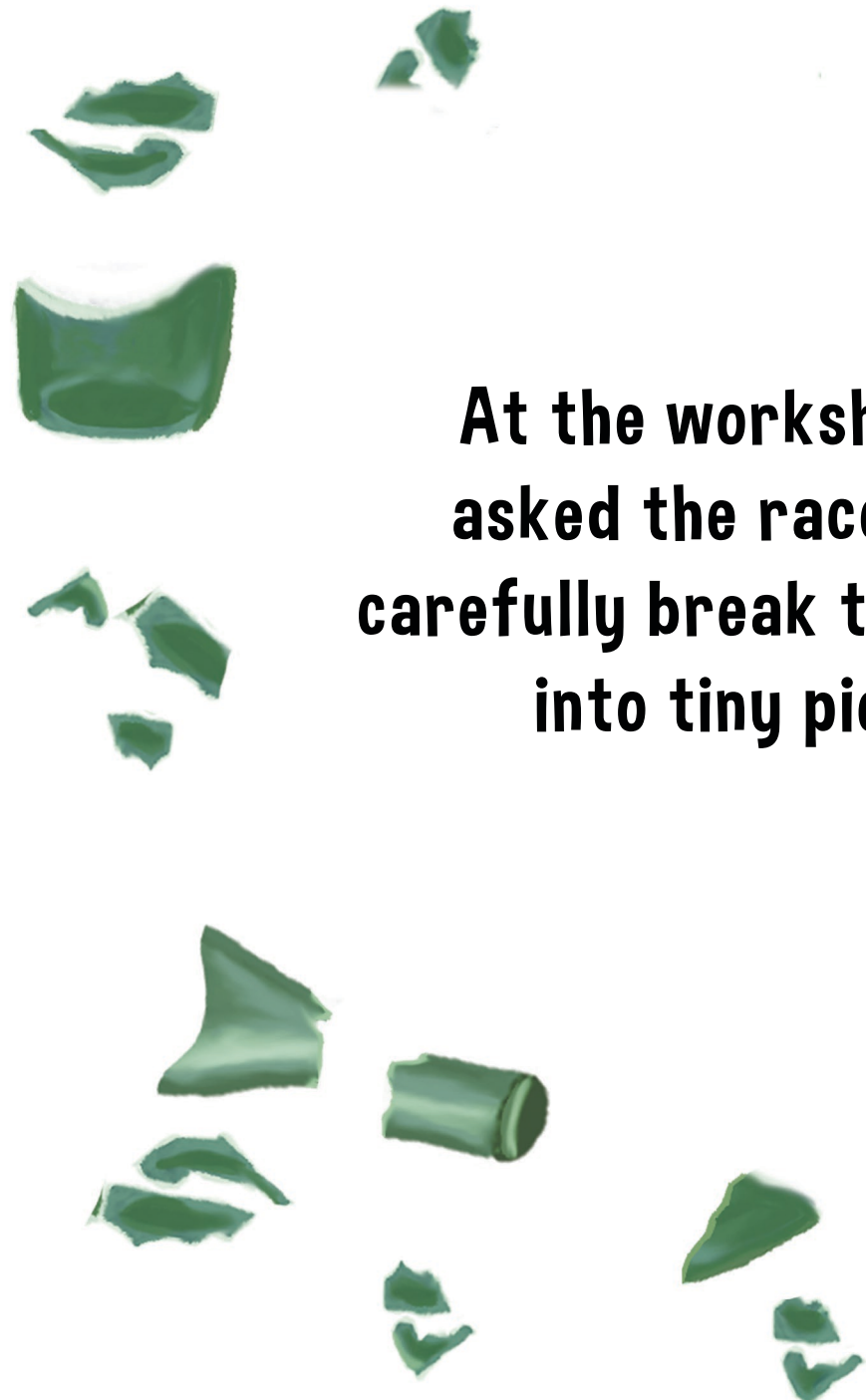
**Lek, wanting to show
the magic of recycling,
invited the raccoon
to their glass workshop.**



**The raccoon, wanting to see
what would happen,
picked up a few bottles
and followed Lek.**



**At the workshop, Yai
asked the raccoon to
carefully break the bottles
into tiny pieces.**





**The broken pieces were
placed carefully in a mold.**

Then Yai put the mold into a fire kiln.

**After a while, the glass melted
into sticks of glass!**

The raccoon was amazed.



**“Now, let’s make something with these!”
said Yai.**



**“Can you turn the glass
into my favorite thing?
A trash can!”
asked the raccoon.**



**Yai laughed,
“I won’t do that, but
I’ll turn it into something better.”**



**Yai took the new glass sticks
and began melting them at the torch.**



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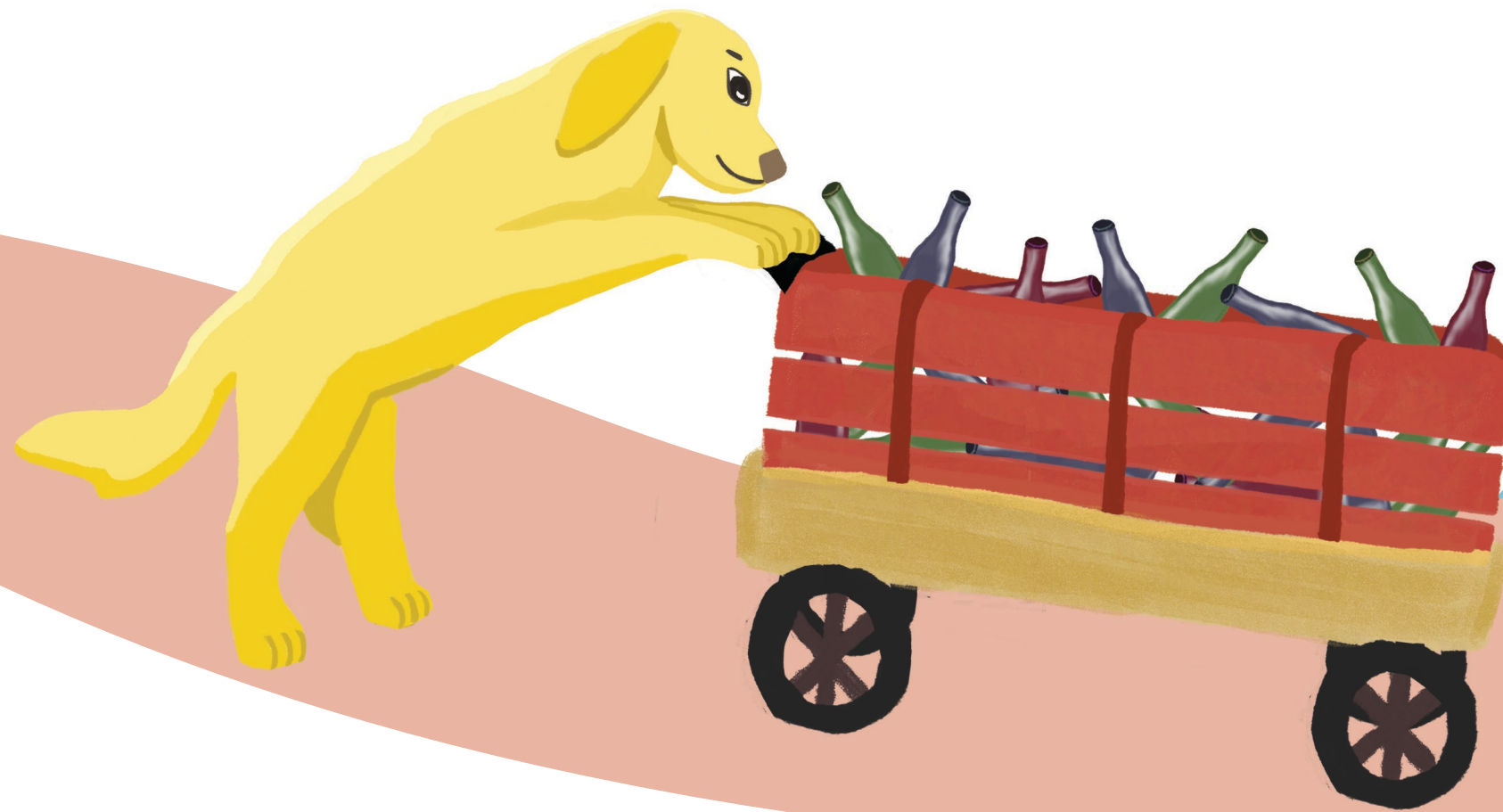
**Within minutes, Yai made
a tiny glass recycling bin.**



Everyone laughed.



**Word spread quickly
throughout the neighborhood.**



**Soon, everyone brought their
unused glass to the workshop.**



**Inspired by Yai and Lek,
other neighborhoods began
recycling glass too.**



**Soon, bottle by bottle,
the world became a cleaner,
and more beautiful place.**



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