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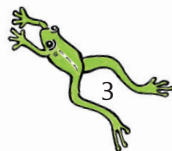
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For Zoe and Justin



High up in the rainforest of Puerto Rico lives a little frog named Coqui. Every night, as soon as it gets dark, he starts to make a VERY LOUD noise! There he is... in Farmer Miguel's banana tree! "CO-QUI'!" (ko-kee') he calls to all the other frogs. "CO-QUI'! CO-QUI'!" they answer.

In the morning the little frog is sound asleep, because he stayed up ALL NIGHT making noise!





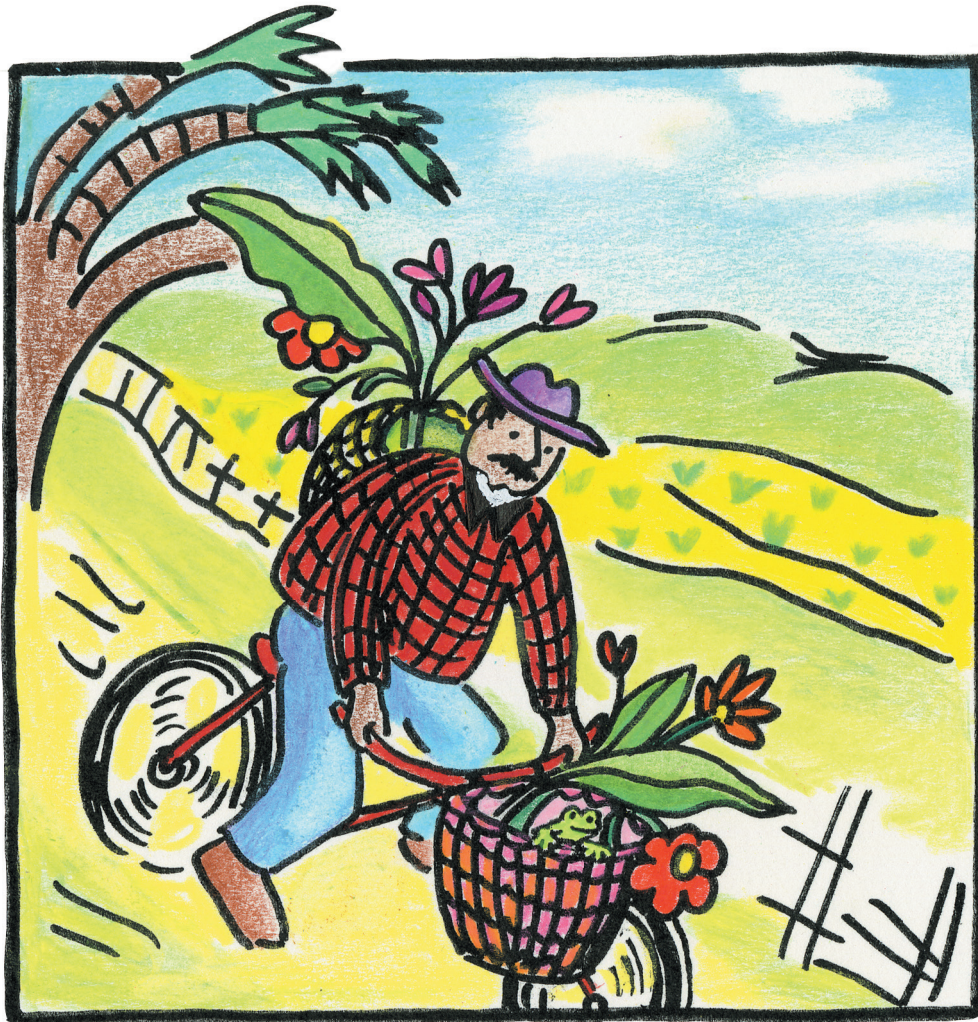
Coqui doesn't notice when Farmer Miguel comes into the garden with BIG SHARP clippers.

Snip go the clippers as he cuts the flowers. *Snip, Snip.*



He's coming closer and closer to the little frog, but Coqui doesn't hear! *Snip, SNIP, **SNIP!!!***

Into the flower basket goes the little frog, and AWAY
pedals Farmer Miguel down the bumpy road into town.





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