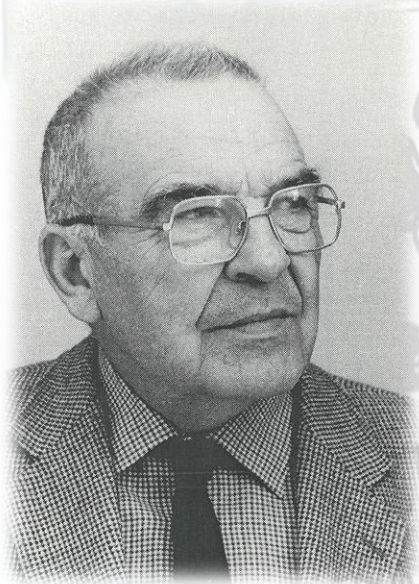


# THE WHEAT GRAIN AND THE WATER JUG TALE



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**The farmer boy Kozlarjev Izidor and his grandfather were shepherding cows. It was very hot that day.**





**Next to them, there was a field. Farmers harvested wheat a few days ago. There, there were a lot of grains on the floor.**





**Nearby, there were hard-working ants. They picked up the grains from the floor. They took the grain to their homes beneath the surface.**





Izidor and his grandfather observed the ants. Each of them was carrying one grain. They carried them over small hills, over the clods on the soil. Their work was hard, the grains heavy. They walked in long lines.



**Izidor observed one specific ant. It had big problems with carrying the grain on its back. Izidor put a straw in front of it, so it climbed on. Then, he put the ant with the straw back to the place where it started.**





**Grandfather observed Izidor. When the boy put the ant for the third time to its beginning, the grandfather asked his grandson to bring him a water jug full of water from home, since he was thirsty and old.**





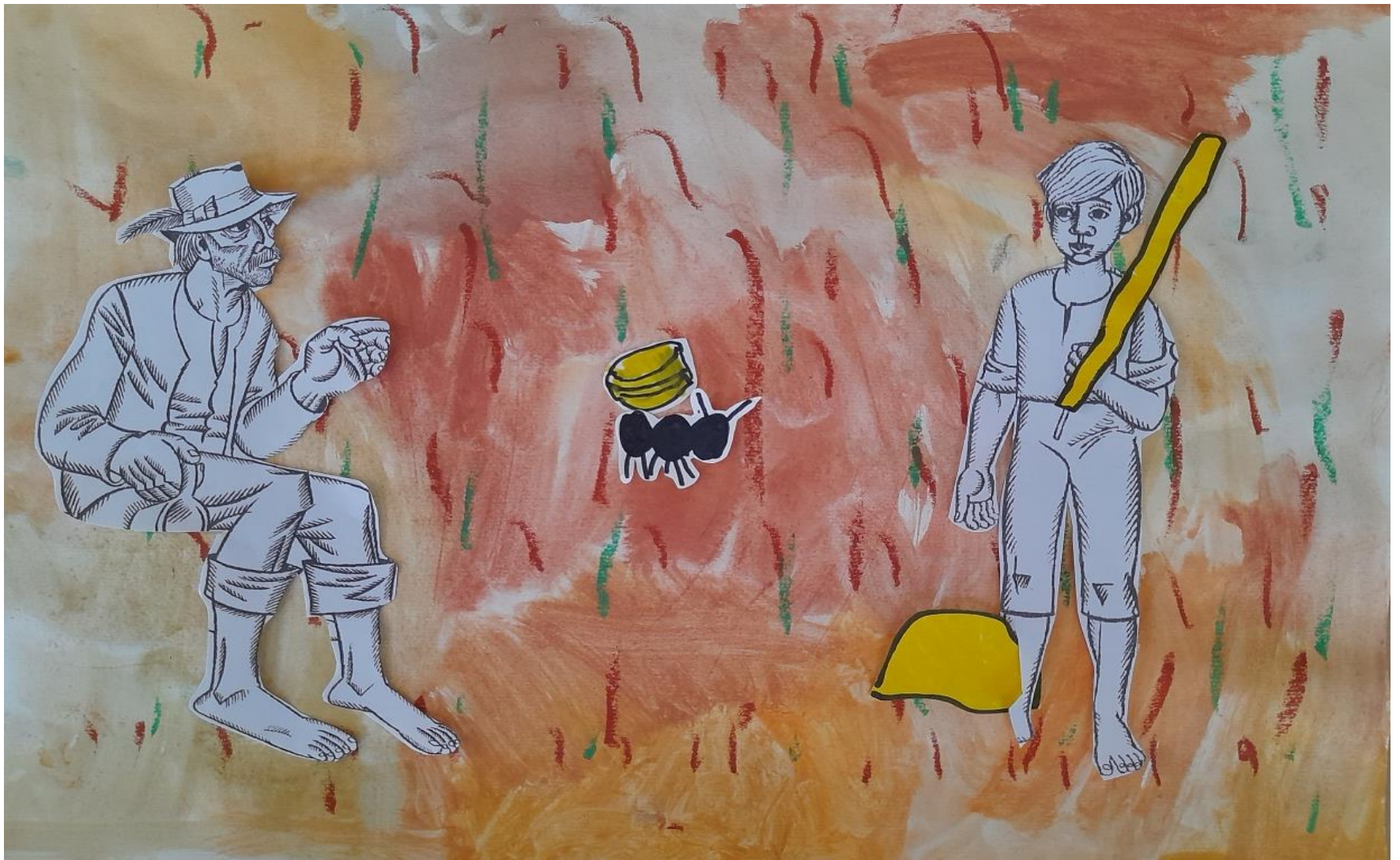
**Izidor brought a water jug to his grandfather, but grandfather did not drink it. He spilled it to the floor. Then, he asked Izidor to bring another jug full of water.**





**But when Izidor brought the new water, grandfather spilled it again to the floor. It was strange to Izidor. He asked grandfather, why he was mocking him with water, since it obviously did not need it.**





**Grandfather answered: You are torturing the ant, since it has to carry the heavy grain more times. Go bring me some water, once more. Izidor brought another water jug. Grandfather did not spill it anymore. Izidor left the ant in peace, so it could take the grain home.**