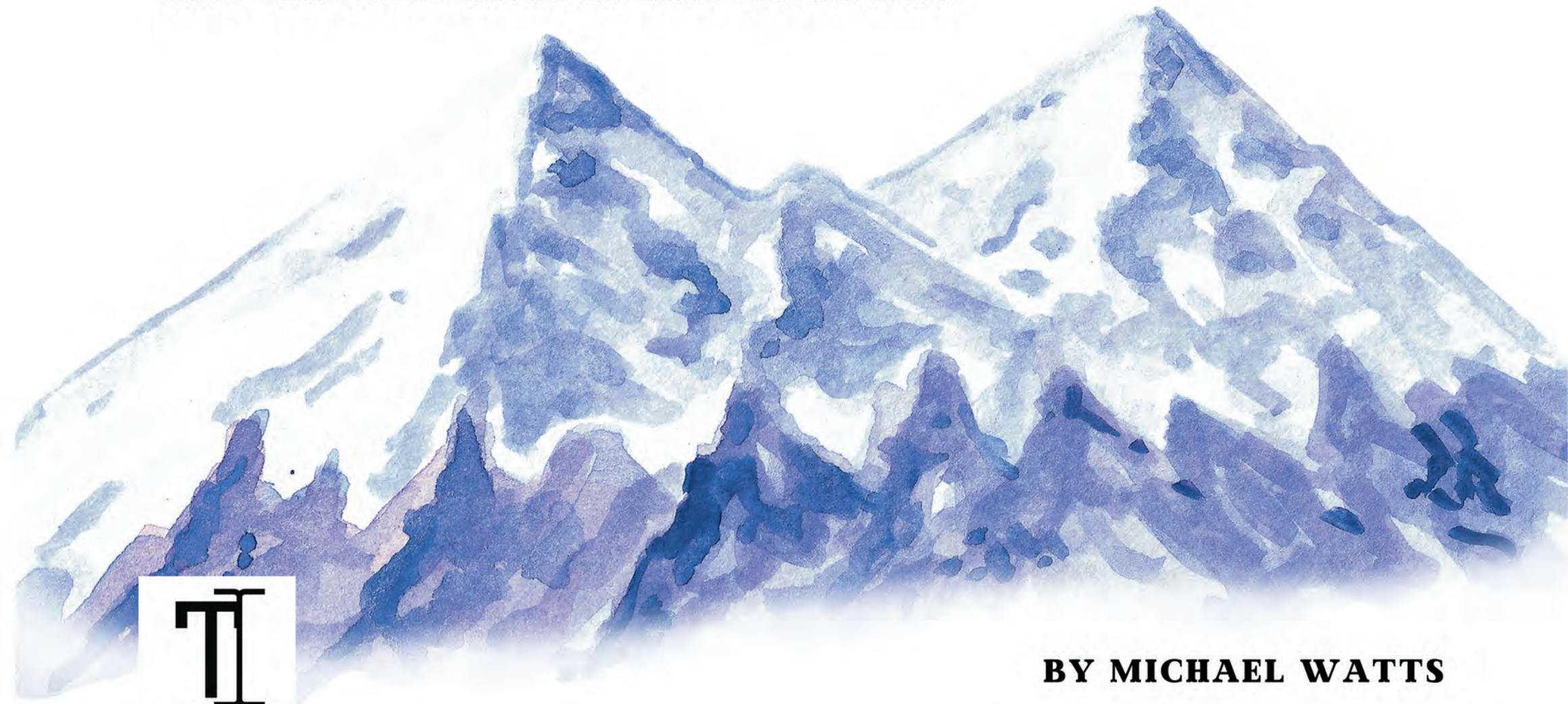
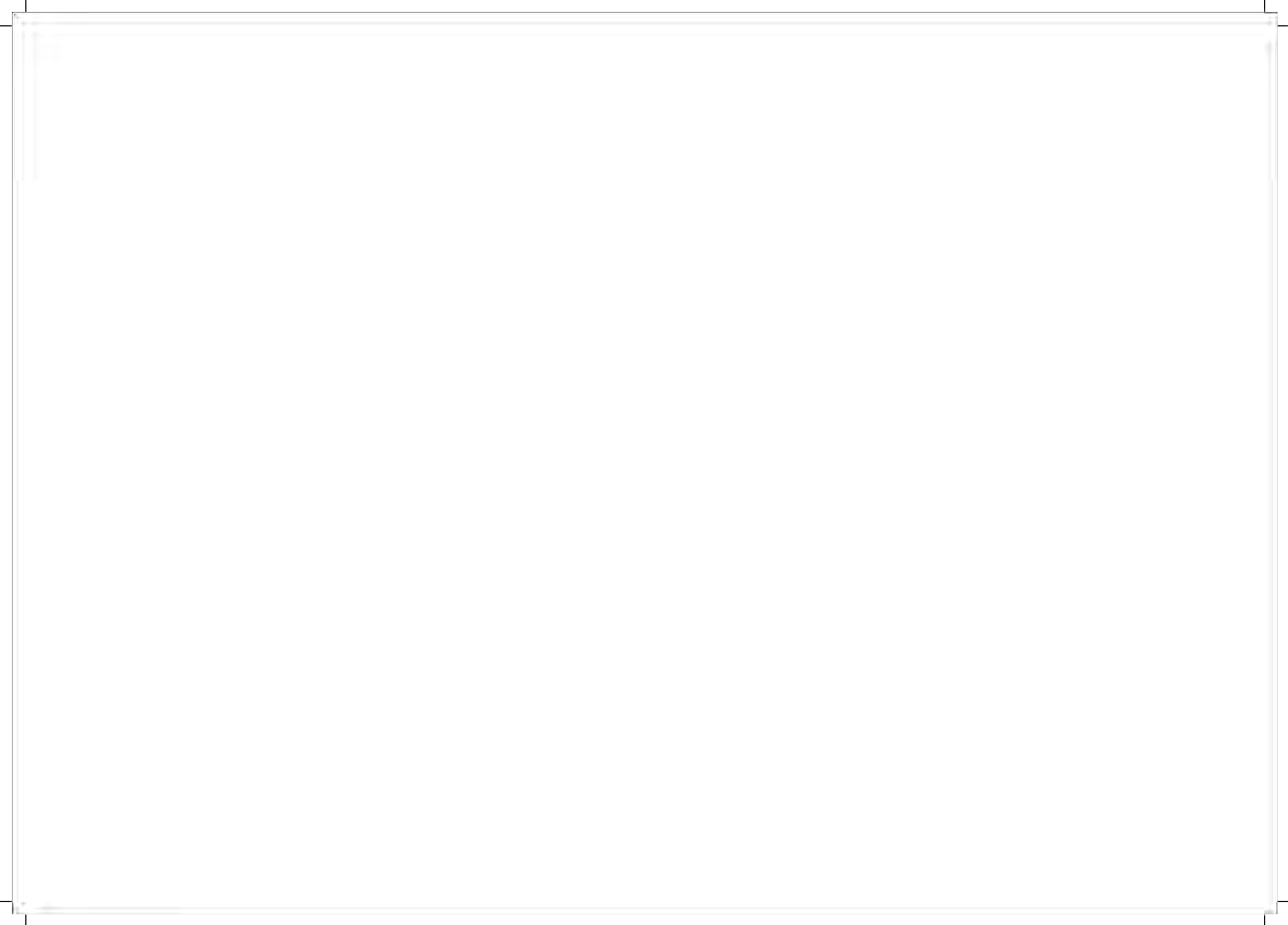


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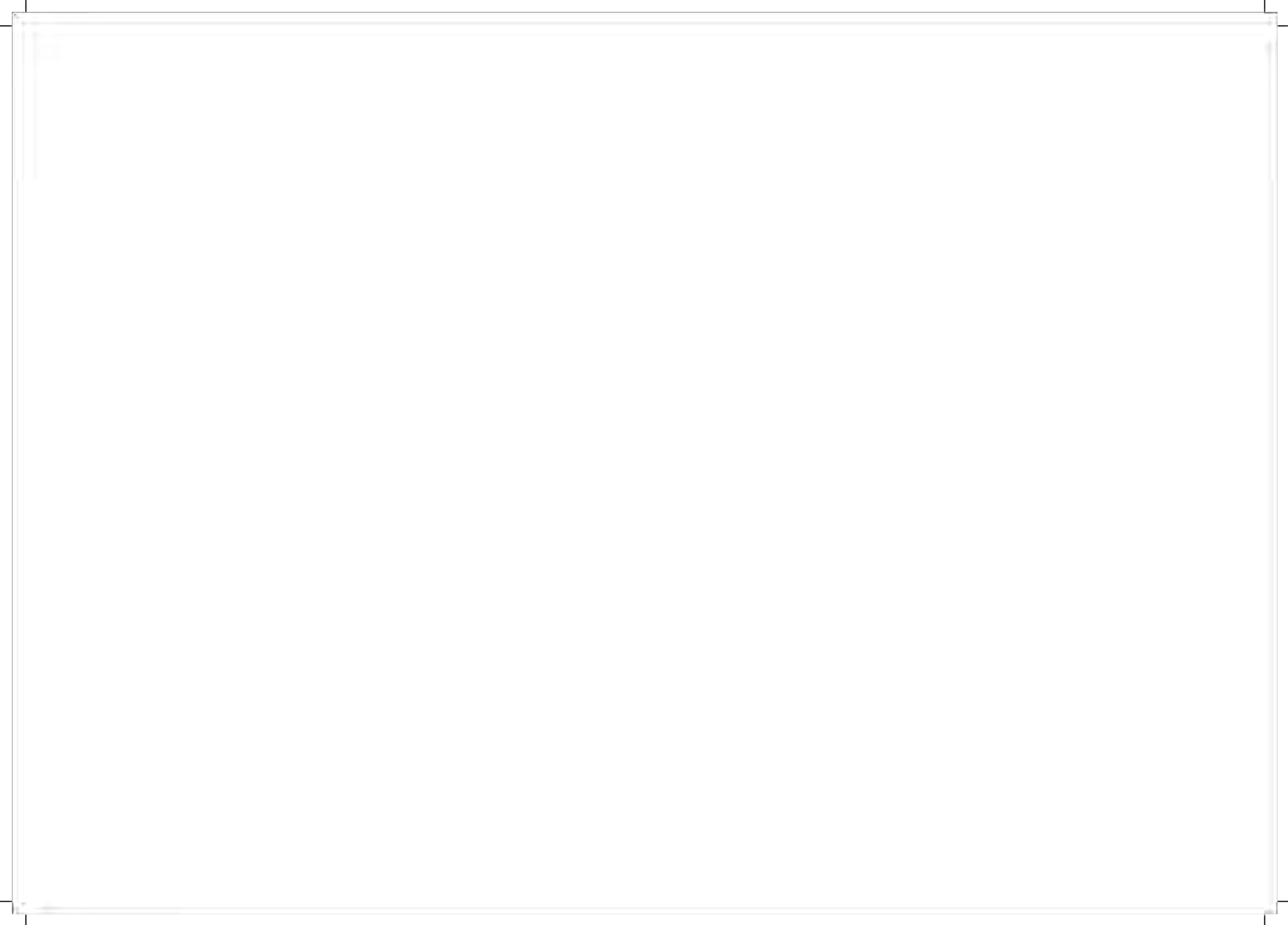


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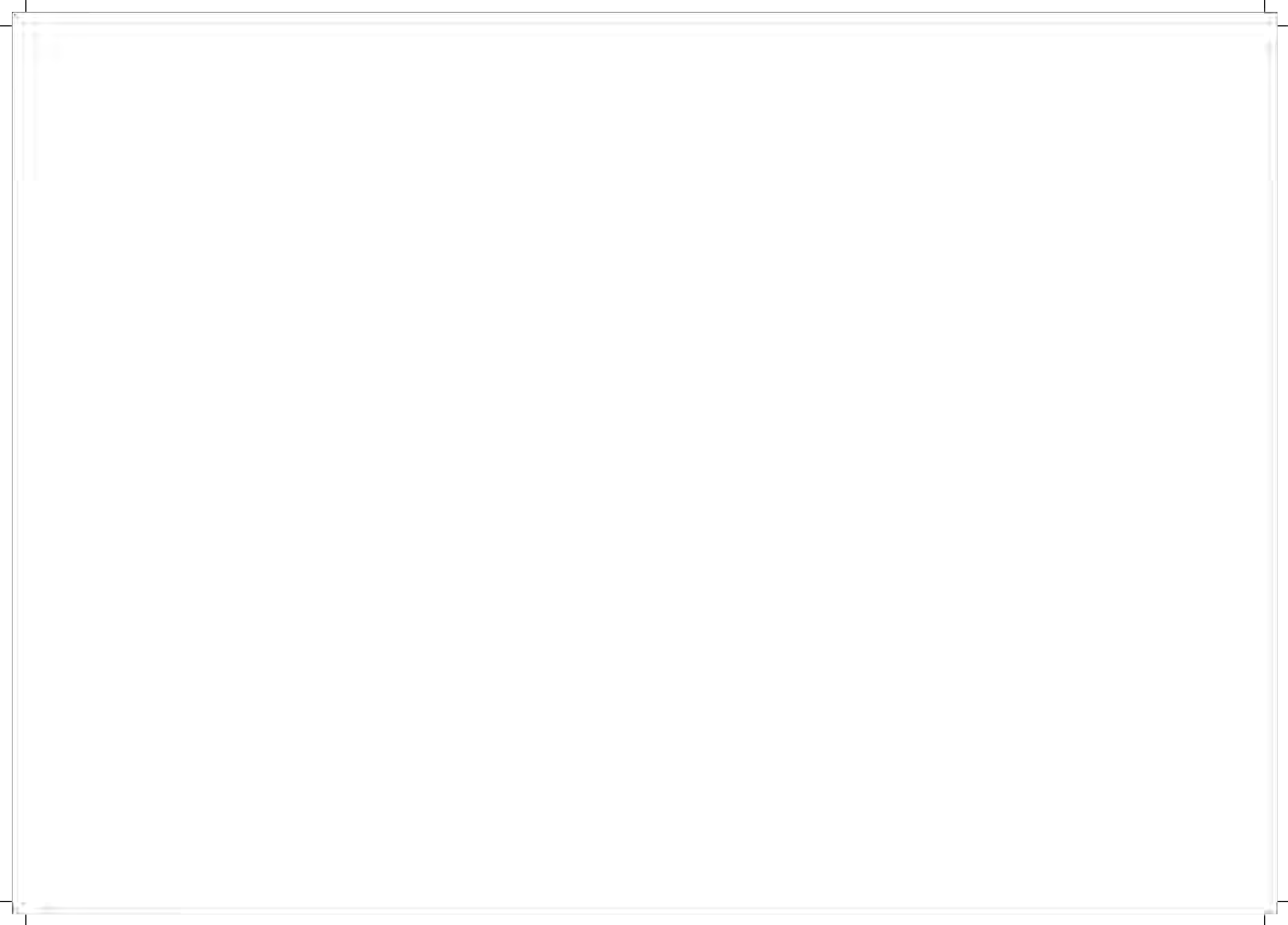
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**BLUE SKIES SHONE DOWN,
NO CLOUDS WERE IN SIGHT.
DECEMBER ROLLED IN,
WITH NO WINTRY BITE**

**NO SNOW COULD BE SEEN
NO SNOWFLAKES IN THE AIR.
NO WHITE CHRISTMAS AGAIN,
NO SNOWFALL TO SHARE.**



**THE FAMILY GATHERED
HANGING THE DECS AROUND.
AS THEY DID, THERE WAS
NO JOLLISS IN THEIR SOUND.**

**THE TREE SPARKLED AND SHONE,
THE LIGHTS WERE FLICKERING BRIGHT.
COME THE MORNING, HOLLY WISHED
THE SNOW WOULD BE IN SIGHT.**



**DAWN BROUGHT THE SUN
BUT THE SKIES STAYED CLEAR.
HOLLY WANTED SNOW,
SHE FELT FULL OF FEAR.**

**STORIES HAD BEEN TOLD,
FOR 50 YEARS AND COUNTING,
ABOUT THE HORRID ONE,
NAGIBO, UP ON THE MOUNTAIN.**





NAGIBO WAS CRUEL.

NAGIBO WAS MEAN.

NAGIBO WAS SCARY.

NAGIBO WAS GREEN.

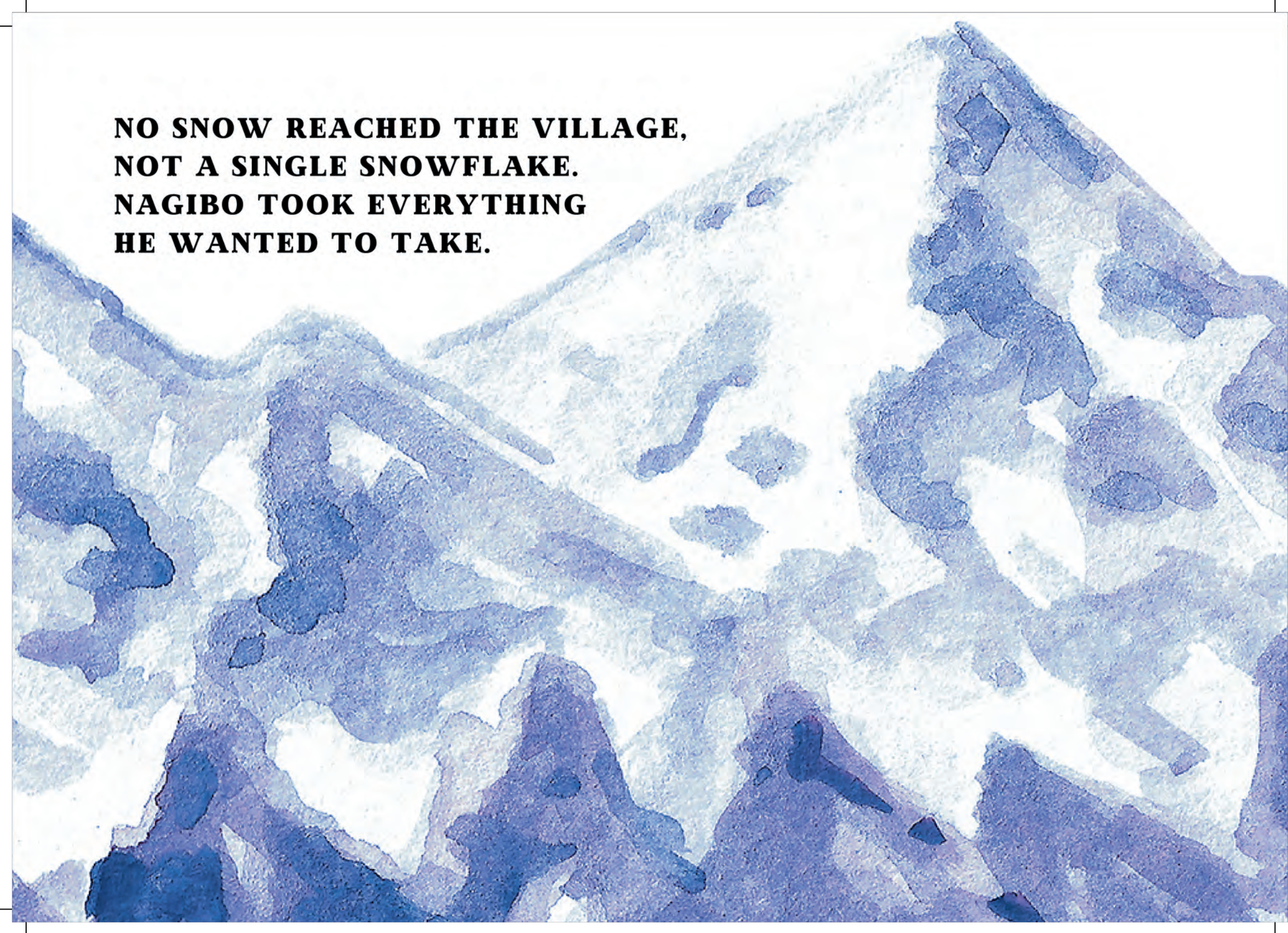
**WITH HORNS ON THE HEAD,
FANGS FOR TEETH;
A FURRY GREEN BODY,
BLACK FEET UNDERNEATH**



**NAGIBO LOVED SNOW,
HE WANTED IT ALL.
ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP,
HE STOPPED THE SNOW FALL.**



**NO SNOW REACHED THE VILLAGE,
NOT A SINGLE SNOWFLAKE.
NAGIBO TOOK EVERYTHING
HE WANTED TO TAKE.**



**HOLLY WOULD NOT STOP,
SHE WANTED THE SNOW.
CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN
HOW FAR WOULD SHE GO?**

**A BLIZZARD HIT HER FACE,
HER BODY FELT COLD.
STEP BY STEP SHE WENT
FEELING INCREASINGLY BOLD.**





**THE SNOW GOT DEEP
THE WIND BLEW WILD.
BUT NOTHING WOULD STOP
THIS DETERMINED CHILD.**

**LATER THAT DAY,
SHE REACHED THE PEAK.
“NAGIBO” SHE SHOUTED,
“WE NEED TO SPEAK”.**



**HER FEAR GREW STRONGER
AS SHE HEARD THE GROWL.
NAGIBO WAS HERE,
AND STARTING TO PROWL.**

**"A CHILD HAD CAME
ONTO THE MOUNTAIN.
FOOD FOR DINNER,
ONE CHILD AND COUNTING".**

**"NAGIBO, PLEASE", HOLLY PLEADED,
"CAN YOU SHARE THE SNOW?
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY,
IN OUR VILLAGE DOWN BELOW."**

**"WE WANT TO BUILD,
A SNOWMAN TOGETHER.
TO HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT,
MAKE MEMORIES FOREVER."**





**“FIFTY YEARS WE’VE HAD
NOT A SINGLE FLAKE FALL.
CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE,
BUT SADNESS IS FELT BY ALL.”**

**NAGIBO LOOKED DOWN,
WITH SADNESS IN THE EYE.
LOOKING UPWARDS WATCHING
SNOW FALL FROM THE SKY.**

**"I'M SORRY" SAID NAGIBO,
"I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT YOU.
MY FRIEND, I REALLY HOPE,
YOU LOVE IT AS MUCH AS I DO."**

**WITH A BLINK OF AN EYE,
THE WALL CAME DOWN.
THE CLOUDS DRIFTED AWAY
ROLLING DOWN TO THE TOWN.**





**THE SNOW STARTED FALLING
THE PEOPLE CHEERED LOUD.
THE SOUND AND THE ROAR,
MADE NAGIBO FEEL PROUD.**

**SPREADING HAPPINESS AND JOY,
IS WHAT CHRISTMAS IS FOR.
THAT FESTIVE SPIRIT, SONGS
AND GENEROSITY GALORE.**



**NAGIBO FELT WARMTH
RUN FROM TIPS OF THE TOES.
UP THE BODY, THROUGH THE HORNS
AND BACK TO THE NOSE.**



**HE HAD MADE PEOPLE HAPPY
ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT.
THE SNOW FELL FAST
AND THE LIGHTS WERE BRIGHT.**



**HOLLY AND THE CHILDREN
WE'RE TUCKED UP IN BED.
COOKIES LEFT OUT,
SO SANTA WAS FED.**



**NAGIBO WATCHED THE SLEIGH
SOAR THROUGH THE SKY.
SANTA AND THE REINDEERS
STARTED TO FLY.**



**UP THE MOUNTAIN SANTA FLEW,
'JINGLE JANGLE' THE BELLS RANG.
"JINGLE BELL, THE SNOW FELL,
SANTA FLEW HERE" NAGIBO SANG.**





**“A PRESENT FOR YOU, NAGIBO”
BELLOWED SANTA FROM HIS SLEIGH.
“FOR BEING KIND AND CARING;
NOW GO AND PLAY”.**





**A PRESENT DROPPED DOWN
ALL WRAPPED WITH A BOW.
WITH A WOODEN SLEDGE
TO GET THROUGH THE SNOW.**



**ON THE SLEDGE NAGIBO GOT,
AND TRAVELLED DOWNHILL.
THROUGH THE BLIZZARDS,
HE ENJOYED THE FRILL.**



**HE REACHED THE VILLAGE
AS THE CHILD WERE WAKING.
SHRIEKS OF JOY HE HEARD
WITH THE SMELL OF FRESH BAKING.**



**CHRISTMAS DAY WAS HERE,
DAWN WAS JUST BREAKING.
AS HE STOOD THERE ALONE,
A SNOWMAN HE STARTED MAKING.**



**BUT WAS NAGIBO REALLY ALONE?
HE SOON REALISED THAT HE WAS NOT -
BEHIND WAS HOLLY AND HER DOG,
THEY WERE HAPPY AND SMILING A LOT.**



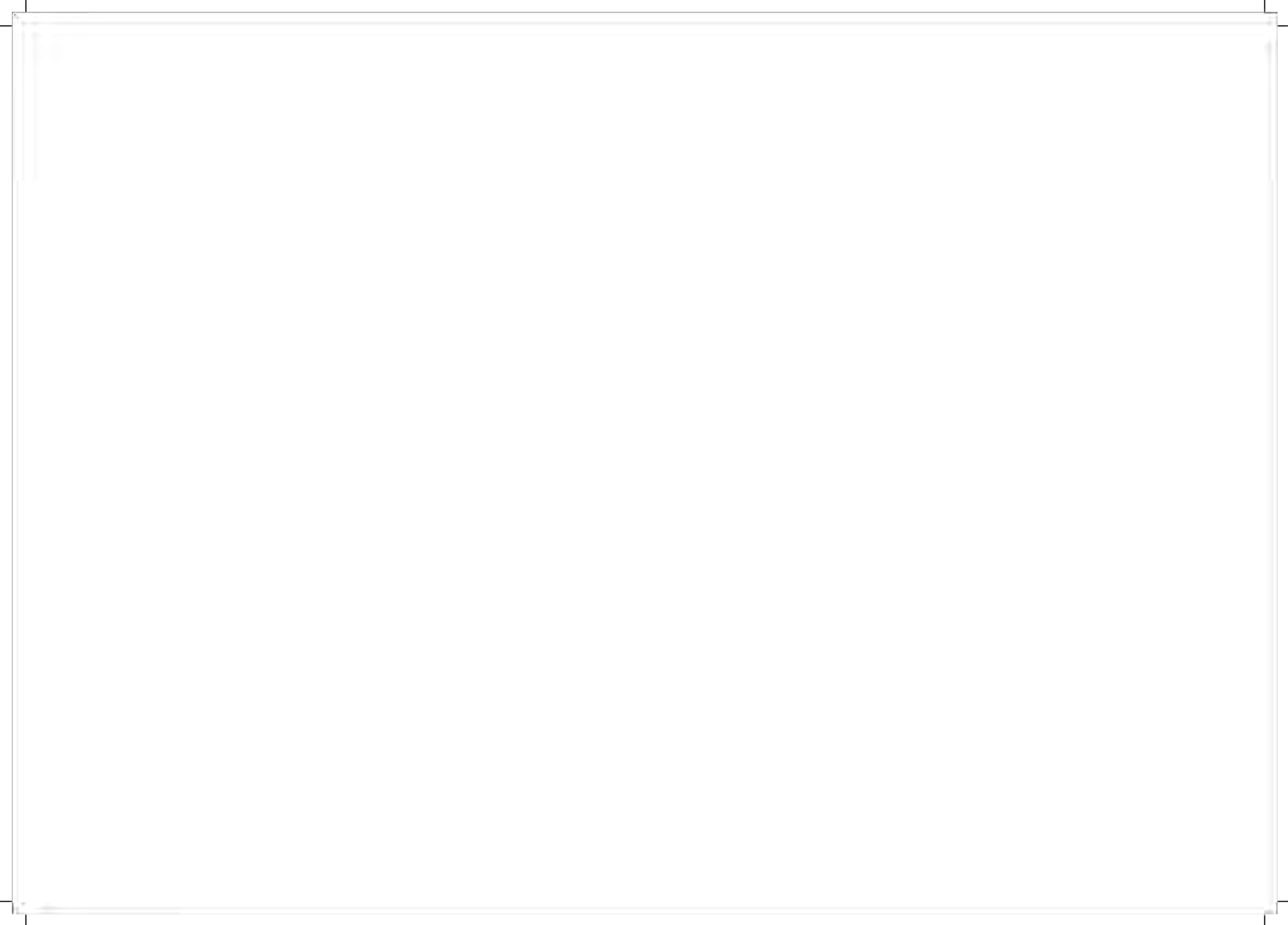


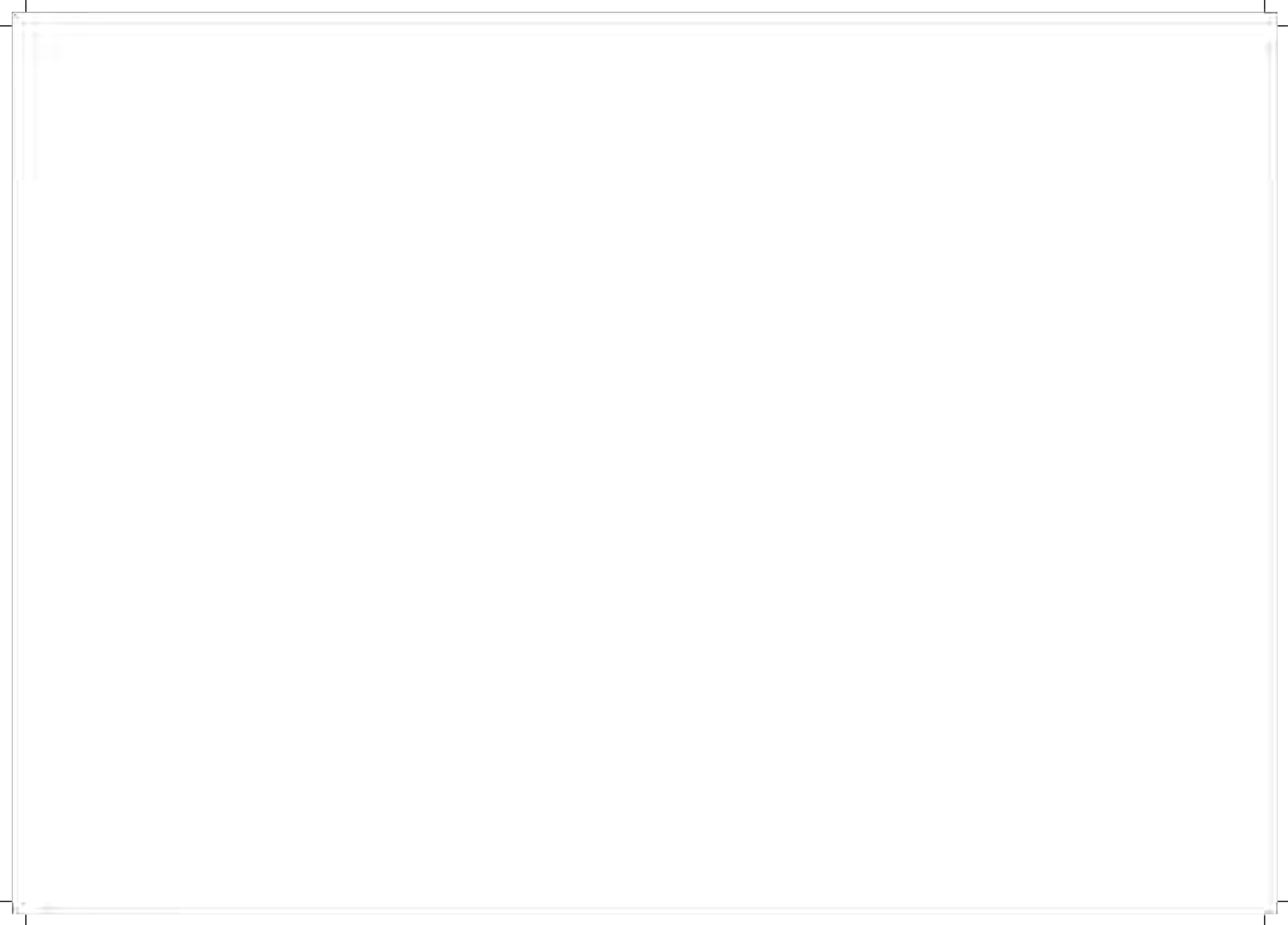
**“LET’S BUILD TOGETHER” HOLLY SAID,
AS THEY GATHERED THE SNOW.
A SNOWMAN BUILT BY HOLLY,
HER DOG AND LITTLE NAGIBO.**





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