

My Friend and I!

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Rain
comes
pouring

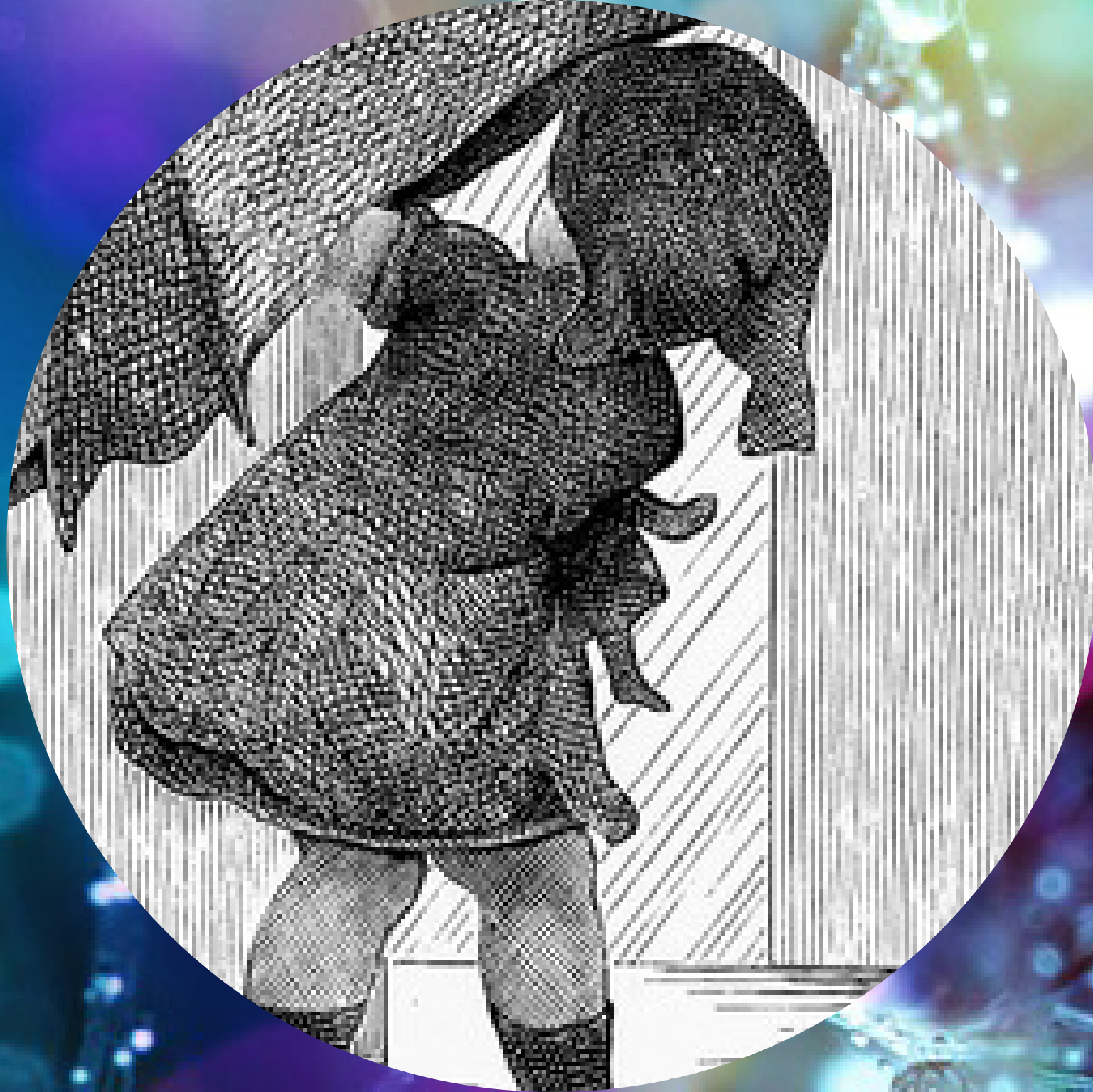
chham!

chham!

chham!

Can you make the
sound of rain?





Chhata
and
me
go

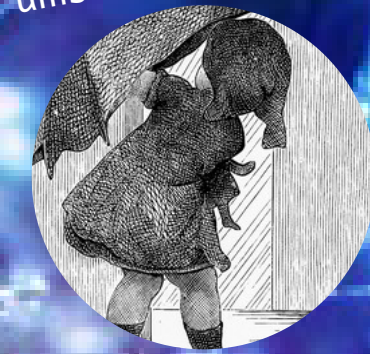
jhham!

jhham!

jhham!



Chhata means
"umbrella" in Hindi.





Whoosh!
I
slip
and...



How do you
say umbrella
in your bhasha?

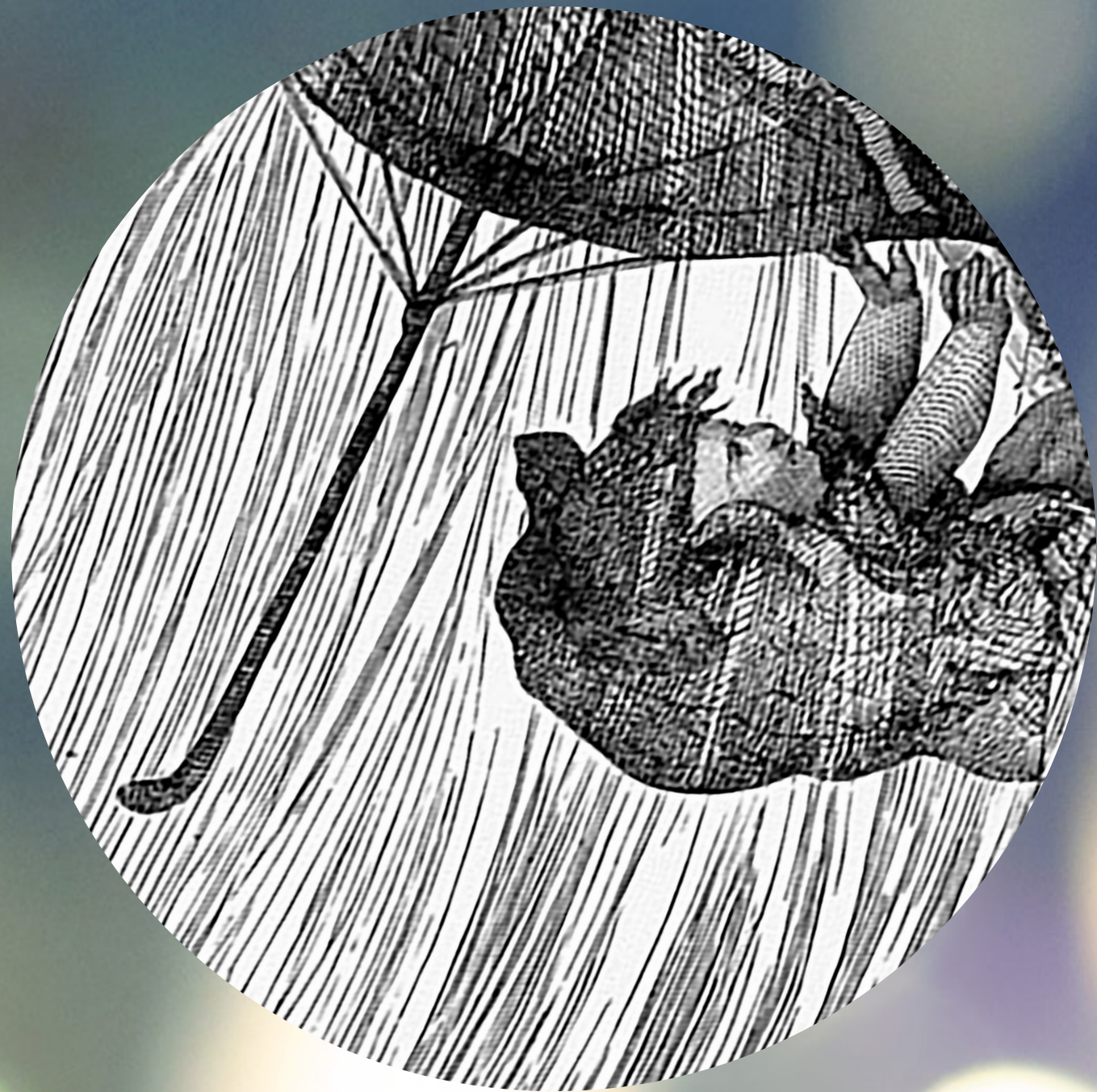




Swoo-
ooosh!
i go!

😊 Do you like to
play in the rain?





Chhata
flies
off

with
me
below!



What do you do
when it rains?



Think!

Do you like the rain?



Ask!

What do you see when it rains?



Discuss!

What would you do if you did not have a chhata in the rain?



Act!

Can you make the sound of the rain?



Achieve!

A chhata is our friend who keeps us cool in the sun and dry in the rain. A chhata can also be our twirling dancing stick or our magic wand! Draw a picture of you and your chhata!



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