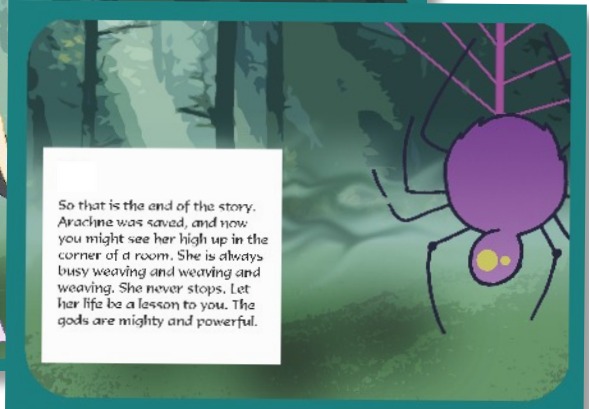
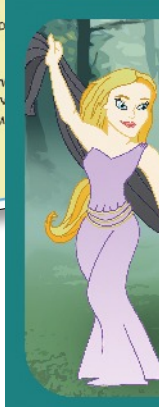
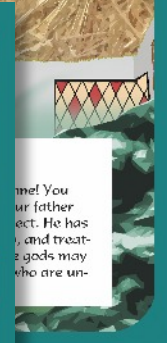
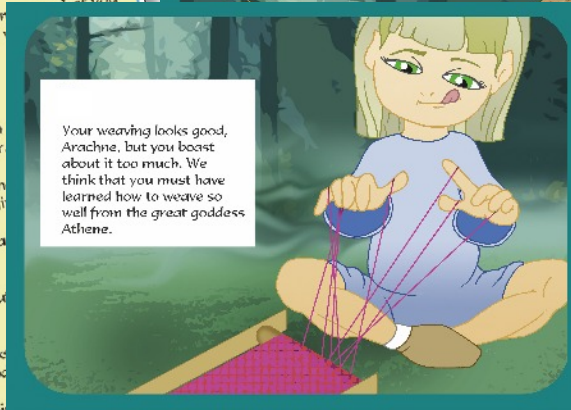


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Print out the A4 sheets.

If possible, laminate the Chorus Text and cover the pages of the cards with 'clear pvc self adhesive film'. Then cut along the dotted lines and make the cards.

HOW TO PLAY:

Divide the class in two groups. Each group has given a set of cards and a Chorus text. Students read the information on the cards and on the chorus two or three times. One group of student mime the story. The rest of the class became the chorus, and shared out the statements between them so they could comment in twos and threes as the events were presented. As in a traditional Greek chorus, sometimes they talk to an 'audience' sometimes they speak directly to the characters and sometimes they speak aloud to themselves.

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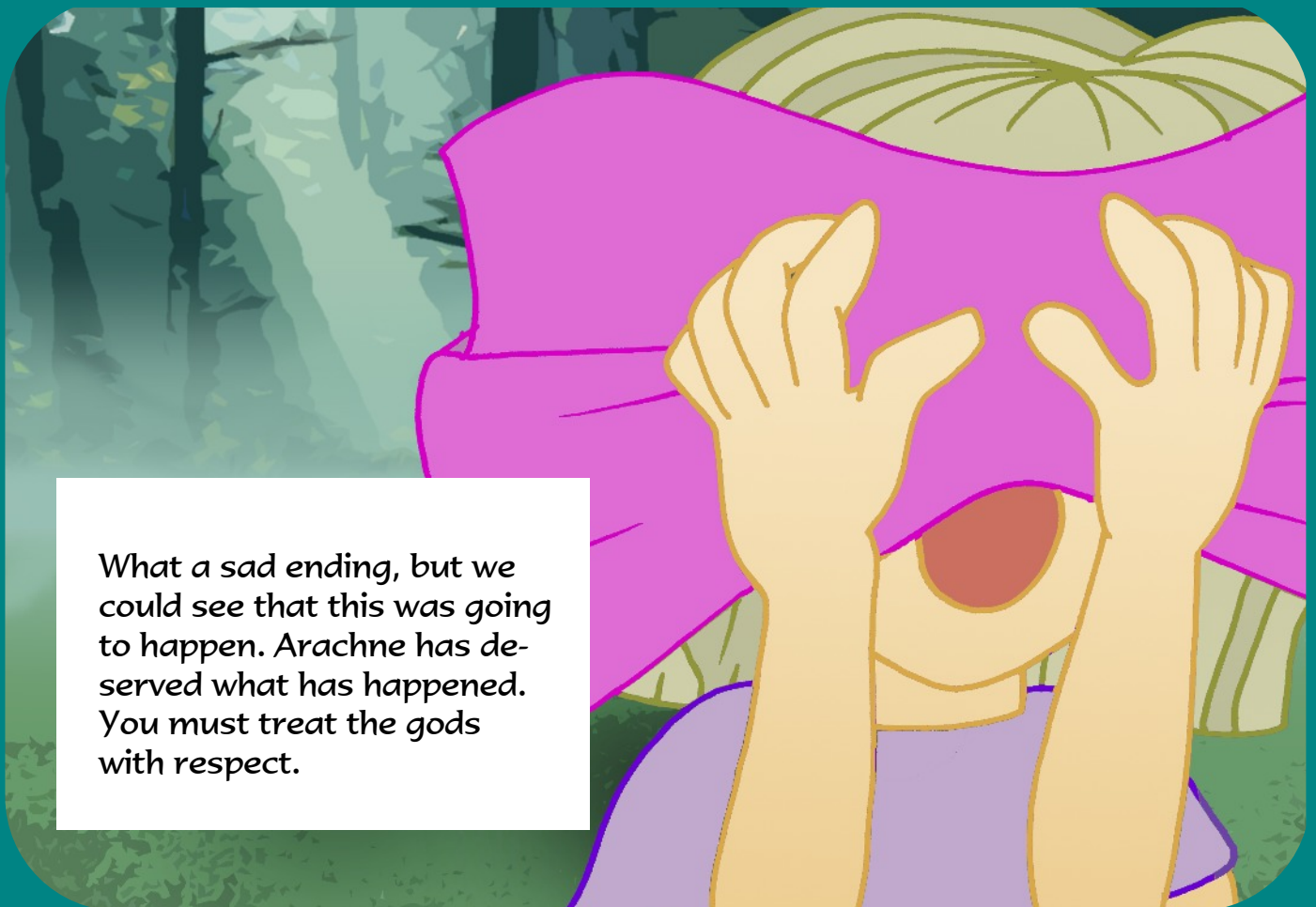
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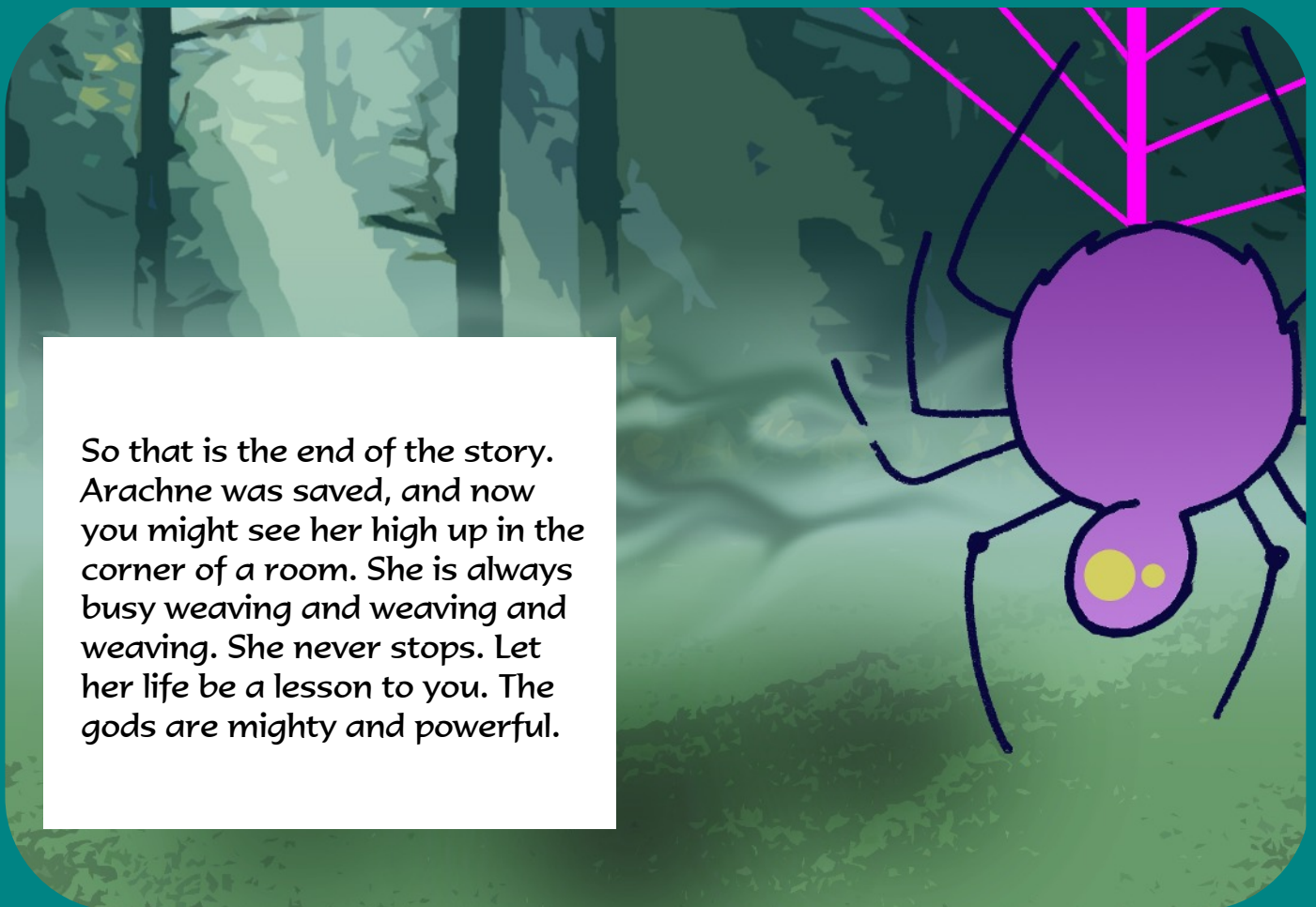
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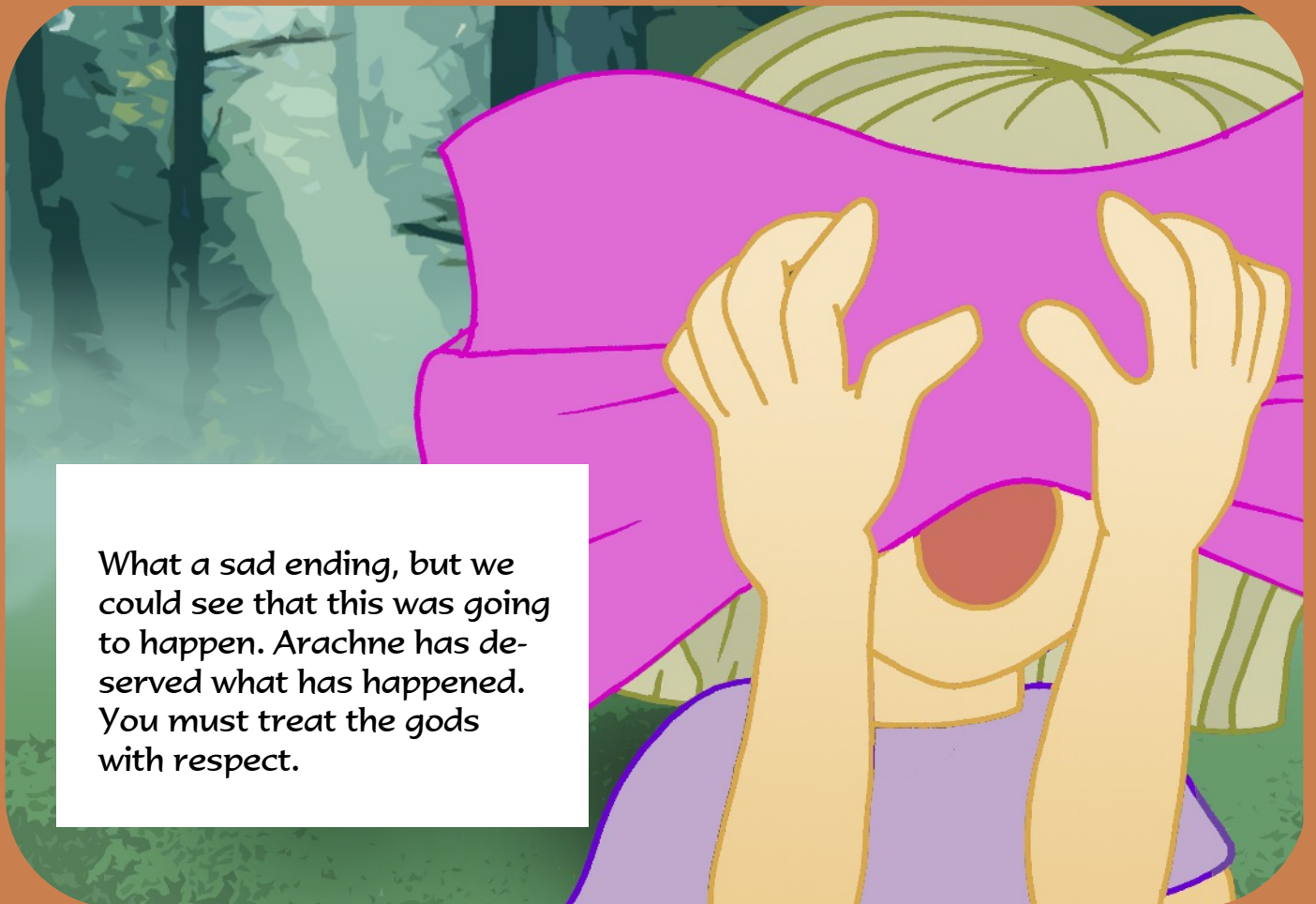
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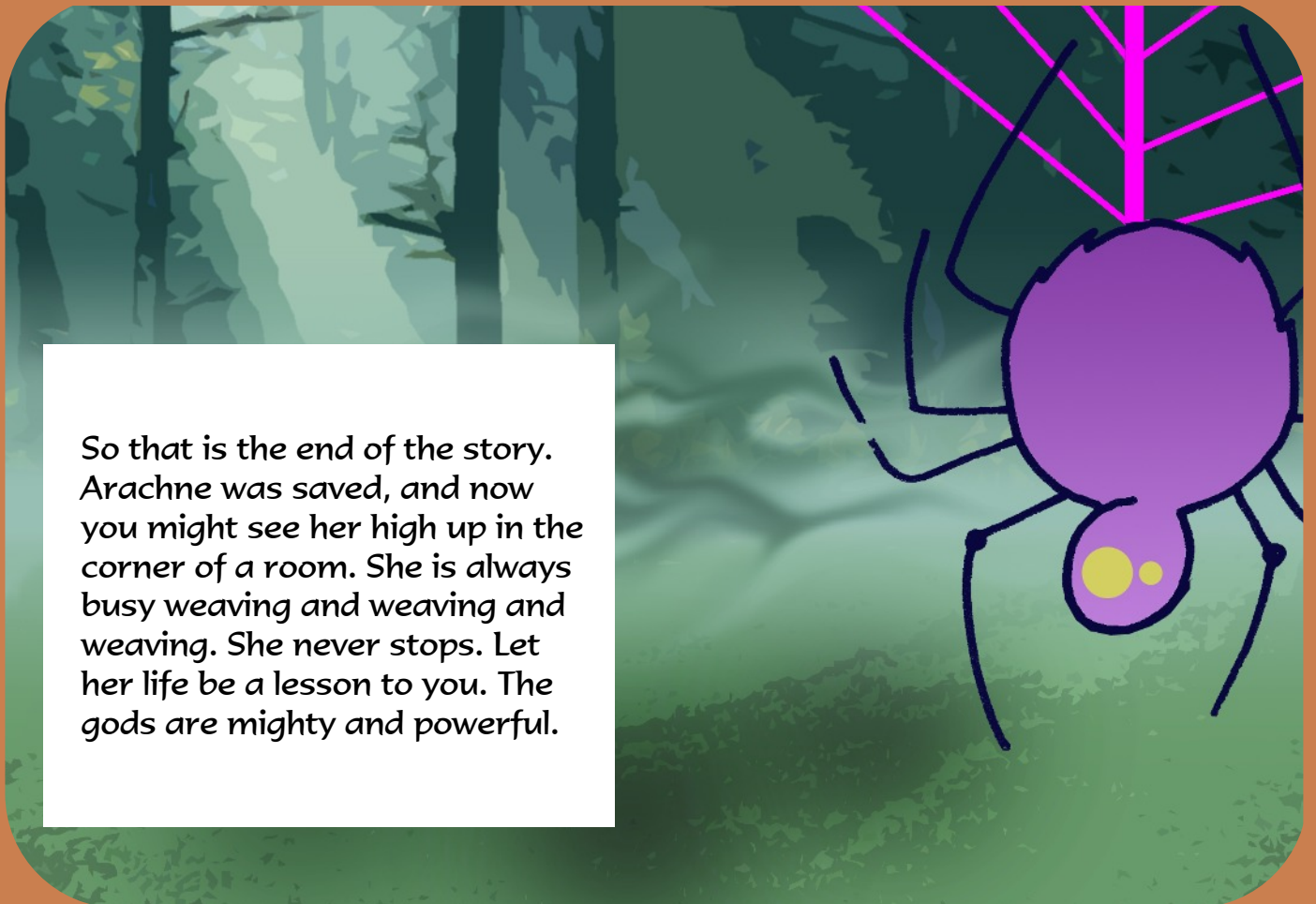
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