A Twinkl Original

A Monster Surprise

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Beneath the leafy rooftop of the woods in Little Nook
Was a very hungry rabbit, who was searching by the brook.

"My **flowers** have been stolen – almost every single bunch!"
Rabbit panicked, feeling sure that there was not enough for lunch.

He saw a clump of fur between some sticks upon the ground
And he thought that he might know just where the culprit might be found.

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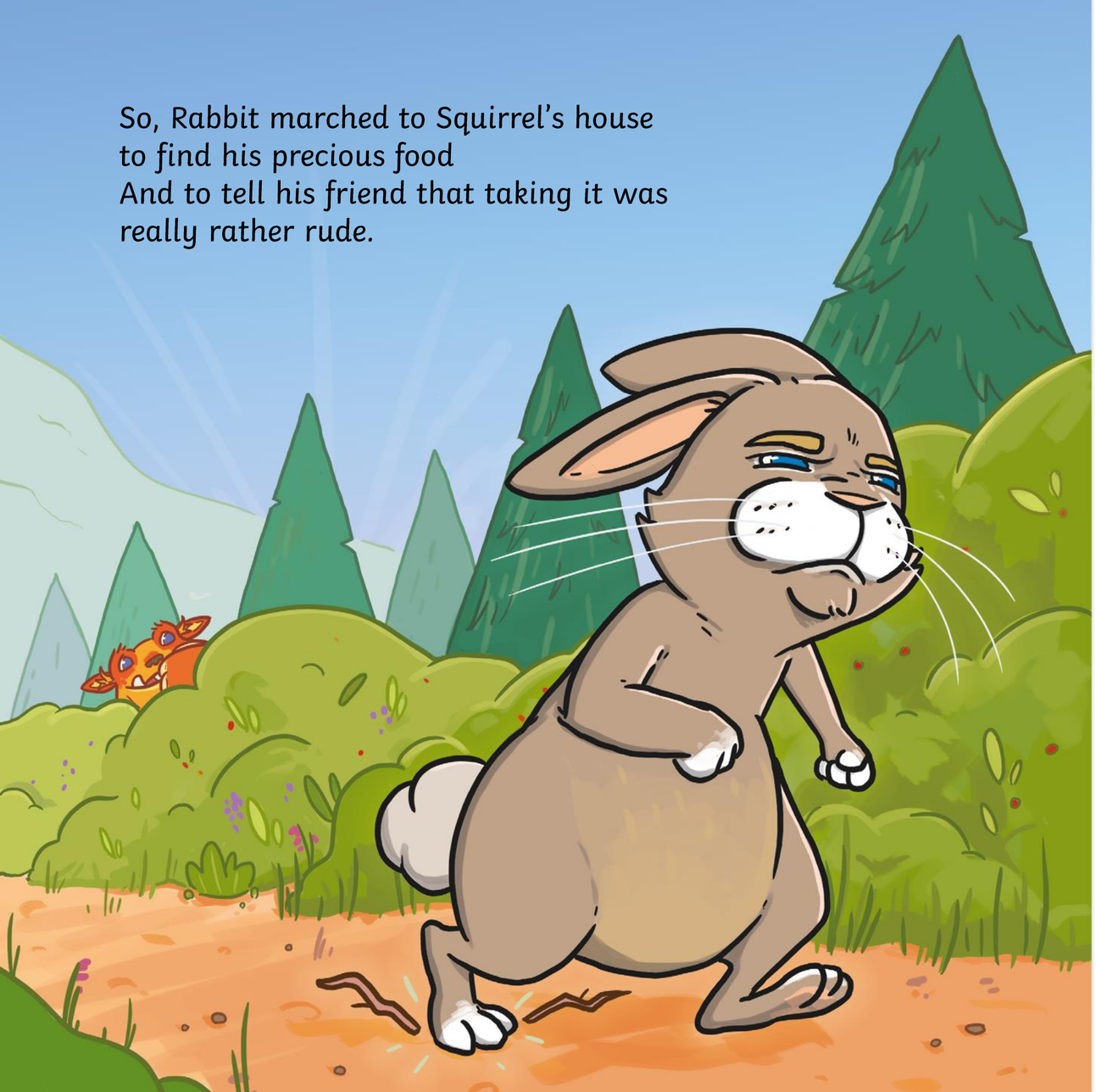
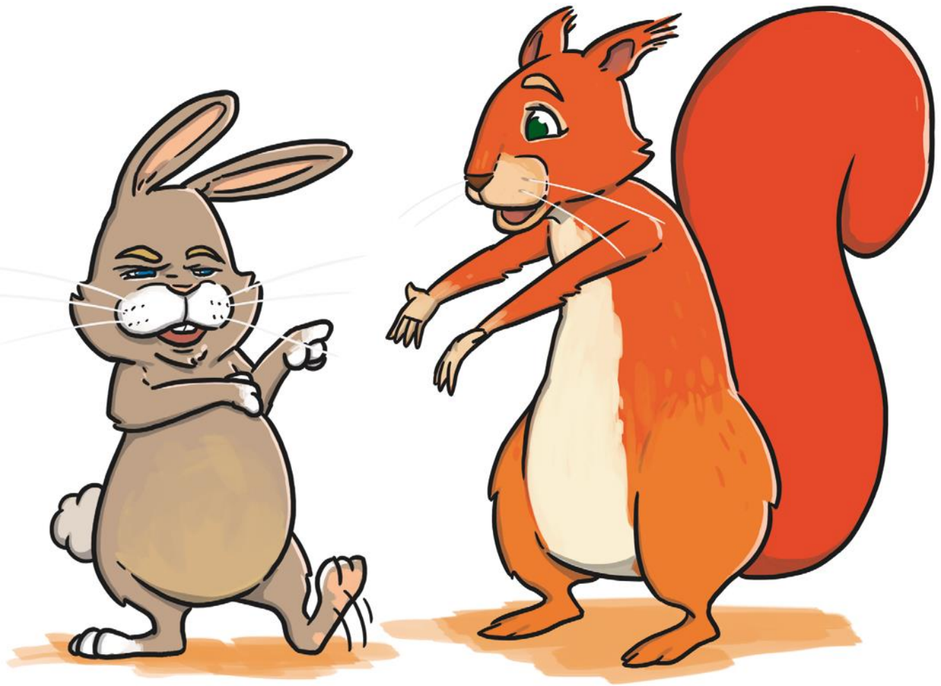
So, Rabbit marched to Squirrel's house
to find his precious food
And to tell his friend that taking it was
really rather rude.



"Excuse me!" shouted Rabbit, now with Squirrel in his sight.
"I was really looking forward to my marigold delight.

I know you took my flowers, please
return them right away."



But it wasn't only Rabbit who was missing food that day.

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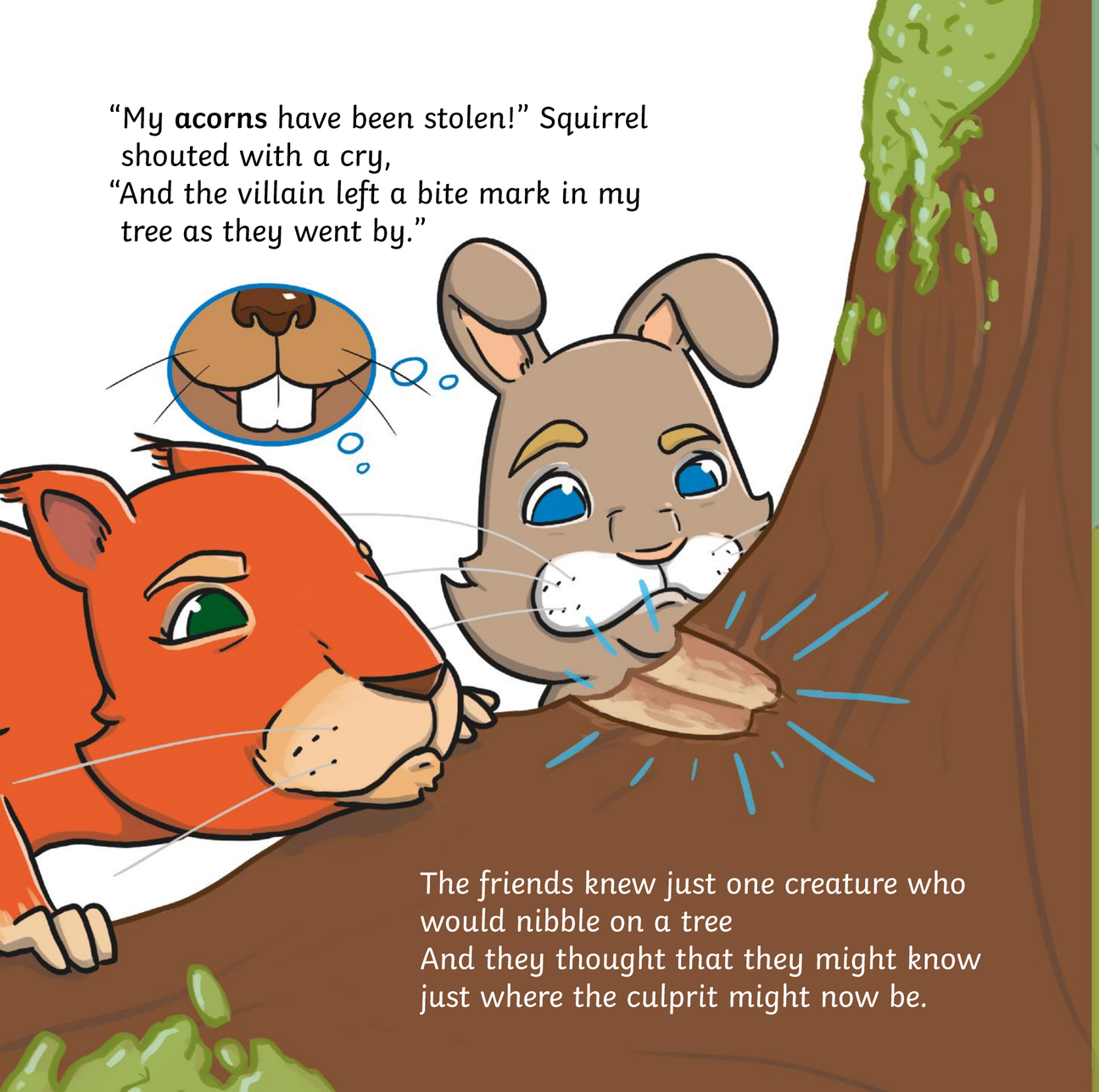
“My **acorns** have been stolen!” Squirrel
shouted with a cry,
“And the villain left a bite mark in my
tree as they went by.”



The friends knew just one creature who
would nibble on a tree
And they thought that they might know
just where the culprit might now be.

So, on they marched to Beaver’s house to
find their precious food,
And to tell their friend that taking it was
really rather rude.

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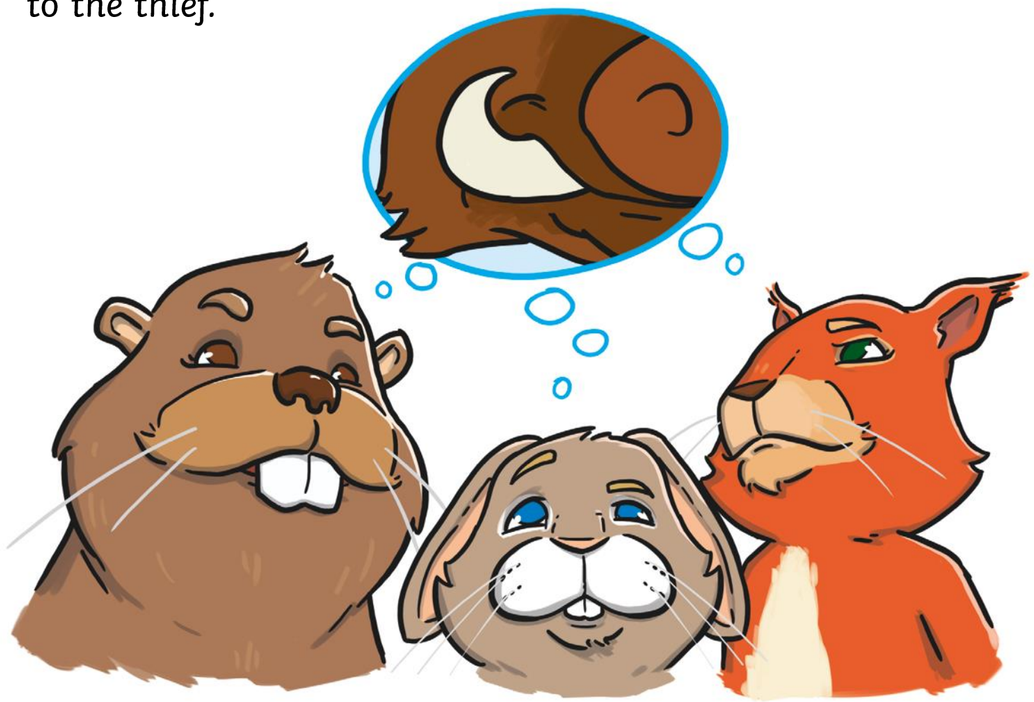
"Excuse me!" shouted Squirrel, now with Beaver up ahead,
"I was really looking forward to my toast with acorn spread.

I know you took my acorns. Would you kindly give them back?"

But it wasn't only Squirrel who was cross about her snack.

"My **branches** have been stolen!" snuffled Beaver, full of grief.
"And I'm sure I saw a pointy tusk belonging to the thief."



The friends knew just one creature with a tusk of any sort
And they thought that they might know just where the culprit might be caught.

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So, on they marched to Boar's house, off to find their precious food
And to tell their friend that taking it was really rather rude.

"Excuse me!" shouted Beaver, now that Boar was in her view.
"I was really looking forward to my branch and bramble stew.

I know you took my branches and I'd like them back, unchewed!"

But it wasn't only Beaver who was longing for her food.

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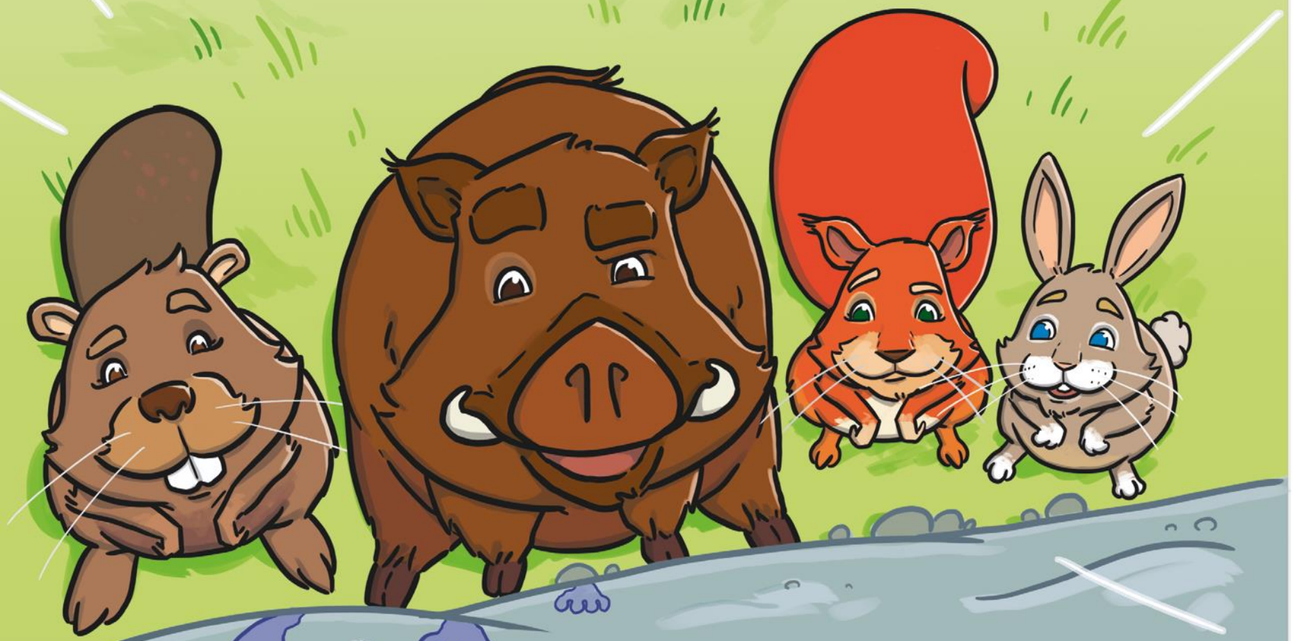
"My **berries** have been stolen!" snorted Boar,
wide-eyed with shock.
"And the robber left some footprints leading
right across that rock.



I've never seen a creature who has
footprints of that kind
So I think that we should follow
them to see what we can find."

The friends climbed up the rock and
clambered down the other side
As they trekked to find their food with just the
footprints as their guide.

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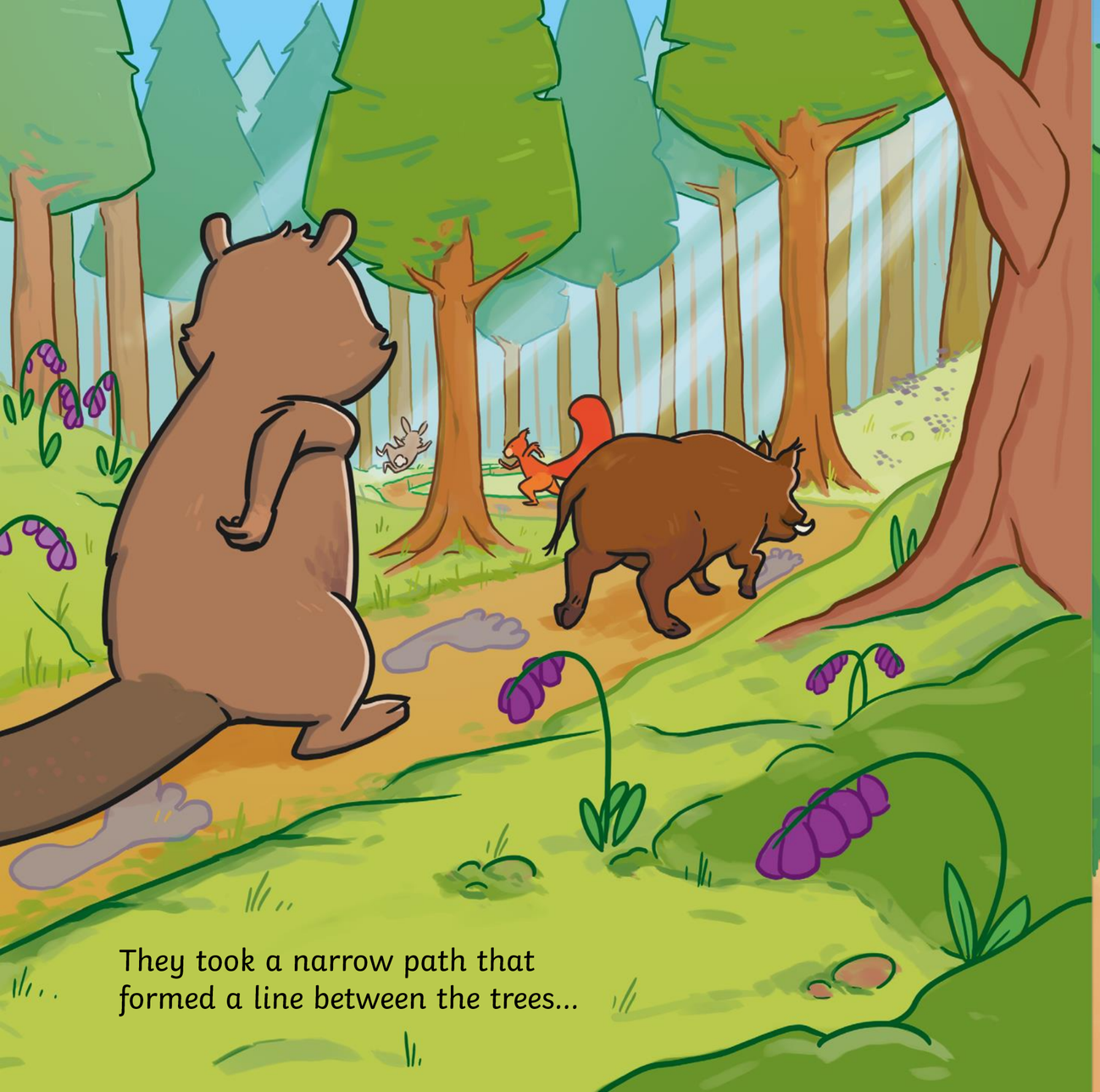
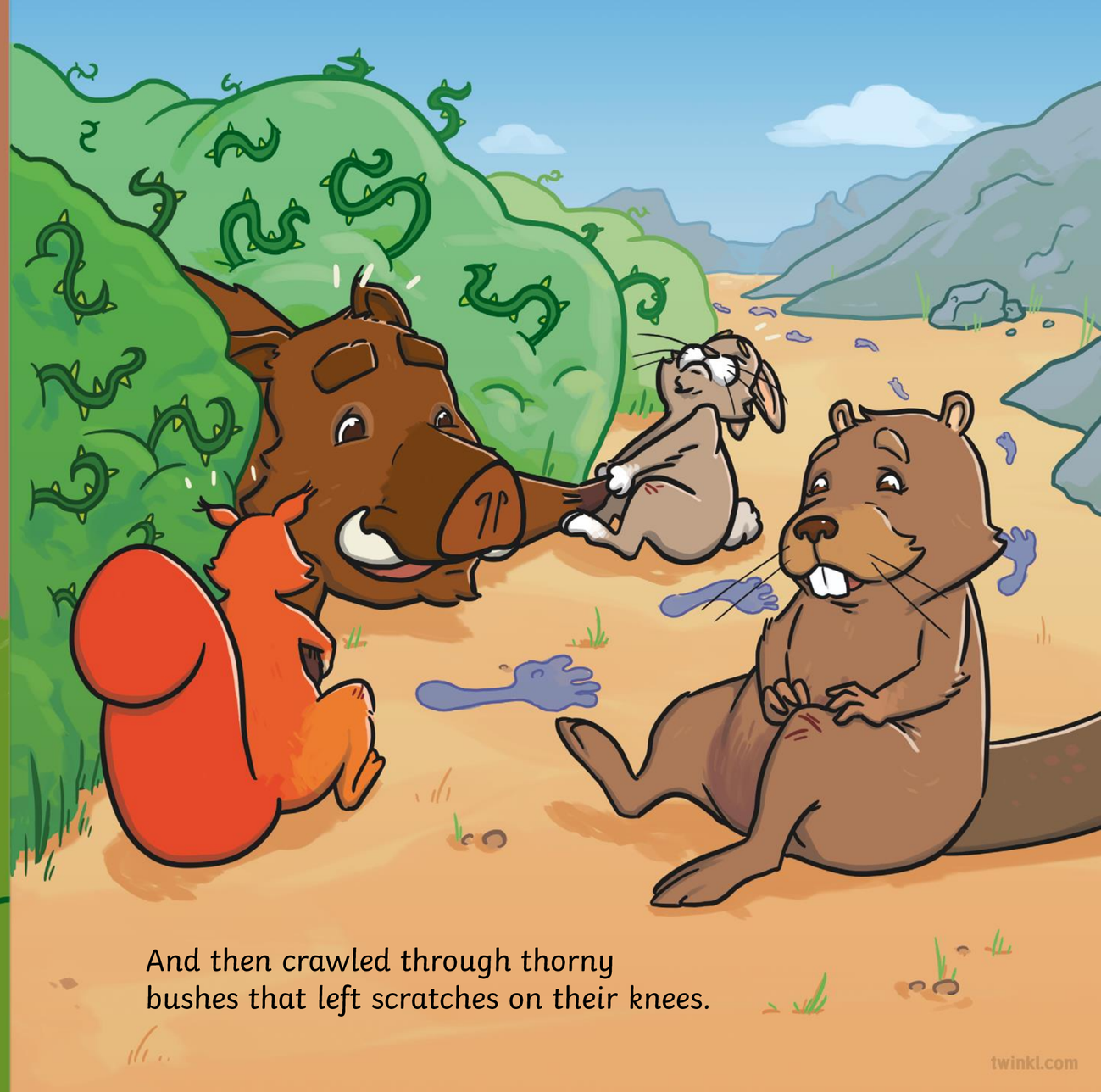


They took a narrow path that
formed a line between the trees...



And then crawled through thorny
bushes that left scratches on their knees.

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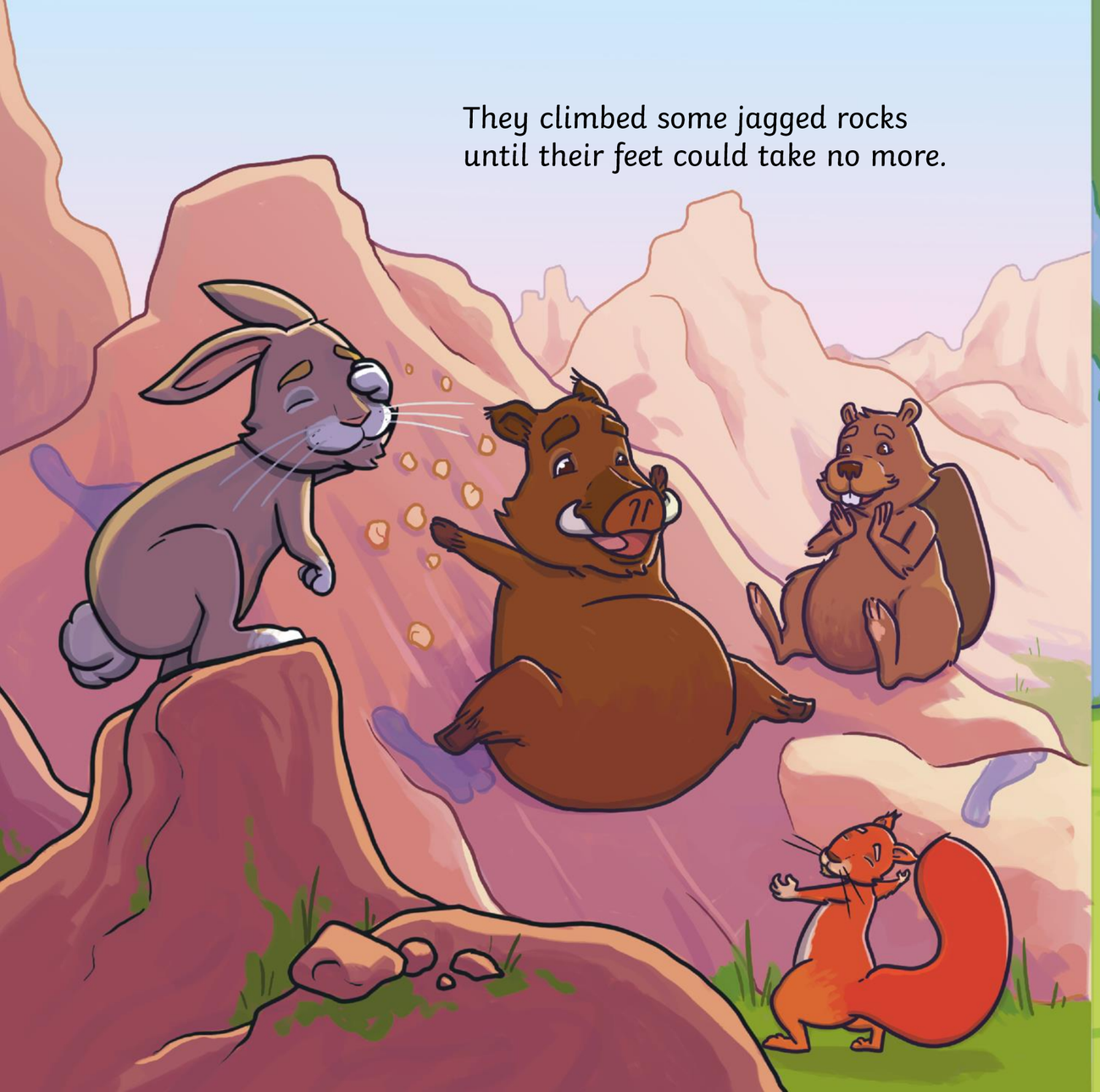
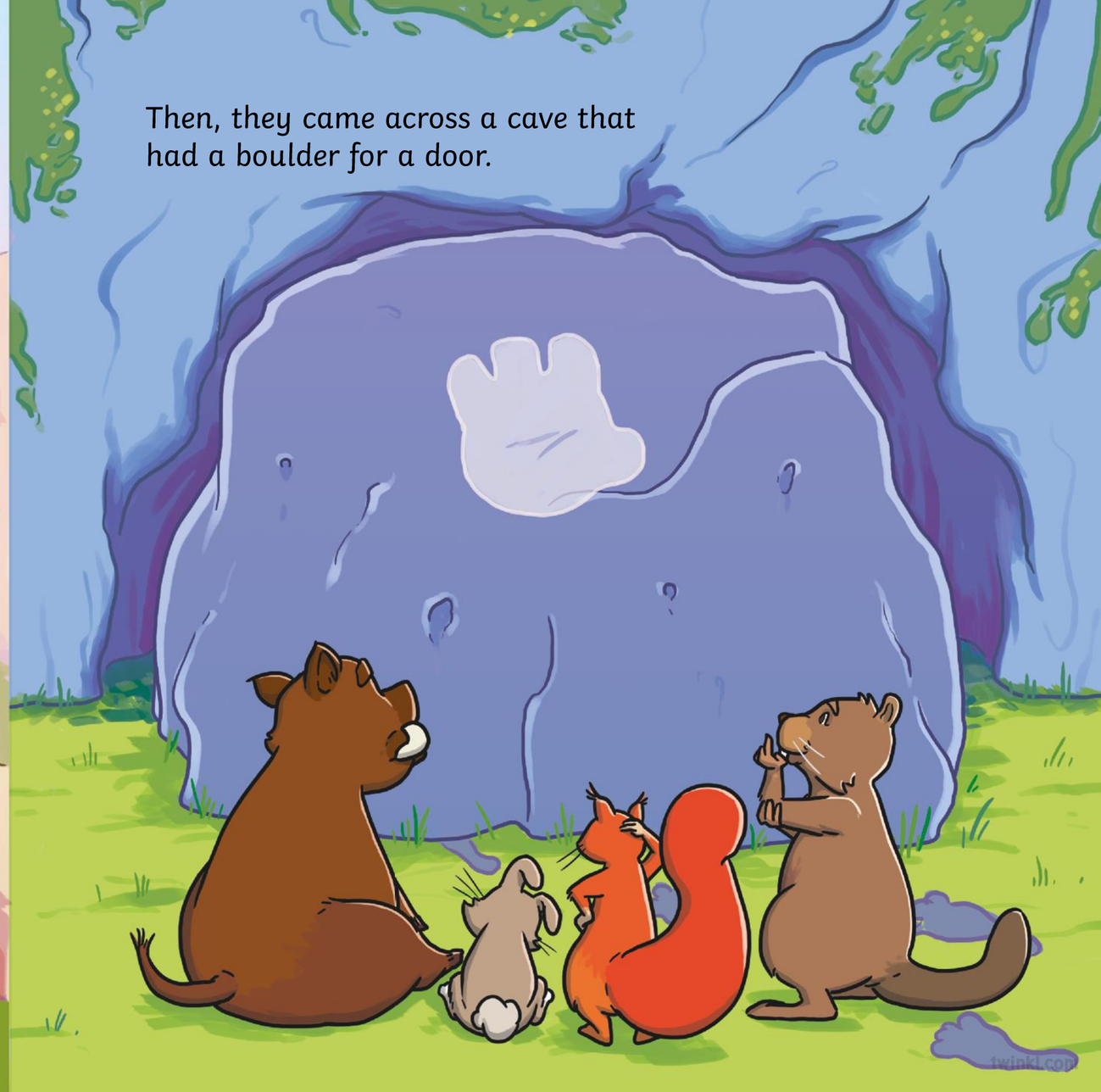
They climbed some jagged rocks
until their feet could take no more.

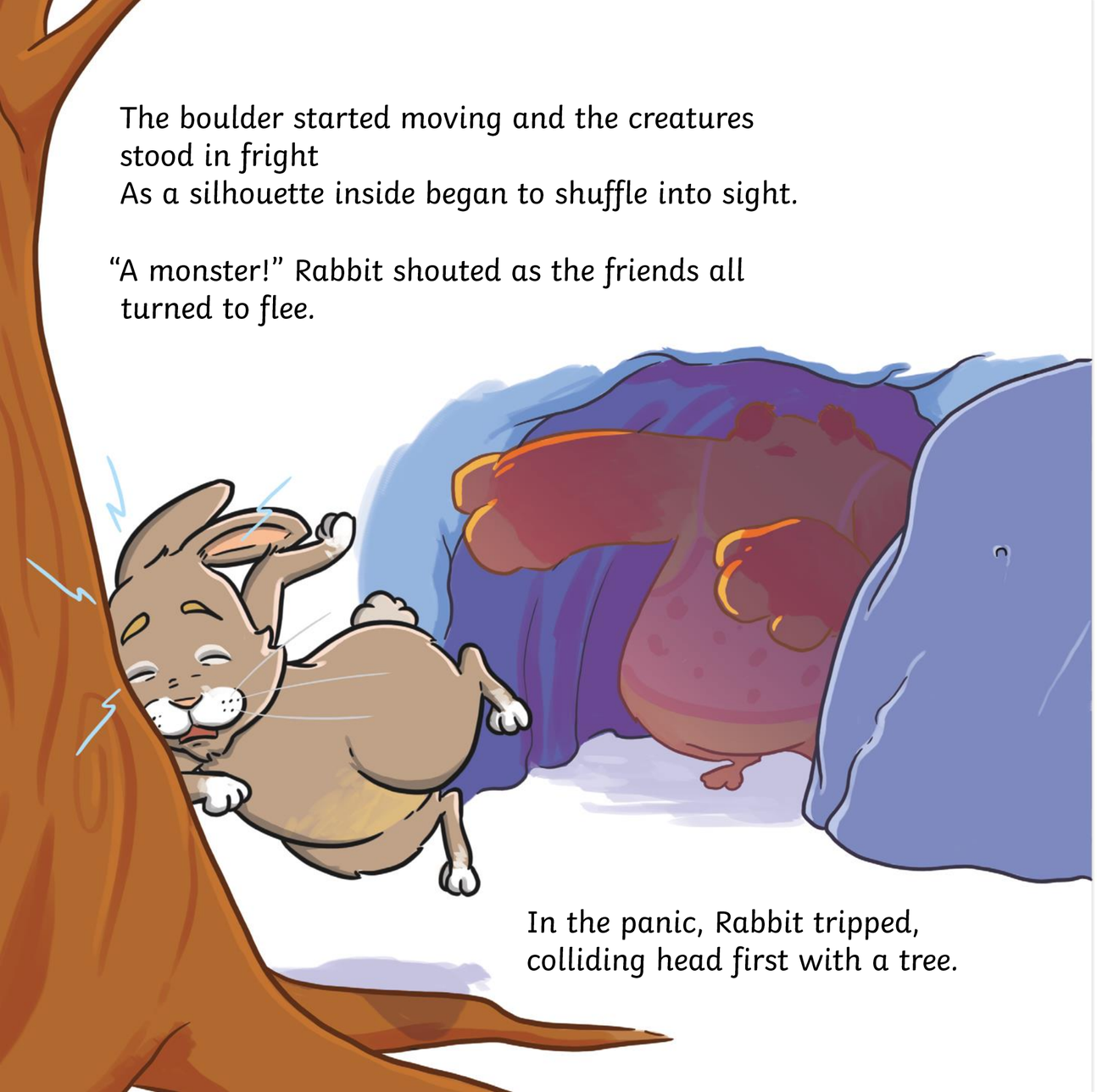


Then, they came across a cave that
had a boulder for a door.



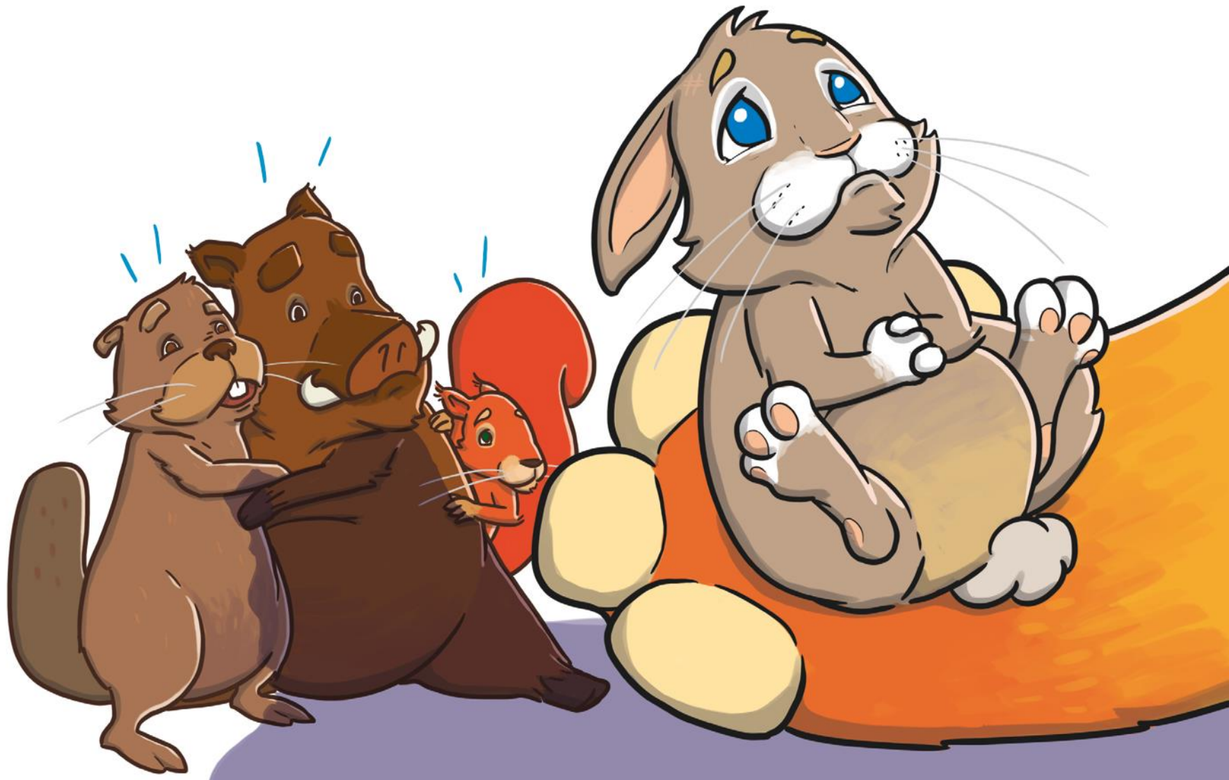
The boulder started moving and the creatures
stood in fright
As a silhouette inside began to shuffle into sight.

"A monster!" Rabbit shouted as the friends all
turned to flee.



In the panic, Rabbit tripped,
colliding head first with a tree.

The monster's hand loomed down and as
it picked him up, he shook.
There was nothing quite so scary in the
whole of Little Nook!



"Oh, please say you won't eat me!"
Rabbit begged with fearful eyes.

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"I would **never** eat a rabbit!" laughed the monster with surprise.
"Well, thank you!" answered Rabbit, as he brushed the dirt away.
And the friends were all relieved to see that Rabbit was OK.

The monster mumbled shyly as it bent down on one knee,
"I was hoping that you all would like to join me for some tea."
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The monster clicked its fingers and the glow-worms
shined their lights
On the most amazing party full of wonderful delights.

"Our missing foods!" said Rabbit, now the
monster's plan was clear,
And the creatures all said sorry for reacting
with such fear.

"Please join me," said the monster, as
it headed for the seats.
"You can help yourself to cups of tea
and lots of yummy treats."

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When Rabbit's little tummy brimmed with marigold delight,
And when all the toast had gone with no more acorn spread in sight,

When Boar was full of berries and the stew was at an end,
They all thanked the gentle monster...

who was now their brand new friend.

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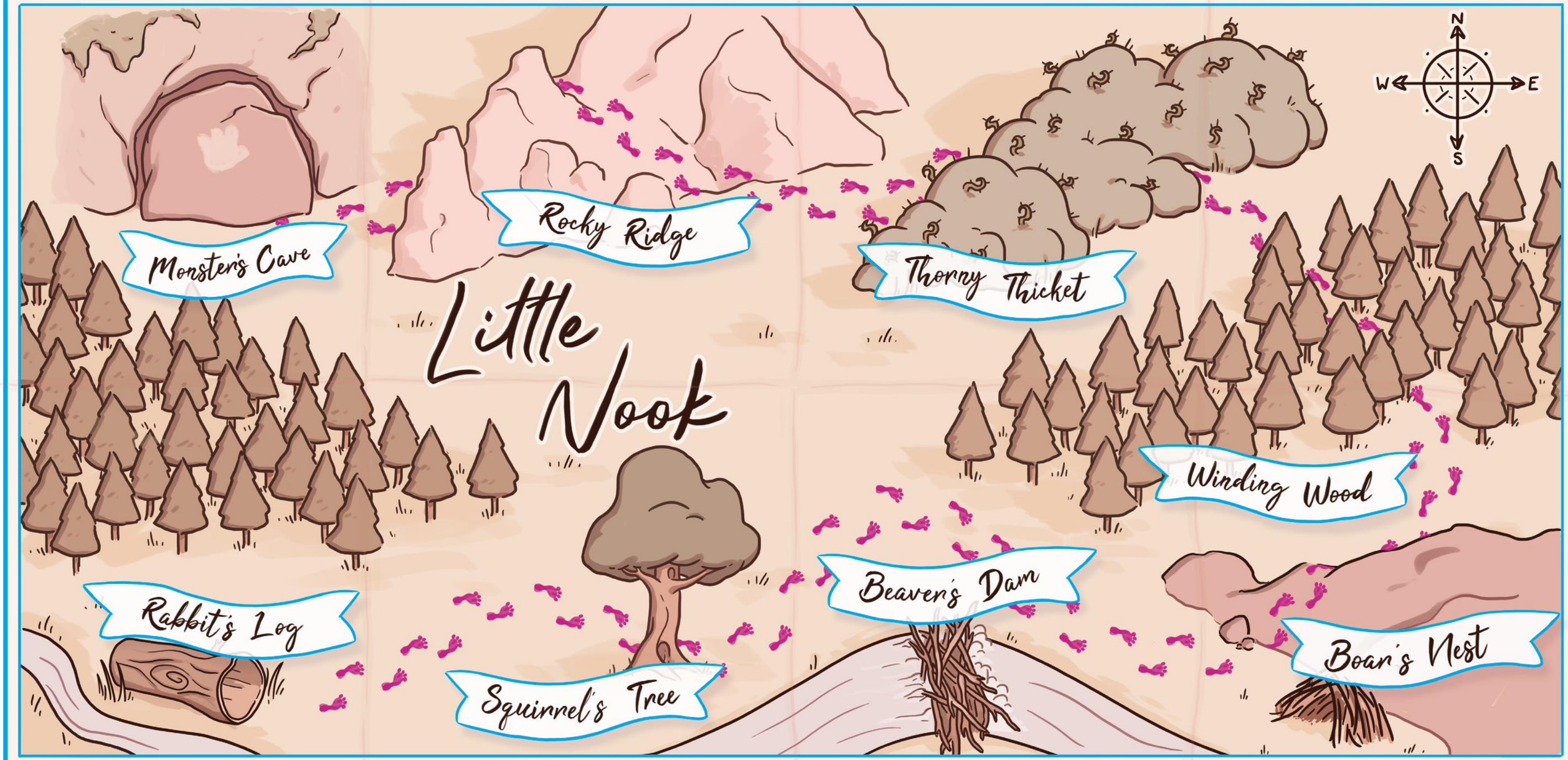
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