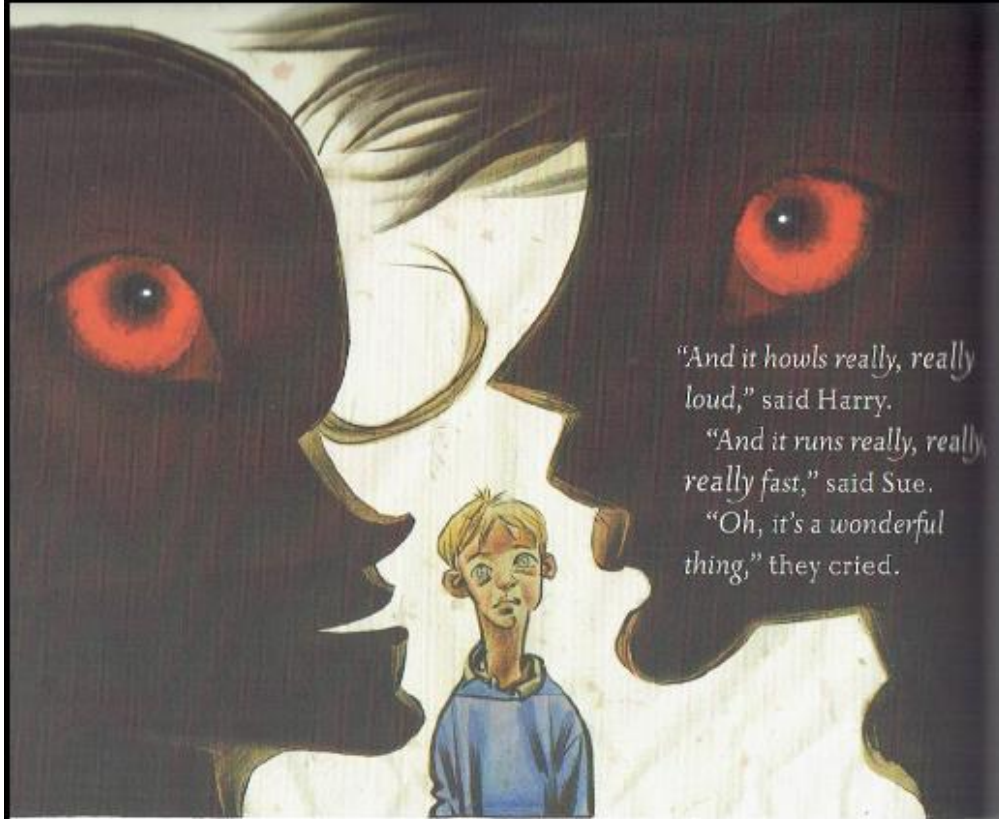


Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

English Writing Task – Mouse Bird Snake Wolf

**In this session, you are going to explore how characters in a story have viewpoint and voice. You will step into Ben's shoes and think about how he thinks and feels at an important turning point in this story.**



*"And it howls really, really loud,"* said Harry.

*"And it runs really, really, really fast,"* said Sue.

*"Oh, it's a wonderful thing,"* they cried.



Little Ben said,  
*"But isn't that a bit...?"*

He scratched his head,  
as if he didn't know  
the word he was  
looking for.

*"A bit scary,"*  
he said at last.

*"No!"* said Harry and  
Sue.

*"Isn't it a bit ...  
dangerous?"*



*"Of course not!"*  
said Harry and Sue.  
*"Don't be silly. Don't be scared.*  
*A wolf is a wonderful, beautiful,*  
*marvellous thing."*

And they stood still and  
stared up into the clouds  
and they yelled, *"Isn't it?*  
*Isn't a wolf a wonderful, beautiful,*  
*marvellous thing?"*



And the one god who heard  
them looked down and smiled,  
and shrugged, and muttered,  
*"Yes, children. I suppose it is."*  
And fell fast asleep.



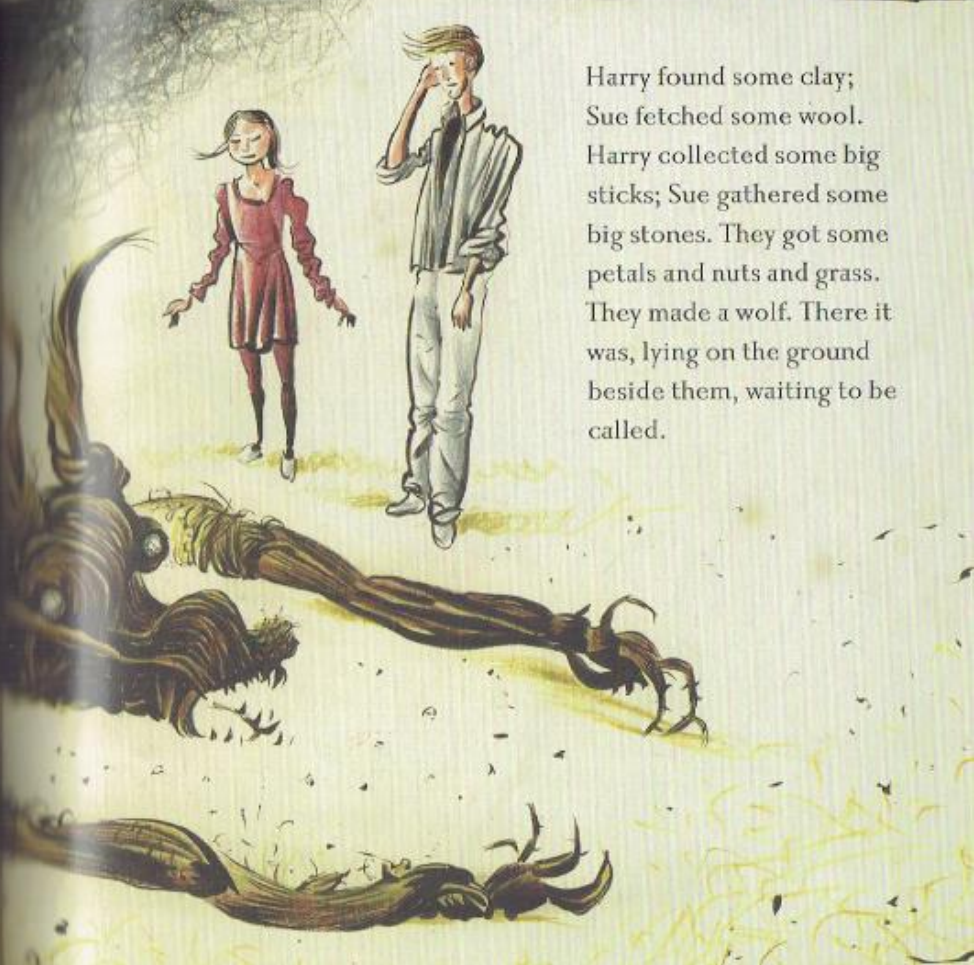


"See?"  
said Harry.

"See?"  
said Sue.



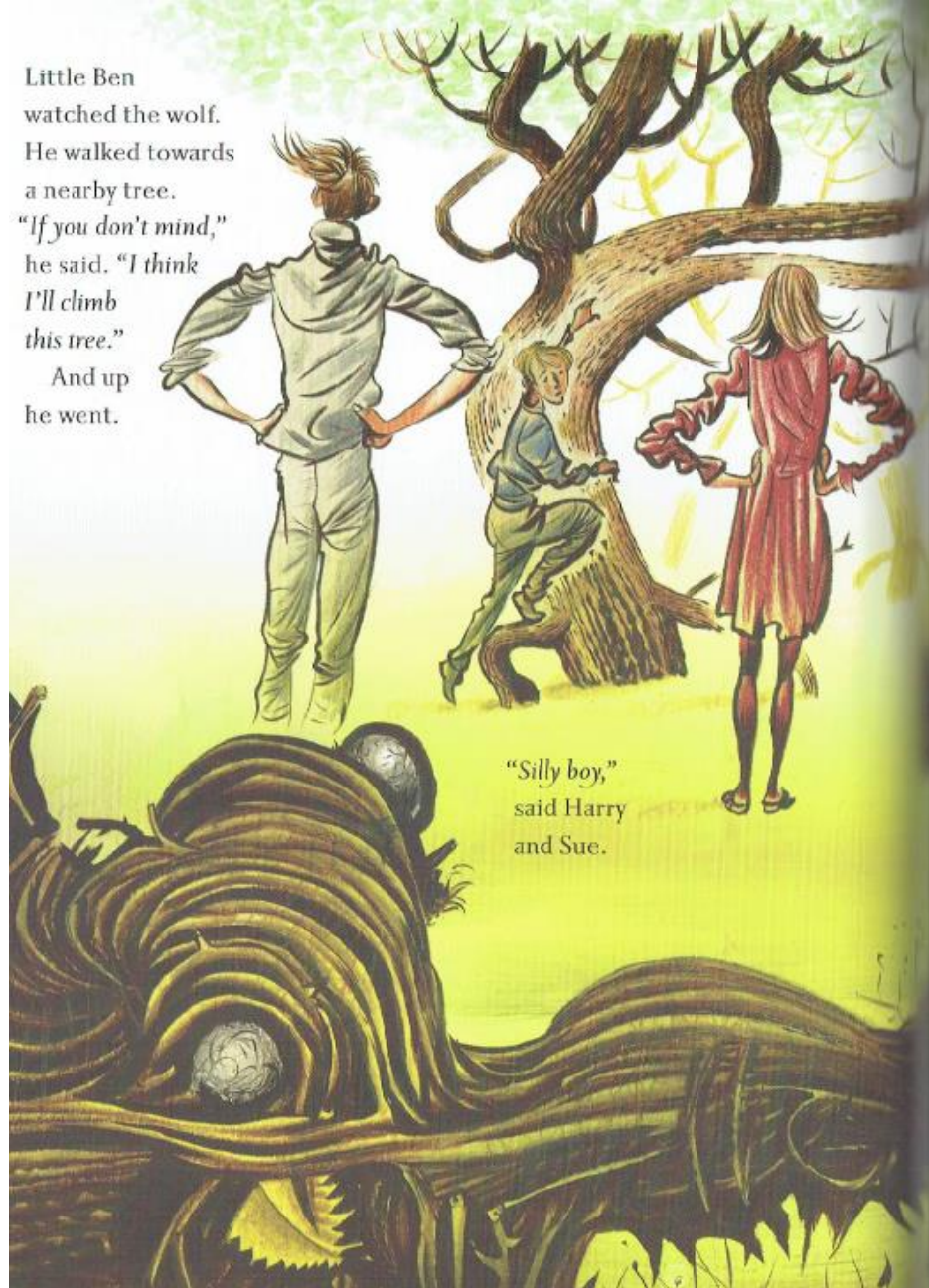
"Hum,"  
said Little  
Boy.



Harry found some clay;  
Sue fetched some wool.  
Harry collected some big  
sticks; Sue gathered some  
big stones. They got some  
petals and nuts and grass.  
They made a wolf. There it  
was, lying on the ground  
beside them, waiting to be  
called.



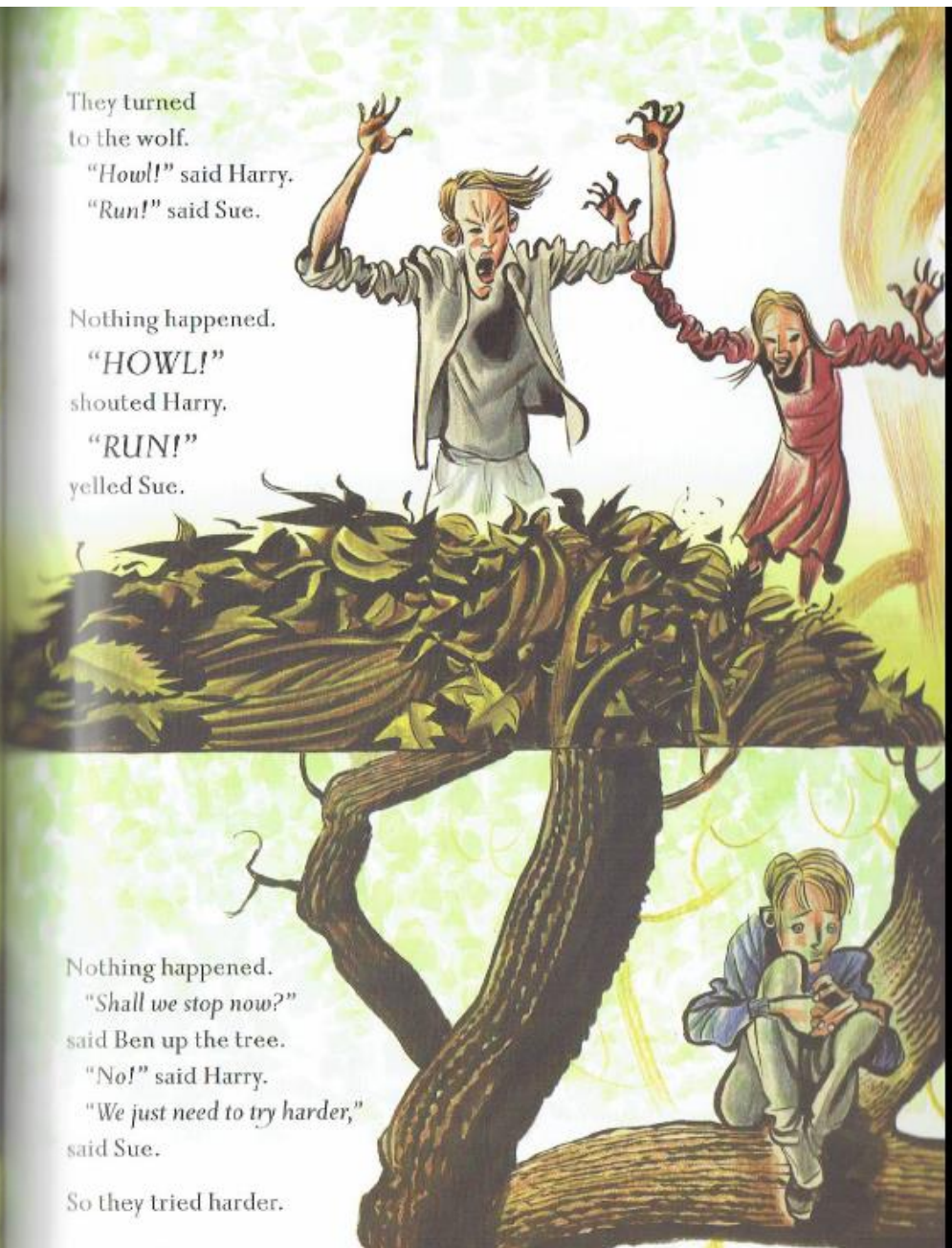
Little Ben  
watched the wolf.  
He walked towards  
a nearby tree.  
"If you don't mind,"  
he said. "I think  
I'll climb  
this tree."  
And up  
he went.



"Silly boy,"  
said Harry  
and Sue.

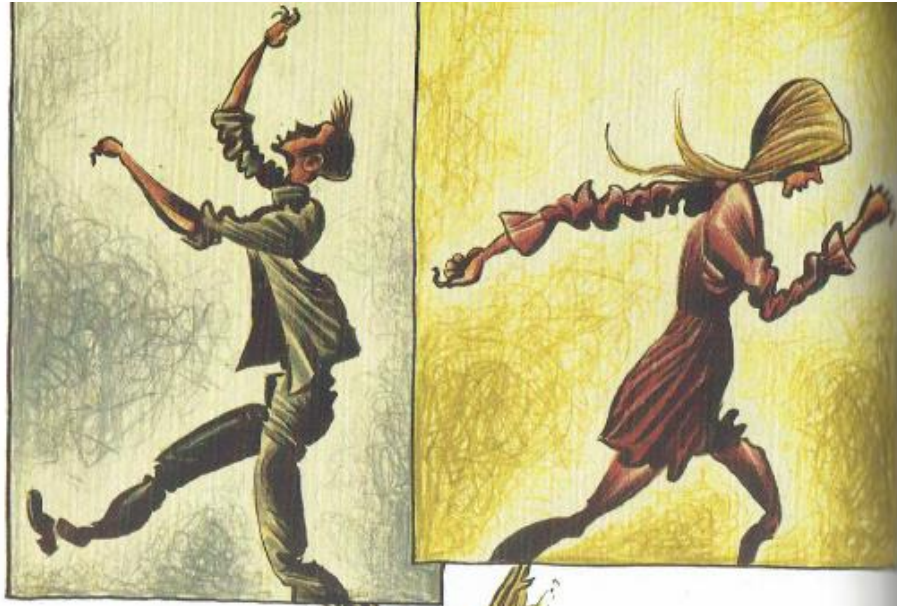
They turned  
to the wolf.  
"Howl!" said Harry.  
"Run!" said Sue.

Nothing happened.  
"HOWL!"  
shouted Harry.  
"RUN!"  
yelled Sue.



Nothing happened.  
"Shall we stop now?"  
said Ben up the tree.  
"No!" said Harry.  
"We just need to try harder,"  
said Sue.  
So they tried harder.





They tried to feel as a god feels when he is making things. They tried to feel as a wolf feels when it is being made. They raised their voices as if they were howling.

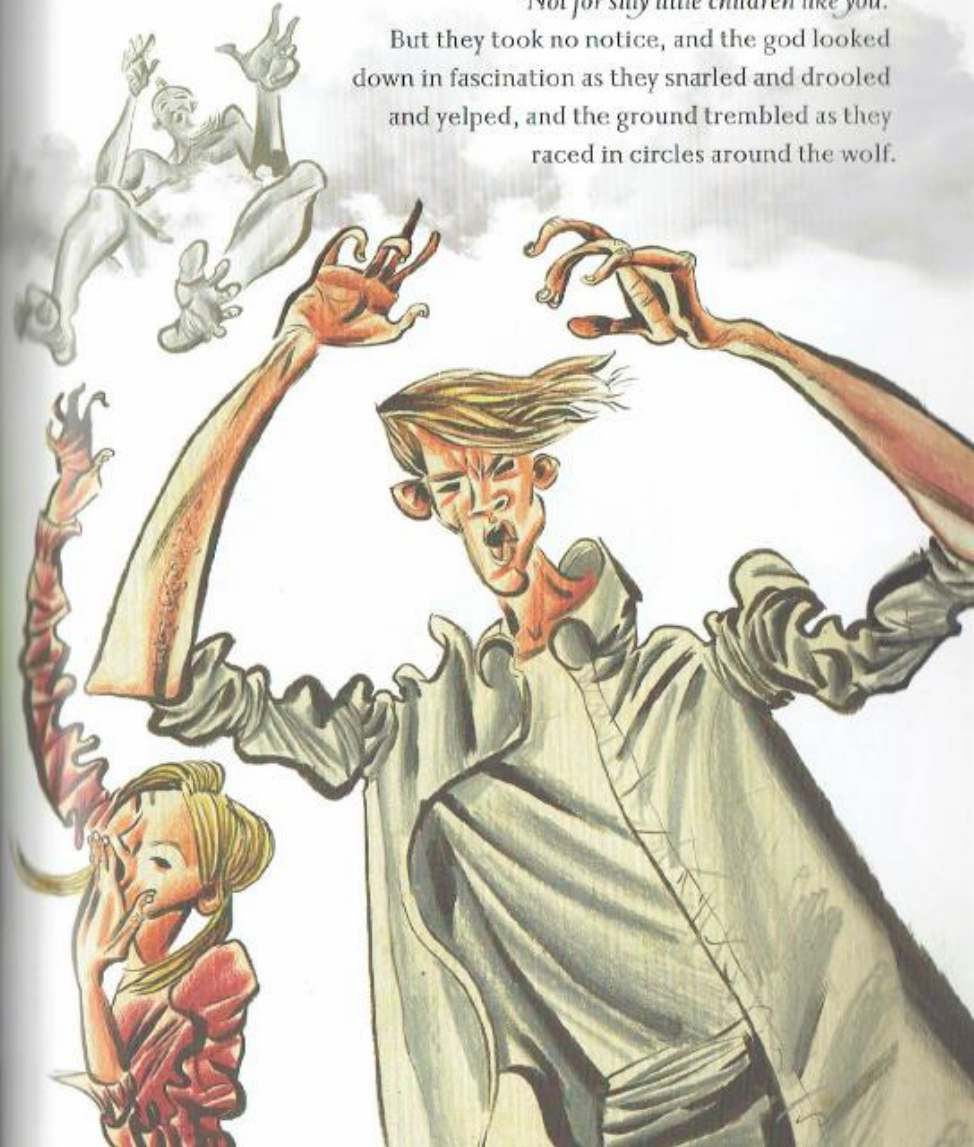


They drummed their feet as if they were running. "HOWL, WOLF, HOWL!" they howled. "RUN, WOLF, RUN!" they howled.



They woke a god, and he sat up and dangled his feet over the edge of his cloud and wagged his finger in warning. "This is a job for the gods!" he scolded. "Not for silly little children like you."

But they took no notice, and the god looked down in fascination as they snarled and drooled and yelped, and the ground trembled as they raced in circles around the wolf.



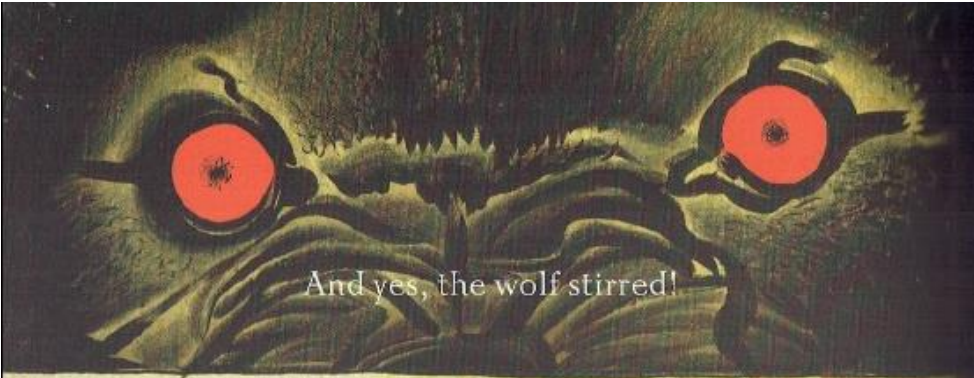




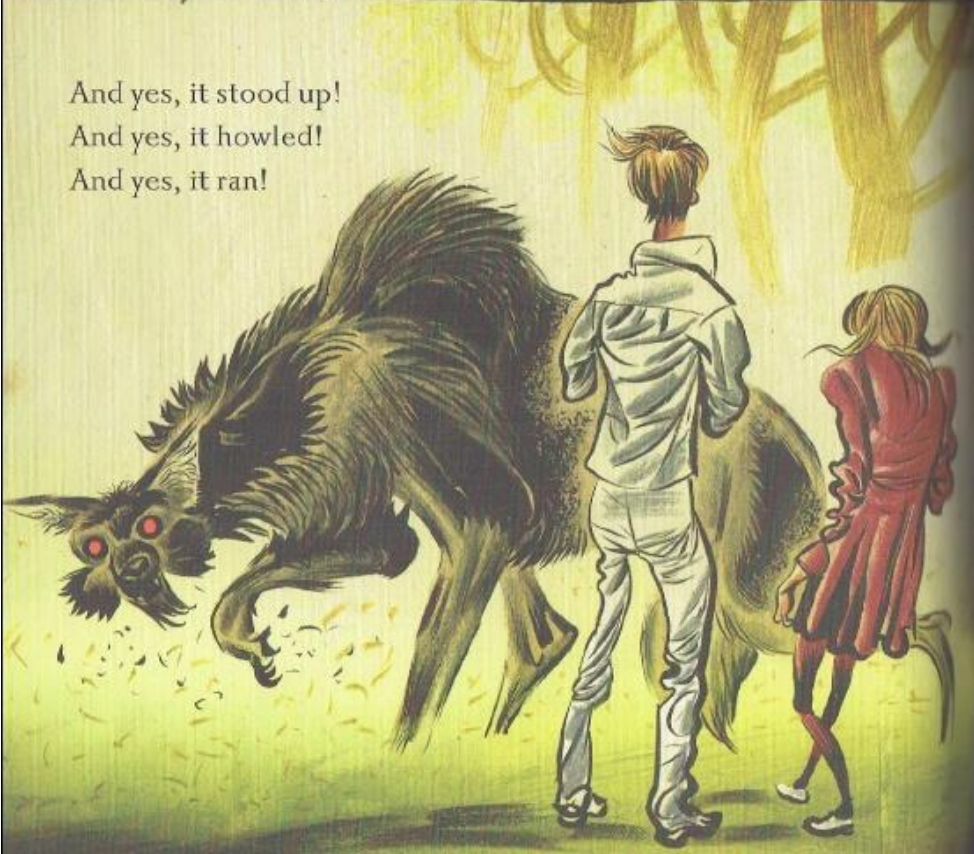
"OWOWOWOWOOOOO!" they yelled.

"OWOWOWOOOOOOO!"

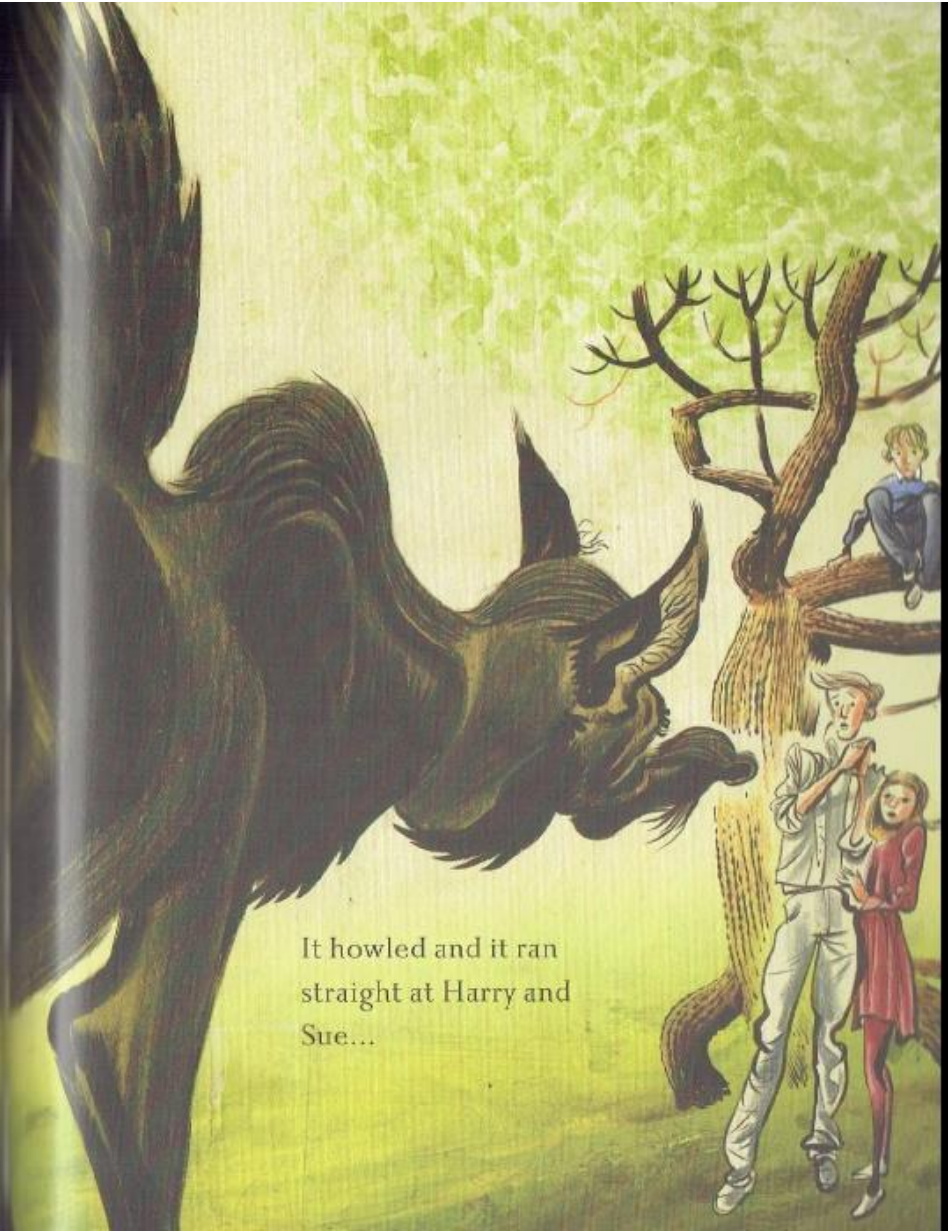




And yes, the wolf stirred!



And yes, it stood up!  
And yes, it howled!  
And yes, it ran!



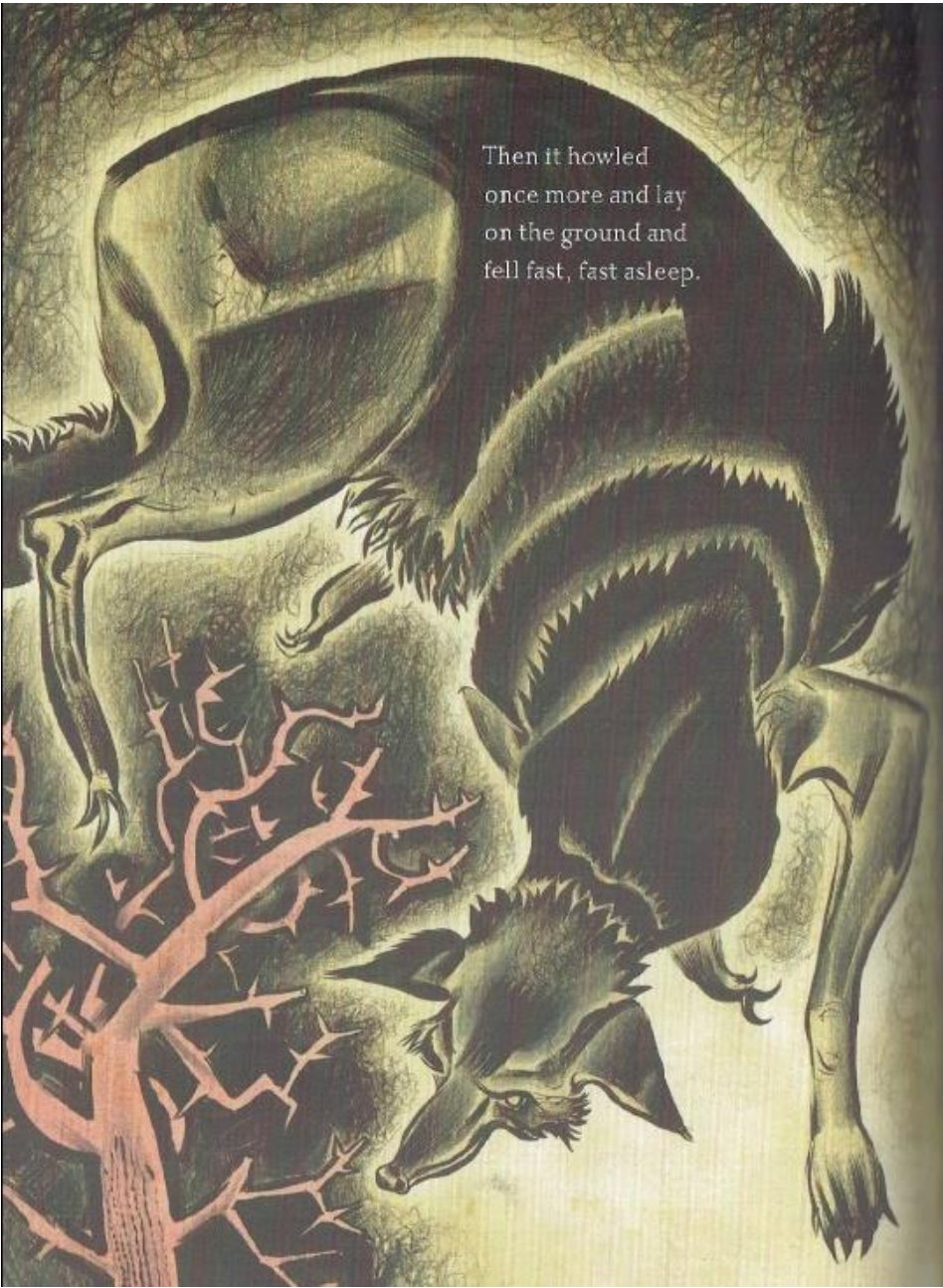
It howled and it ran  
straight at Harry and  
Sue...



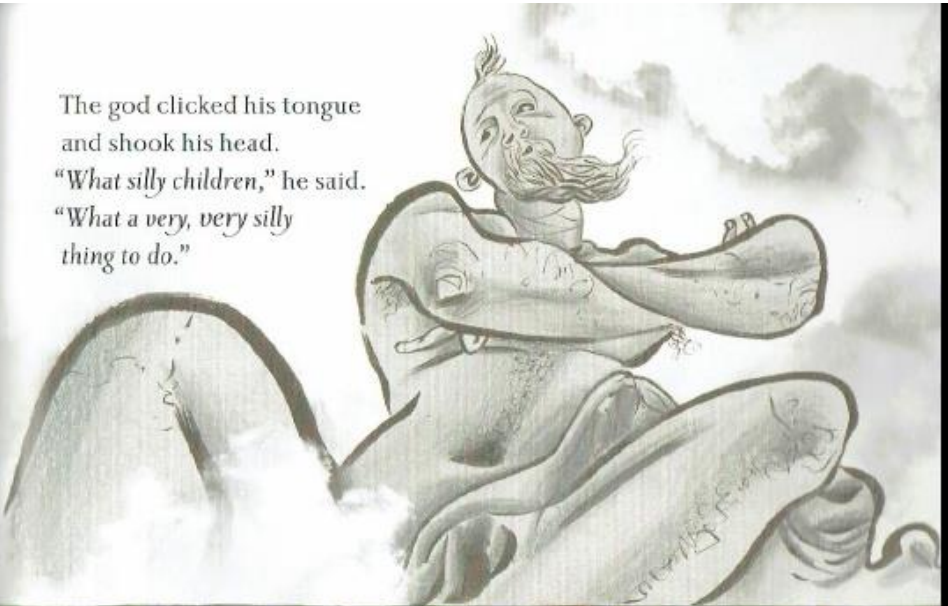


And it gobbled them up.

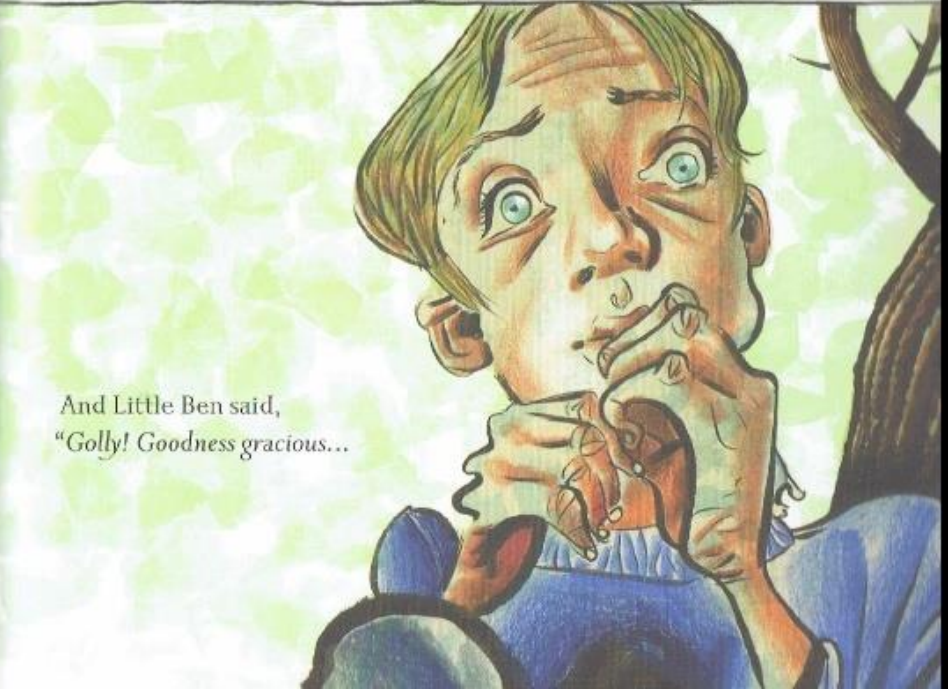




Then it howled  
once more and lay  
on the ground and  
fell fast, fast asleep.



The god clicked his tongue  
and shook his head.  
“What silly children,” he said.  
“What a very, very silly  
thing to do.”



And Little Ben said,  
“Golly! Goodness gracious...”





*What a weird  
peculiar thing!"*

**Imagine you are Ben, what are you thinking and feeling at this point in the story ?**

**Around the illustration use words and phrases, or sentences to show Ben's thoughts and feelings, how he reacts or behaves as he watches on from the tree.**