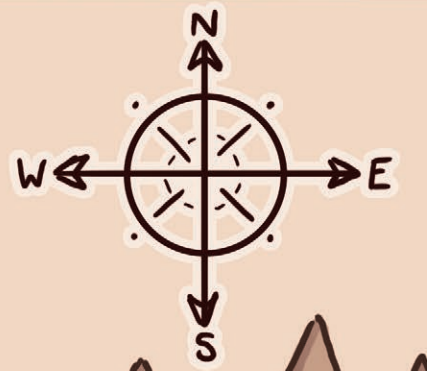


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# A Twinkl Original Monster Surprise



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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.

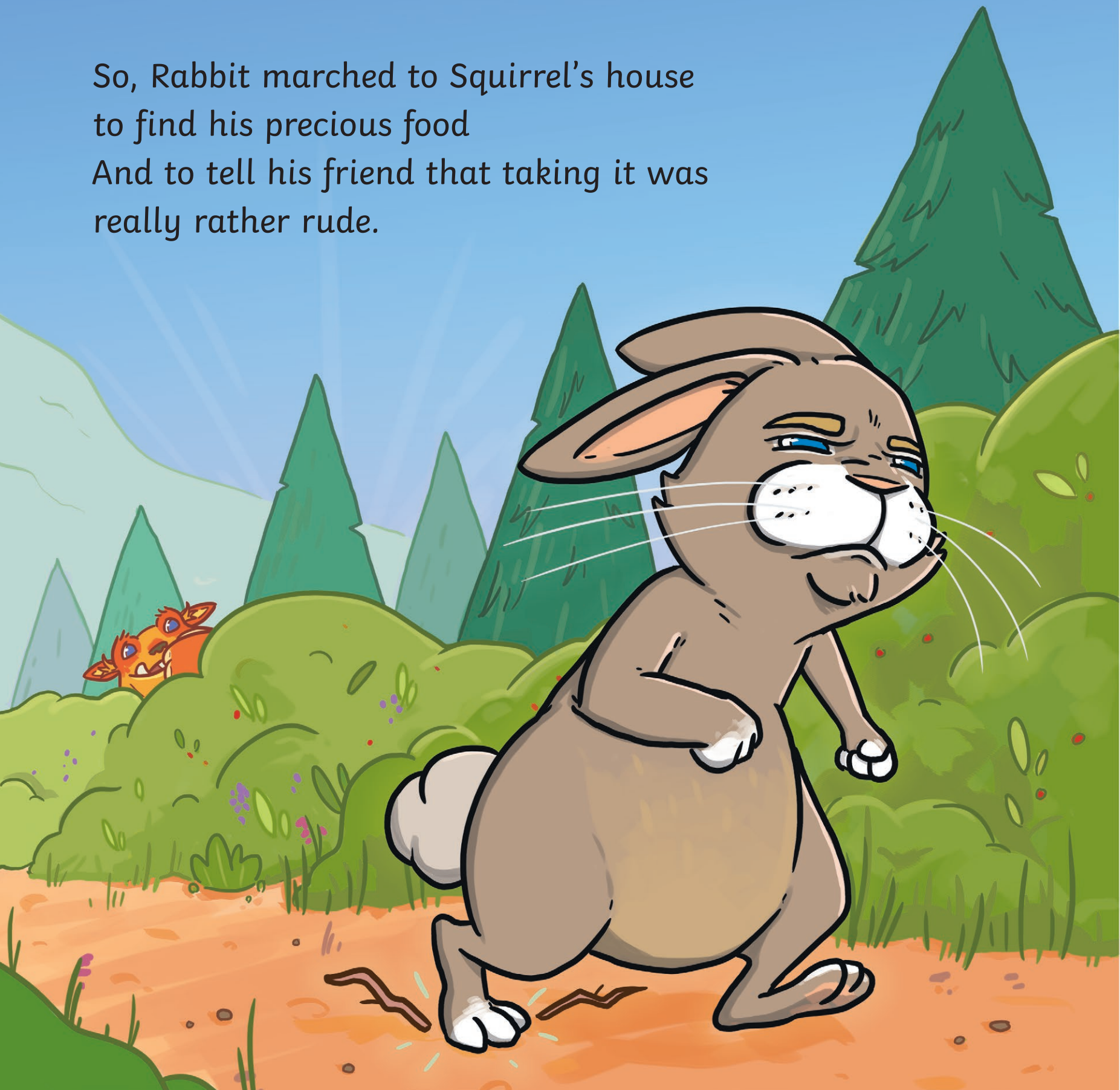
“My **flowers** have been stolen – almost every single bunch!”  
Rabbit panicked, feeling sure that there was not enough  
for lunch.



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.

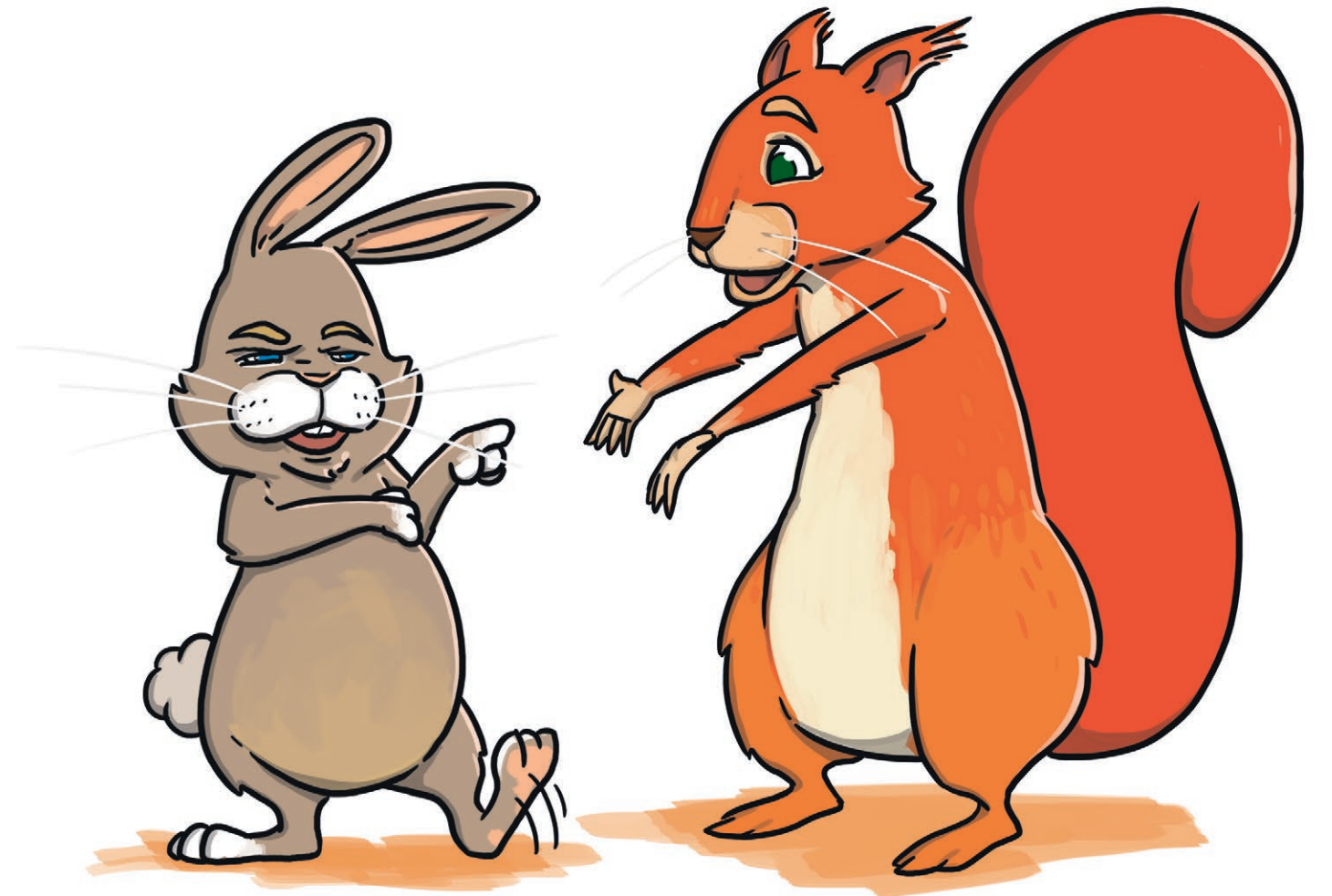


So, Rabbit marched to Squirrel's house  
to find his precious food  
And to tell his friend that taking it was  
really rather rude.



“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.

“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.



“Excuse me!” shouted Squirrel, now with Beaver up ahead.

“I was really looking forward to my toast with acorn spread.

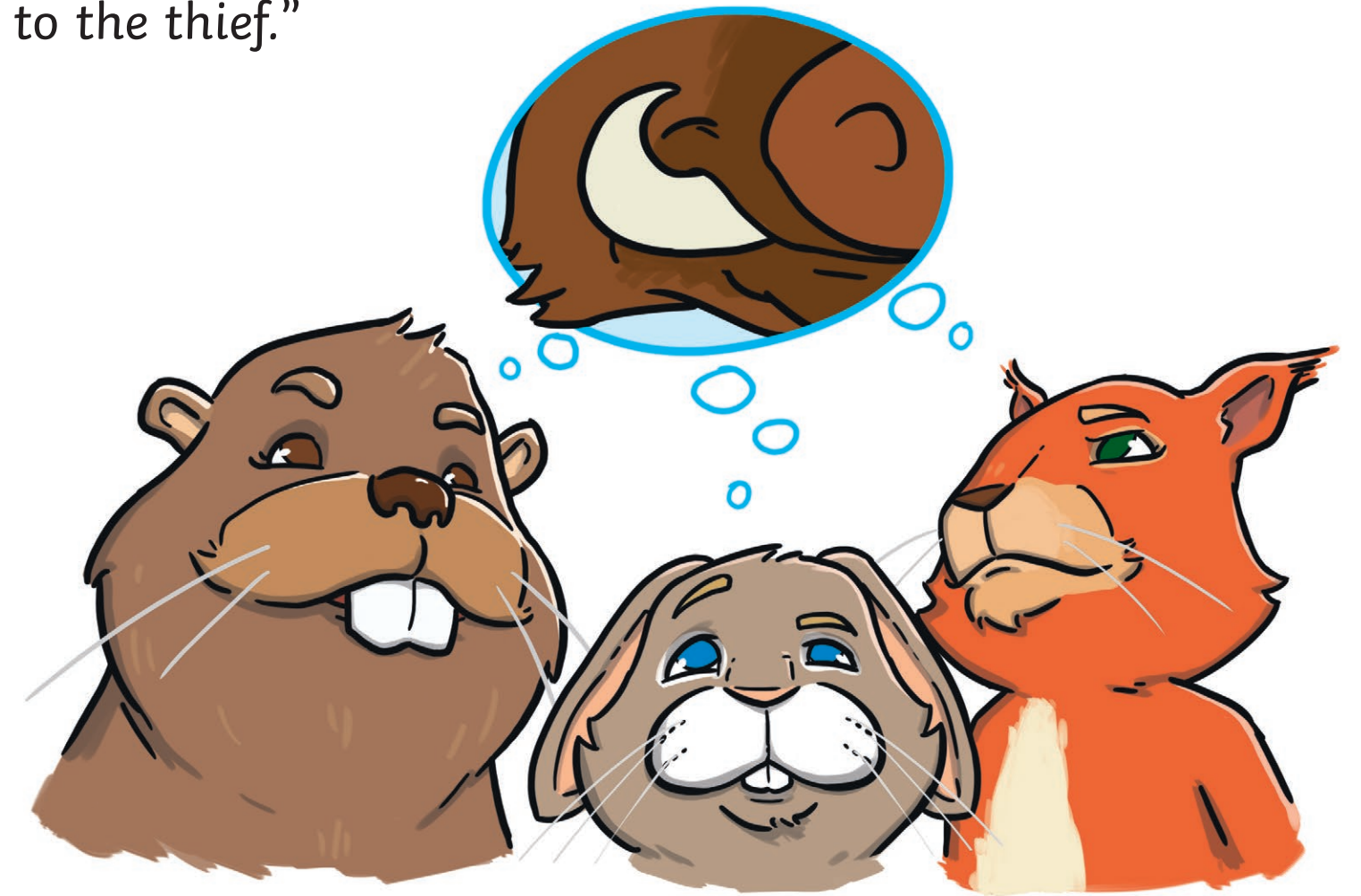
I know you took my acorns. Would you kindly give them back?”



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.

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.



“My berries have been stolen!” snorted Boar, wide-eyed with shock.

“And the robber left some footprints leading right across that rock.



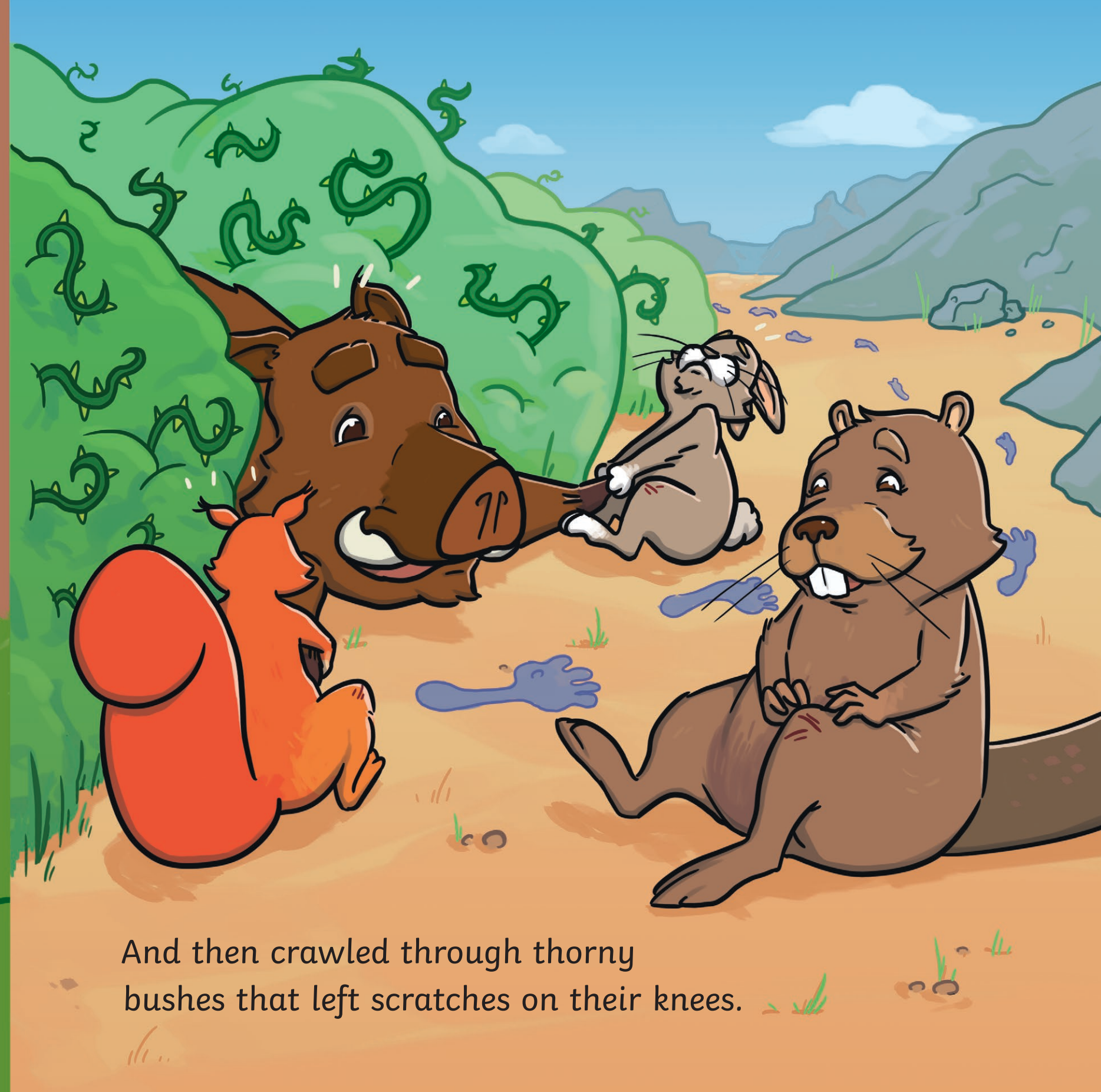
I've never seen a creature who has footprints of that kind  
So I think that we should follow them to see what we can find.”

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.



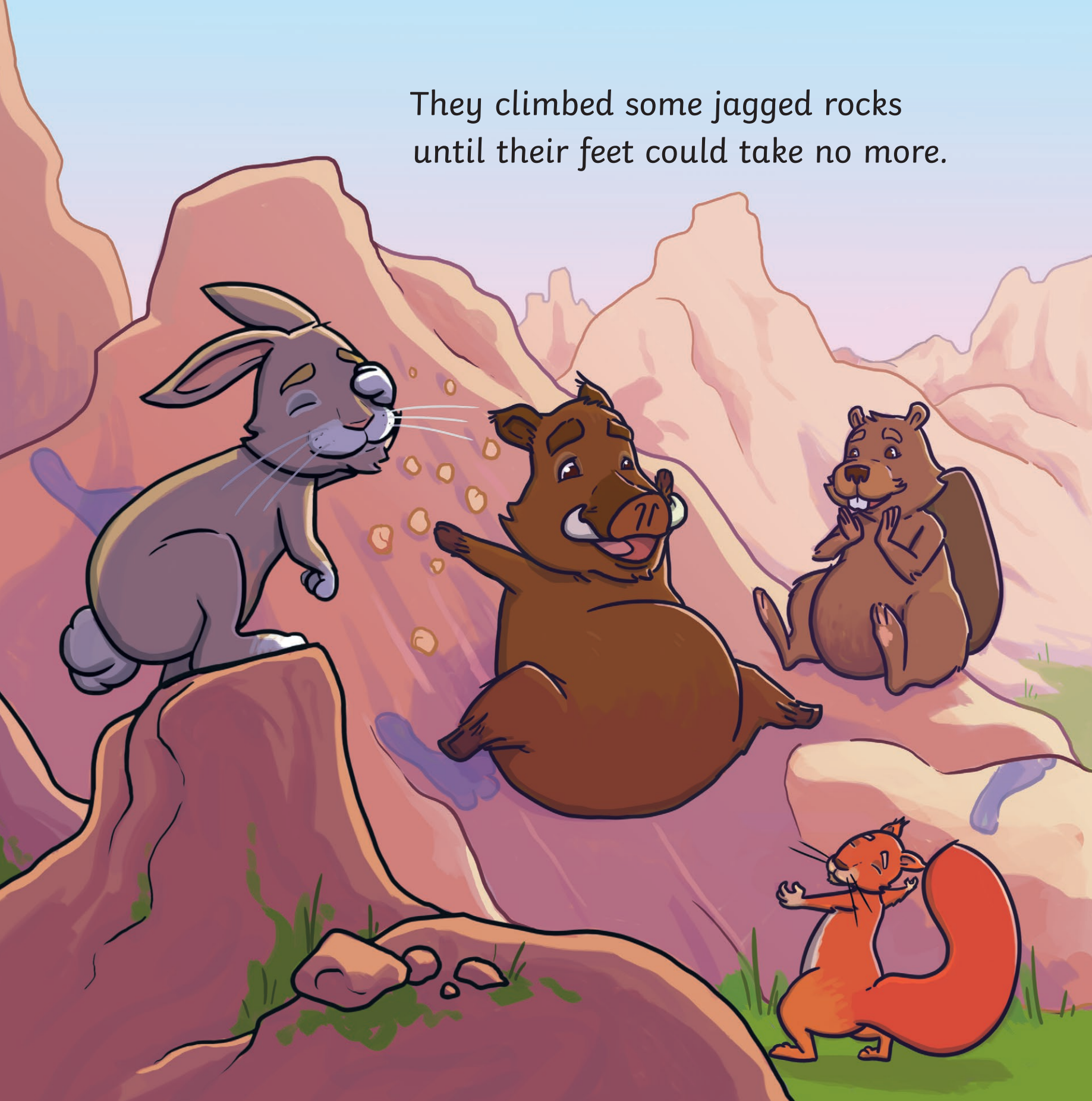


They took a narrow path that  
formed a line between the trees...

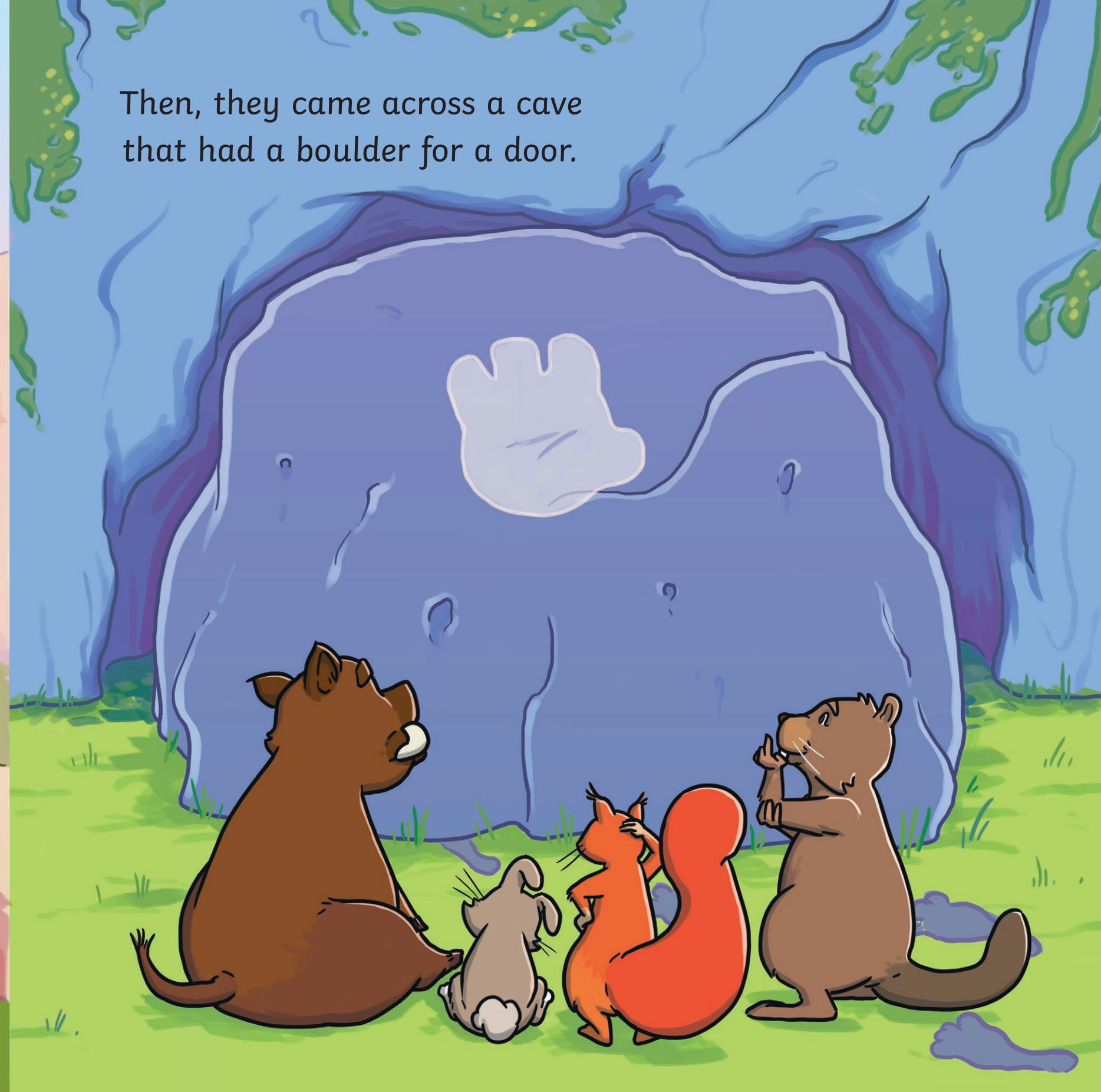


And then crawled through thorny  
bushes that left scratches on their knees.

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

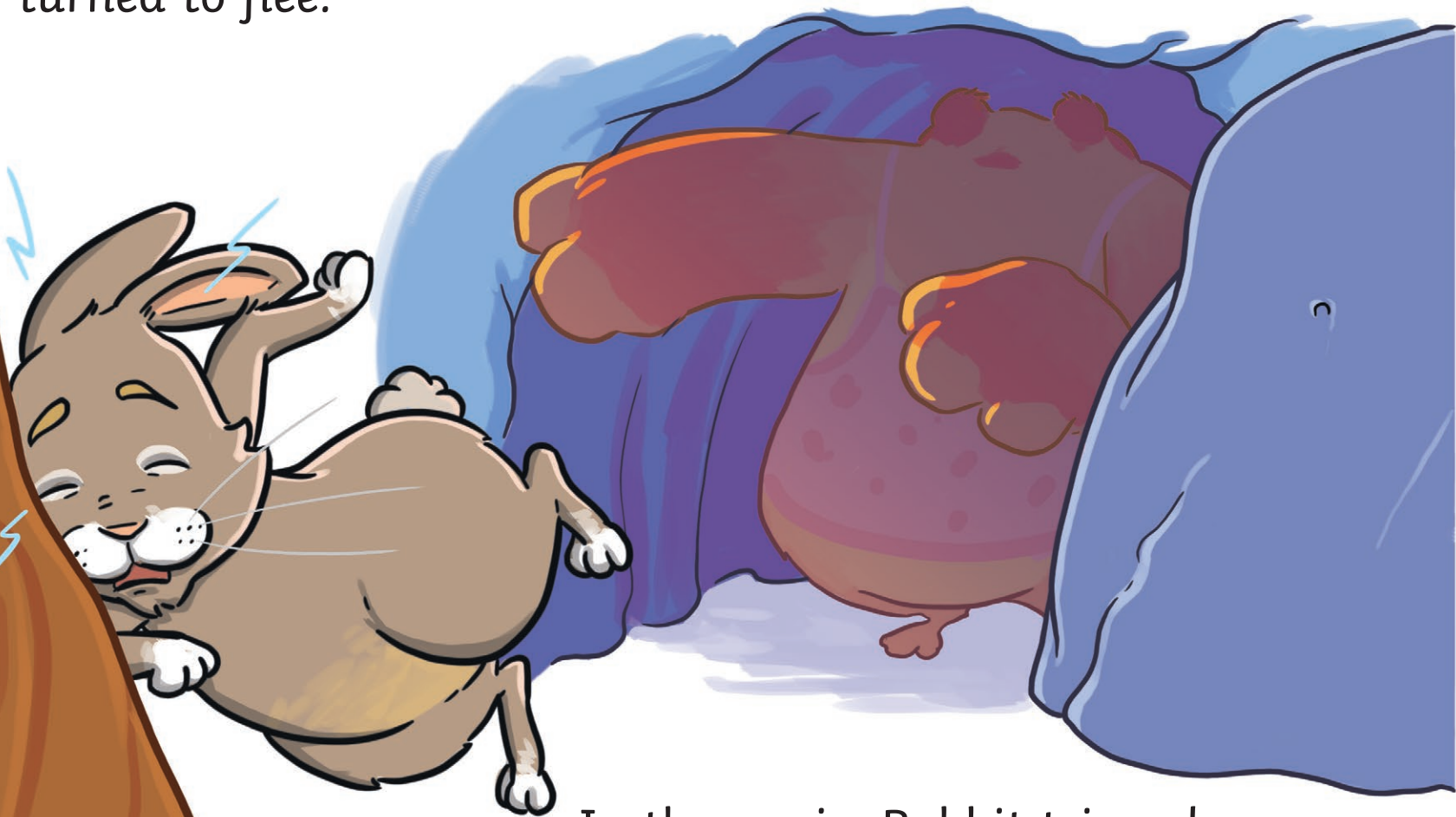


Then, they came across a cave  
that had a boulder for a door.



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.

"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."

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.”

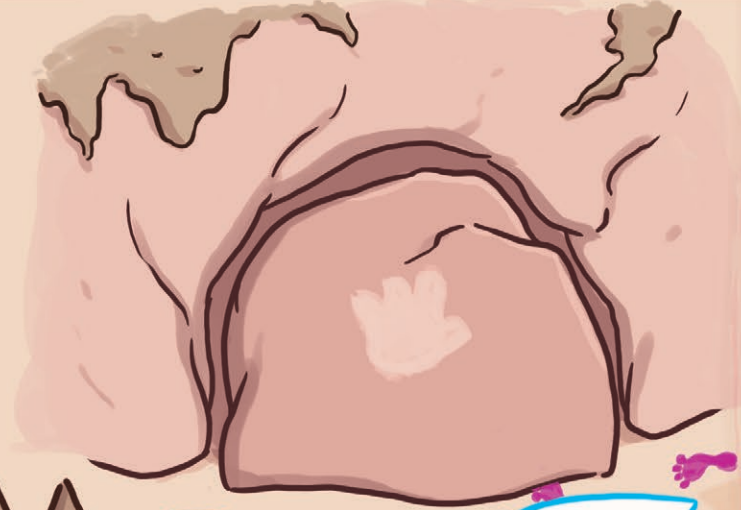
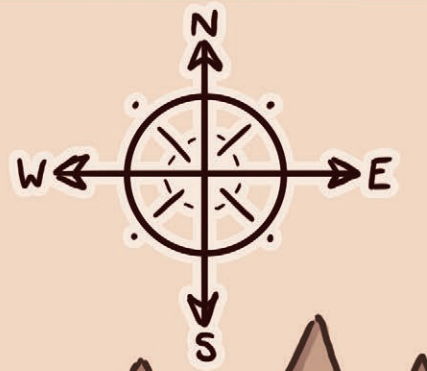
When Rabbit's little tummy brimmed with  
marigold delight,  
And when all the toast had gone with no  
more acorn spread in sight,



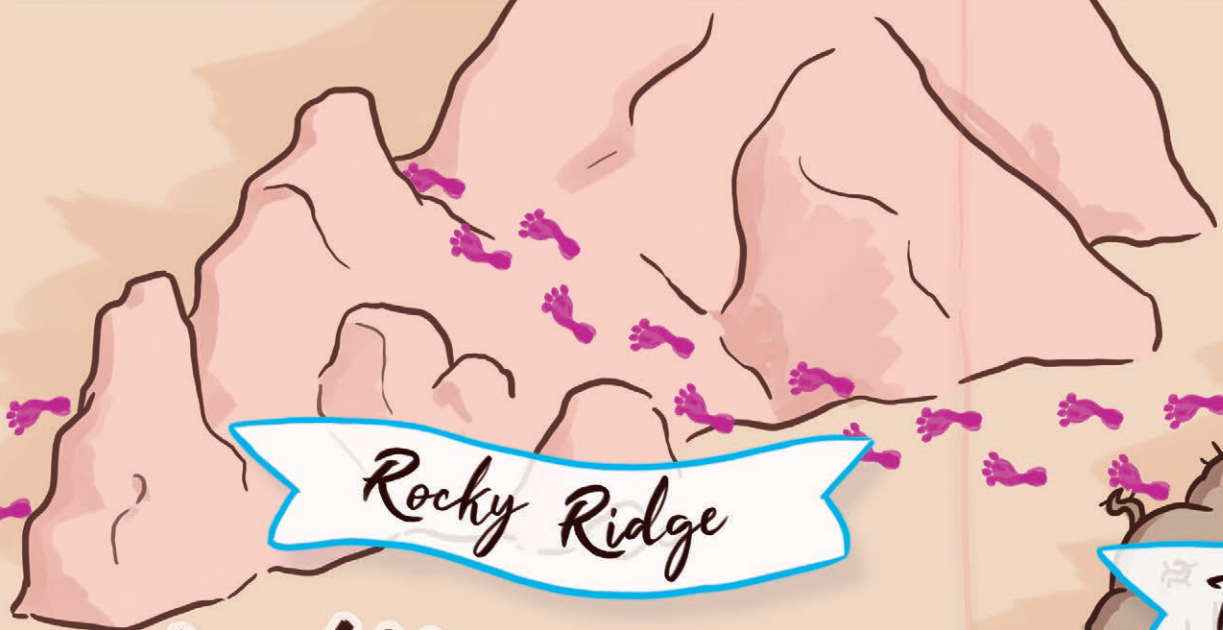
When Boar was full of berries and the stew was at an end,  
They all thanked the gentle monster...



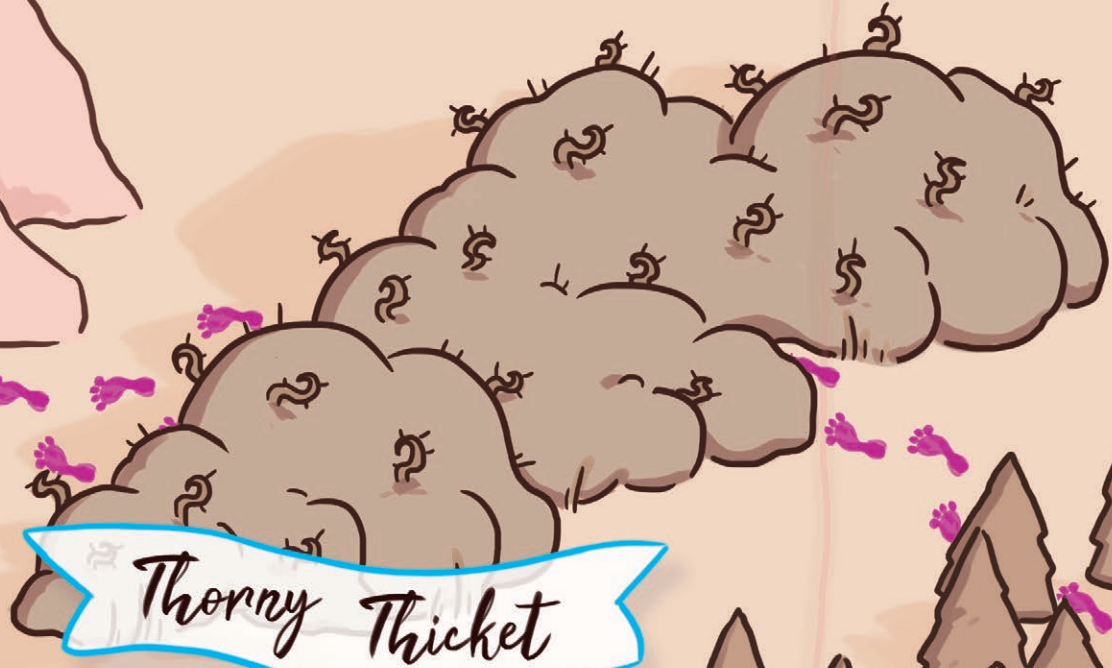
who was now their brand new friend.



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**A Monster Surprise**

Research the body, habits of the animals in this book. Who is a very hungry animal, who was searching by the tracks?

"Why Beavers have been stolen - could it be a fox? A badger? A mole? A rabbit?" Rabbit guessed. During his search, he found many clues about the animal that had taken the beavers.

The beaver is a very busy animal. It likes to build dams and live in a house called a lodge. It also likes to eat nuts and store them away for winter.

Be sure to read the story and try to spot the clues that helped Rabbit find the animal.

**Questions**

- Where did the beavers live? Tick one.
  - In a tree
  - In the ground
- How did Rabbit find out what was in the story? Tick one.
  - Rabbit
  - Fox
- What do all the animals eat? Tick one.
  - Rabbits
  - Beavers
- Who had been taking the beavers? Tick one.
  - Rabbit
  - Fox
  - Badger
- How do you know? Tick one.
  - Rabbit
  - Fox

**Draw and Describe a Monster**

Let's make a monster out of a beaver. Draw and describe your monster. What do you think it will be like? What is its name? What is its special power?

**Monster Features**

Choose a feature for each part of the monster.

**Monster Adjectives**

Choose an adjective for each part of the monster.

**Monster Party!**

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**A Monster Surprise Find the Food**

Help Rabbit find the missing food! Can you prepare the food that the beavers need to eat? Can you prepare the food that the badger needs to eat? Can you prepare the food that the fox needs to eat? Can you prepare the food that the rabbit needs to eat?

**Roll the Dice and Make a Monster!**

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|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Body</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Hair</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Eyes</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Nose</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Mouth</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**A Monster Surprise Find the Rhyme**

Can you find the word that rhymes with the one in the box? Can you find the word that rhymes with the one in the box? Can you find the word that rhymes with the one in the box?

food, rhym, sheep, jump, truck, plant, tree

**A Monster Surprise Diary Writing**

Helpful Hints

Rabbit's Diary

The Monster's Diary

**A Monster Surprise Story Sequencing**

Cut out the pictures from the story. Then, stick them in the correct order.





The animals of Little Nook are  
determined to solve the mystery  
of their missing food.

Together, they search through the forest, unaware  
that they are in for a monster surprise!



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