



The Curious Tale Of Boldlicub

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I'm Bokkie, a brave fox cub. Let me tell you a
freaky story. Once a monster gobbled me up.
You might ask then how come I'm still alive!
Well, there's a story to tell...

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For Yara,


Hoping that she would build her life
with all the hardships.

Uncle Hamoon

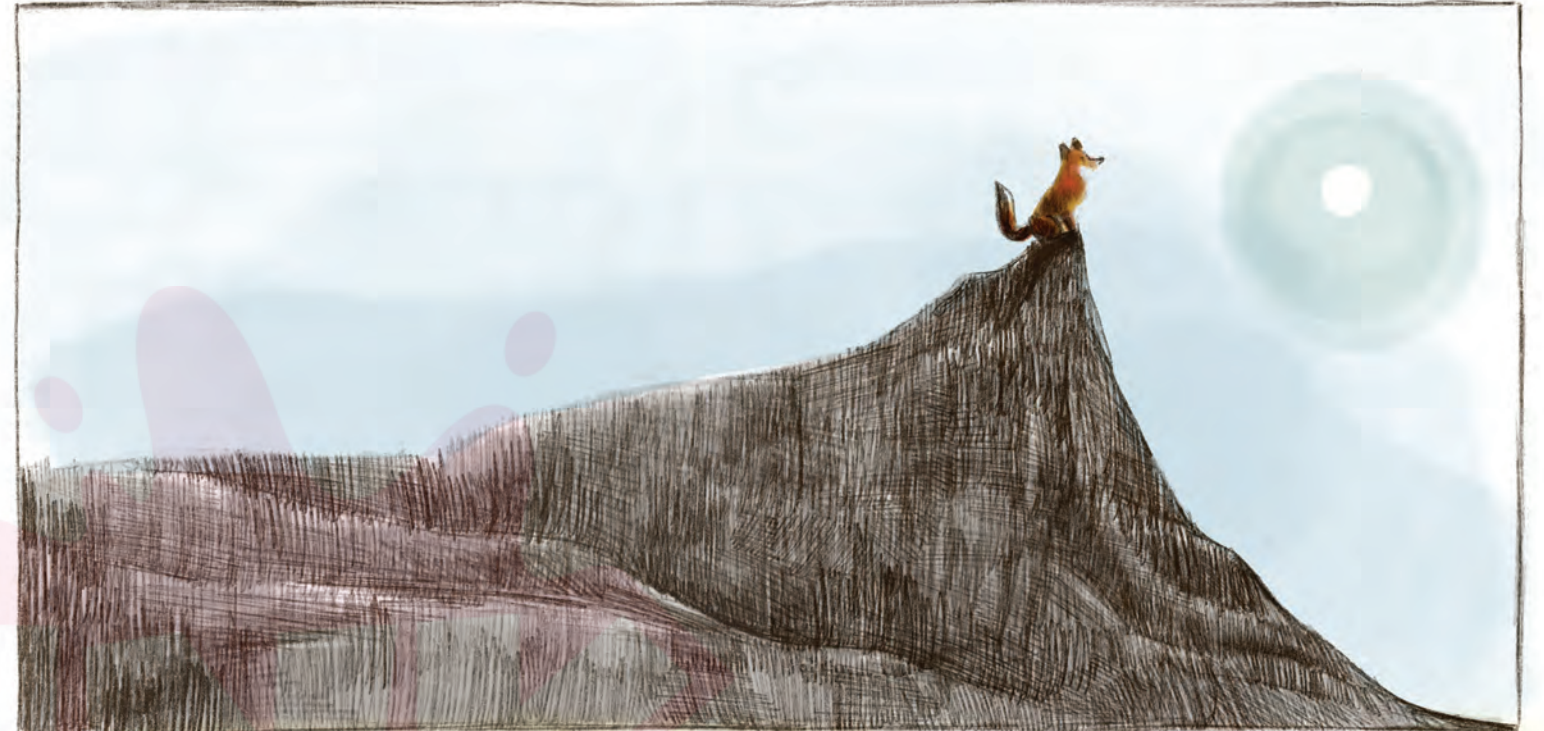
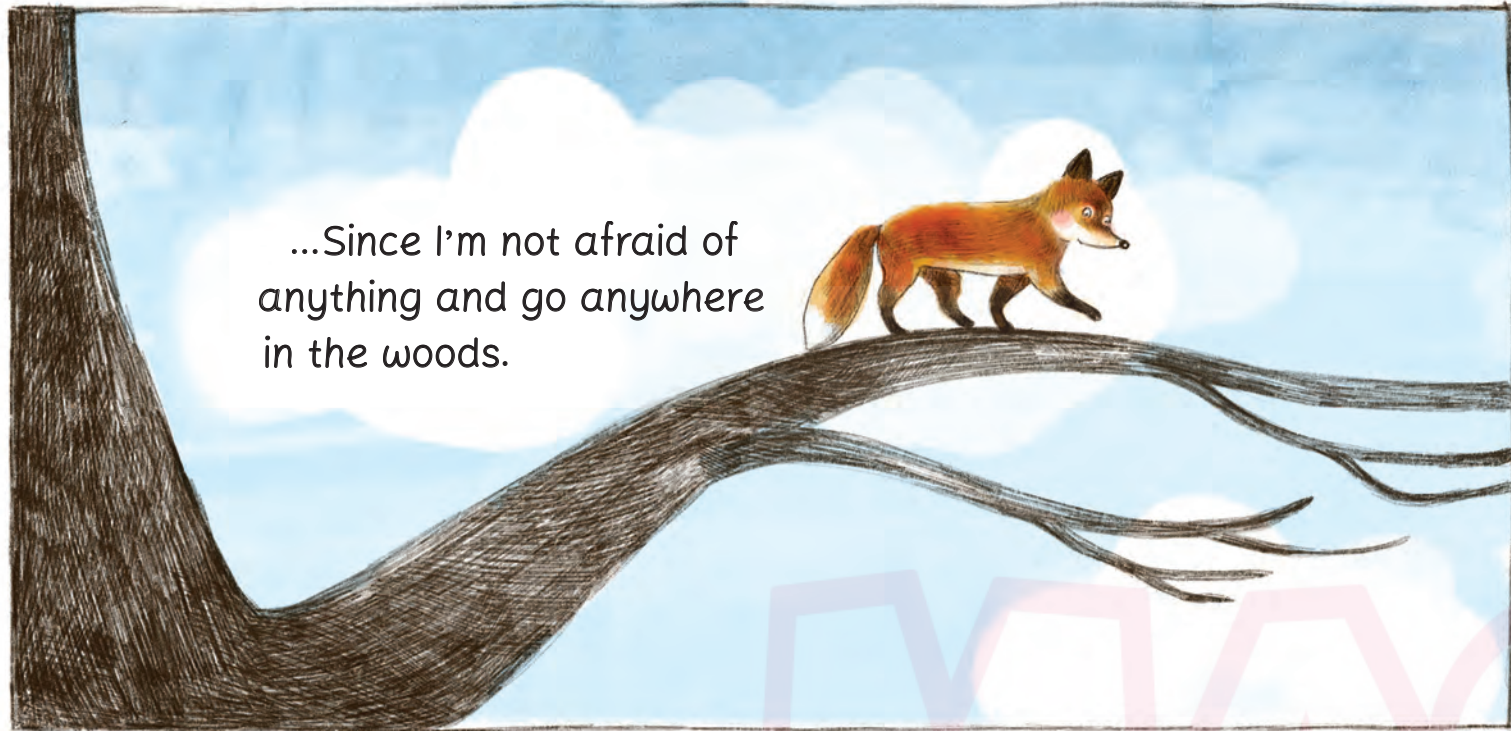


I'm Boldlicub.

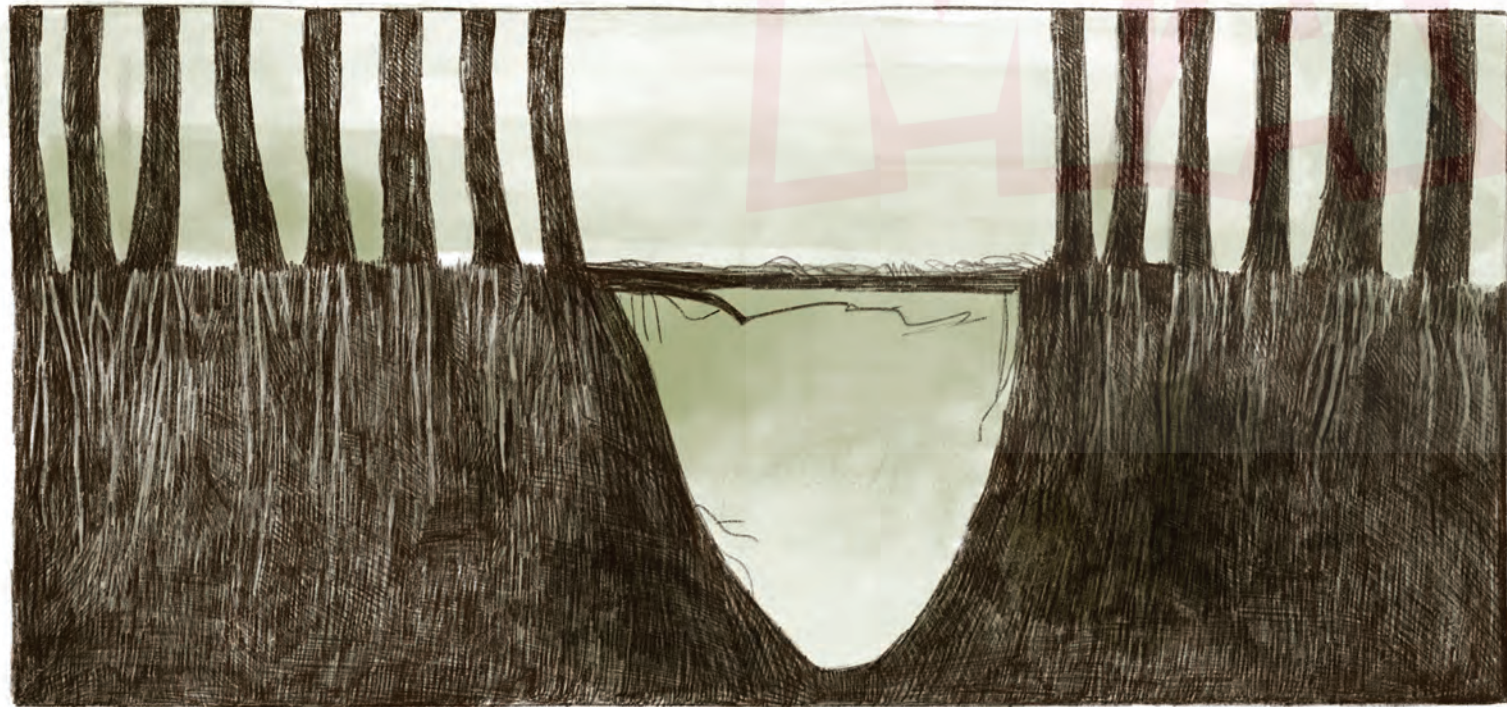




I have seven siblings and
none of them is as brave
as I am...



My parents always tell me to be careful, as there're dangerous things out there in the woods.

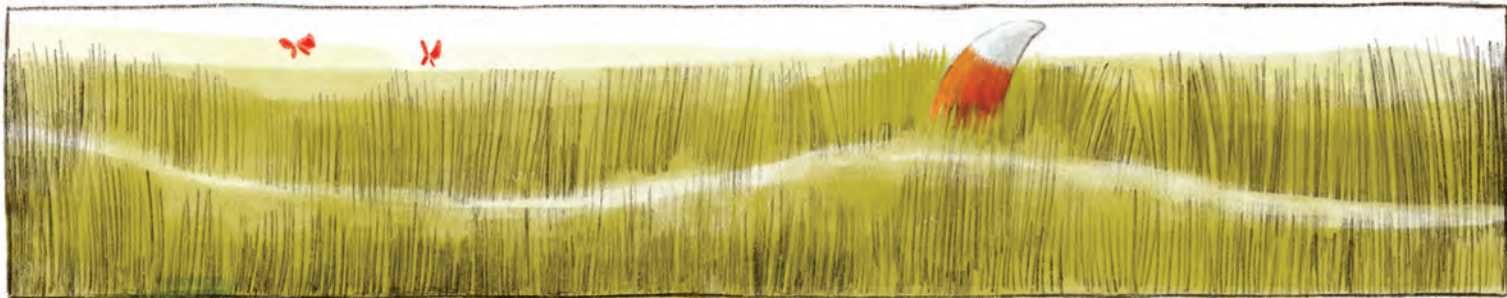




But I never listen to them and now I'm lost.



To be honest, I'm really scared. Everything looks weird. The trees... the woods...
I can't even smell my parents anymore.



I can't even chase the butterflies...

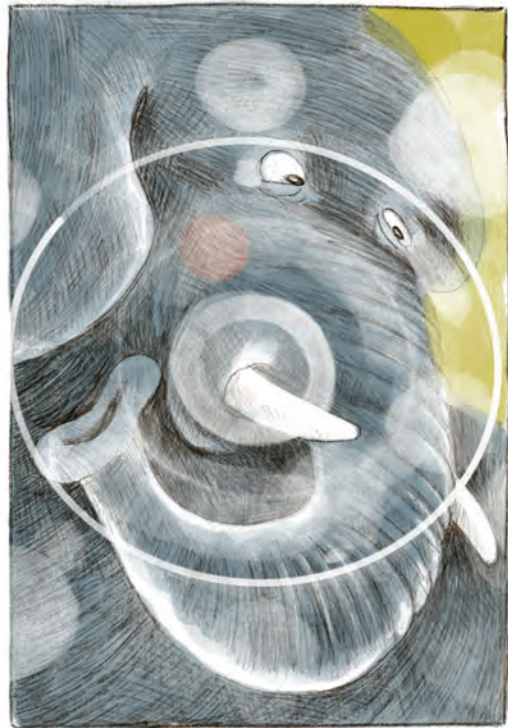


...Or play hide-and-sick with the moles...





...Because I run out of breath and get tired in no time.



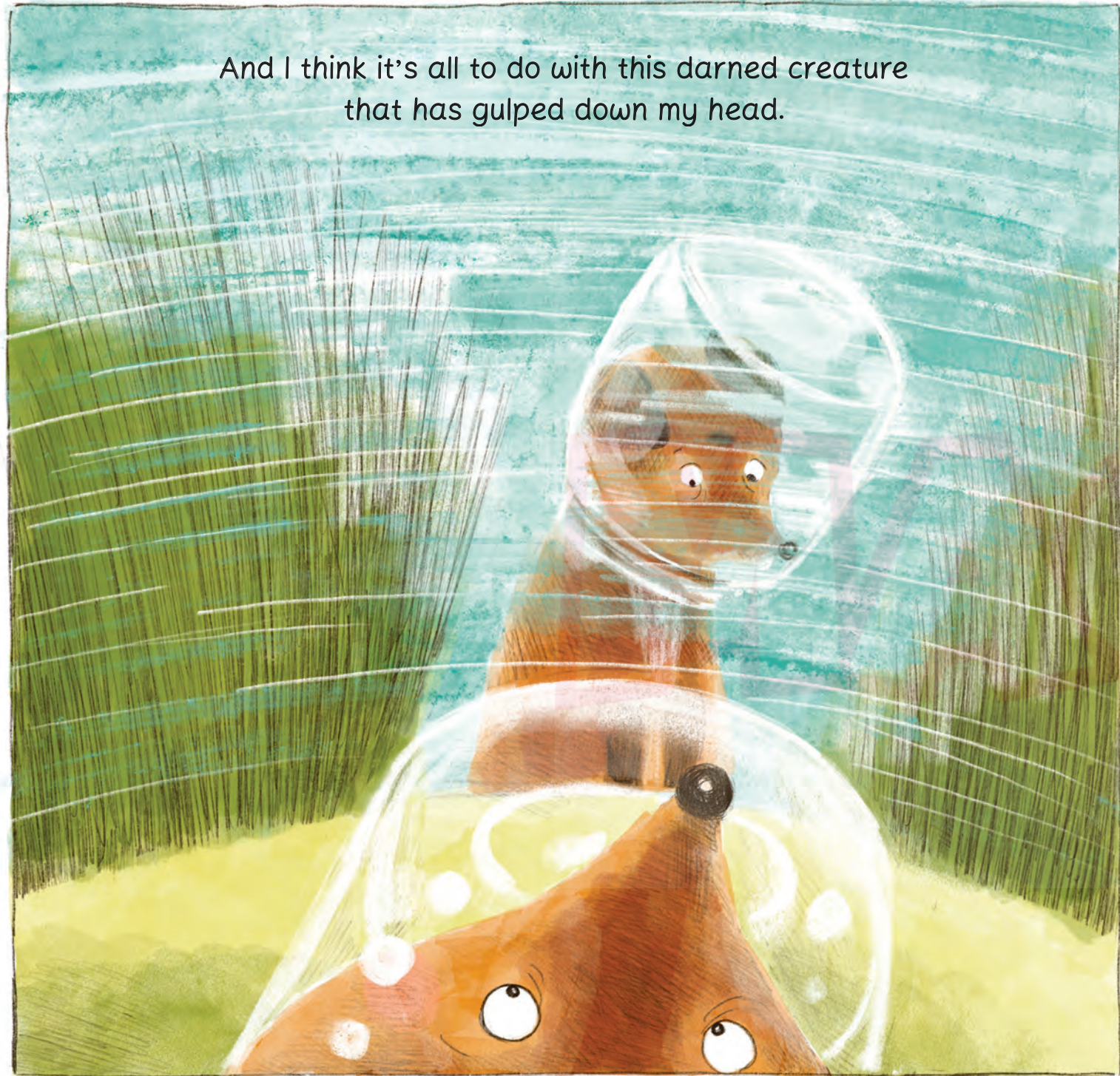
Everyone looks at me in surprise.
They are all so unusual.
Even the rabbits won't run away
from me.



I'm starving but I can't eat anything.
I'm parched but I can't drink anything.



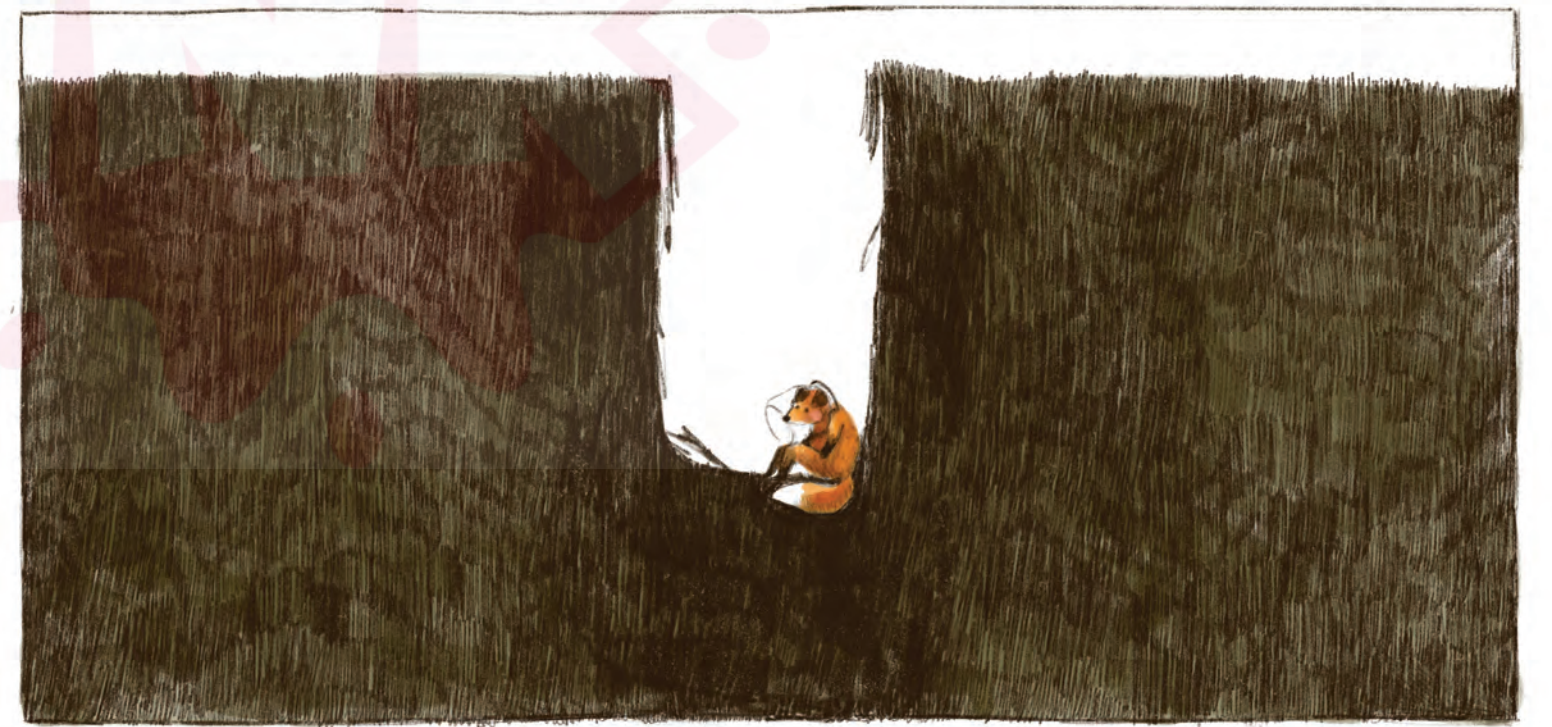
And I think it's all to do with this darned creature
that has gulped down my head.







But I only wanted to smell its inside for a second when it suddenly gobbled up my head.

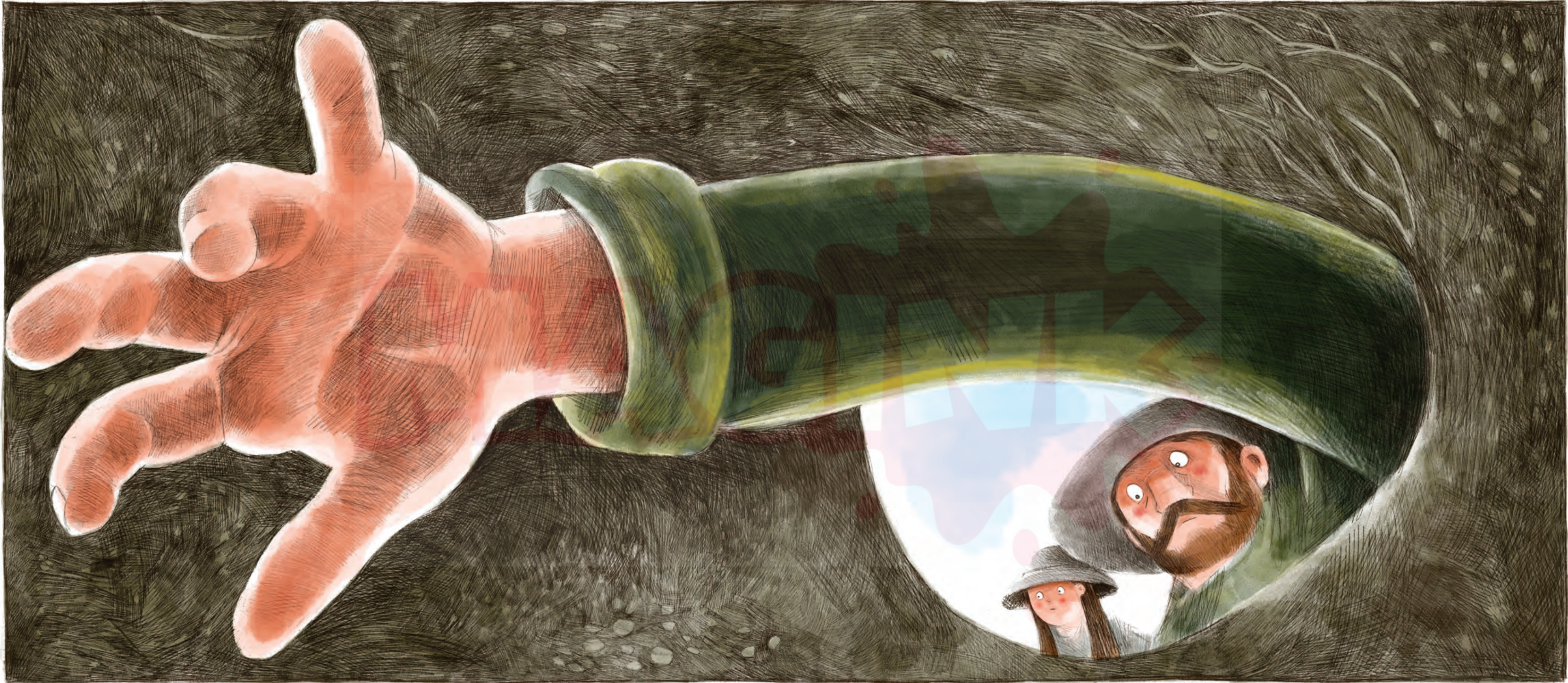




I'm all wet and muddy
and my ankle hurts.



I know I'm done....
The hunters are almost here...



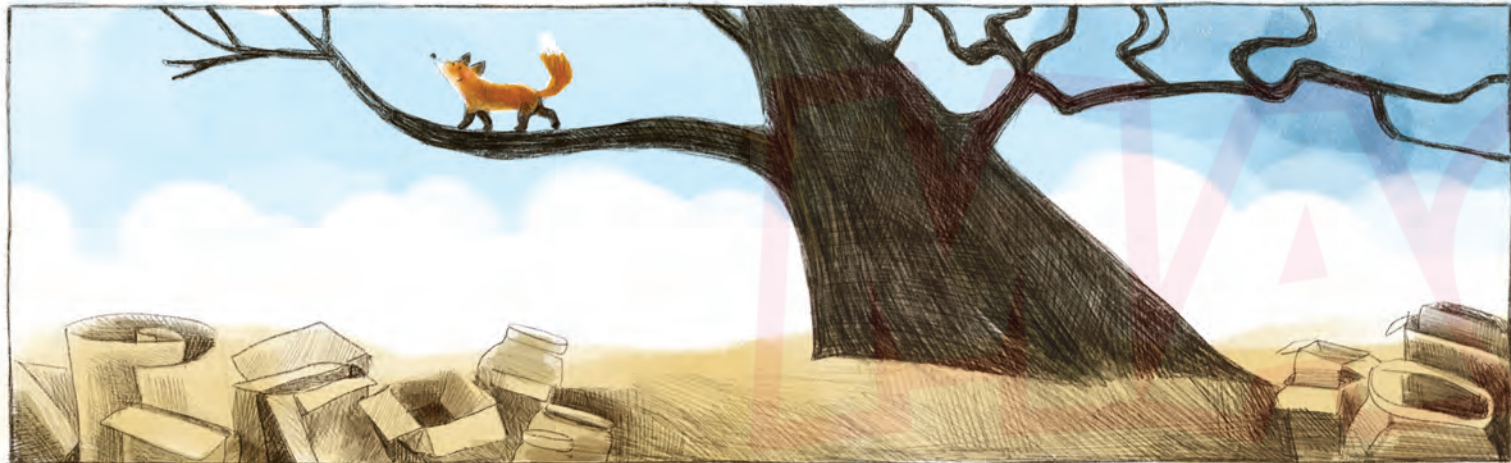


I'm so lucky
that this man
and his daughter
found me,
not the hunters.

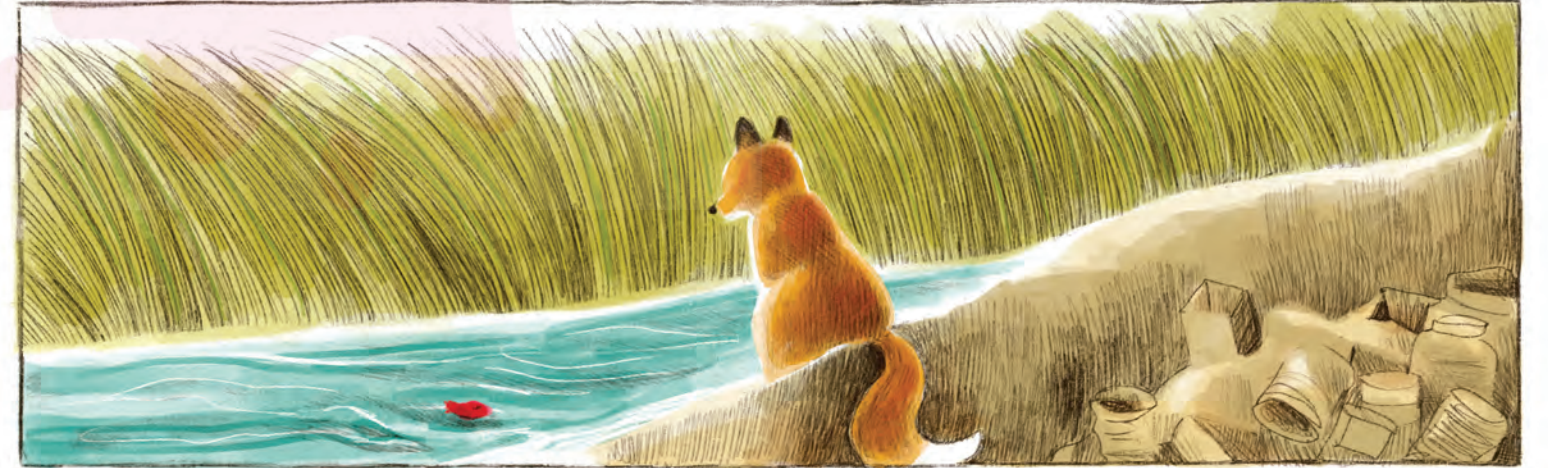




Now I can trace the scent of home again.



I'm Bokkie, a brave fox cub
and I go anywhere
in the woods as I used to.





But I avoid those darned creatures
as I'm not sure I'd be rescued next time.

I wish they'd never come to the woods at all.

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