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Look at
the baboon
with the balloon
on a spoon
zoom to the moon!
See you soon!



Where is my boot
and my book on a hook?



We zoom to the zoo.
"Cool man, cool!"
said the goose on the moose.

We are in a good mood.



The raccoon
took it.

The boot is on his head.
"He took the book too,"
said the goose on the moose.

The cook cooks good food.
It is good!



"I look for my cookbook,"
said the cook.
Where is it?"

Did the cat take it?
Did the dog take it?

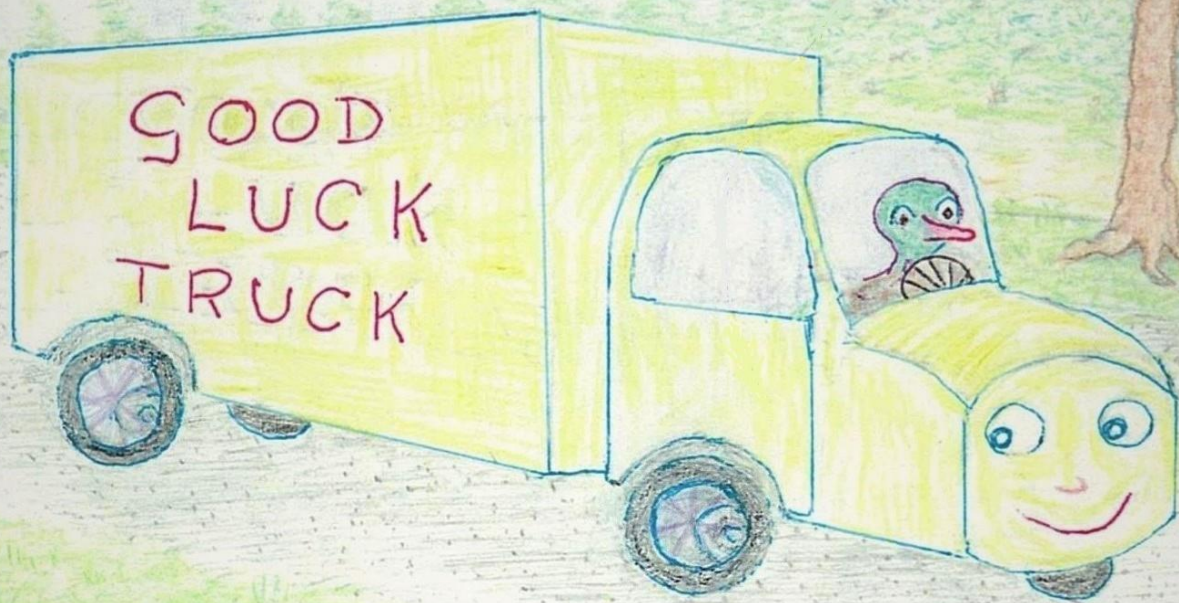
"We zoom to the zoo,"
said the goose on the moose.
"Raccoon, there is room for you."



The raccoon took it.
Your cookbook is with
the raccoon.

Look, he took a hook,
a boot and a book too.

Uncle Tuck has a truck.
"I don't get stuck in the muck.
I don't get stuck," said Uncle Tuck.
Good luck, Uncle Tuck.
You are a lucky duck!



"I can do a trick
with that stick,"
said the little duck.

duck

stick

Good luck, lucky duck!



See my trick
on my stick?

"Tick tock," said the clock.
"I see your sock."

Where are my socks?
I play hockey
with my hockey stick.

Here is the alphabet with its
26 letters:



a - b - c - d - e - f - g -
h - i - j - k - l - m - n - o - p -
q - r - s - t - u - v - w - x - y - z

We begin a new sentence with a capital letter.

We also use a capital letter for the first letter of a
name. Here are the capital letters of the alphabet:

A - B - C - D - E - F - G -
H - I - J - K - L - M - N - O - P -
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Some people like to write with cursive letters:

a-b-c-d-e-f-g-h-i
j-k-l-m-n-o-p-q-r
s-t-u-v-w-x-y-z

Cursive capital letters are:

A-B-C-D-E-F-G-
H-I-J-K-L-M-N-
O-P-Q-R-S-T-U-
V-W-X-Y-Z.

Try writing these letter on your own paper.

The ape, the elephant, the Inca Indian, the octopus and the ugly duckling were sad.

Our name starts with a vowel.

The vowels are a, e, i, o, u and sometimes y.

When the word "a" is in front of a word with a vowel,
you have to change that "a" to "an".



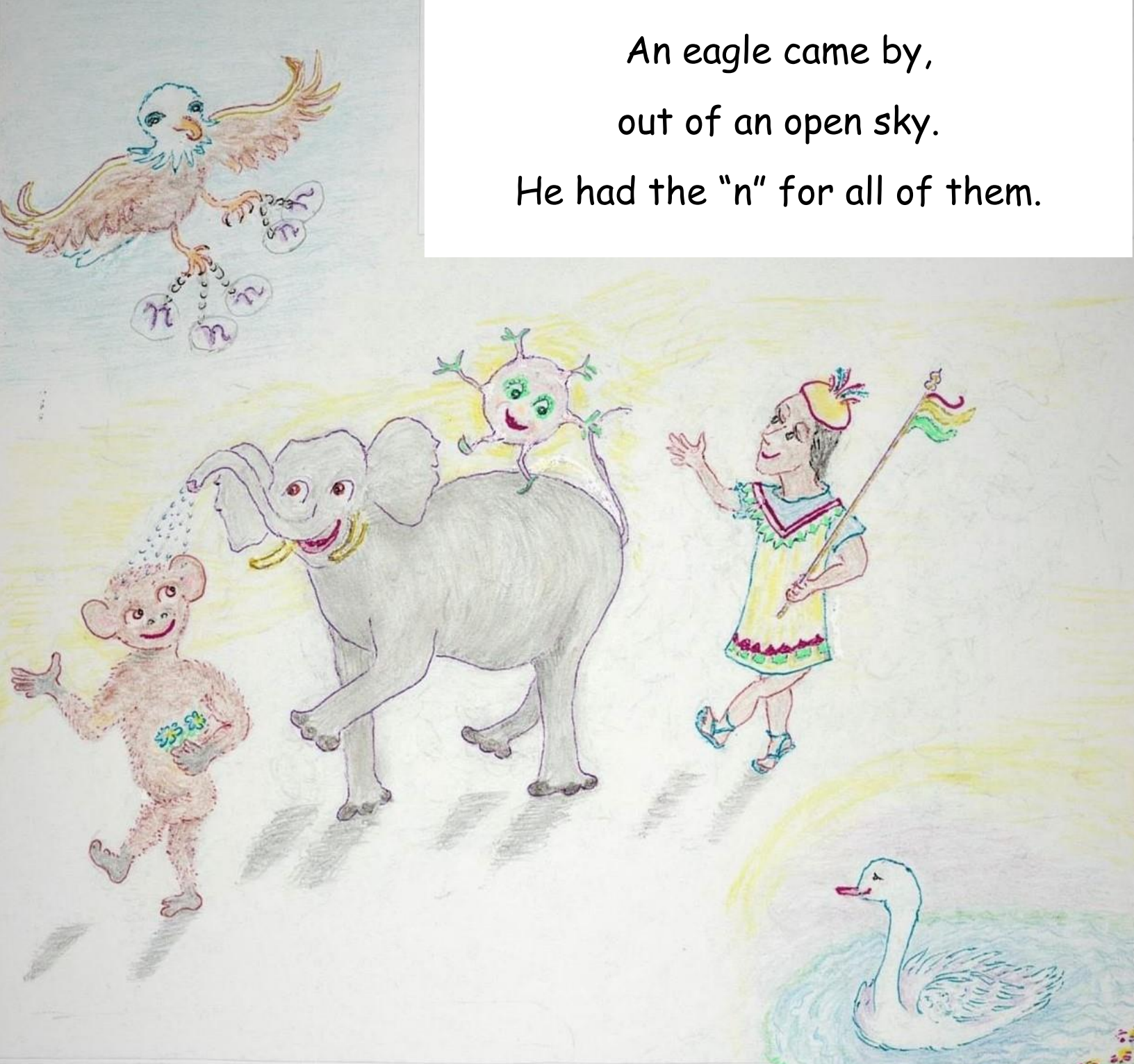
He forgot.

He wrote "a ape."

That is wrong!

Now an ape is sad,
and the others too.

An eagle came by,
out of an open sky.
He had the "n" for all of them.



Now an ape, an elephant, an Inca,
and an octopus are glad.

An ugly duckling was so happy,
he changed into an artistic swan.

Queen Quick questions Quack-Quack.

She gives Quack-Quack a quarter
and a square to a squirrel.



Quin asks a question,
"When I close one eye, I wink.
Can you do that?"

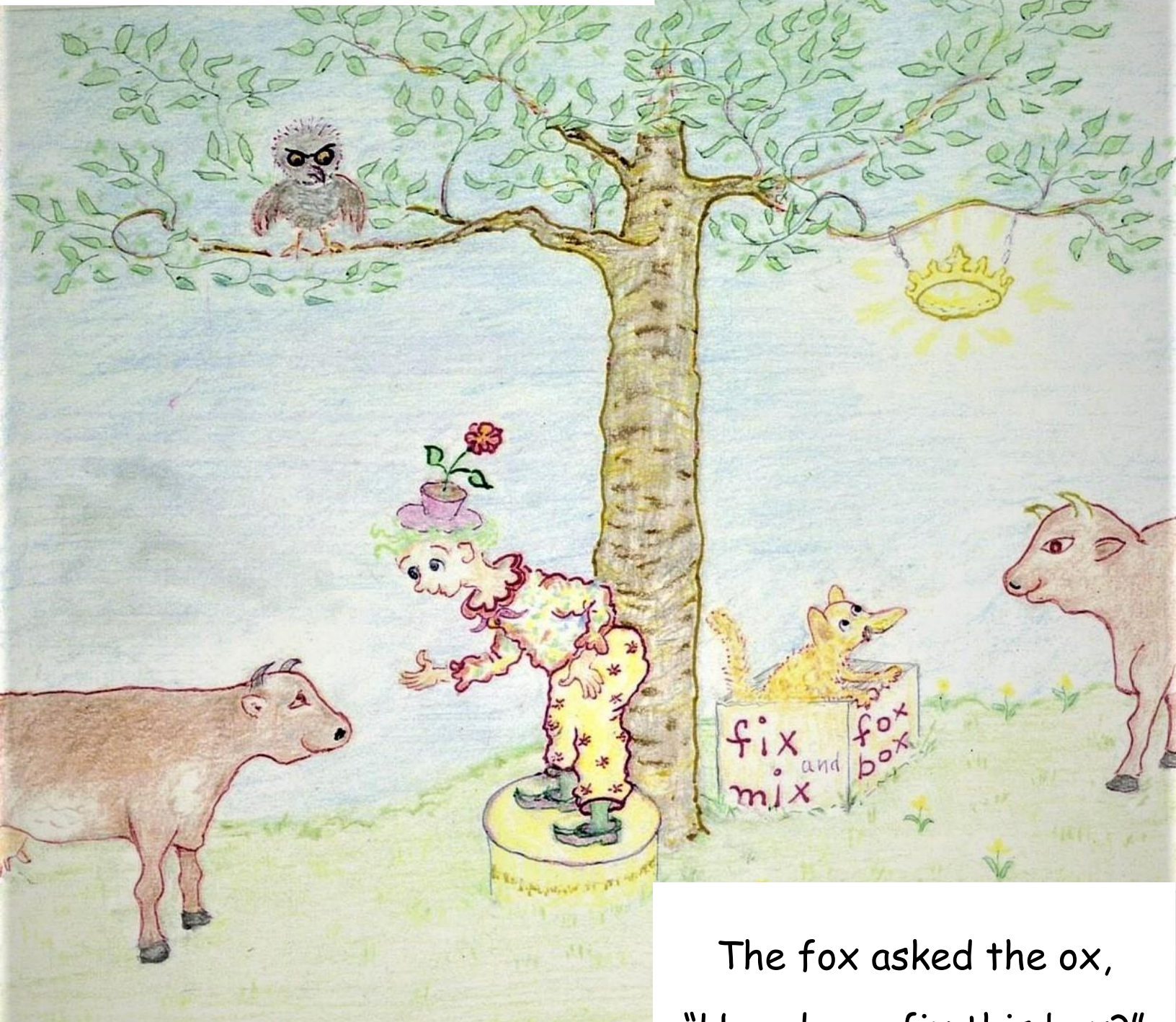


Quack-Quack went to Quebec.
She wanted to square dance with a squirrel.



This squeaky squirrel has to go back quickly.
He forgot there is always a "u" after a "q."

A clown from downtown
asked a cow, who was all brown,
"Have you seen my crown?"



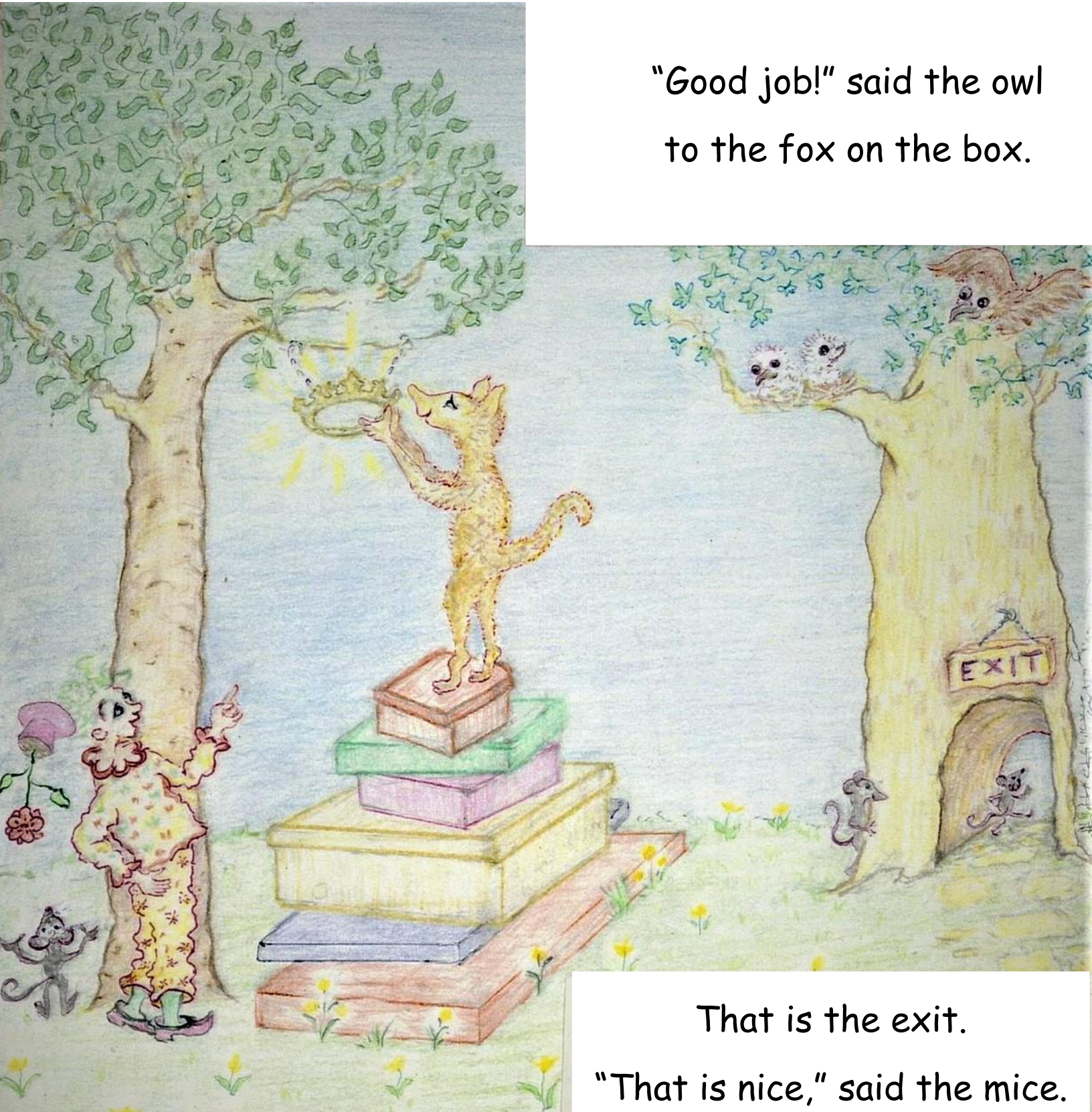
The fox asked the ox,
"How do we fix this box?"

The cow said, "Ask the owl."

The owl said, "Ask the ox."

The ox said, "Ask the fox."

"Good job!" said the owl
to the fox on the box.



The fox got six.
He got six boxes.
Then, he got the crown
for the clown.

That is the exit.
"That is nice," said the mice.
"Here is the exit."

A fairy with golden hair sits on a chair
and holds a ring of gold.

She is beautiful
and as sweet as pure sugar.



fairy tale
land



"Sure, I used to hear music.
It was a happy tune,"
the unicorn said.
"There is beauty in music."

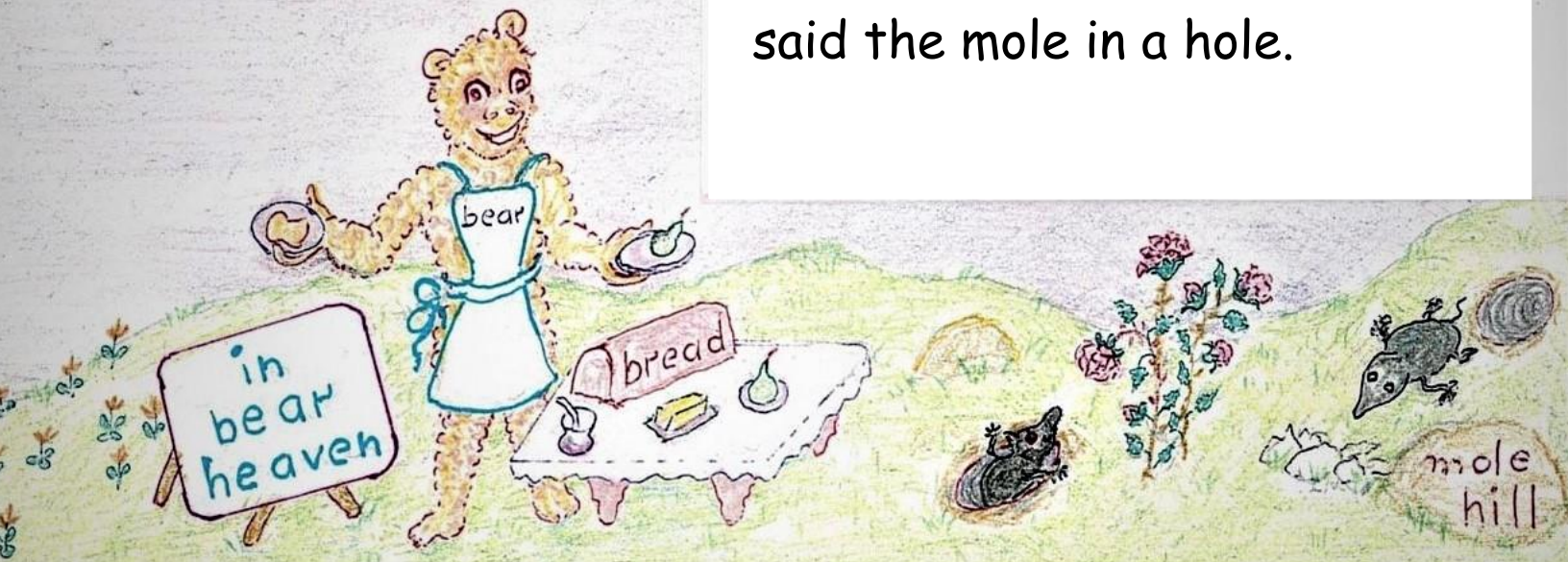
Big bear had a pear in his hand.

There was bread on the table
in the meadow.

Is it heavy?

No, it is pleasant,
a little bit of heaven.

"My nose knows this is a rose,"
said the mole in a hole.

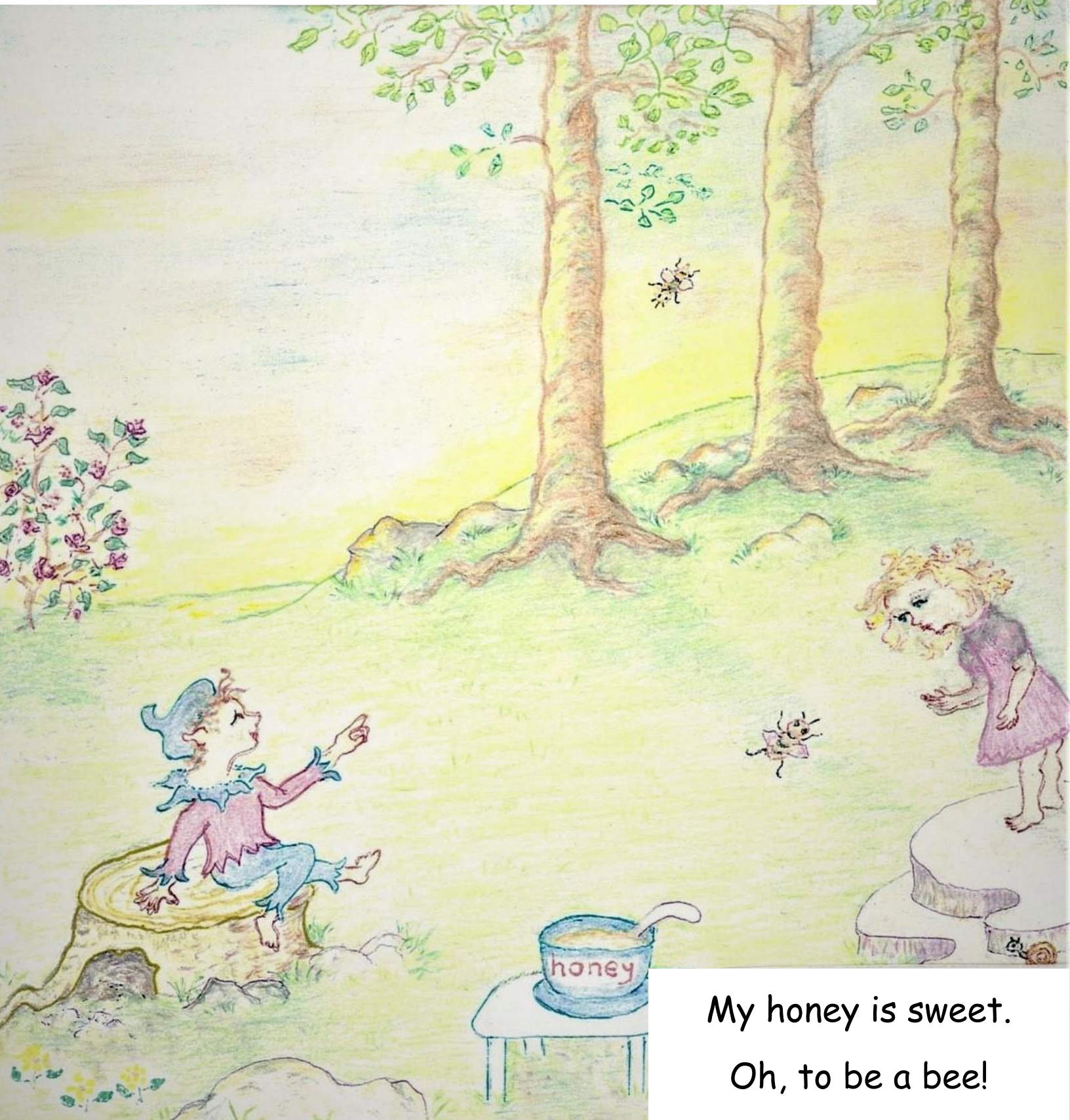


The mole said: "I am told I am so old.
I hope I can go over those stones."

No, don't go in those holes.
It is cold in that whole hole.
I told you so.

We see a bee between three green trees,
and he sees me.

Sweet little bee, is your honey free?



My honey is sweet.

Oh, to be a bee!

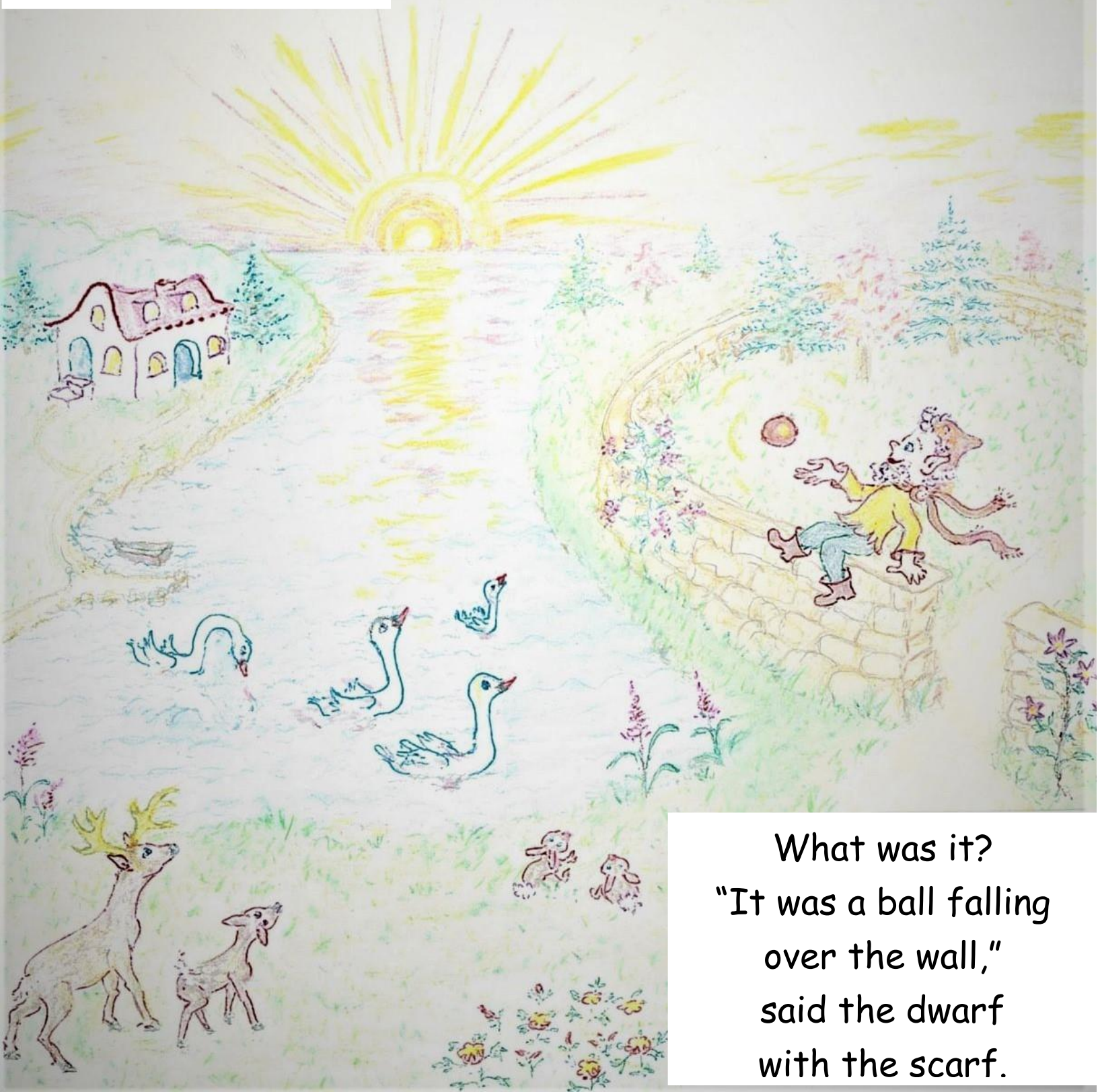
"Why do I try to fly in the sky?"
asked the bird to the girl.

"I was the first out of the nest.
Who comes second?
Who comes third?"
asked the bird.

"There is no dirt
on your skirt
or your shirt,"
said the bird
to the girl.



All the tall
and also the small
swans
saw the ball fall
over the wall.



What was it?
"It was a ball falling
over the wall,"
said the dwarf
with the scarf.

It was dark in the park.
We want to talk.
We want to walk.

What is the glowing heart
doing on the wall?

"I saw a saw
on a log,"
said the frog.

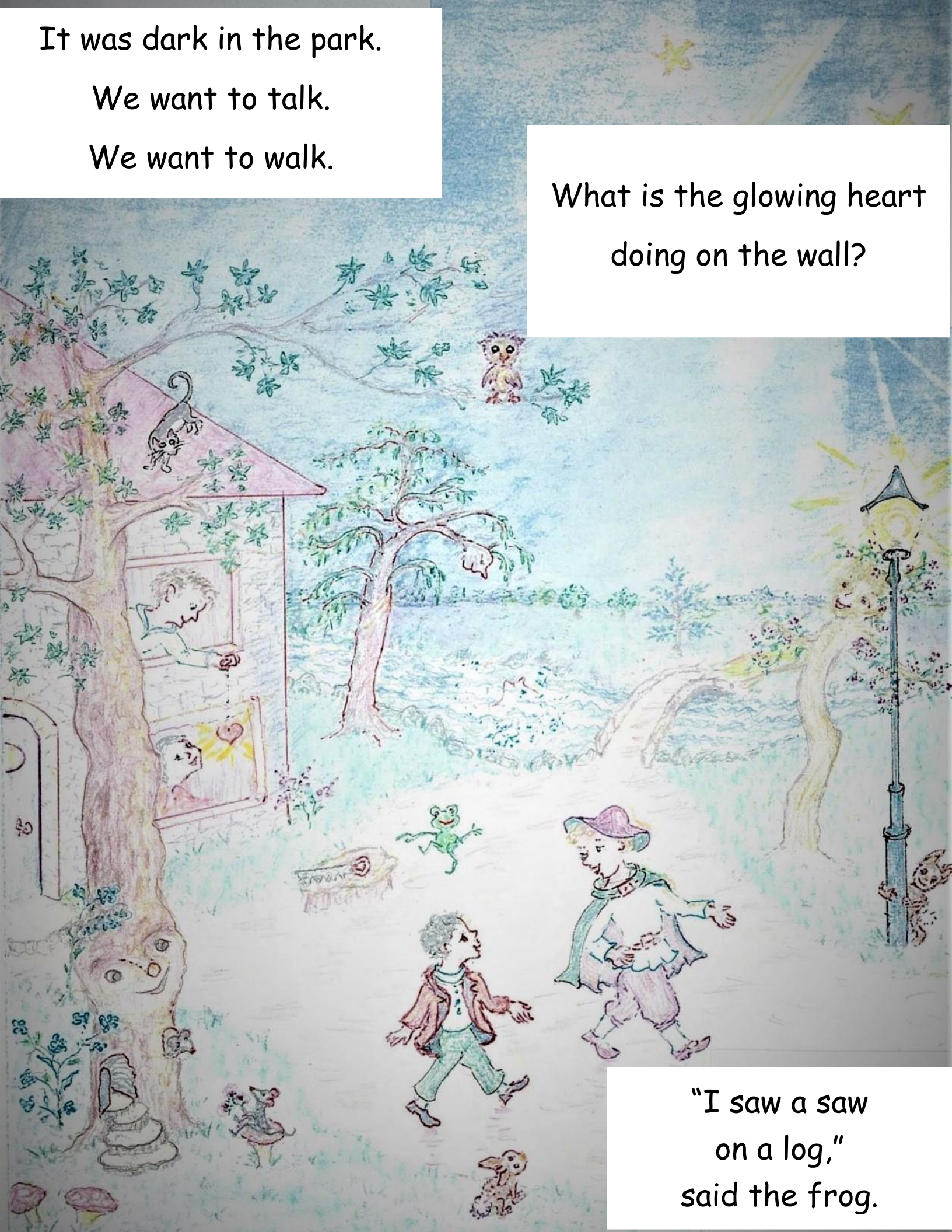
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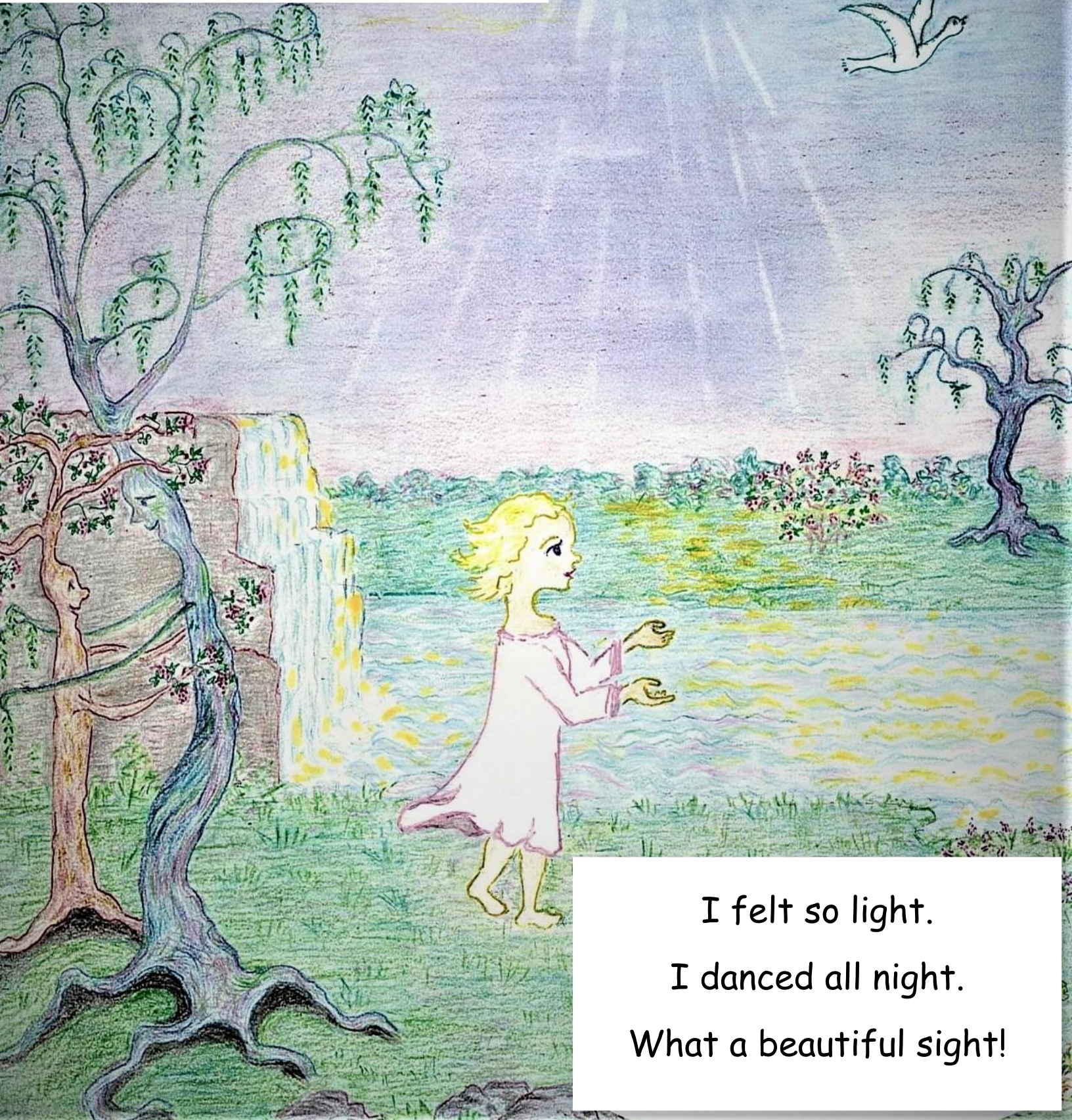
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I had a dream last night.

I saw a knight.

In his hand was a bright light.

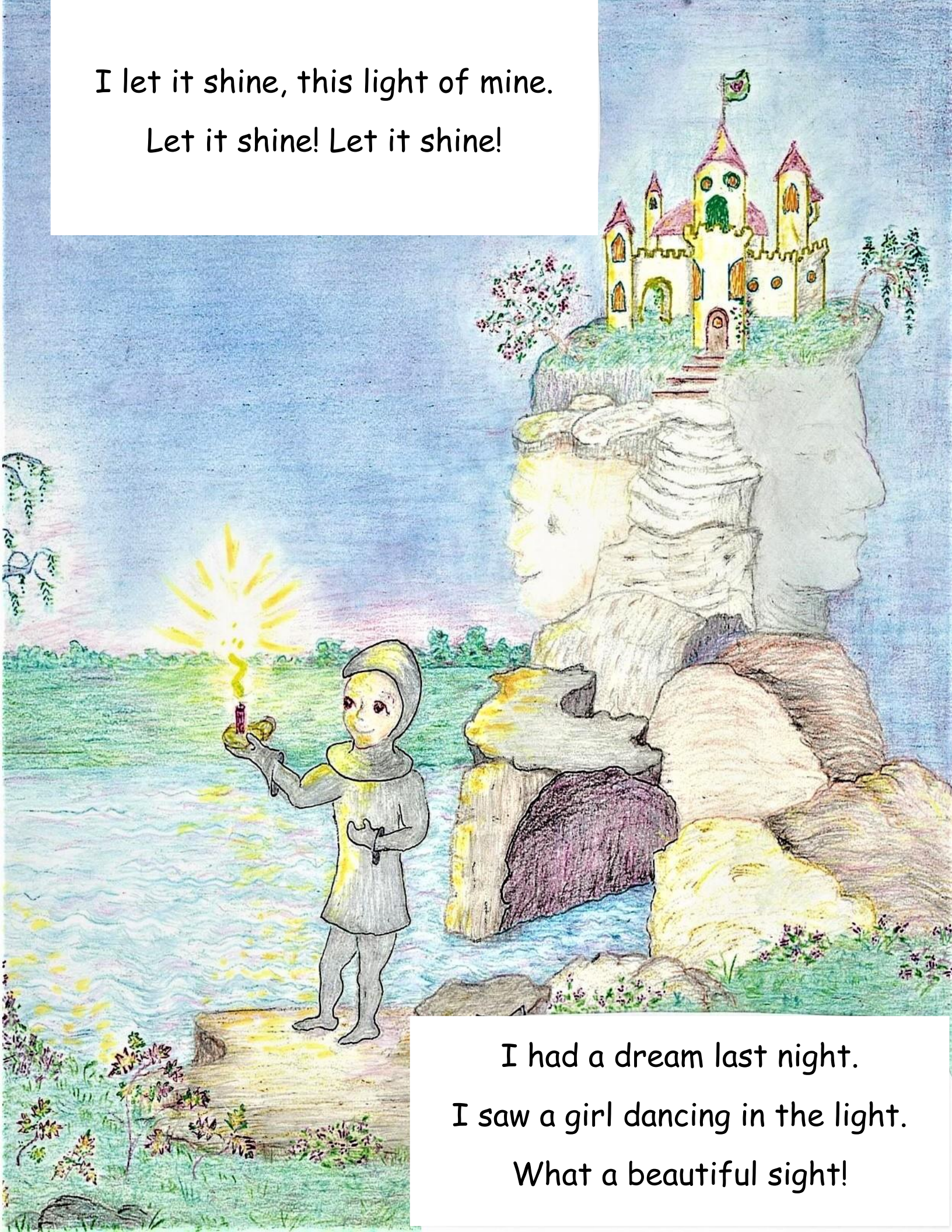


I felt so light.

I danced all night.

What a beautiful sight!

I let it shine, this light of mine.
Let it shine! Let it shine!



I had a dream last night.
I saw a girl dancing in the light.
What a beautiful sight!



Sounds of Special Letters

You can write sentences with these words and
draw nice pictures too.

oo

look – book – hook – took – foot –
good – wood – wool – wolf – wolves – cook –
cookies – bloom

Words with “oo” but sound differently from above:

boot – loot – root – moon – baboon – spoon –
soon – raccoon – tool – fool – cool – zoo –
food – mood – goose – loose – moose – zoom –
true – blue – glue – fruit – juice –
two (= 2) – to – too (= also) – do – super –
you – soup – through – prune – rule

Try these sentences:

Two raccoons looked to the moon too.

Two wolves zoom to the zoo too.

You do that too?

ck

luck – lucky – good luck – duck – truck – stuck – muck –
back – pack – neck –
stick – prick – trick – sick – pick –
sock – hockey – hockey stick – puck –
clock – tick-tock – rock – rocky

Try three sentences:

My uncle had a pack on his back.

He picked up a pack of socks with a stick.

He was lucky!

Capital letters

Always begin a new sentence with a capital letter.

Names of people, places, and countries start with a capital letter.

Example: In America and in Canada, we write letters to John.

Do not write: “in america and canada, we write letters to john.”

Oh boy! That last sentence has no capital letters. Oops!

Here is another sentence:

He writes a letter to an American and a Canadian.

Why is “an” in front of “American” and not in front of “Canadian”?

Because the word “American” starts with a vowel and

the word “Canadian” starts with a consonant.

an

When a word starts with a vowel, then instead of putting an “a” in front of it you put “an.”

Here are some words that begin with a vowel. Can you make a sentence with some of these words in it?

an animal – an ape – an eagle – an alligator – an ant –
an American – an apple – an aunt – an uncle –
an egg – an elf – an entrance – an exit – an extra –
an elephant – an ox – an old – an open – an orange –
an intelligent – an interesting – an island – an itch –
an umbrella – an underdog

Here are some examples:

An eagle said to an alligator, “I can’t find an orange Easter egg.”

An elephant came to help, but he could not find it. Then came an ant. He went on an adventure trip and found the orange egg under an umbrella.

An ape lifted an arm, “Hurrah! Even if you are small, you can help.”

Then the ant got an extra ride on an alligator to an amusement park.

qu

qua

quake – quality – quantity – quarrel – quartz –
quarter = one quart (= $\frac{1}{4}$) – 4 quarters (= one dollar) –
aquarium (aqua = water in Latin) – Squamish – square

que

plaque – queen – question – request – squeeze –
Quebec – conquer – technique – frequency – unique

qui

quick – quiz – require – quiet – quite – squirrel – squint

The quick question is: “Did the squirrel squeeze the queen in the aquarium?”

O

how – now – cow – vow – bow – allow –
towel – clown – brown – frown – down – town –
cowboy – coward – owl – howl –

WOW!

X

exit – exam – example – exercise –
excel – excellent – except – exciting – excuse –
export – expire – explain – explore – extra

six – mix – fix

box – fox – ox

Try these sentences:

Now, how did the clown go downtown with a cow?

The fox fixed a box and jumped on an ox.

u

music – use – useful – cucumber –
cute – unity – university

The vowels in these words sound similar but are different from above:

pure – cure – sure – sugar

ew

These vowels sound similar to the first set above but are written differently:

new – I knew – dew – fruit – juice – beautiful –
you – through – soup – true – blue – glue – flute

ai

fair – fairy – hair – chair – stairs – air – a pair

O

rose – nose – no – over – those – stones –
alone – open – only – below – I know – he knows –
hope – home – a hole – a whole hole –
blow – row – bow – arrow – flow – snow –
I know – he knows

ea

heaven – bear – pear – bread – head – pleasant

Try these sentences:

My nose knows – this is a rose.

The bear put a pear on his head instead of his bread.

ou

I could – I should – I would

ey

honey – money – monkey – donkey

ee

I see – he sees – a bee

i

girl – bird – first – third –
dirt – shirt – skirt – stir – thirst – thirsty –
fir tree – birth – birthday

u

hurt – burn – purse – purple

run – under – sun – bun – uncle – fun

ea

learn – earn – earth – early

Try these sentences:

The third girl with the purple shirt learns to run
to the first fir tree. She earned a medal.

And she had a birthday party. It was fun!

Oh, to be a bee. My honey is free.

“That honey costs no money,” said the monkey to the donkey.

a

what – was – arm – harm – sharp – wash – wallet –

awe – awestruck – charm – chalk – car – carnival

water – scarf – salt – spark – harmony –

saw – raw – law – paw – garden – hard –

all – tall – small – ball – fall – wall – call –

swan – dawn – lawn – fawn – car – sharp –

I want – he wants – I walk – he walks – watch

warm – quarter – dwarf

dance – glance

Try these sentences:

What was the dwarf doing on the wall?

He wanted to watch a ball fall into warm water.

Who saw the saw in the dark of the park?

A frog saw it. He danced around.

My friend walked with me and he talked with me.

There was a spark in the dark.

ed

To mark the past, most verbs (action words) have “ed” added at the end.

Examples: talk → talked, walk → walked, move → moved

But some words do not follow this rule. Examples:

know → knew – write → wrote – see → saw – do → did –

read → read – stand → stood – tell → told – sell → sold –

think → thought – bring → brought – buy → bought –

go → went – catch → caught – teach → taught –

eat → ate – stand → stood – find → found – is → was

silent “k” and “gh”

Some words begin with “k” but you don’t hear “k.”

Examples: knight – knife – I know – I knew – knack – knock –
knob – knot – knee

Some words have “gh” in it, but you don’t hear that “gh”

Examples: light – night – sight – bright – fright – height – tight
laugh – cough – thought

Try this sentence: In the night the moonlight was bright.

