

Why Owl Only Comes Out at Night

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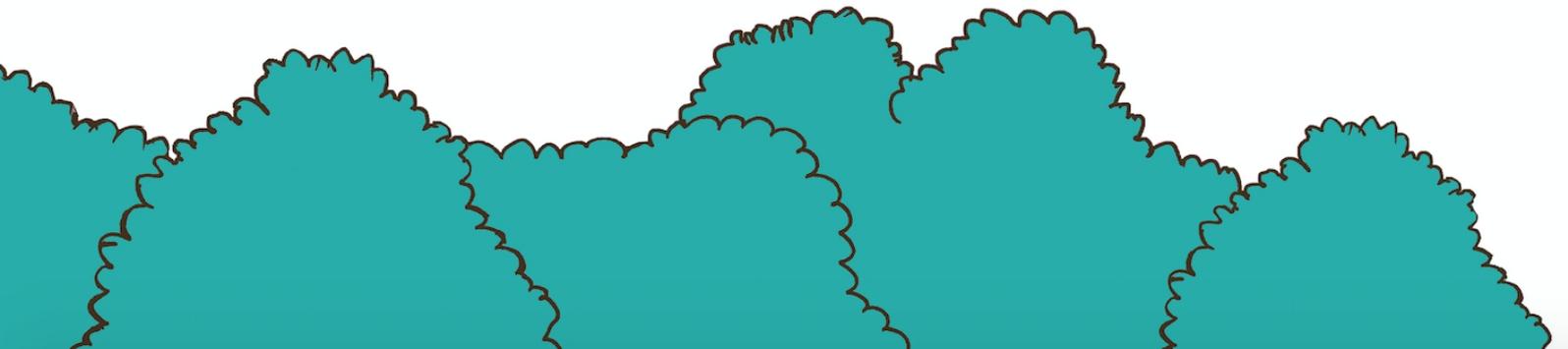
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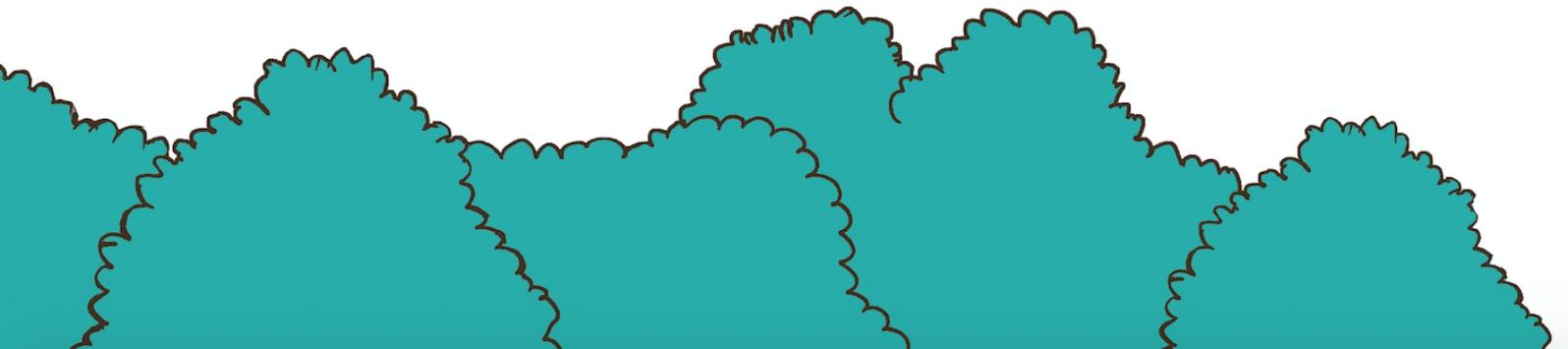
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Ages ago, when rocks were still
soft and trees could talk, all
the animals lived on land under
one big shed.



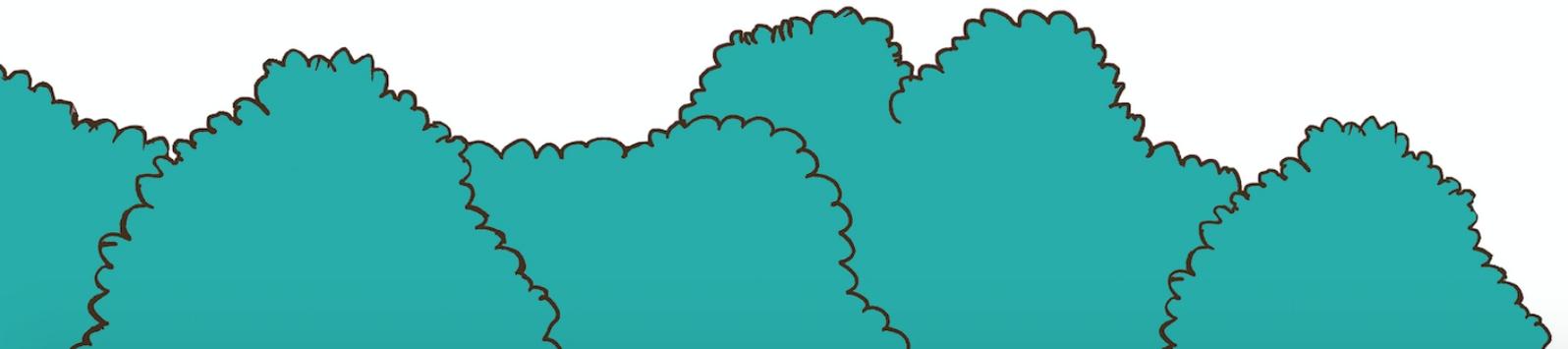


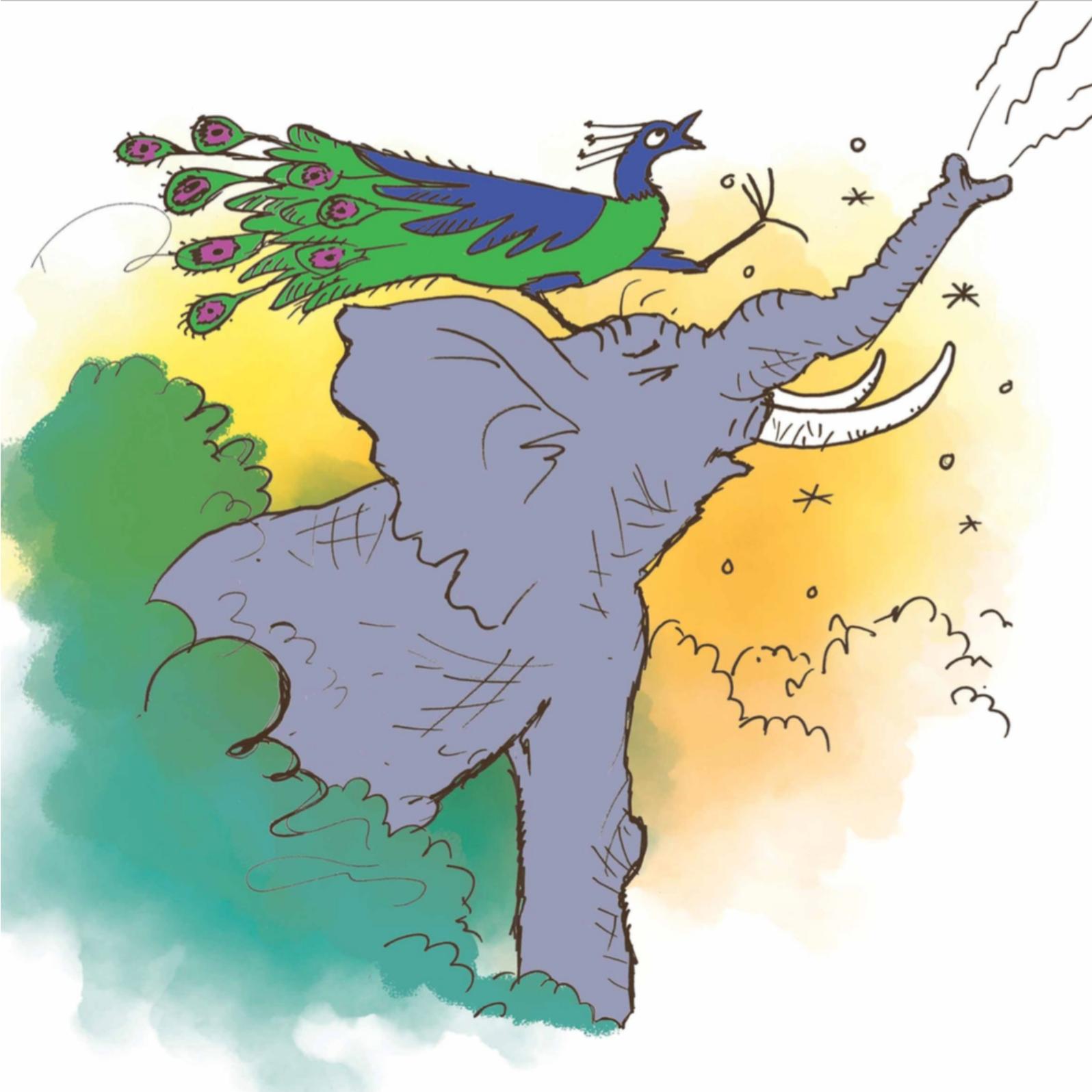
They took care of each other
and protected one another from
human trouble all day and night.



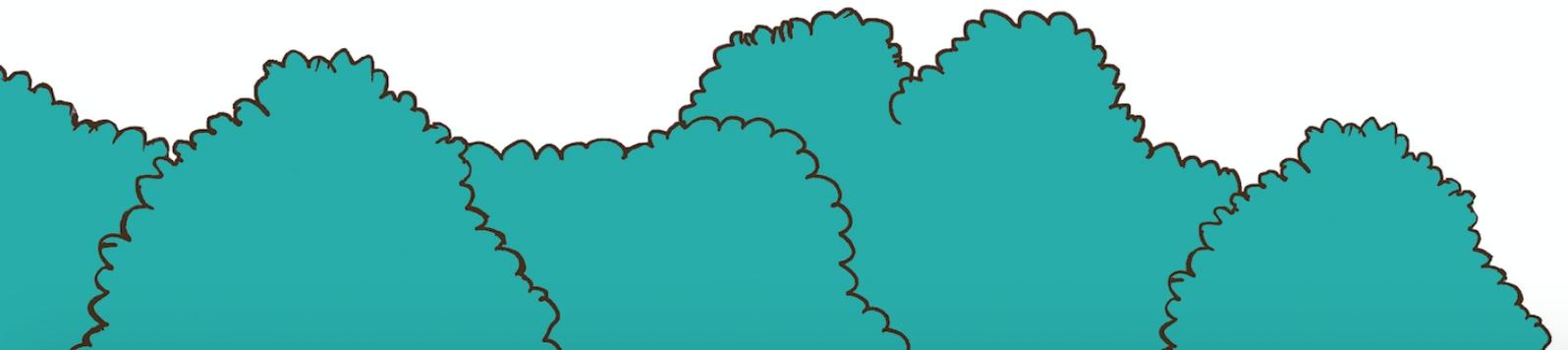


At sunset, the elephants
trumpeted and the birds chirped
along in harmony, while the
peacock danced.



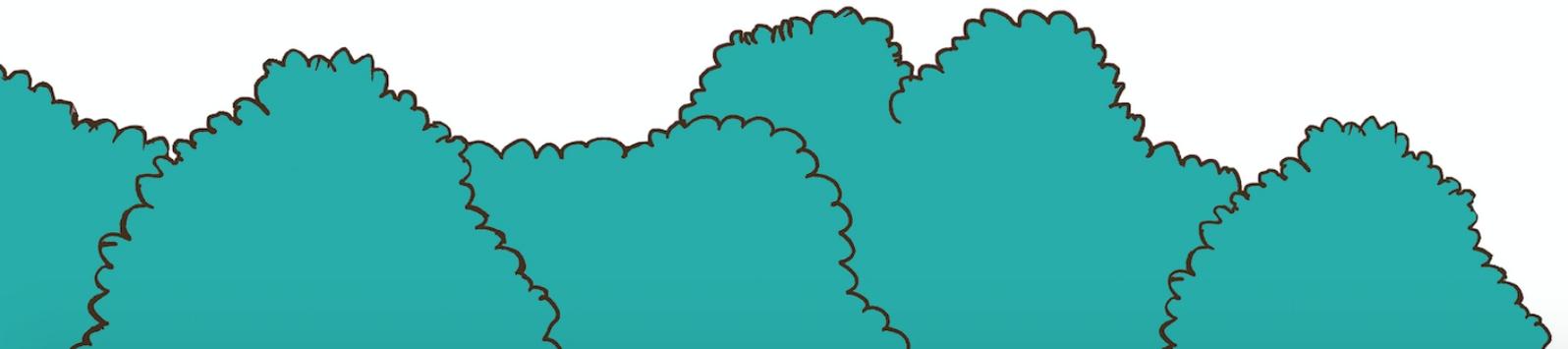


One night, it was Mr Owl's turn
to guard the animals as they
slept.

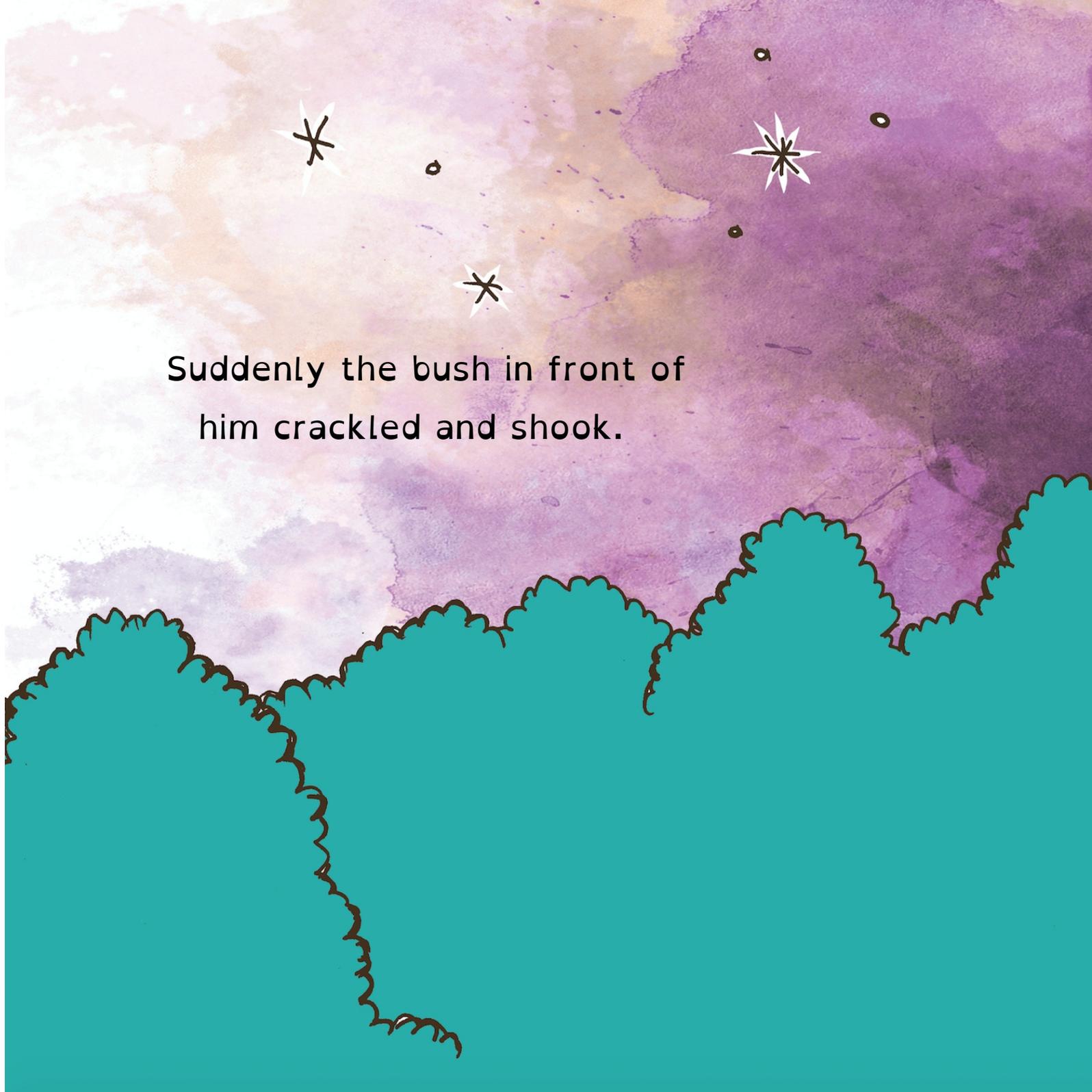




He stayed up watching far and
wide for any sign of humans.





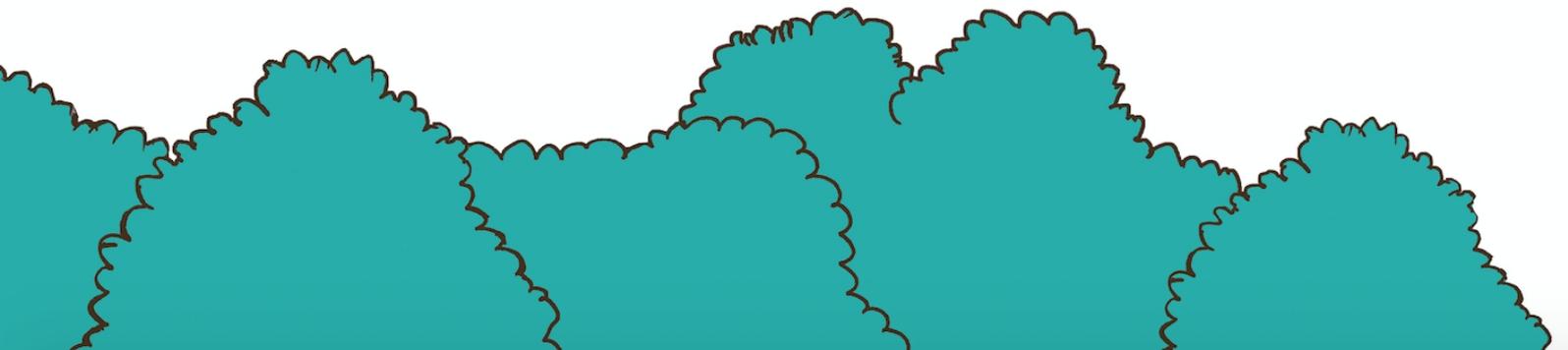
A watercolor illustration of a night sky. The sky is painted in shades of purple, lavender, and light blue, with some darker purple and blue washes. Several stars are depicted as simple black outlines with white, starburst-like halos. There are also a few small, dark circles scattered across the sky. In the foreground, there is a large, stylized bush or tree rendered in a solid teal color with a dark brown, scalloped outline. The overall style is soft and artistic.

Suddenly the bush in front of
him crackled and shook.



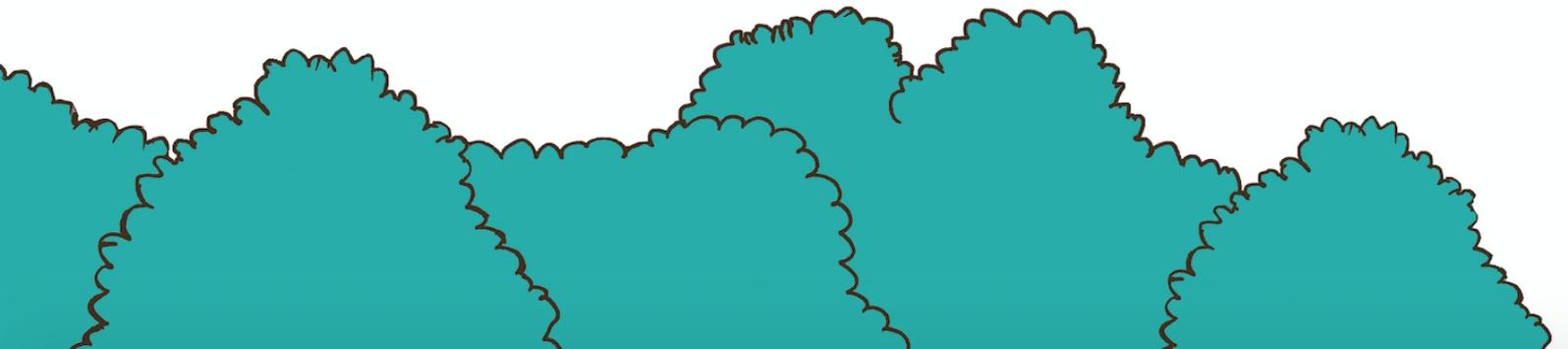
“Aww!” Mr Owl was trapped in
the hands of a small boy.

Owl hooted and ruffled his
feathers. There was even a toot.



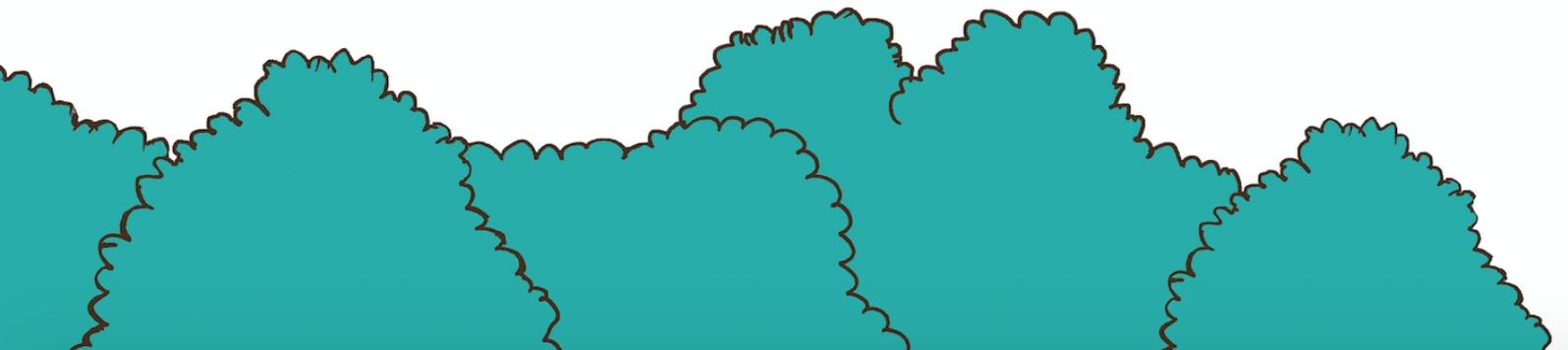


“Please don’t roast me!
Take the other animals.
I am too wise to be eaten –
I won’t be as delicious.”



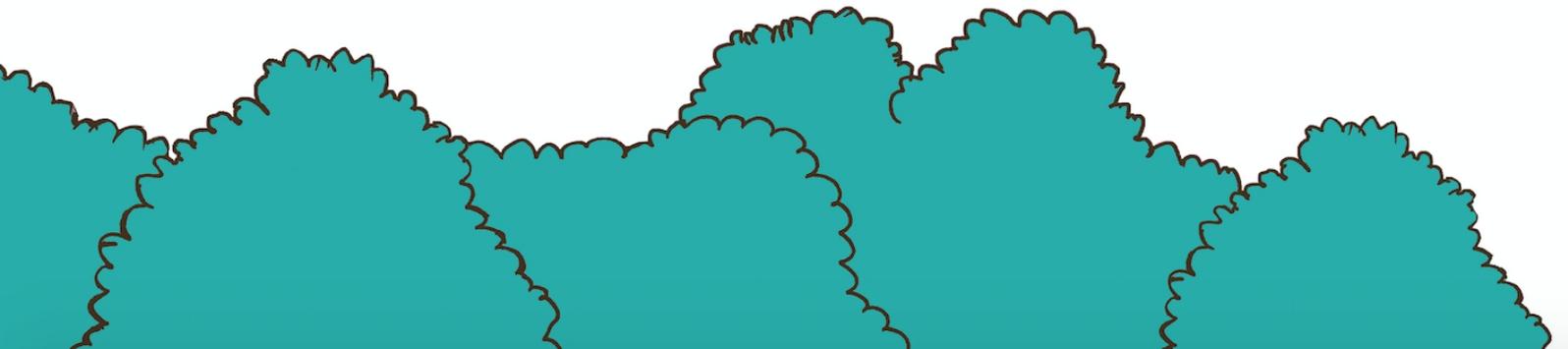


The boy seeing the animals
sleeping, rubbed his hands,
greedily and lit a fire.
But this woke the animals from
their sleep.
“Fire!” they shouted, as they
scattered all over.





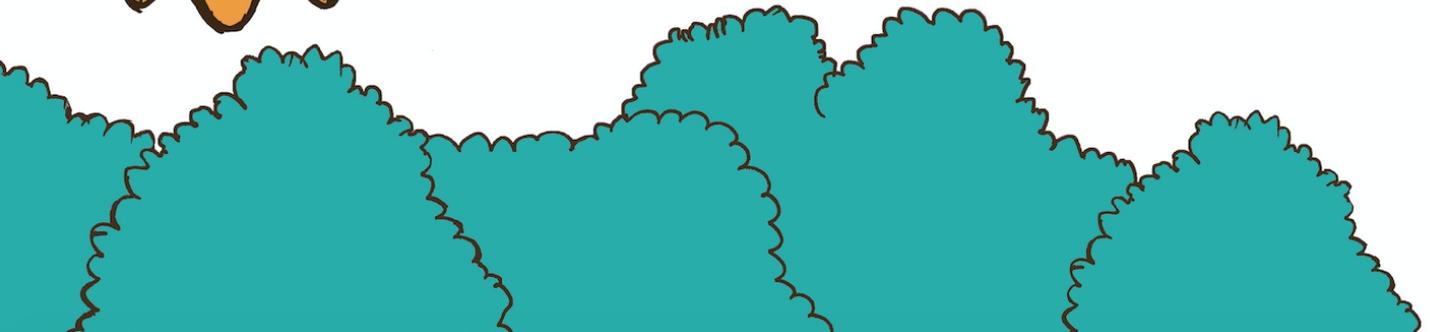
The insects hid underground.
Some animals ran for the river
and never came back.
The birds flew deep into the
night sky.





As the fire spread, the rest of
the humans left with the cats,
cows and dogs.

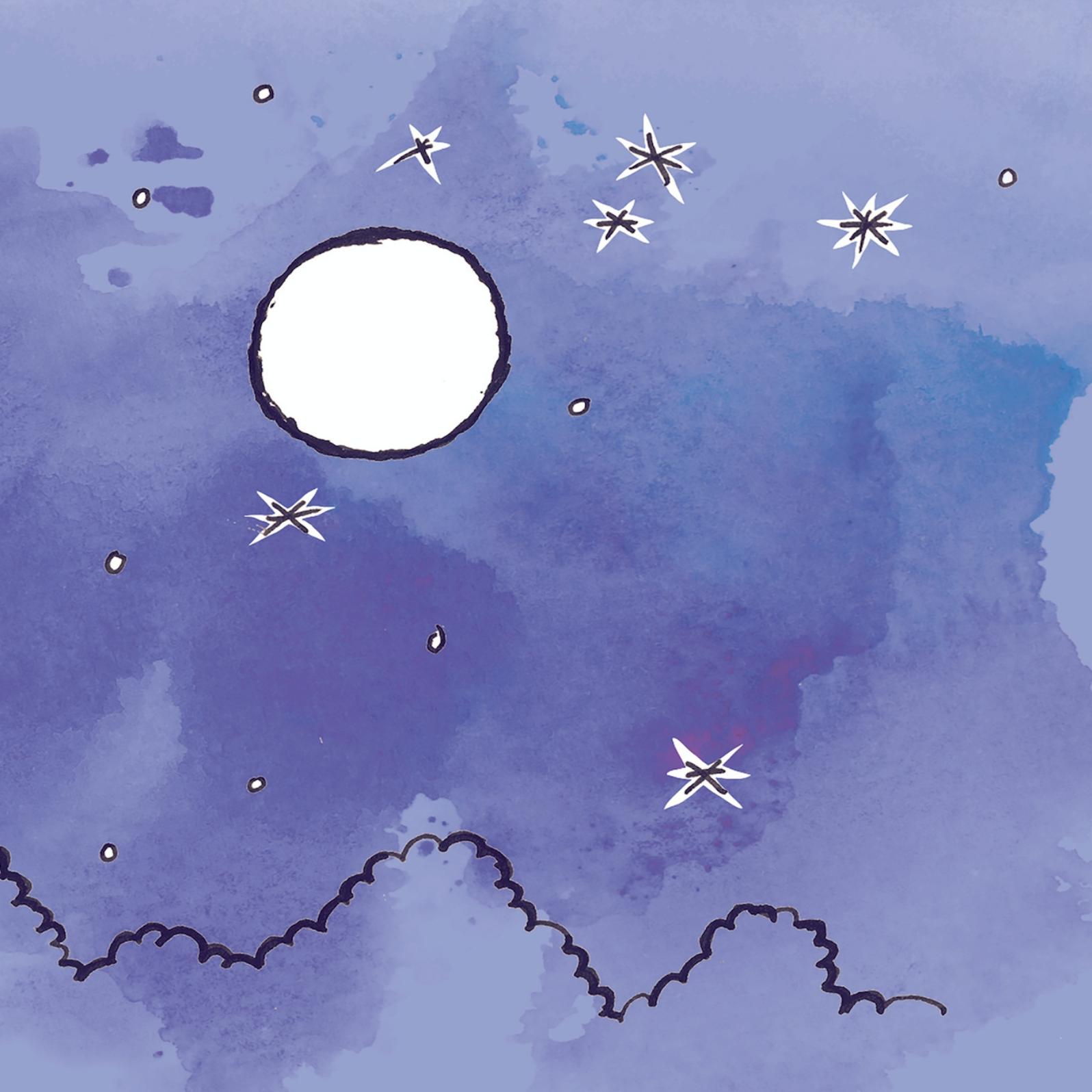
Leaving only Mr Owl who was
very ashamed. "They must
never see me again."

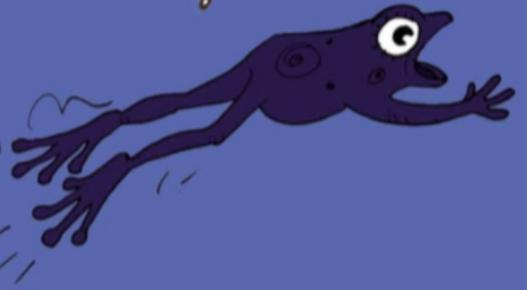


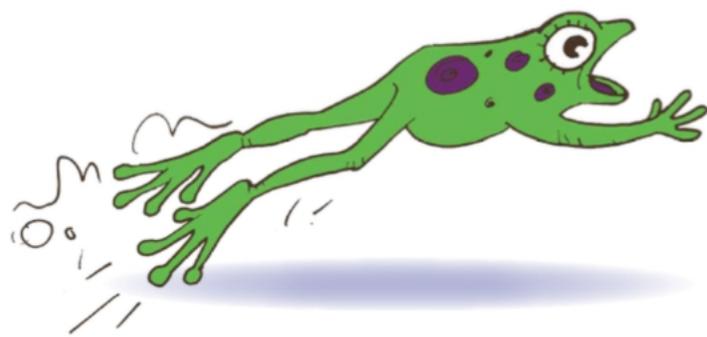


From that night, he vowed
never to show his face in
daylight...
only at night to eat and stretch
his wings.









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