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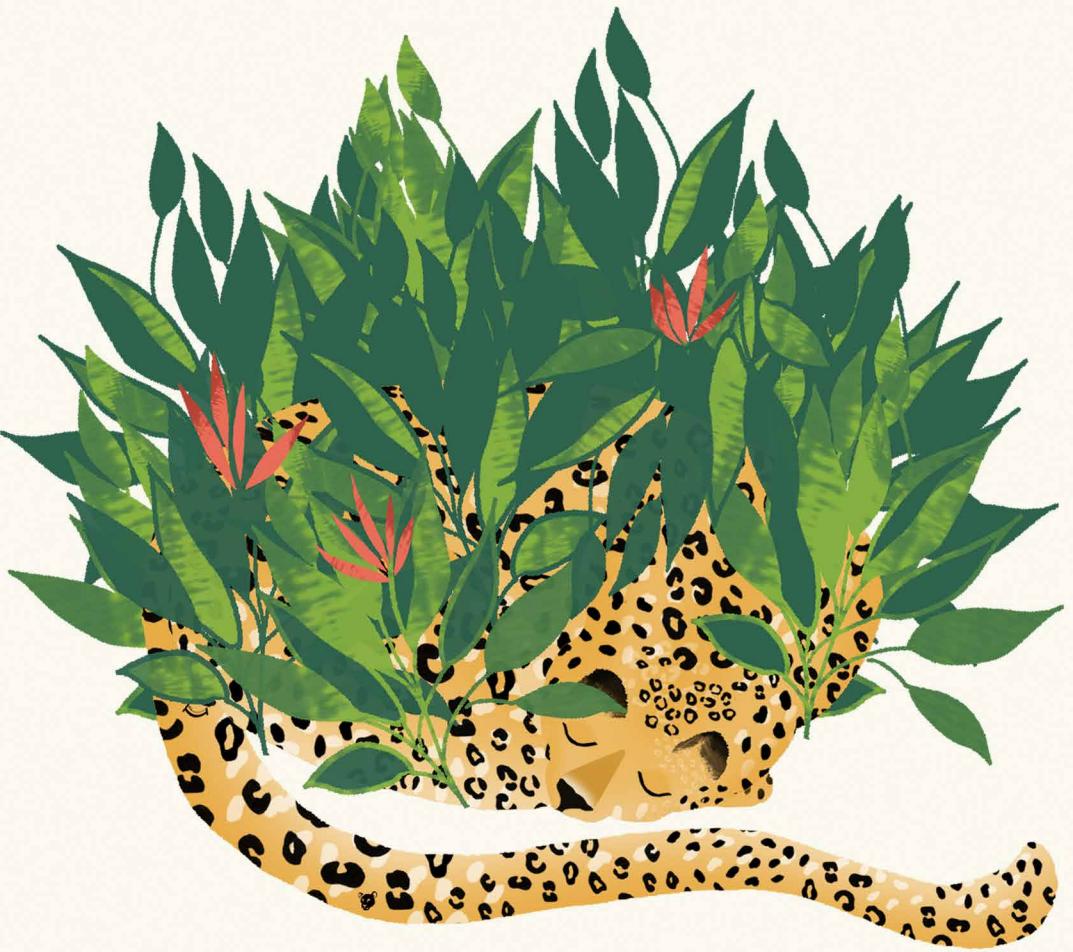
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The sun is rising and it's time for all the jungle animals
to come out to play.



Except for our friend The Very Sleepy Leopard!
He is nocturnal, that means he sleeps all day and
stays awake all night!

“YAWN” said The Very Sleepy Leopard, “I am
very sleepy!”

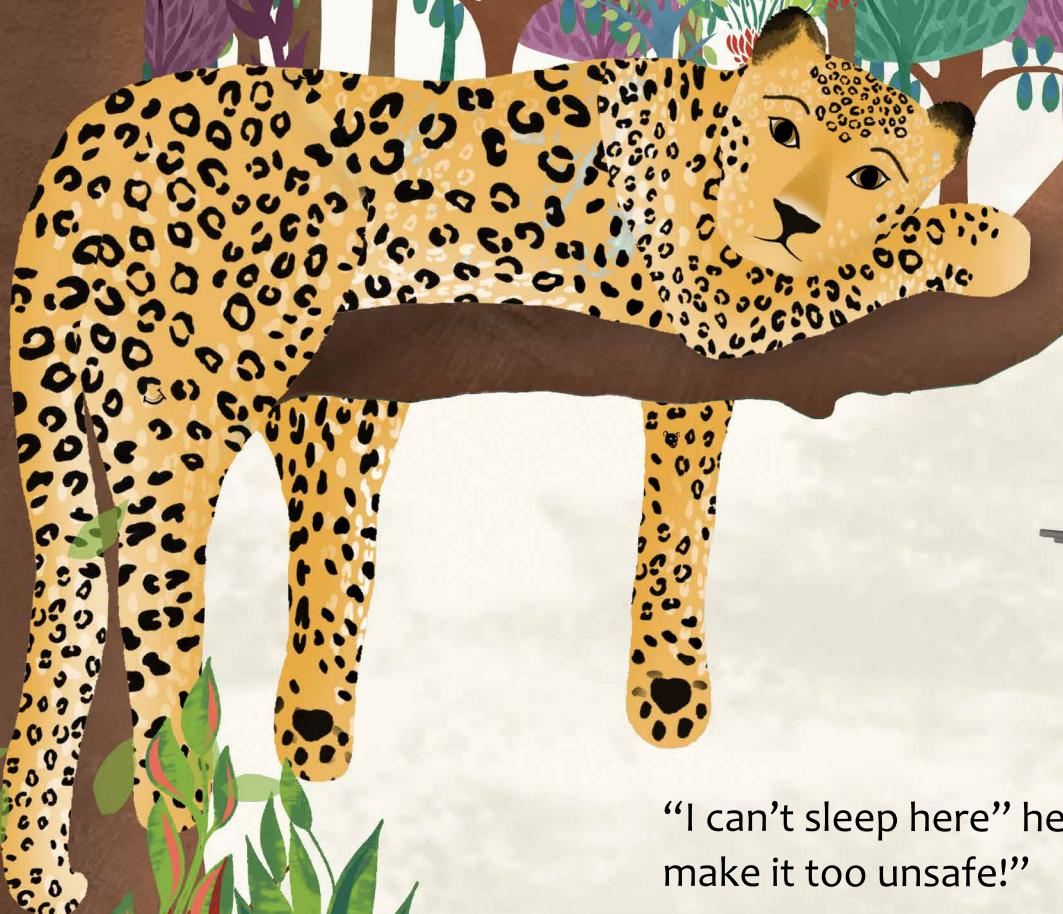


The Very Sleepy Leopard's favourite place to sleep is in the tallest tree. His tree is super strong and reaches all the way up to the sky!

Settling in for the night he closes his eyes and quickly starts snoring.

Oh my goodness, wake up Sleepy Leopard! Wake up!

Poachers prowl the jungle during the day looking for animals with pretty coats, he isn't safe here.



"I can't sleep here" he says, "those silly poachers make it too unsafe!"

So, where will he sleep now?



The Very Sleepy Leopard silently trails across the jungle floor until he finds another comfortable looking tree.

He quickly climbs up, finds a suitable branch and drapes himself across ready to go to sleep.



“Well, this isn’t my favourite tree, but it will have to do—”

SNAP!

Oh no! The branch snapped!
Sleepy Leopard are you okay?

"For goodness sake, I can't sleep here, I'm the heaviest cat in all the jungle and this tree isn't strong enough to hold me!"



"Well I could just try resting here," said the Sleepy Leopard with a gigantic yawn "after all, I'm so sleepy."

And with that, he curled up on the jungle floor and tried to go back to sleep.



"Brrrrr" he said, "it's very cold down here with the trees blocking the sun, I'm used to sleeping high up with the sun on my fur!"

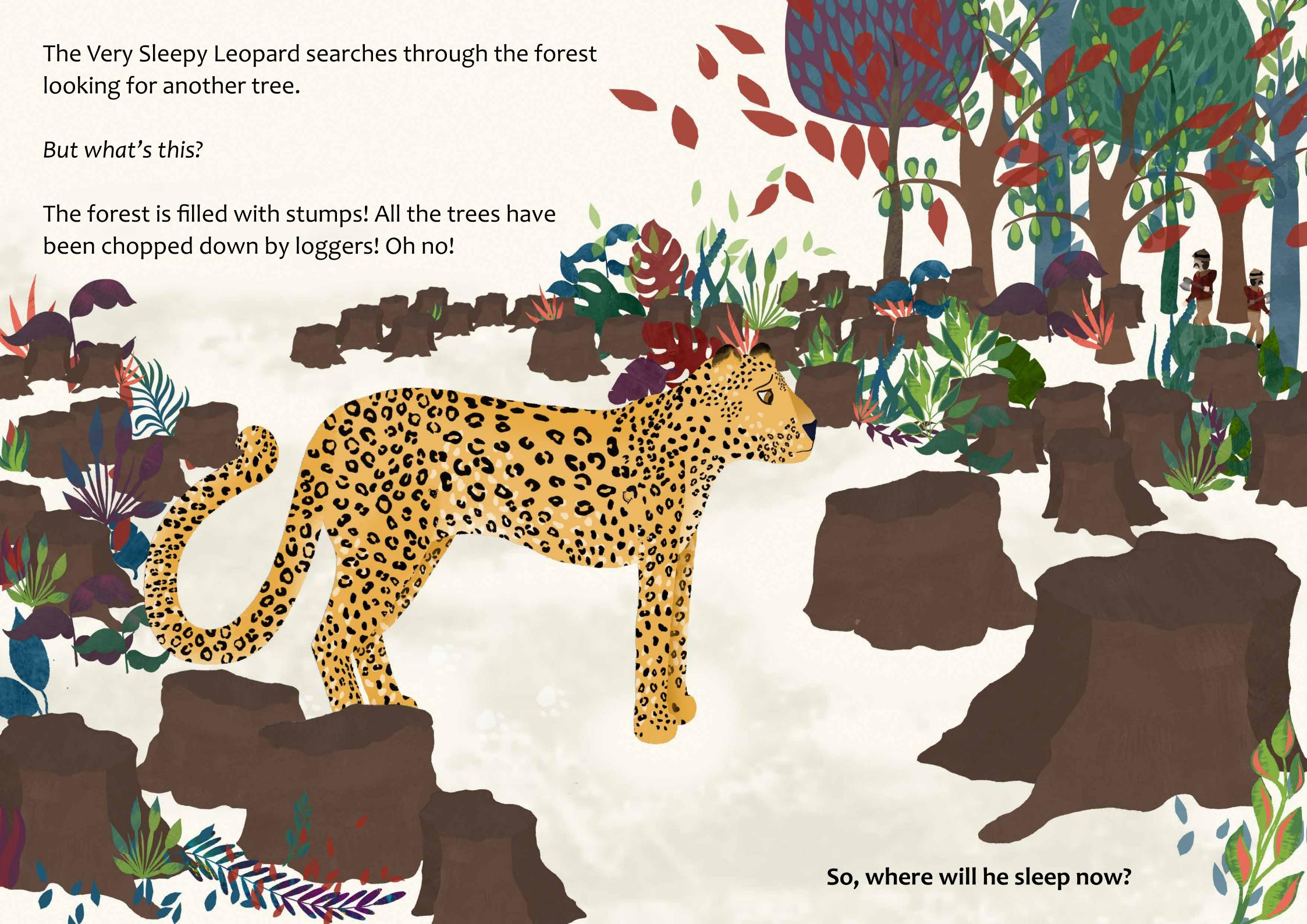
Sleepy Leopard is right, it's far too cold down here, he needs to find another tree!

So, where will he sleep now?

The Very Sleepy Leopard searches through the forest looking for another tree.

But what's this?

The forest is filled with stumps! All the trees have been chopped down by loggers! Oh no!



So, where will he sleep now?

The Very Sleepy Leopard comes across a river, he needs to get to the other side to carry on his search of the jungle for a place to sleep.

"Maybe I will take a swim whilst I think of some ideas" He said, "after all, I'm a very good swimmer!"



The Very Sleepy Leopard floats across the river and finally starts to feel relaxed.

"I should just stay here, this is very relaxing - OH!"

Oh no! The Very Sleepy Leopard is being splashed by lots of fish! He can't possibly stay here.



So, where will he sleep now?



The Very Sleepy Leopard climbs out of the river and finds a lovely bush to dry off in.

"I will be dry in no time," said The Very Sleepy Leopard, "except for my silly tail!"

He's right! His tail is far too long to fit in the bush with him, it's almost the whole length of his body!



"It's okay though, my spots will keep me camouflaged" he said.

Safe and sound, the Very Sleepy Leopard closes his eyes and starts to fall asleep, when all of a sudden...

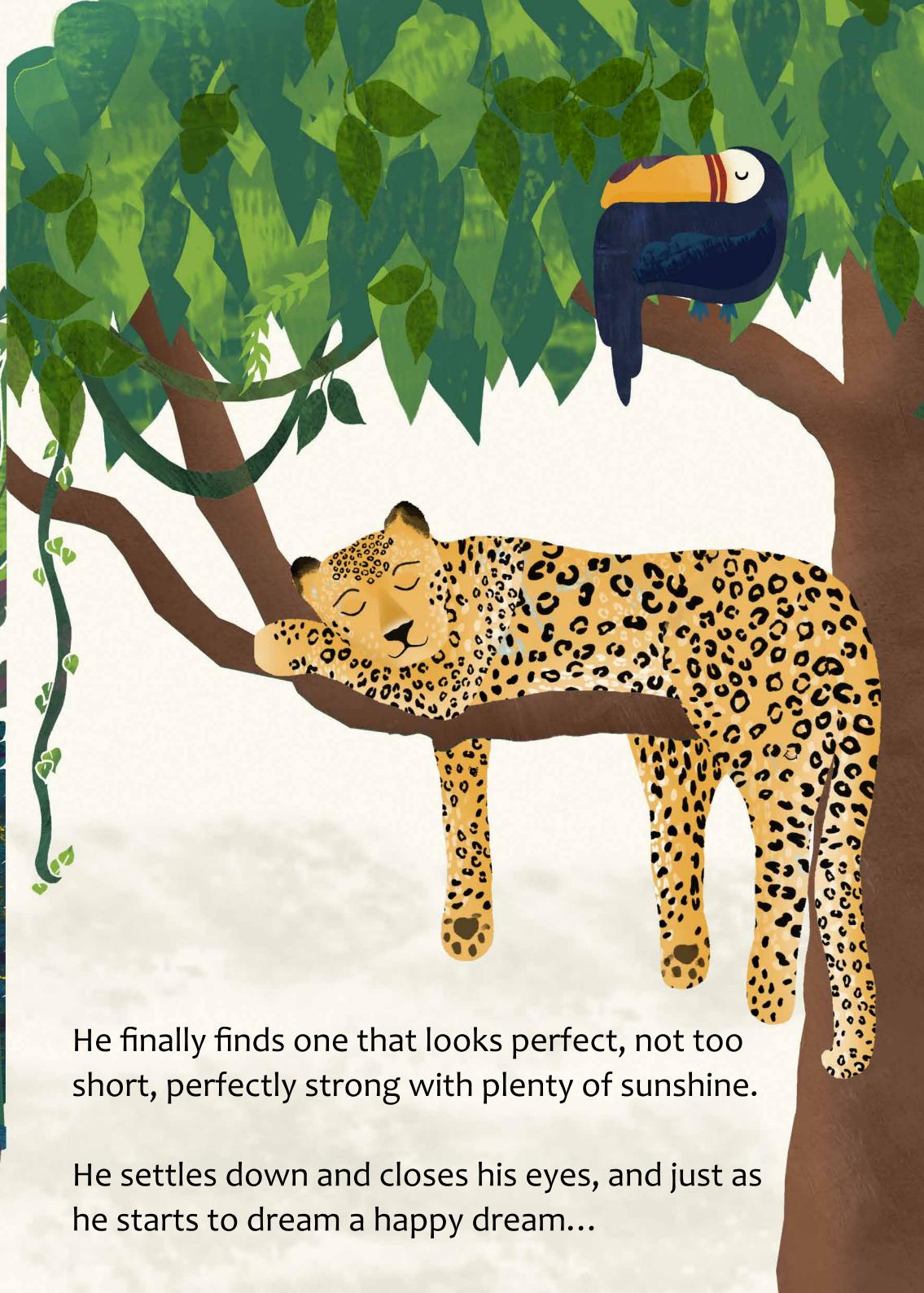


“OUCH!” Screamed the Leopard.

Oh no! An elephant has trampled on Leopard's tail! He can't stay here, it isn't safe enough.

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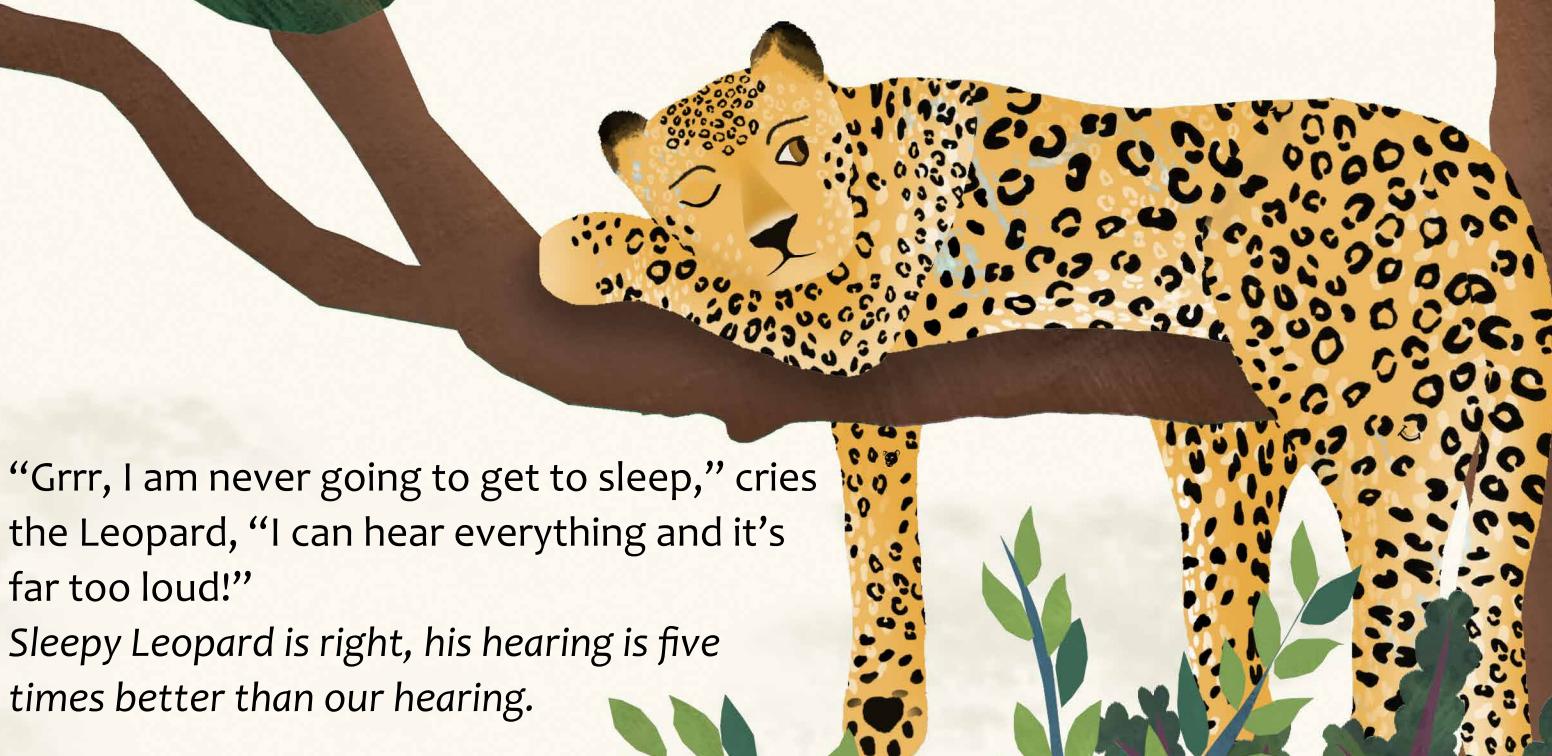
The Very Sleepy Leopard decides to look for a tree again. After all, it's his favourite way to sleep.



He finally finds one that looks perfect, not too short, perfectly strong with plenty of sunshine.

He settles down and closes his eyes, and just as he starts to dream a happy dream...

“SQUARK!!!”, a toucan screams in his ear.



“Grrr, I am never going to get to sleep,” cries the Leopard, “I can hear everything and it’s far too loud!”

Sleepy Leopard is right, his hearing is five times better than our hearing.

So, where will he sleep now?



It feels like The Very Sleepy Leopard has been looking
for somewhere perfect to sleep all day long.

“Will I ever find somewhere to
sleep?” He wonders.



Just then, he approaches a clearing. In front of him are hundreds of tall, strong trees he has never seen before.

It's a special protected area where trees stand tall and wildlife lives safely! This seems like the perfect place for the Very Sleepy Leopard to finally get some sleep.



He drapes himself across a branch and smiles,

“It’s perfect,” says Leopard as his eyes start to droop.

Shhh, it’s time for Leopard to get some sleep before the sun sets again, in his new, perfect tree.



This is where he will sleep now.