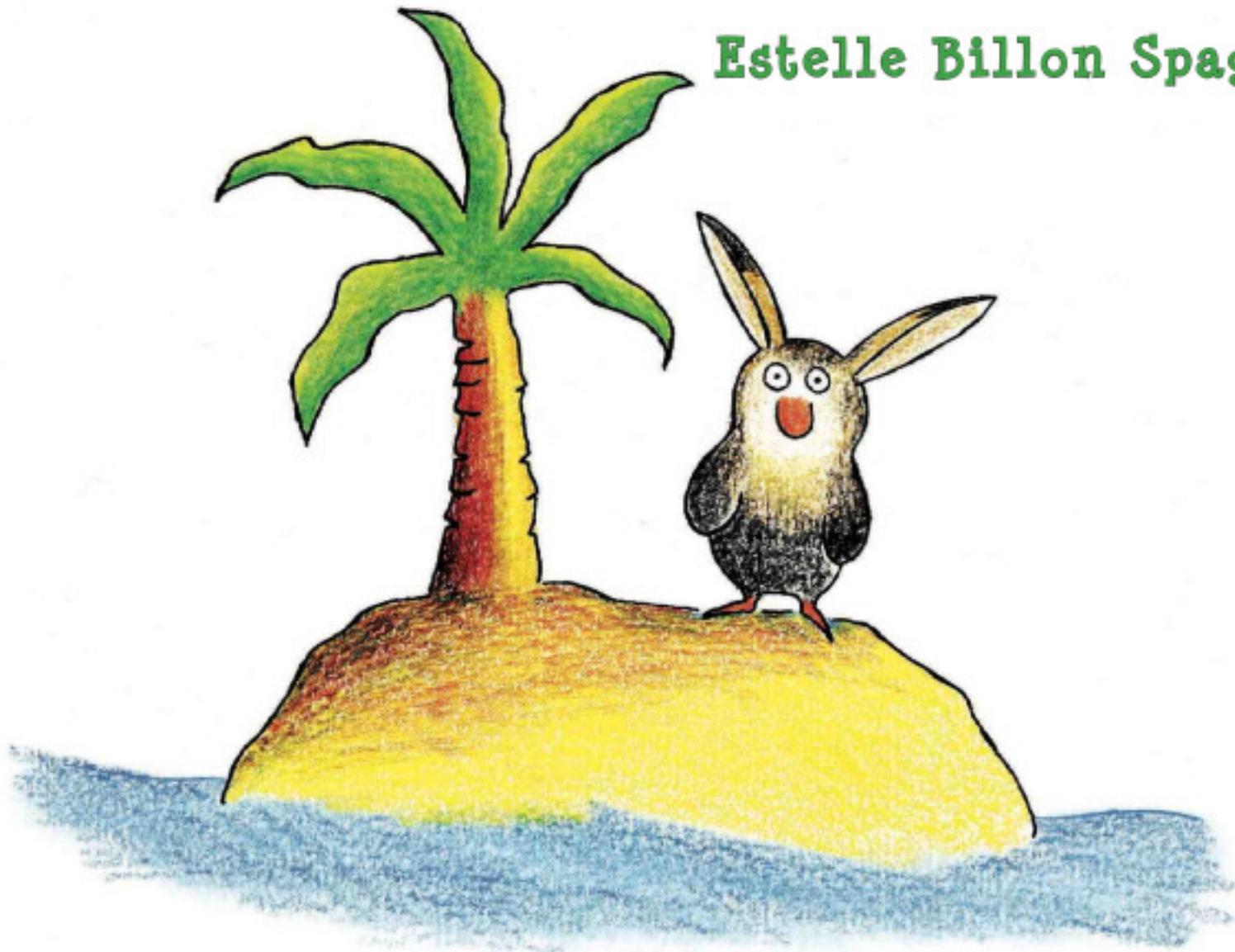


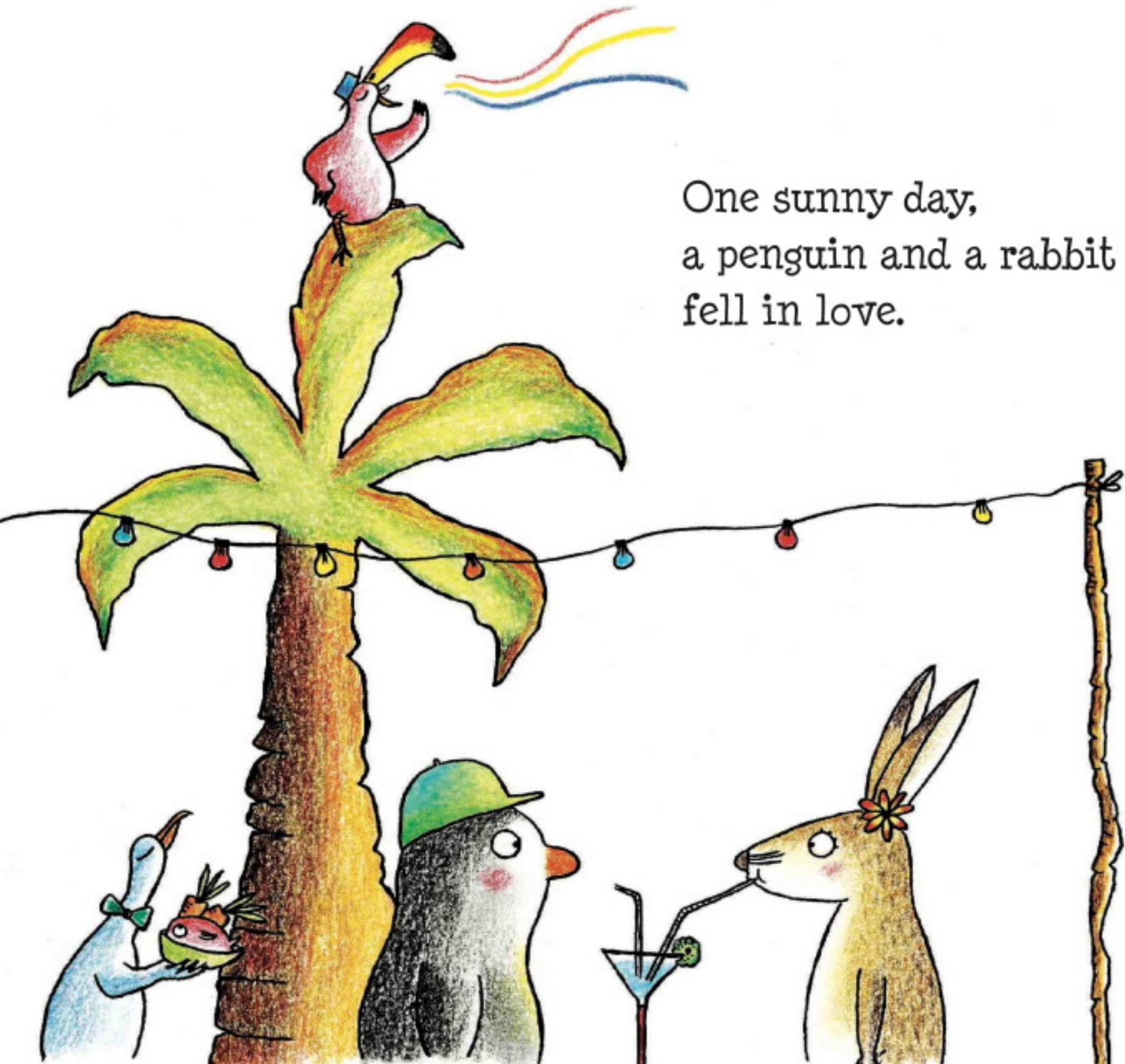
LITTLE PENGUIN

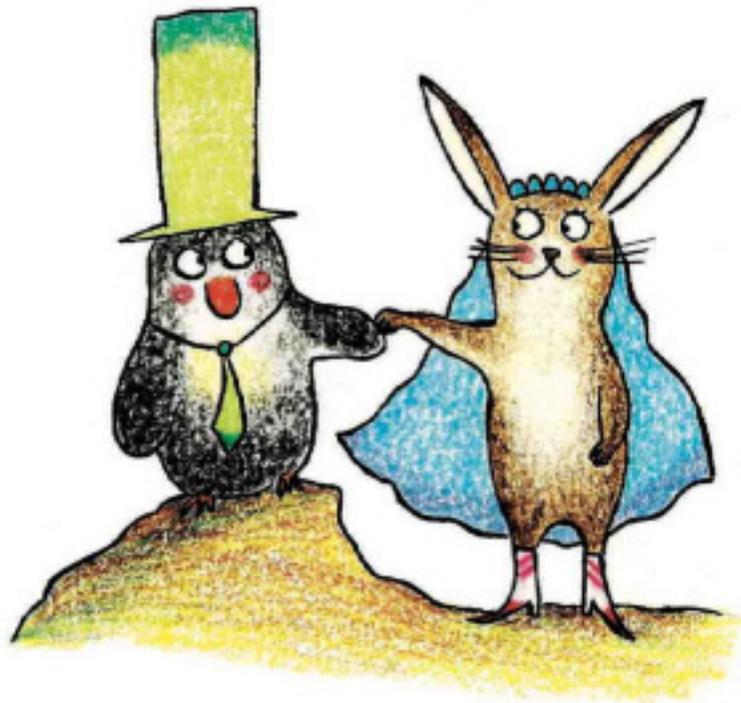
Estelle Billon Spagnol



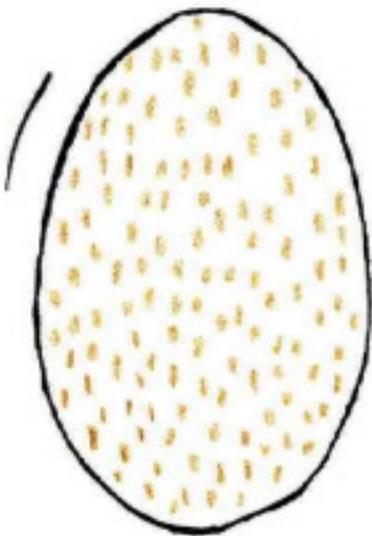
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One sunny day,
a penguin and a rabbit
fell in love.





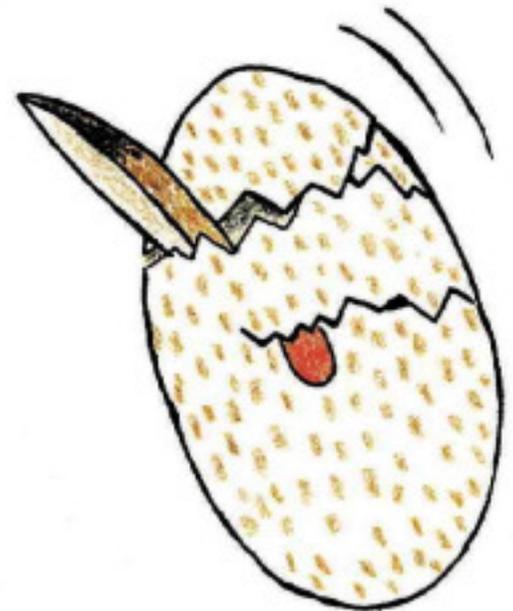
Creak



Scratch



CRACK!

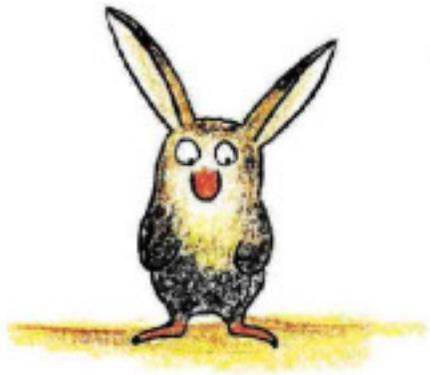


And they had a baby—
Little Benguin.

A little bit bunny.
And a little bit penguin.
Not one. Not the other.
A mix.



Hello!



Because Little Benguin was unusual,
people were afraid of him.

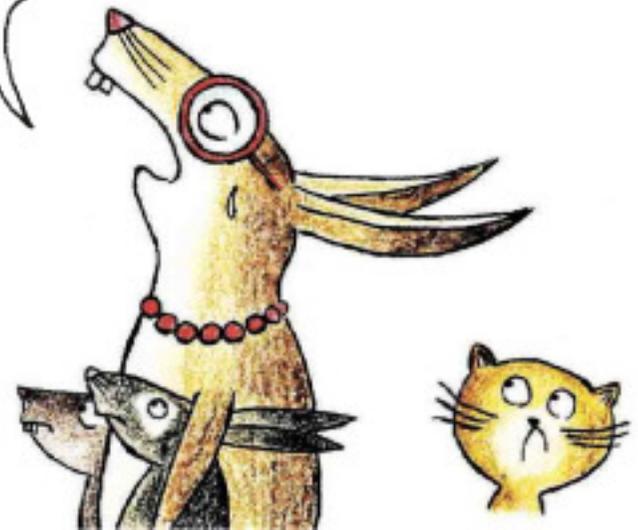
And because people were afraid,
Little Benguin was alone.



I can't
look
at those
big ears!



Don't play
with him.
He has
flippers.



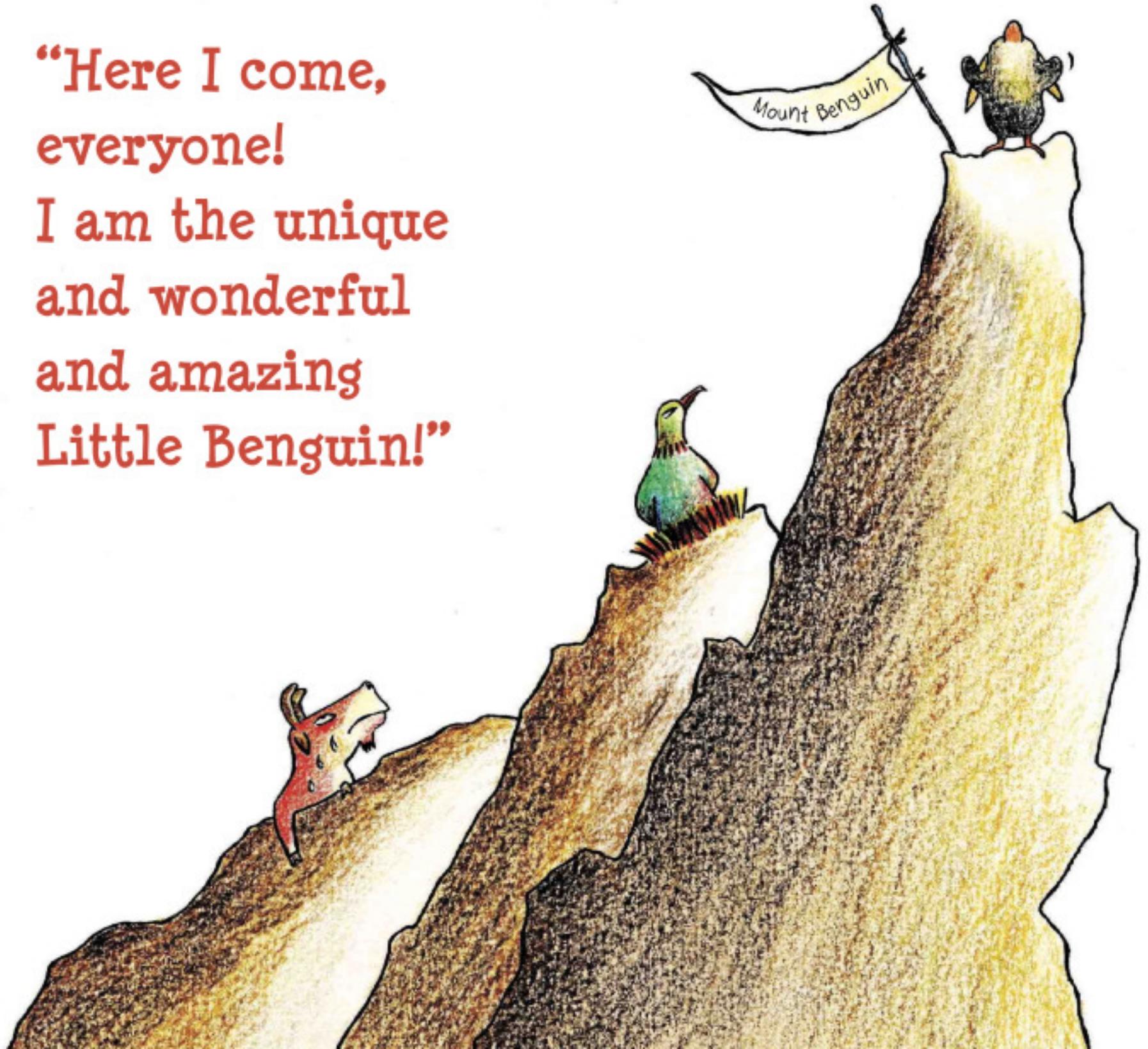




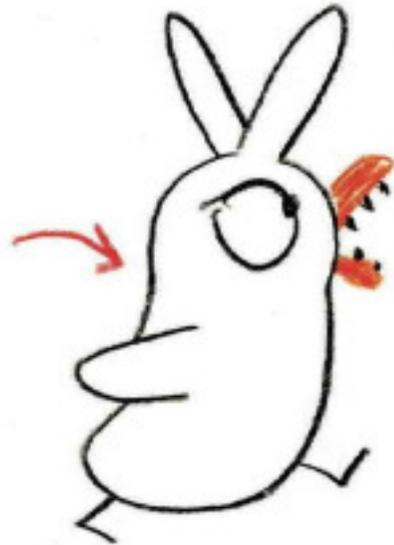
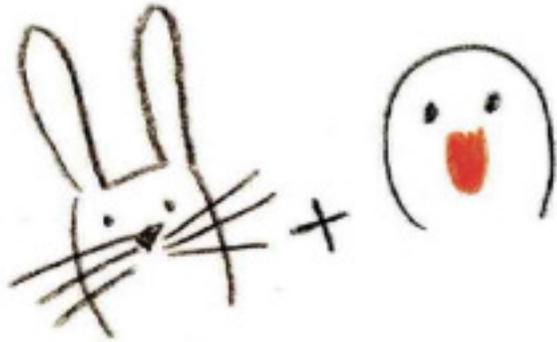
Sometimes Little Benguin liked being Little Benguin.



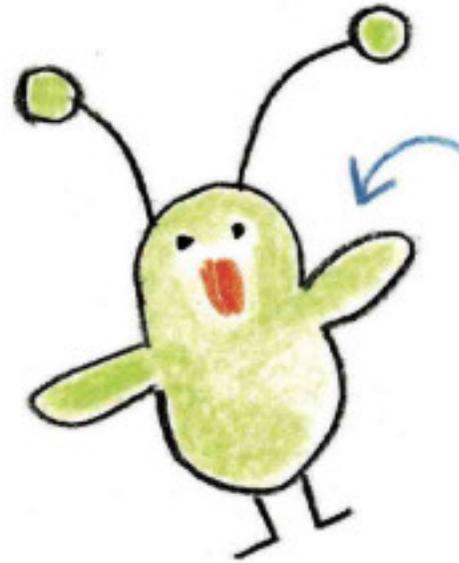
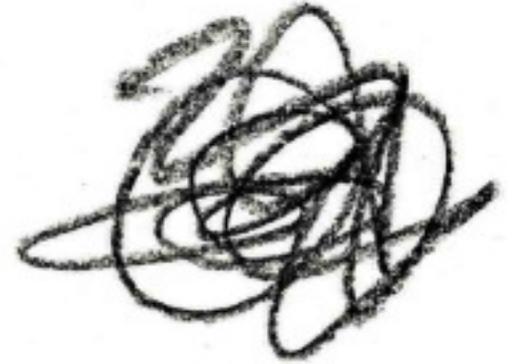
“Here I come,
everyone!
I am the unique
and wonderful
and amazing
Little Benguin!”



But sometimes Little Benguin didn't like being different. Not one bit.

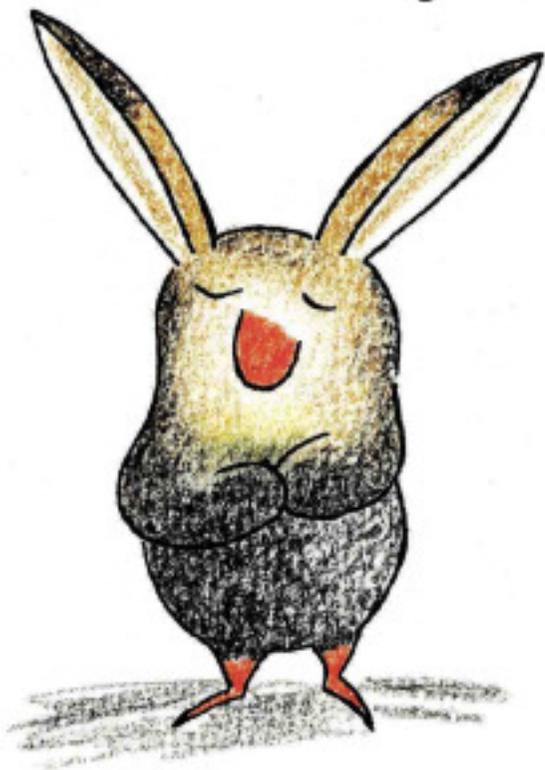


I am a monster.



I am an alien.

Long ears
like a bunny.



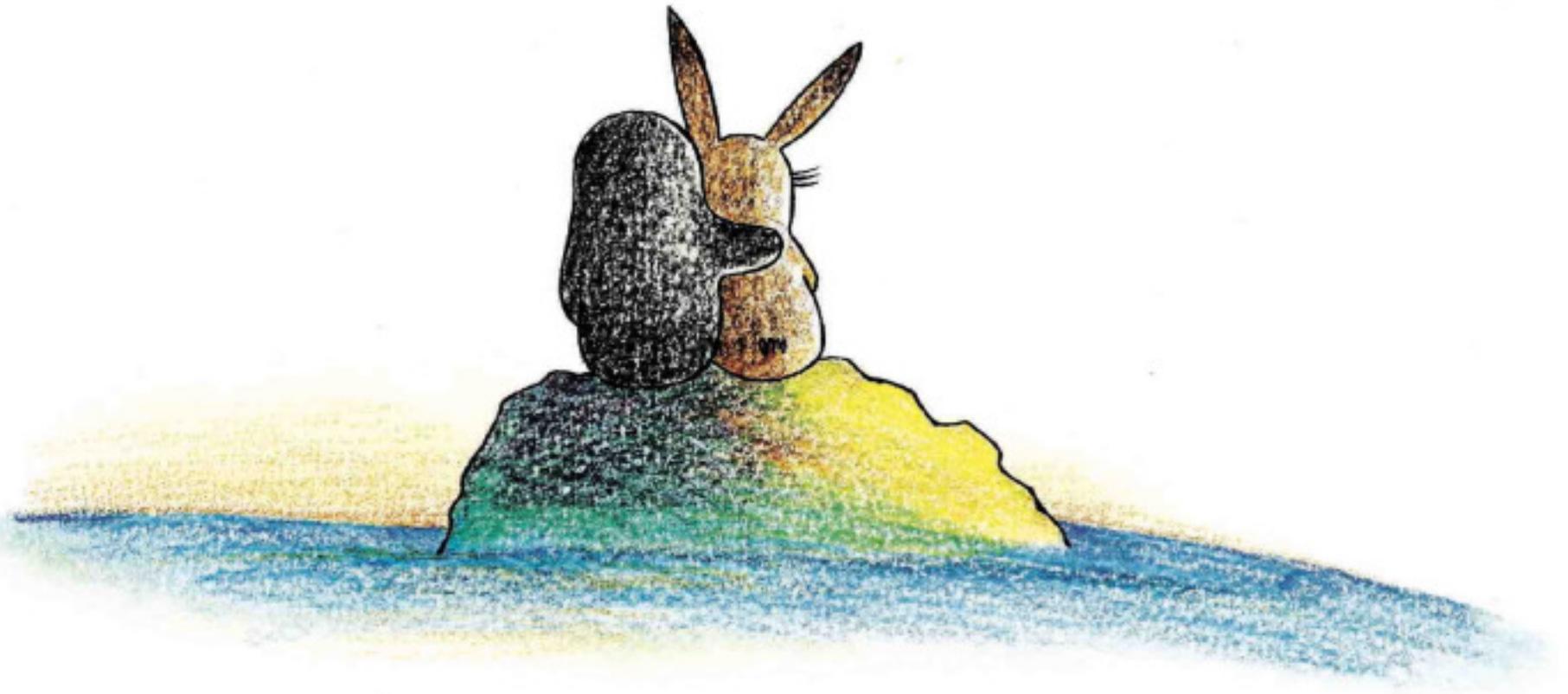
Flippers like
a penguin.



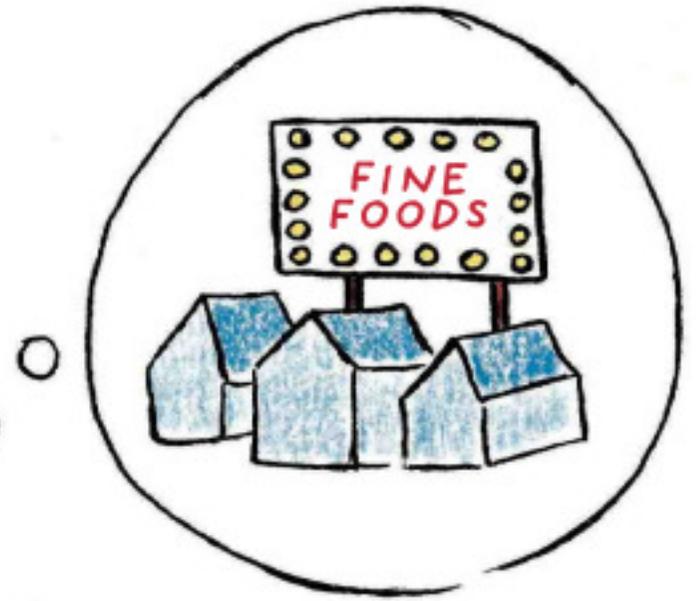
Mommy!
Daddy!
I want to be
NORMAL!



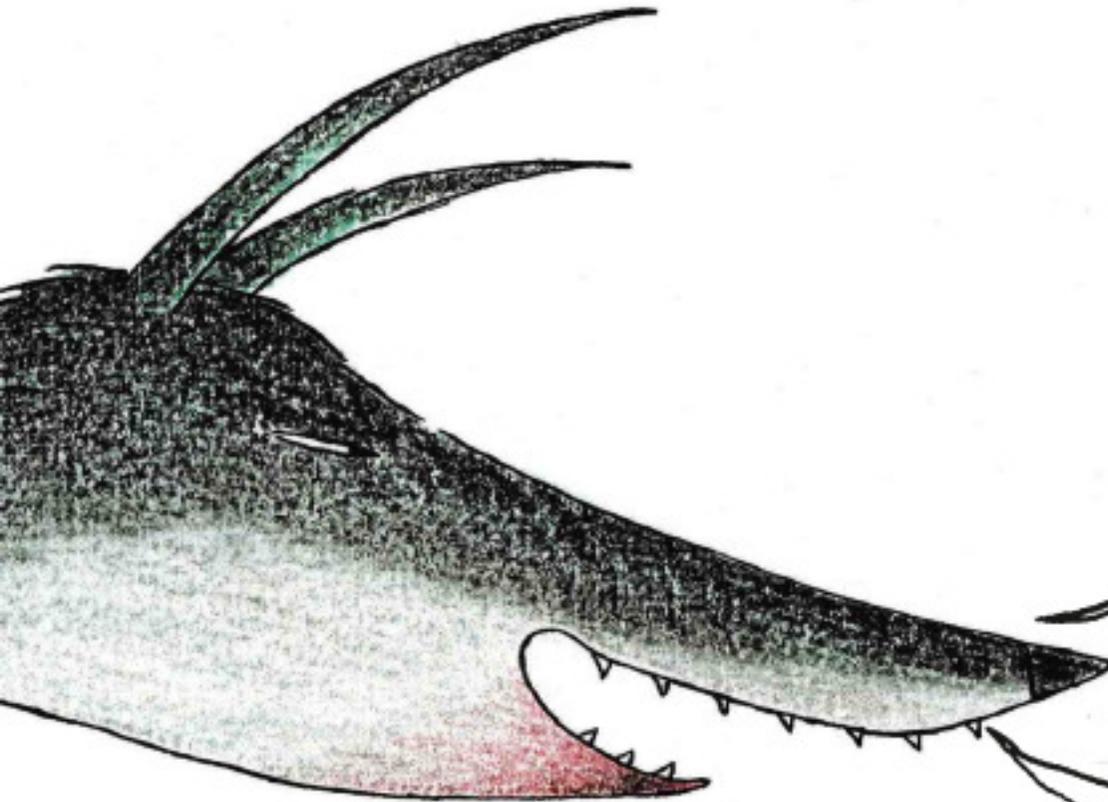
The rabbit and the penguin loved
their child just the way he was. But
they worried about his social life.



And then one day a wolf arrived
to fatten himself for the winter ahead.



The wolf came nose-to-nose with Little Benguin.
The wolf sniffed, but he didn't recognize the smell.

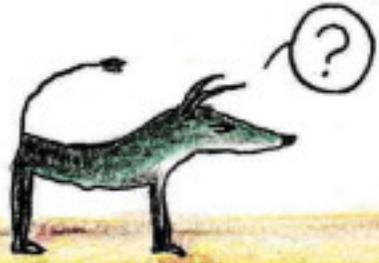


What are
you?

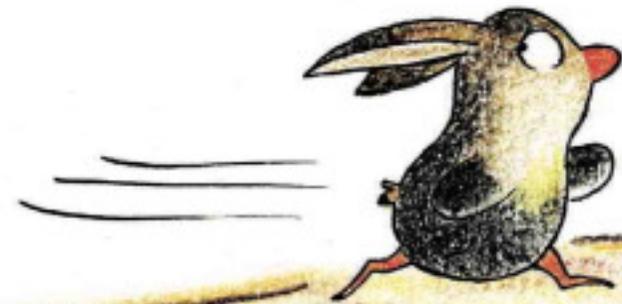
No matter.
I will eat you
anyway.

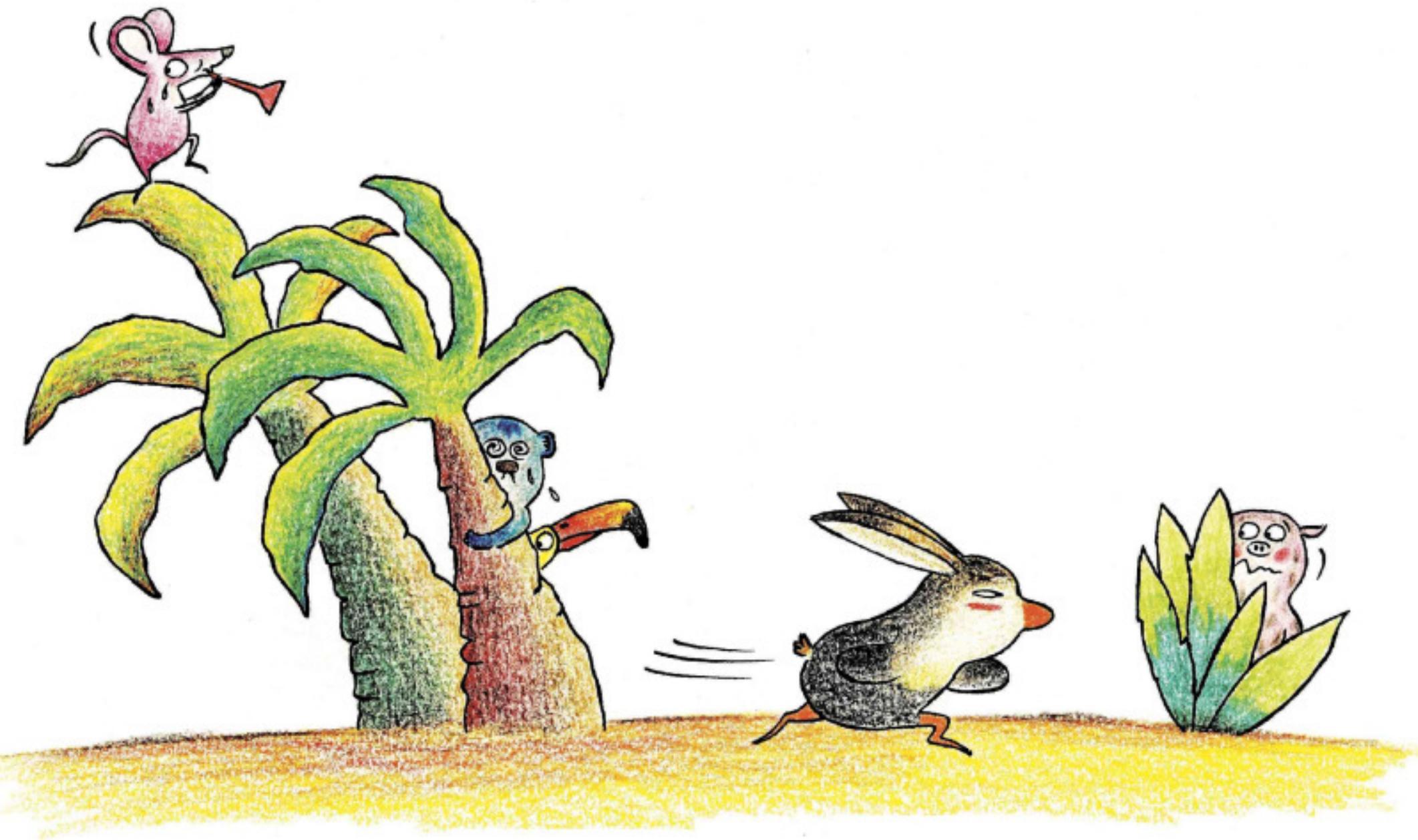


Me?

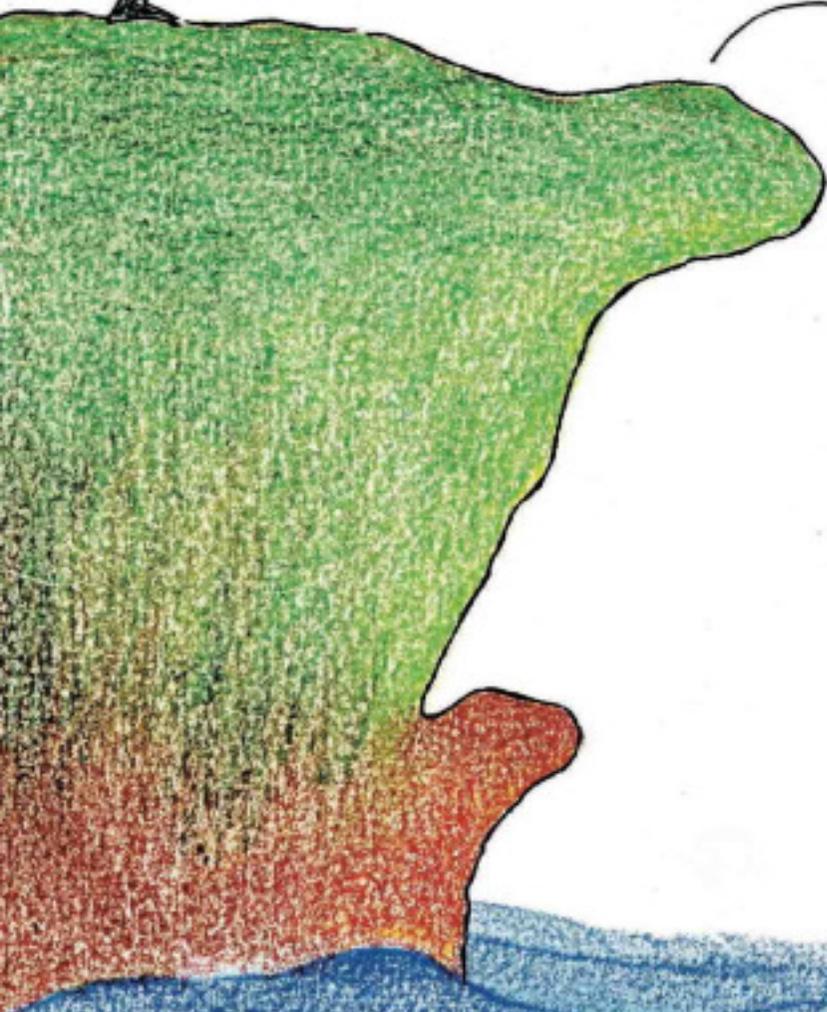
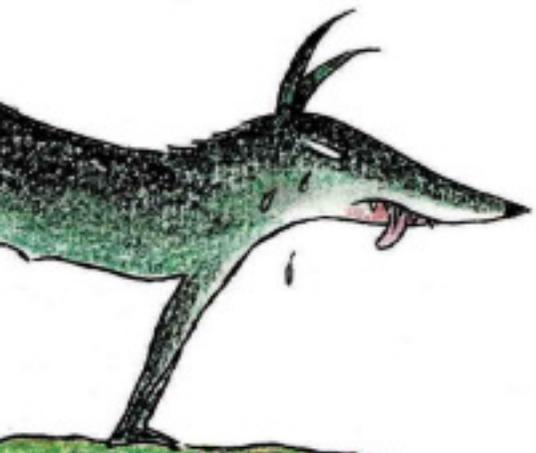


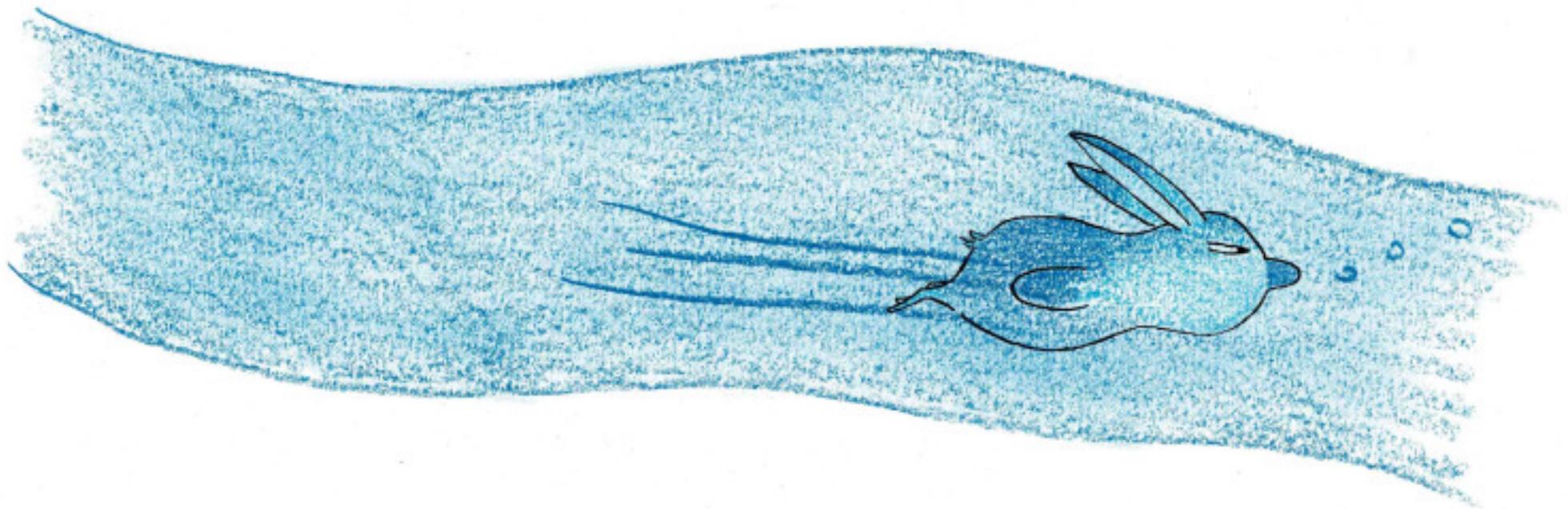
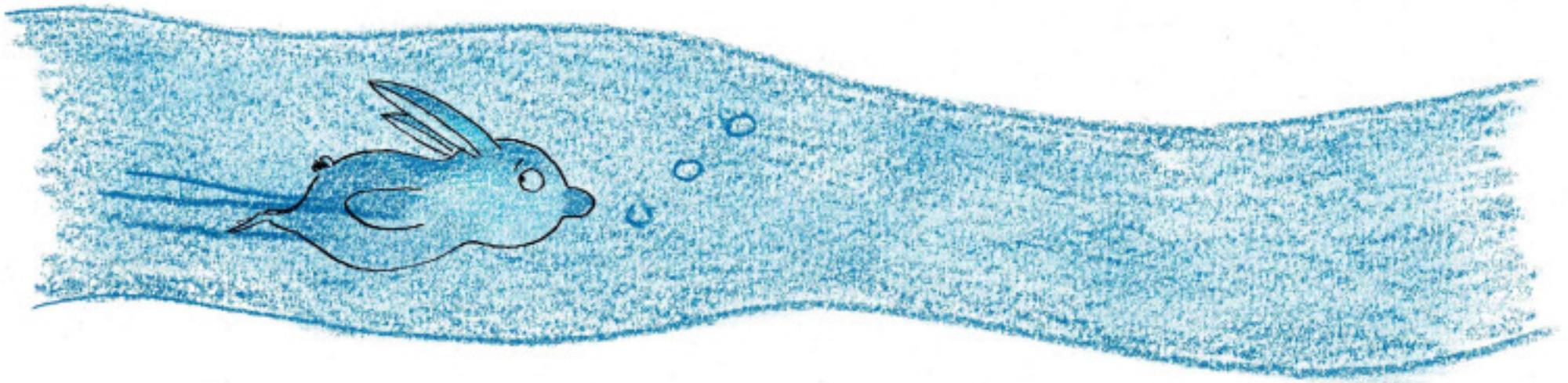
Little Benguin ran fast—as fast as a rabbit.

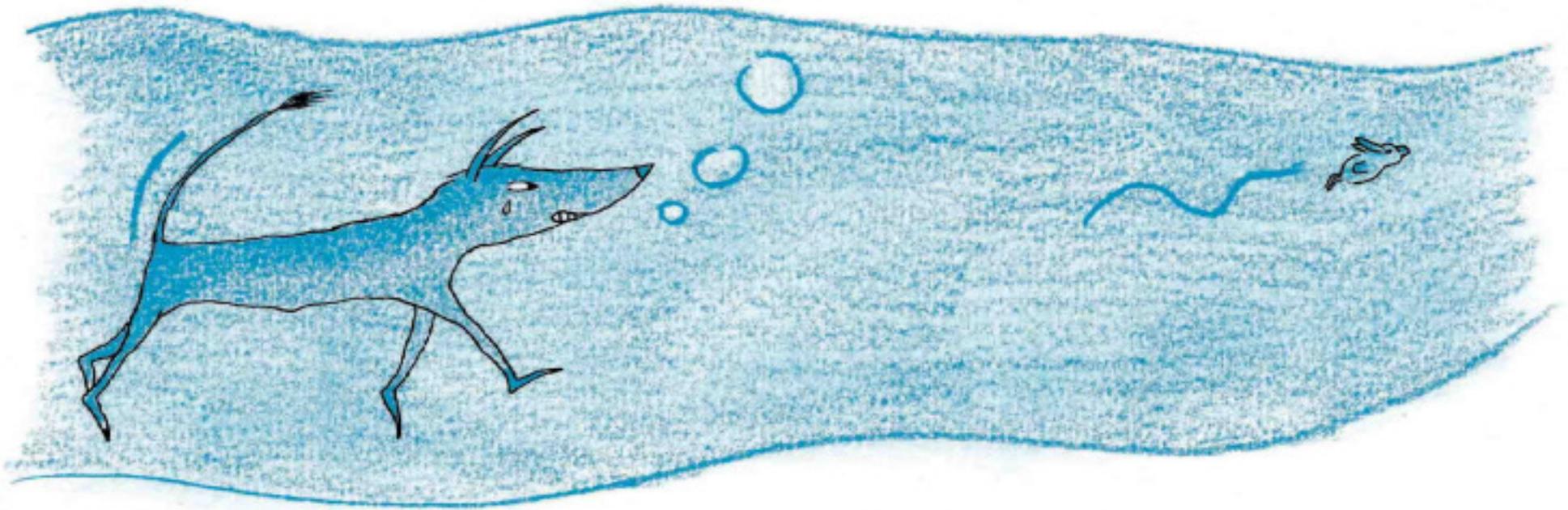




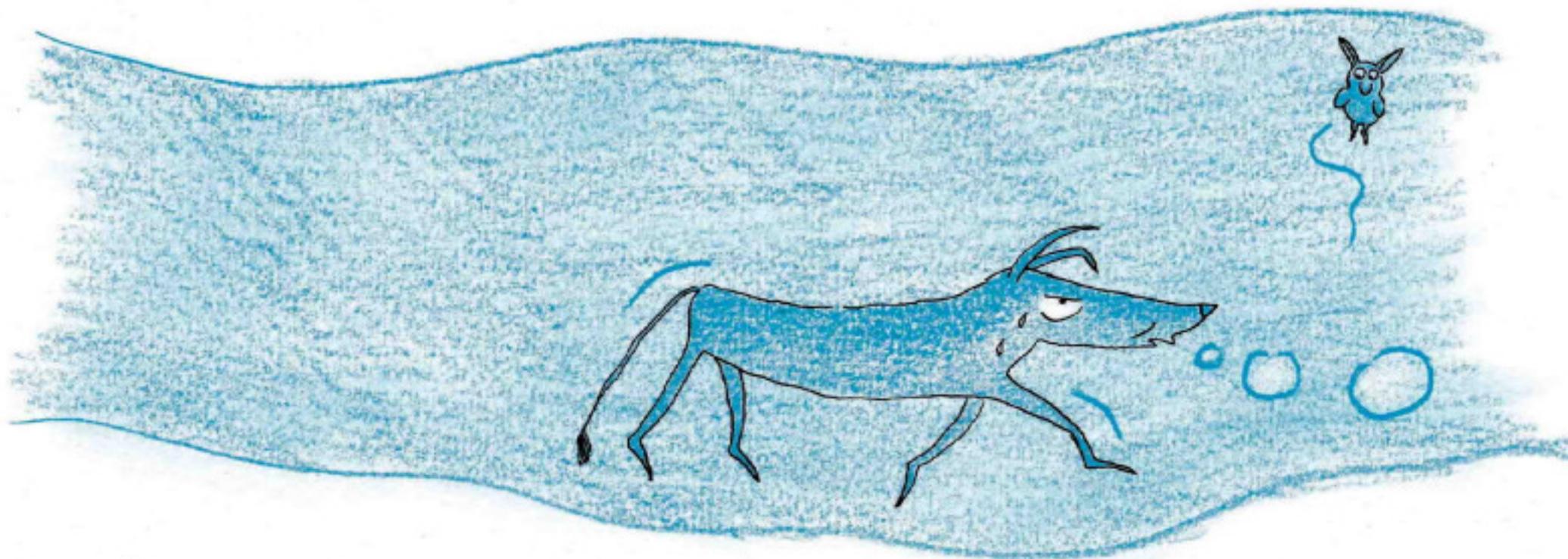
And Little Benguin dived and swam
as swiftly as a penguin.







The wolf tried to catch him, but . . .

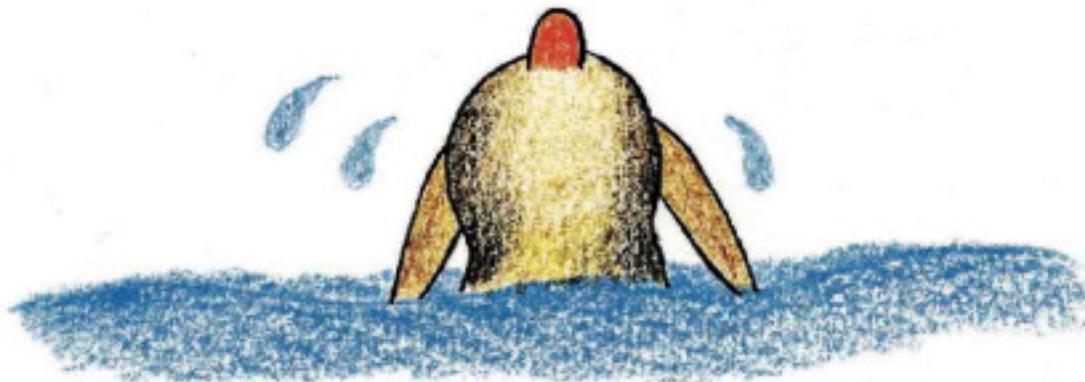


Bye-bye, wolf!





The wolf was gone for good. Little Benguin was safe.



And everyone was safe.
Little Benguin was a hero!

We love you, Little Benguin!



A party was held in honor of the unique
and wonderful and amazing Little Benguin.





And on that sunny day, a turtle
and a penguin-bunny fell in love.

