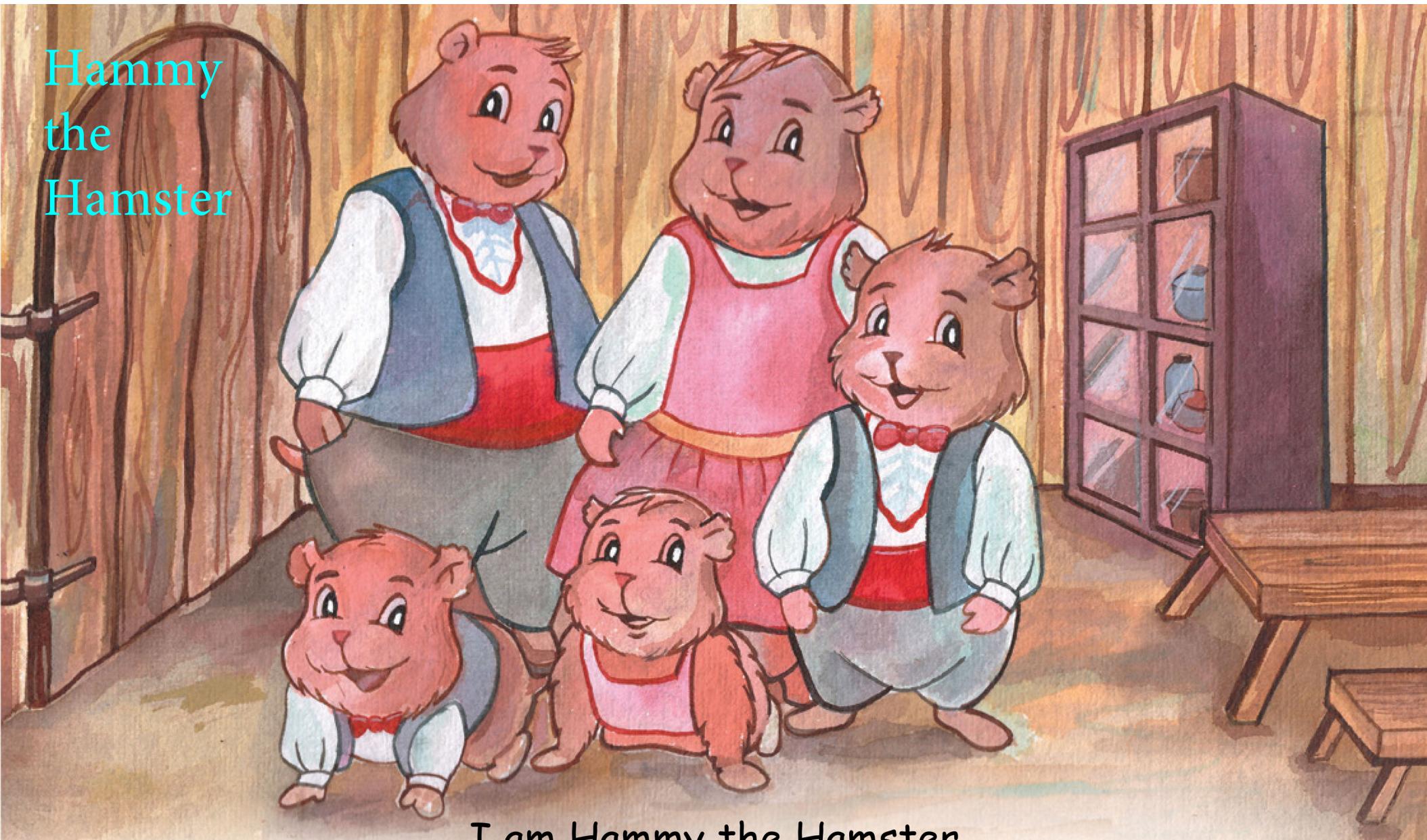
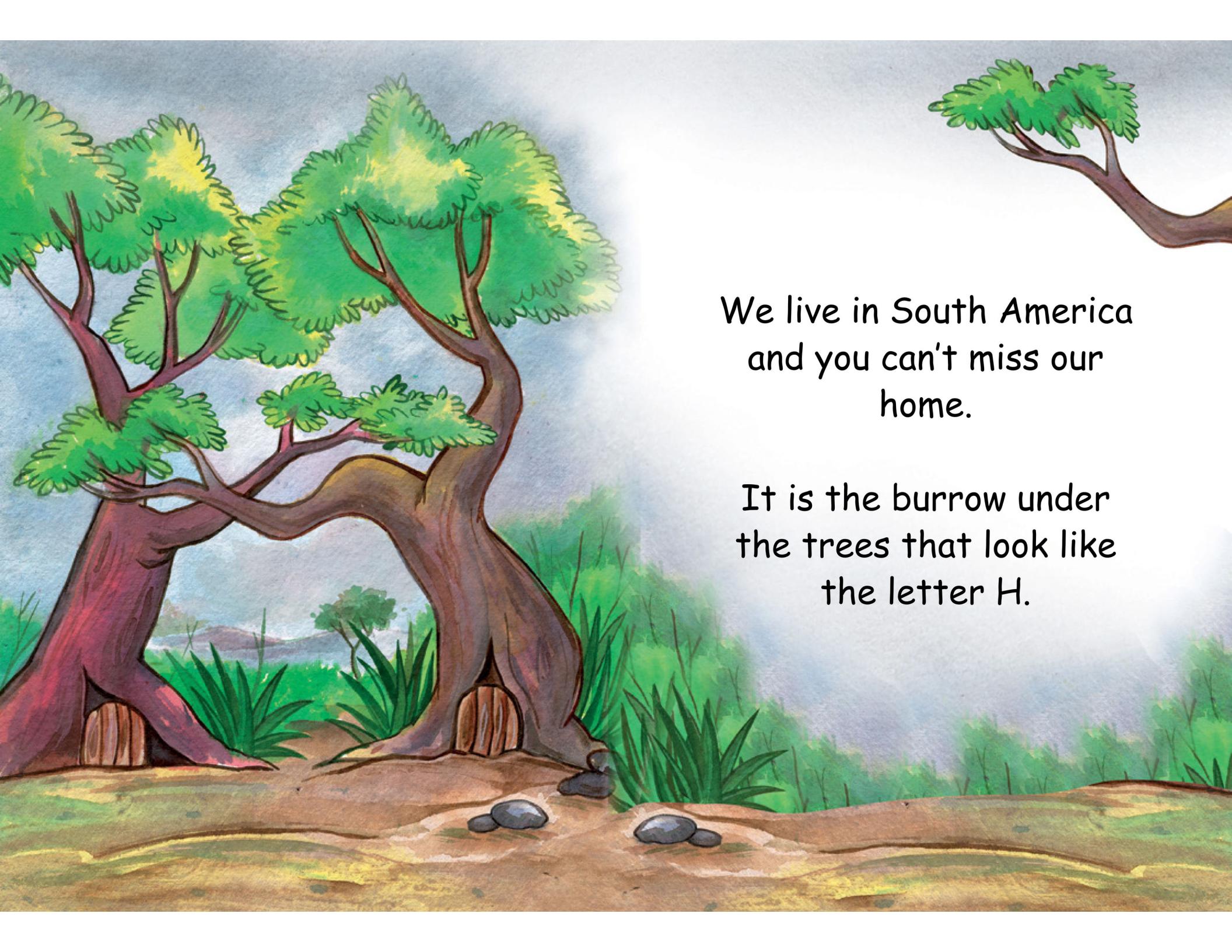


# Hammy the Hamster



I am Hammy the Hamster.  
I live with my mother Henrietta, my father Harry,  
my sister Hachi, and my brother Hal.

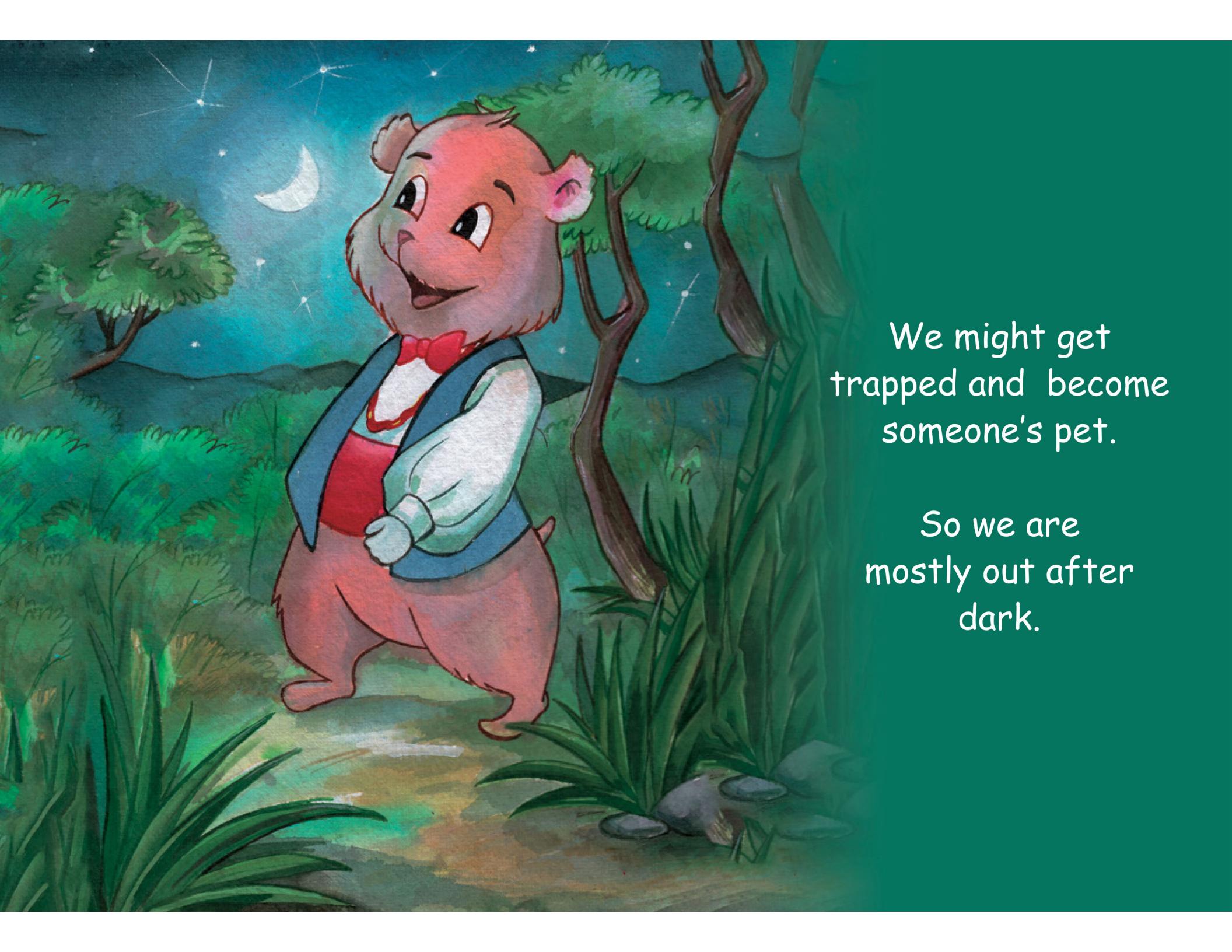


We live in South America  
and you can't miss our  
home.

It is the burrow under  
the trees that look like  
the letter H.

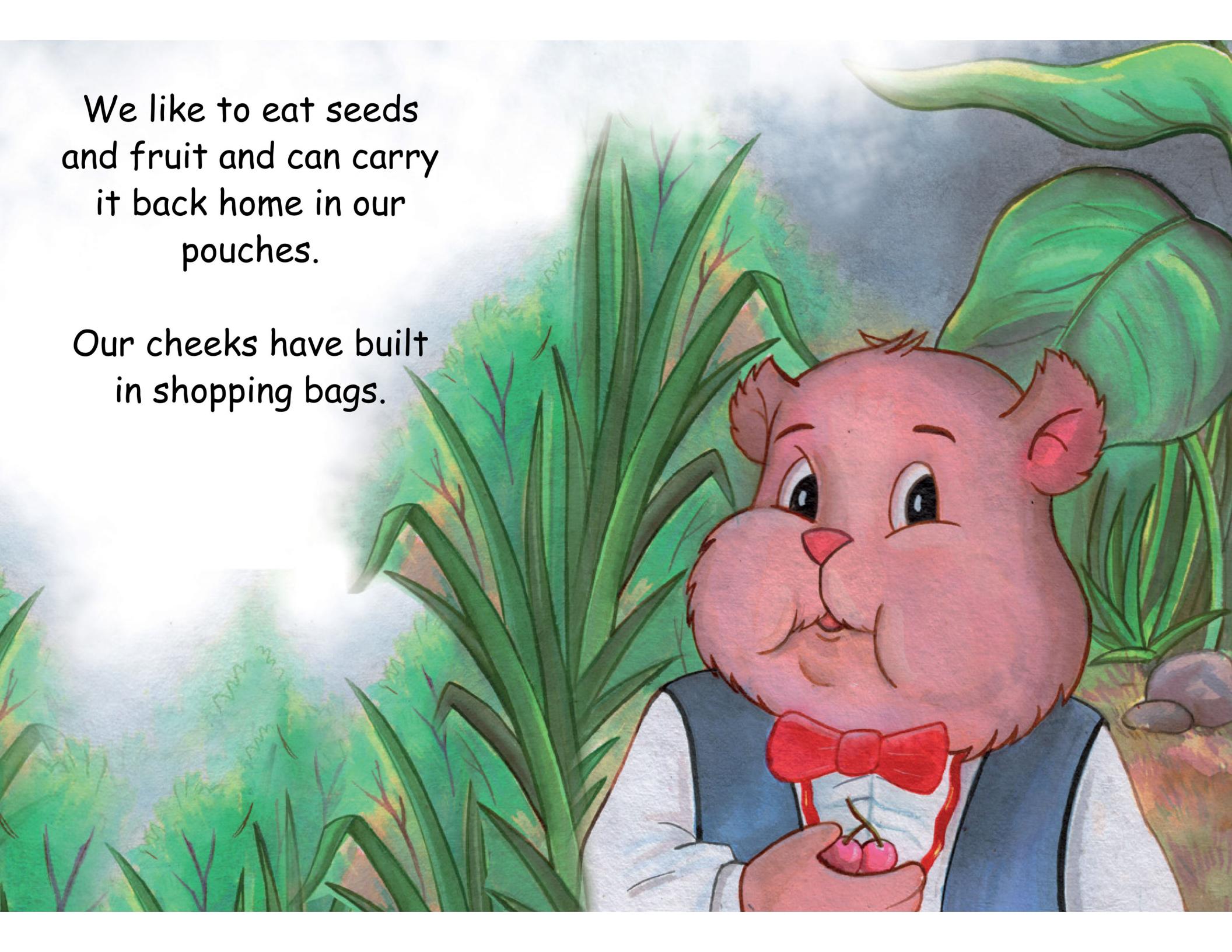
When we are out  
during the day, we  
are very careful so  
we aren't caught.



A colorful illustration of a pink hippo with a white belly and a red bow tie. It is wearing a blue tuxedo jacket over a white shirt. The hippo is walking towards the left, its mouth open as if it's singing or talking. The background is a dark green landscape with trees, bushes, and a crescent moon in a blue sky with stars.

We might get  
trapped and become  
someone's pet.

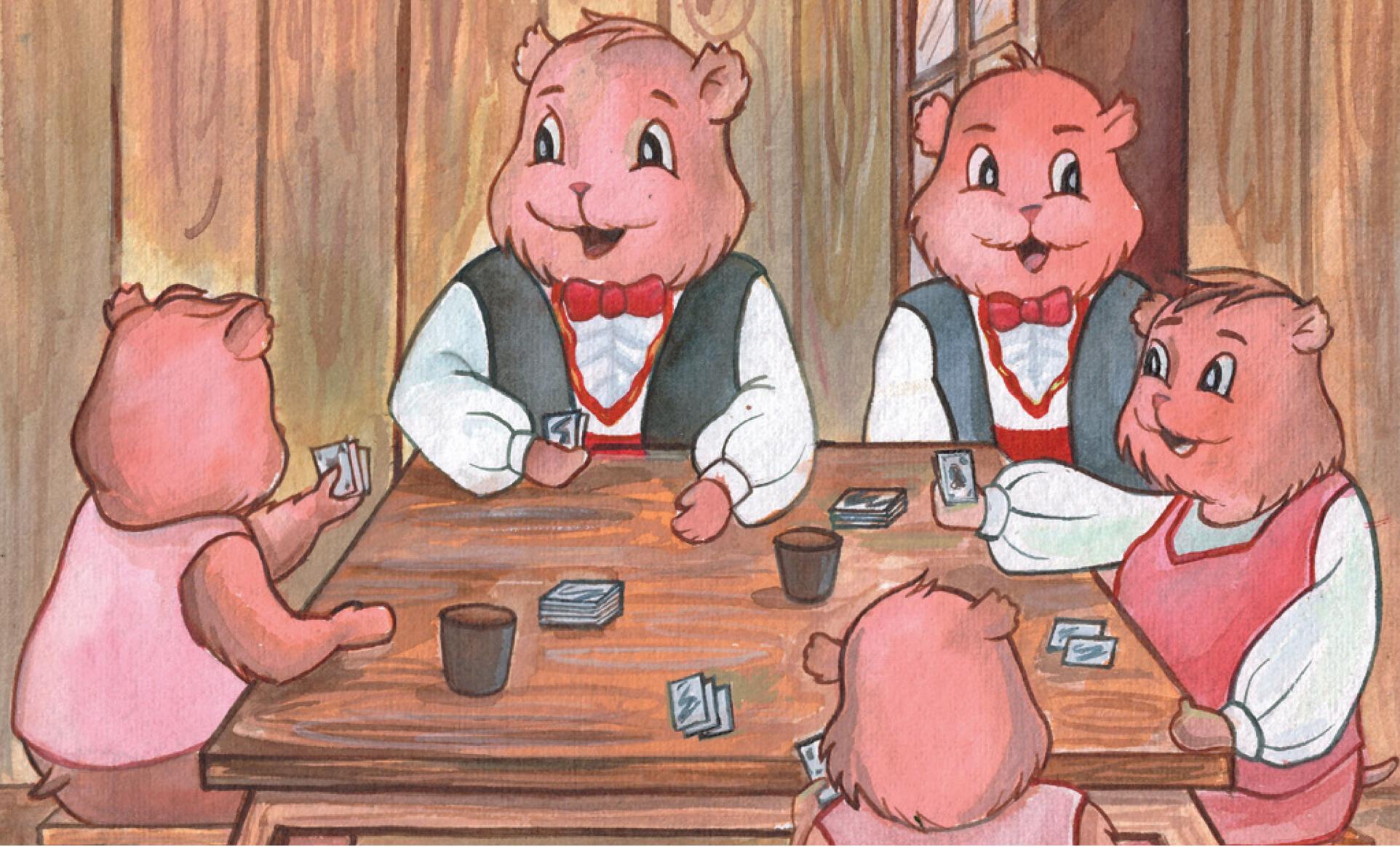
So we are  
mostly out after  
dark.



We like to eat seeds  
and fruit and can carry  
it back home in our  
pouches.

Our cheeks have built  
in shopping bags.

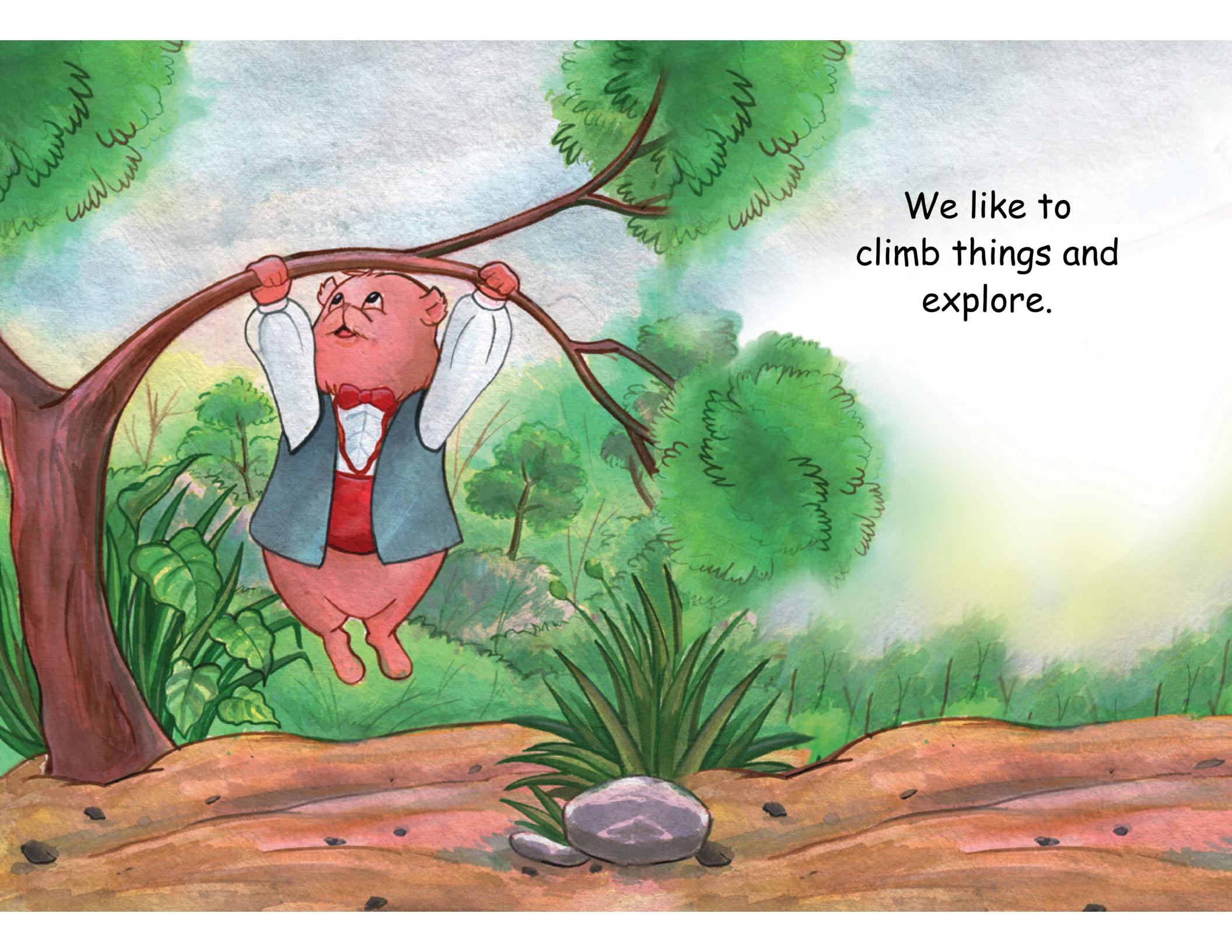
Just like you, we like to  
play and have fun.





We have fun running into the  
light and chasing our shadows  
on the leaves.

Last night Hachi and I found  
this thing. When you pushed a  
button, it lit up like the sun.

A cartoon illustration of a pink elephant climbing a tree branch. The elephant is wearing a blue vest over a red shirt and a red bow tie. It is hanging from a thick brown branch with its arms and legs. The background shows a lush green forest with various trees and bushes. The sky is light blue with some green and yellow washes.

We like to  
climb things and  
explore.



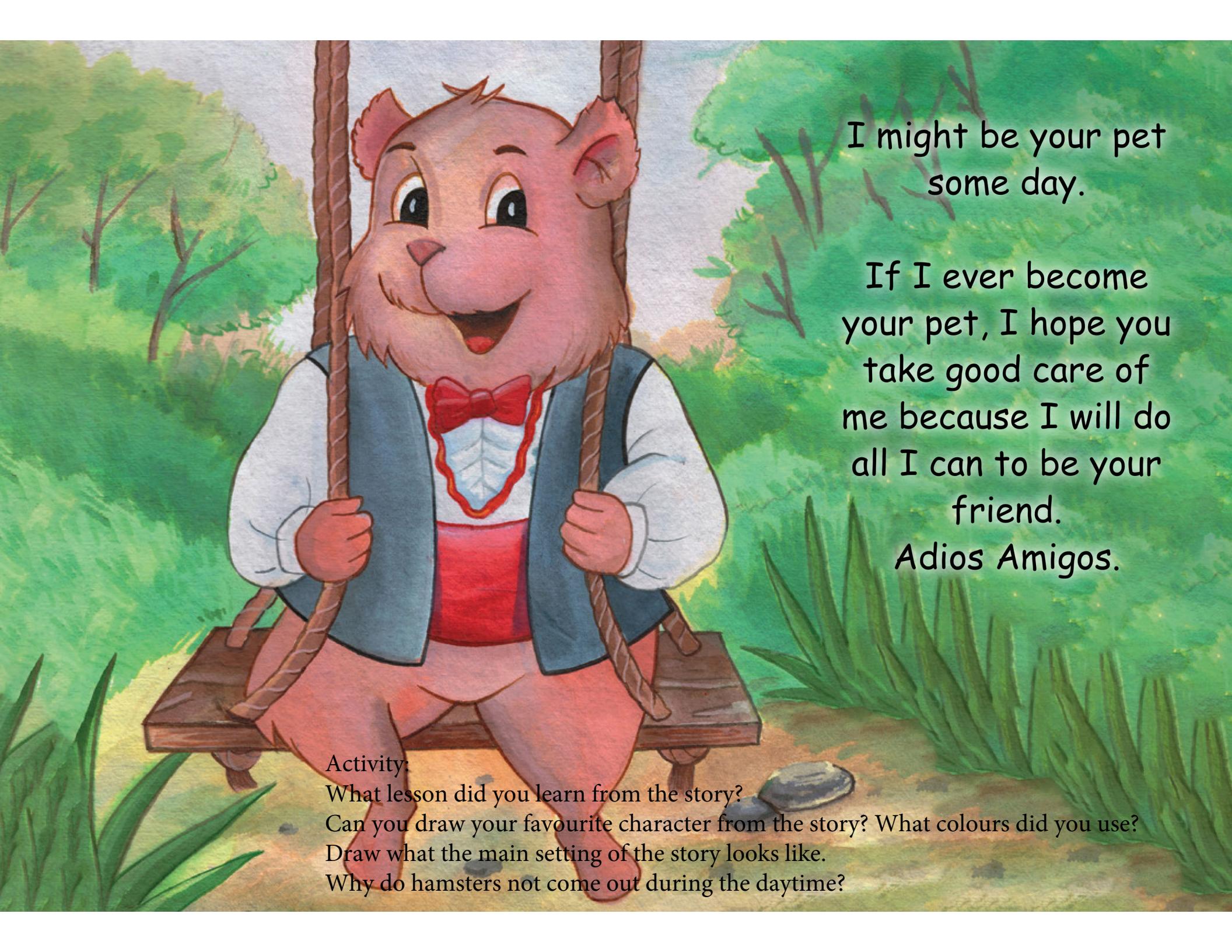
Our cousins Lester, Larry, and Lorain live in the city. They are someone's pet. They sent us this picture and said they had a lot of fun but missed playing with us.

A colorful illustration of a young boy with brown hair and freckles, wearing a blue jacket over a red and orange striped shirt. He is smiling warmly at a small, round mouse. The mouse, wearing a brown top hat and a brown suit, is peeking out from the pocket of the boy's blue jeans. The background is a soft, blended blue.

Lester said he liked  
people.

He always had food  
and water and lots  
of toys to play with.

He even likes to  
take a ride in the  
pocket of his people  
friend, Billy.



I might be your pet  
some day.

If I ever become  
your pet, I hope you  
take good care of  
me because I will do  
all I can to be your  
friend.

Adios Amigos.

Activity:

What lesson did you learn from the story?

Can you draw your favourite character from the story? What colours did you use?

Draw what the main setting of the story looks like.

Why do hamsters not come out during the daytime?