THE ROCK FROM THE SKY

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For Moranne

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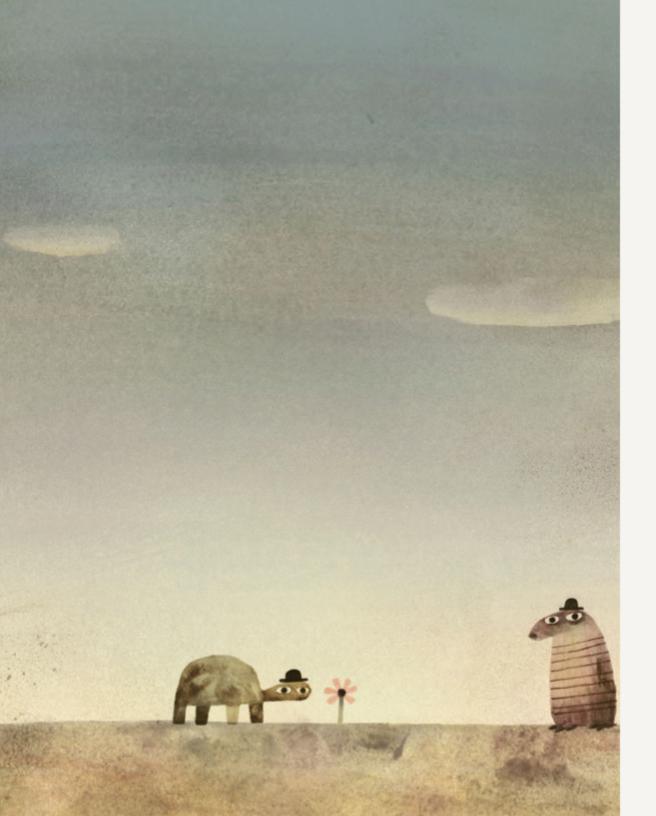
1. THE ROCK



I like standing in this spot. It is my favourite spot to stand.

I don't ever want to stand anywhere else.





Hello.

Hello. What are you doing?

I am standing in my favourite spot. Come. Stand in it with me.



What do you think of my spot?

Actually I have a bad feeling about it.

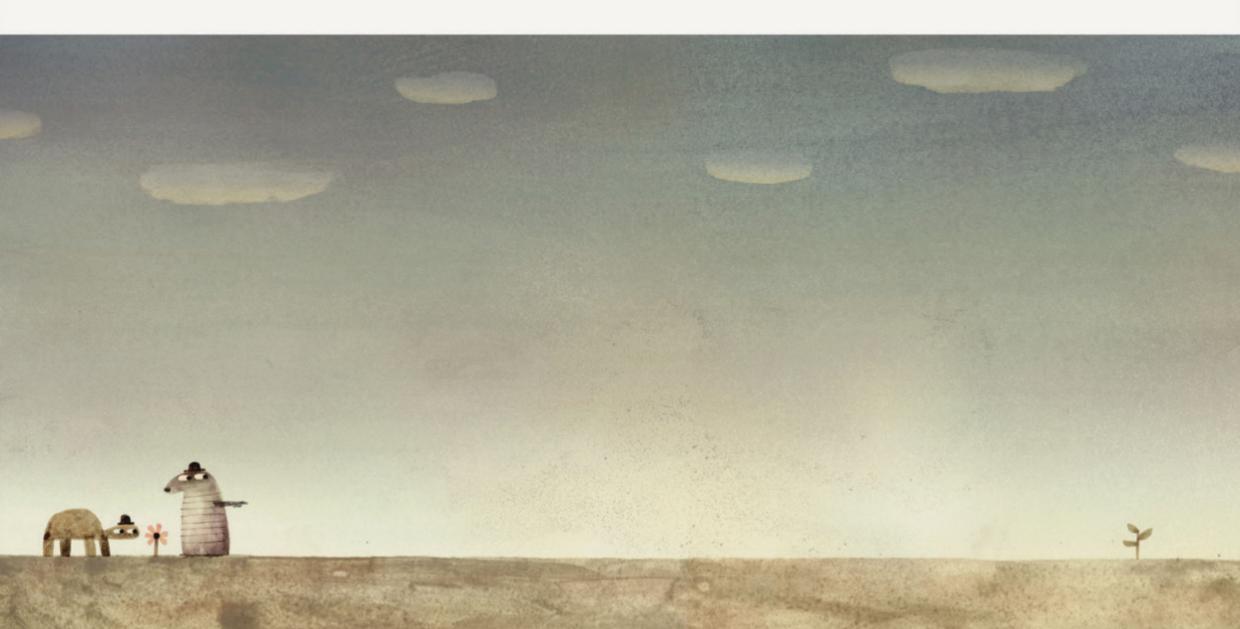
A bad feeling?

Yes.

There is another spot over there. Do you see it?

Yes. I see it.

I will go and stand in it, to see if it feels better than this spot.

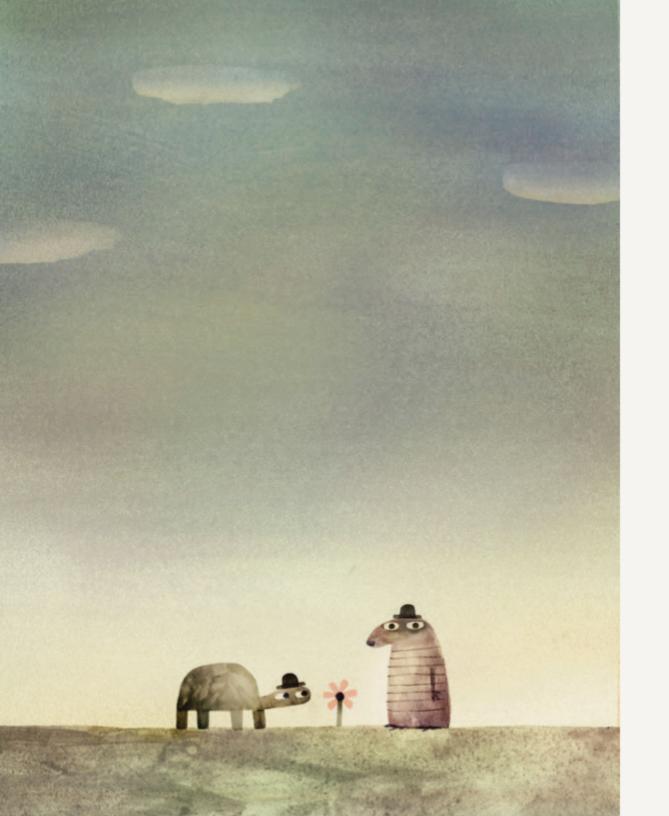


HOW DOES THAT SPOT FEEL?

I CANNOT HEAR YOU.
YOU ARE TOO FAR AWAY.
I AM GOING TO COME BACK.







Does this spot still feel bad?

Yes. It feels even worse than before. I am going back to the other spot. Do you want to come with me?

No. I will stay here. This is my favourite spot.

Are you sure?

Yes.





Oh, hello.
I am standing in this spot by myself.
Come. Stand in it with me.

MY SPOT IS BETTER.

YOU ARE TOO FAR AWAY TO HEAR.

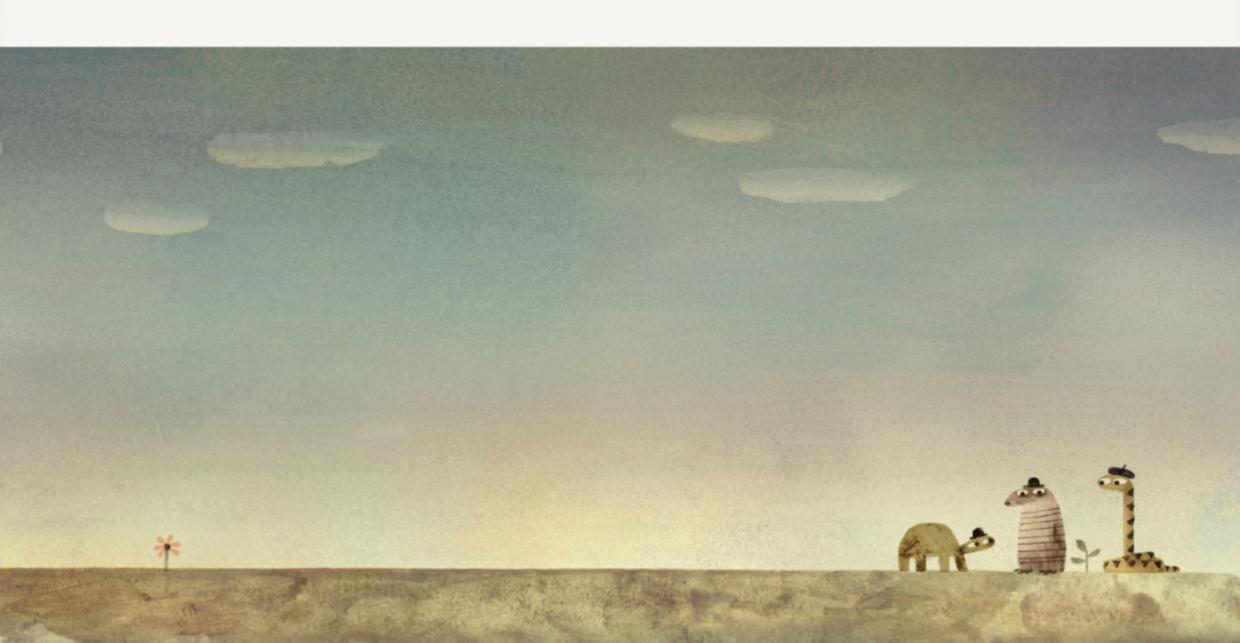


I AM COMING CLOSER.

WE STILL CANNOT HEAR YOU.



I said my spot is better.





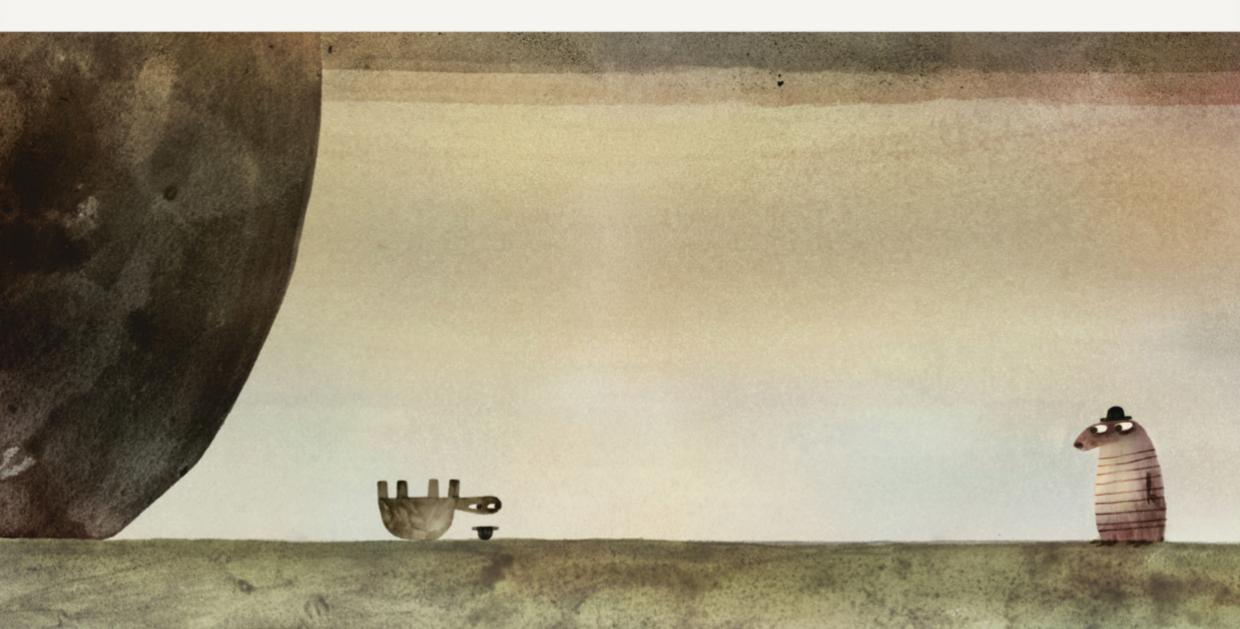


2. THE FALL Hello.

What happened?

Hello.

Nothing.





Were you climbing on it?

No.

Did you fall off?

No.



Do you need help?

No. I do not need help.

OK.

I never need help.



What are you doing?

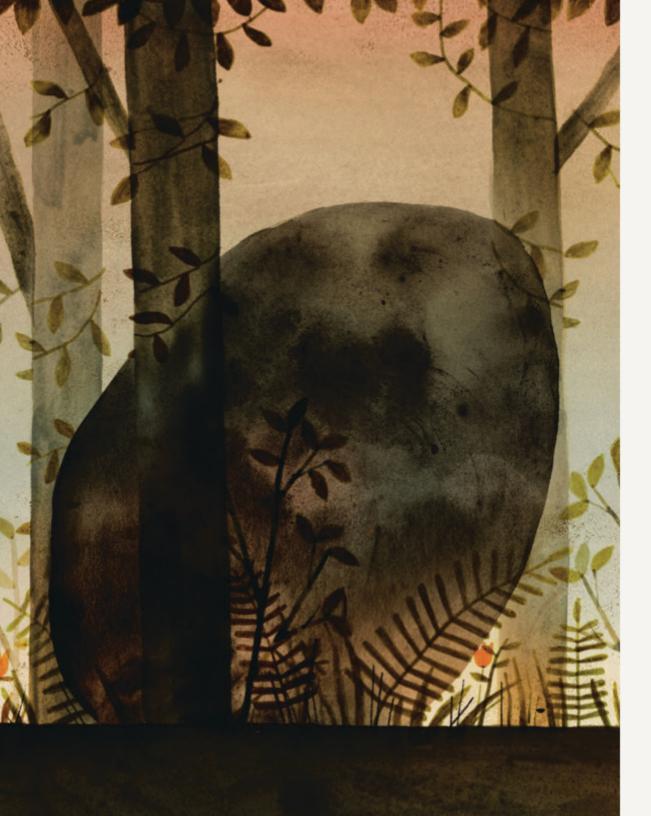
I came to take a nap.
It is nice under here.
You can take a nap
too, if you want.
There is just enough
room for two.

No. I am not tired.



I am never tired.





3. THE FUTURE



What are you doing?

I like to close my eyes and imagine into the future.

Are you doing it right now?

Yes. Come. Close your eyes and do it with me.

In the future, this spot will look different.

New things will grow.

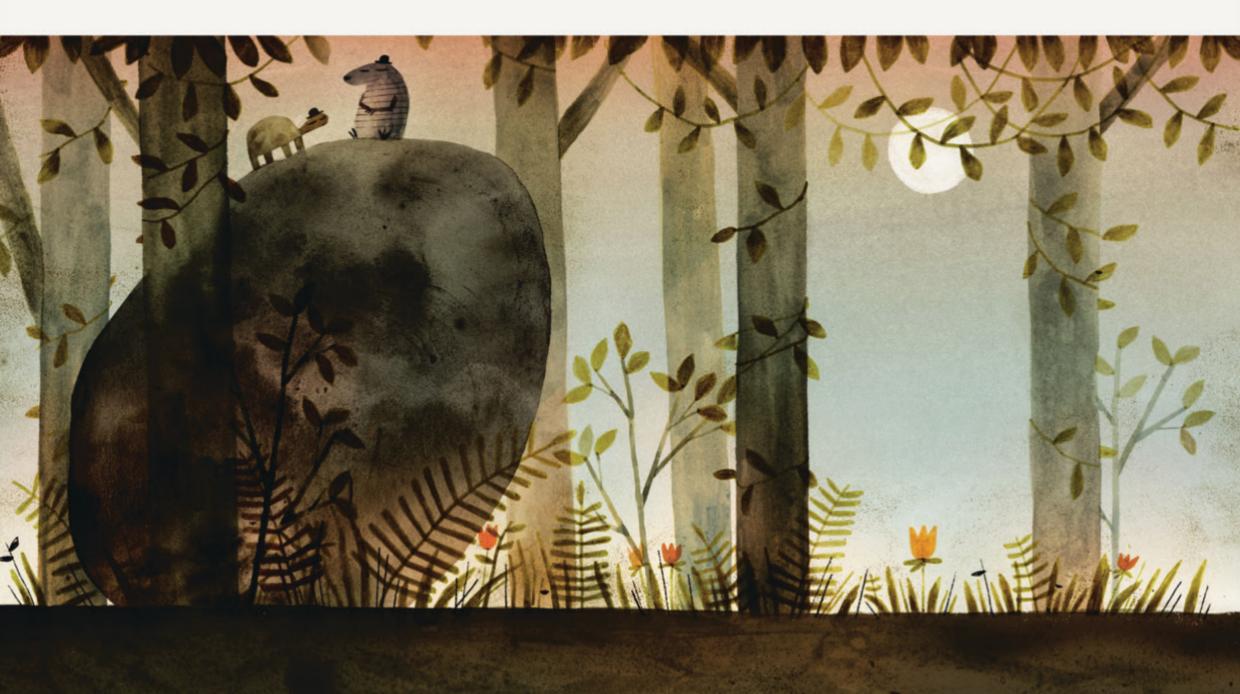


New plants and trees will come.

A whole forest maybe.

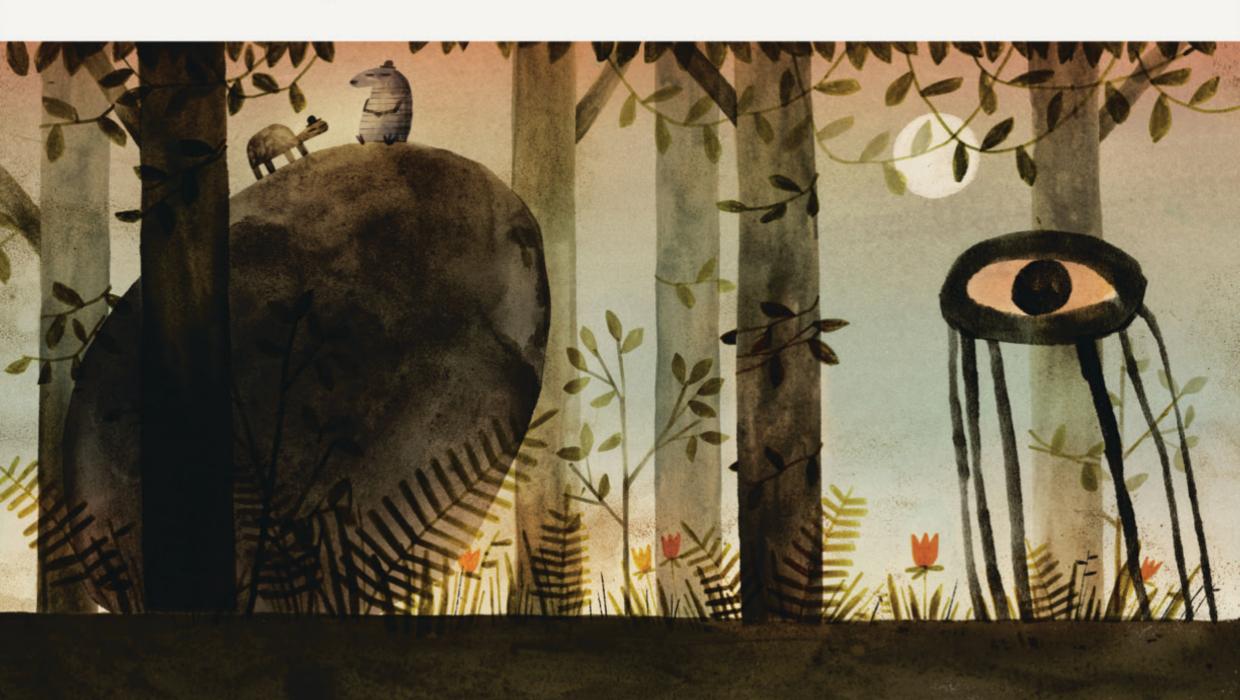


It is nice here. Yes. It is.



Maybe. I don't know.

Wait, what is that?
Does something live here?



What is it?

We are in the future.

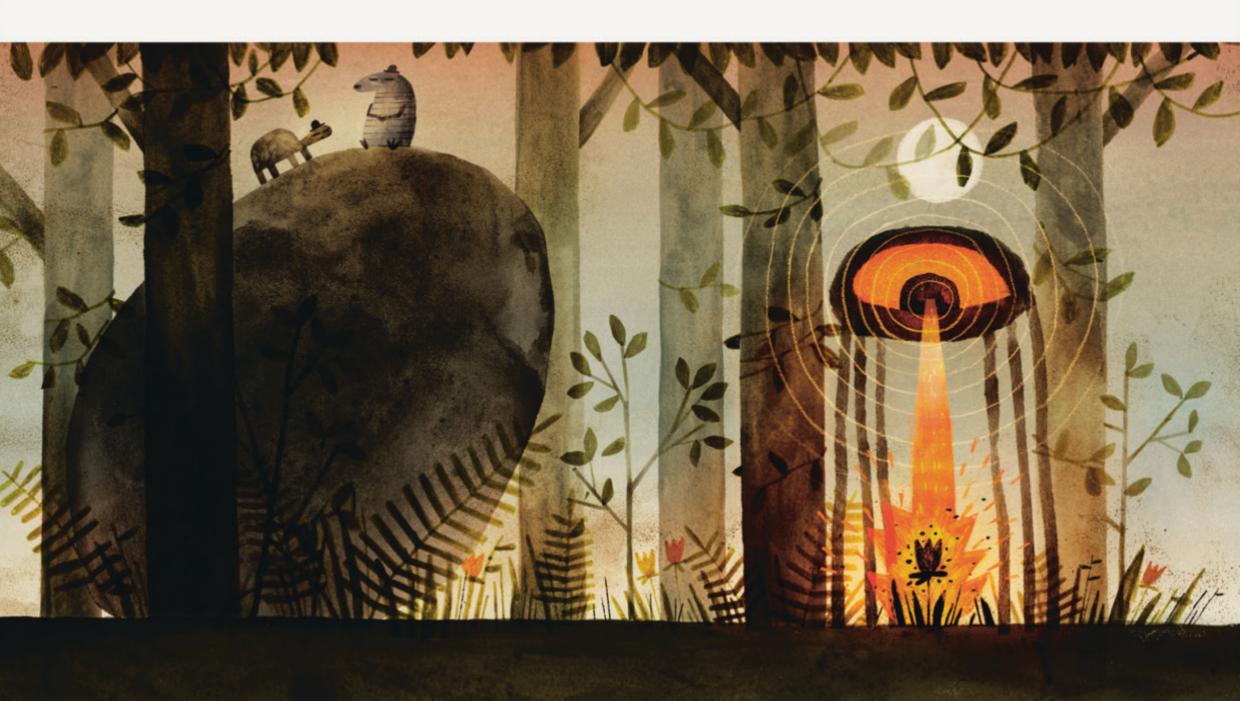
I don't know what it is.

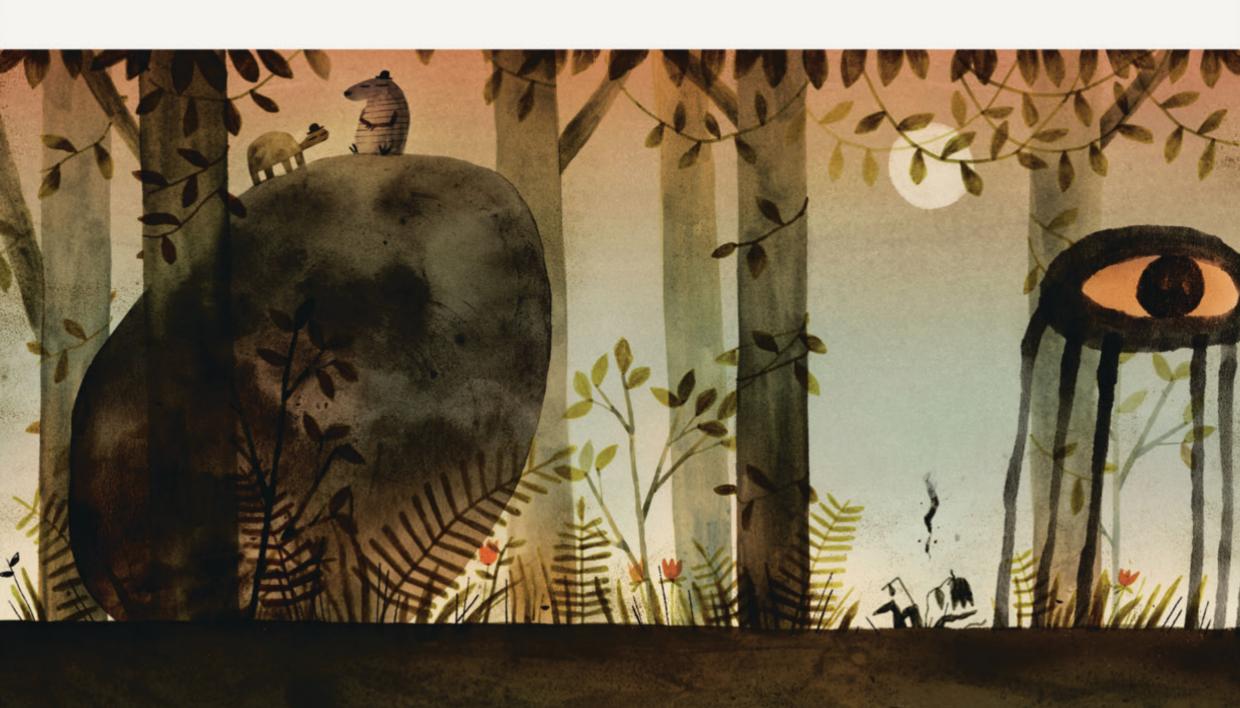
What is it doing?

SHHH, it will hear you.



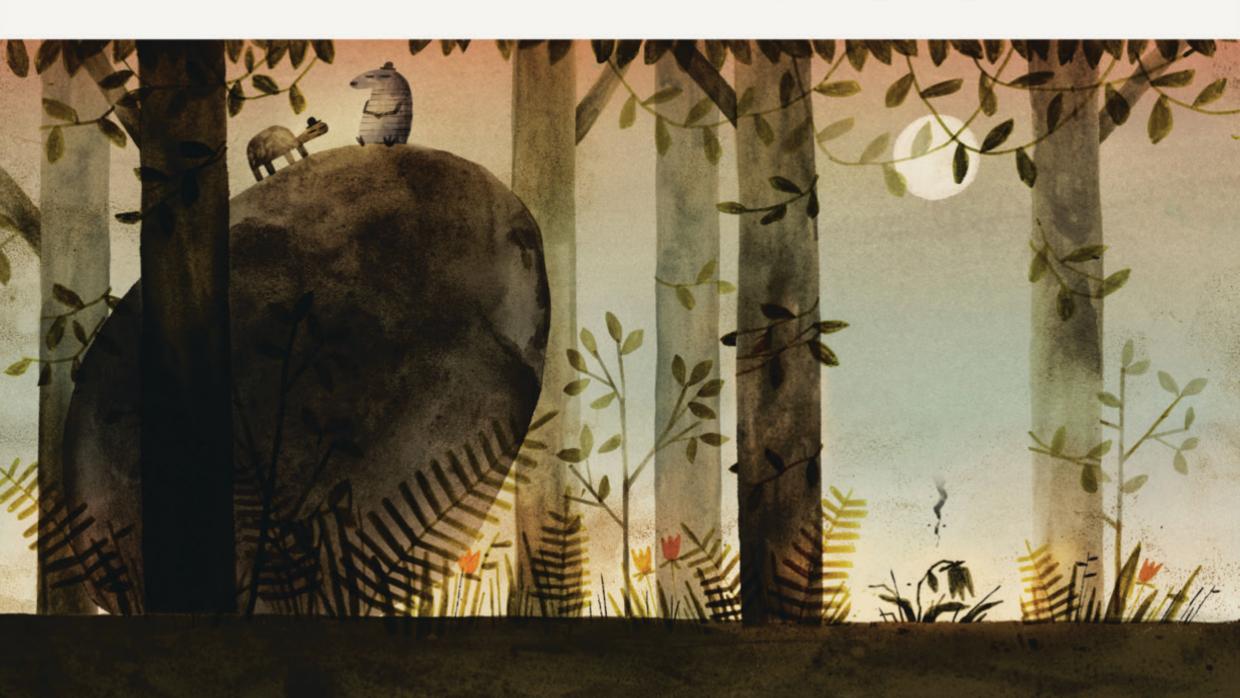
SHHHHHHHH!!





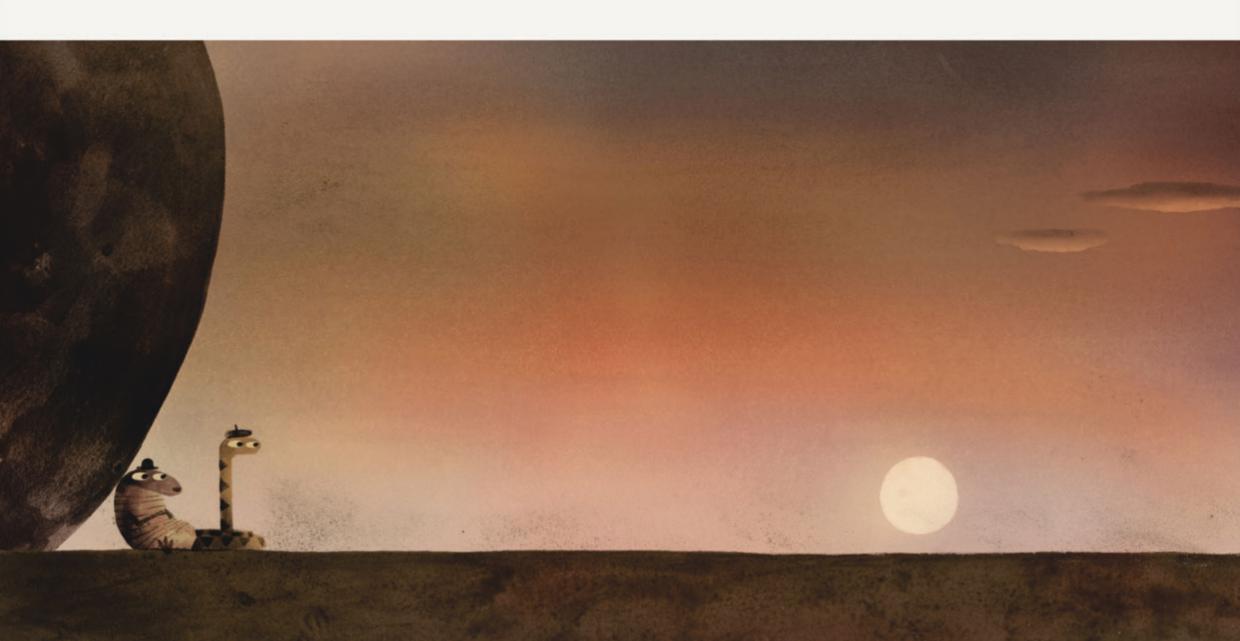
OK, it's gone.

I don't want to imagine into the future with you anymore.





4. THE SUNSET I like to sit and watch the sunset. My favourite part is at the very end. This is a good spot to watch it from. There is nothing in the way.



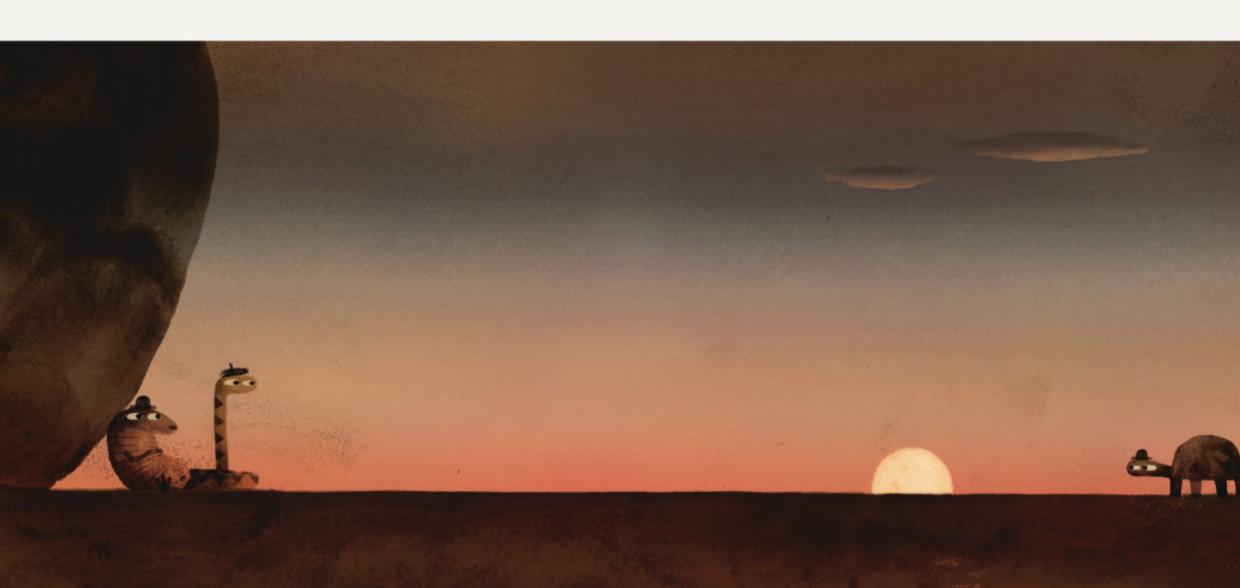
HELLO.

We are watching the sunset.

Hello.

I DID NOT HEAR YOU. I AM GOING TO COME CLOSER.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



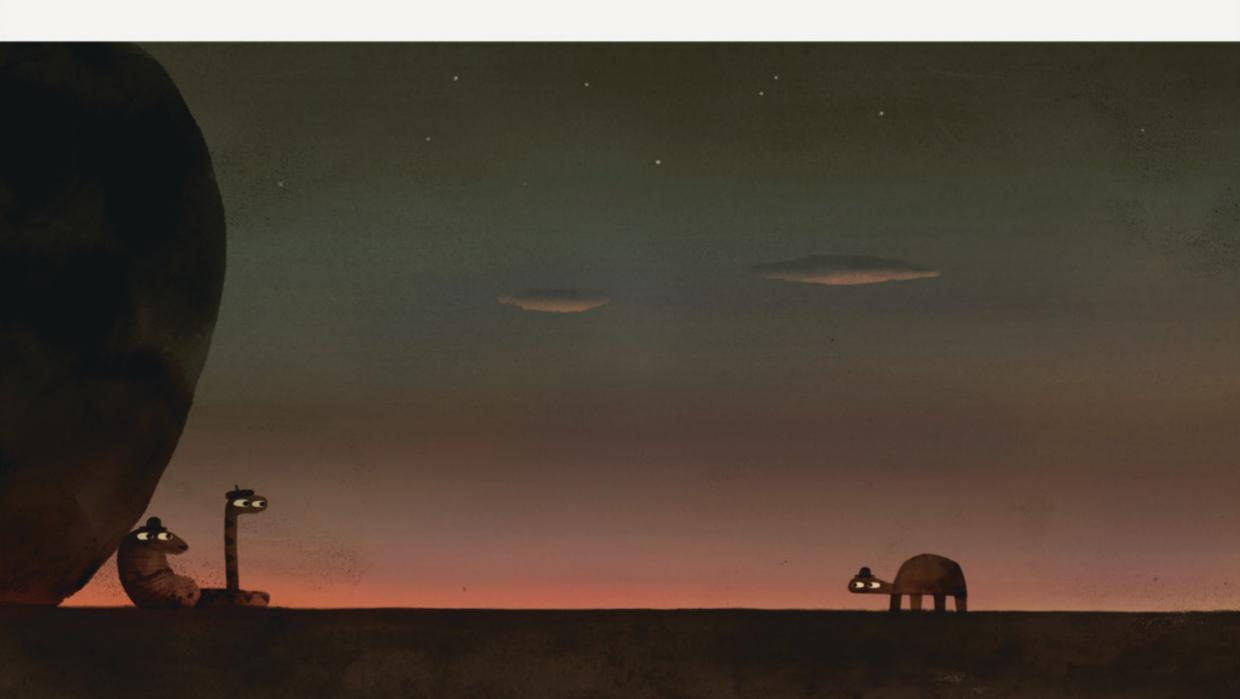
OK. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I STILL CANNOT HEAR YOU.

We are watching the sunset.



I AM GOING TO COME CLOSER AGAIN.



OK. What are you doing?

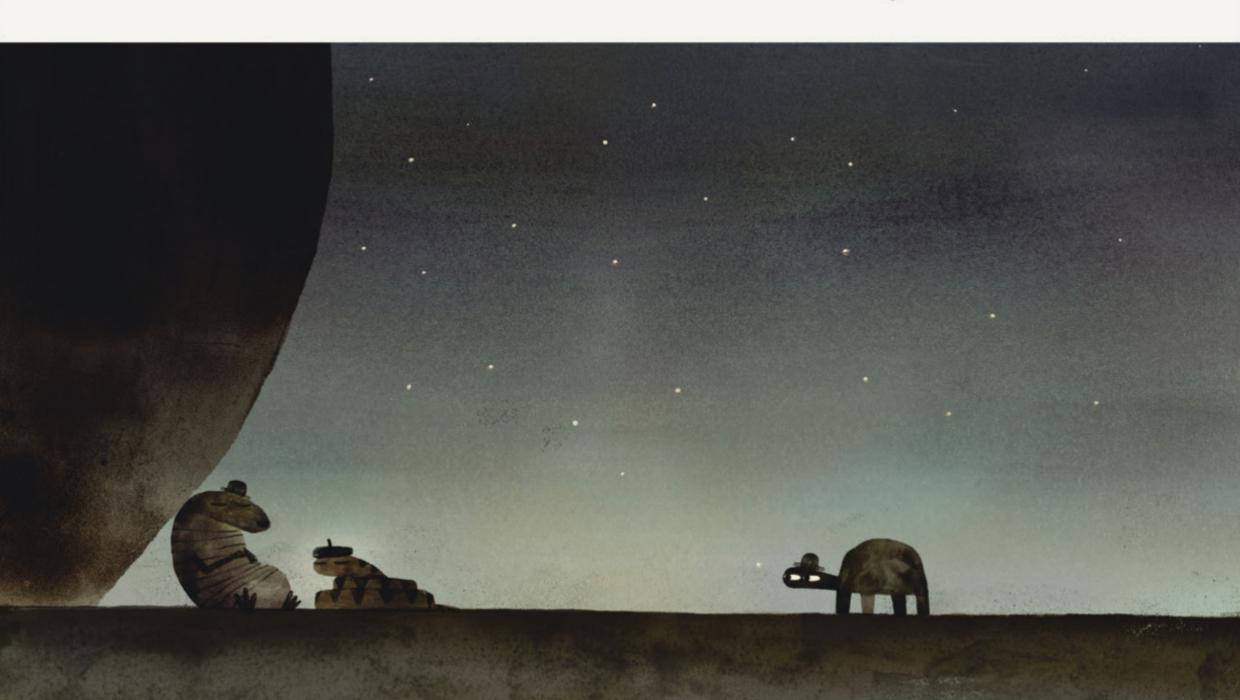
We are not doing it anymore.





5. NO MORE ROOM

I see. I see how it is. Just enough room for two.



Maybe I will go to the other spot by myself.

Maybe I will never come back.



I SAID MAYBE I WILL NEVER COME BACK.



Maybe I am too far away for them to hear.



I will go back closer and tell them again.



I said maybe I will never come back.





