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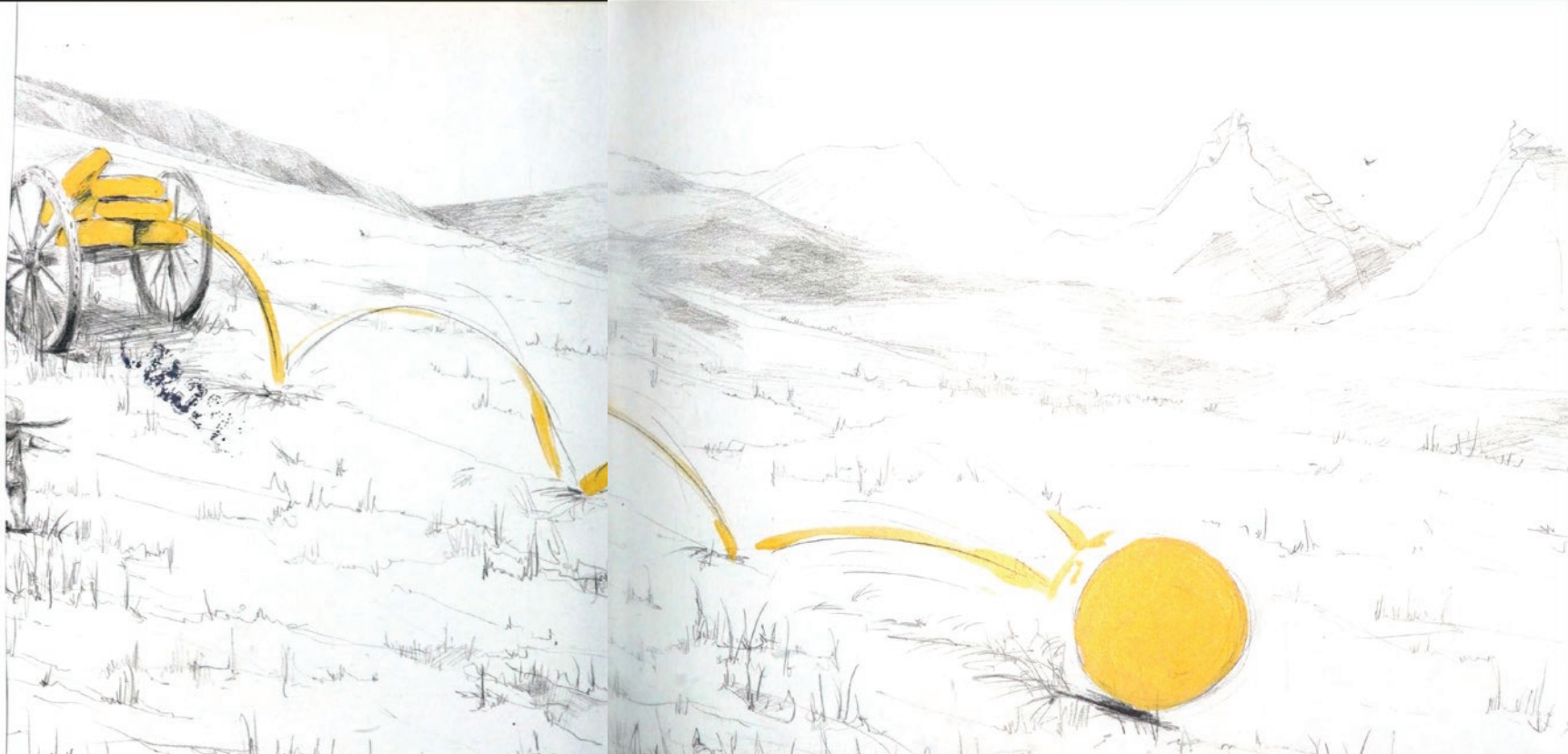


The moon was as big and round and yellow as it had always been . . . so why was it on Mr. Squirrel's tree?

When Mr. Squirrel awakes to find the moon on his tree, his imagination runs wild: what if it's been stolen . . . what if the thief lost it . . . what if I'm accused and thrown in prison?

He has to get rid of the moon! But when he rolls the moon off of his tree and a hedgehog, a billy goat, and some mice get involved. . . . Will the moon ever be the same again?

Sebastian Meschenmoser's expressive illustrations make this imaginative tale soar.





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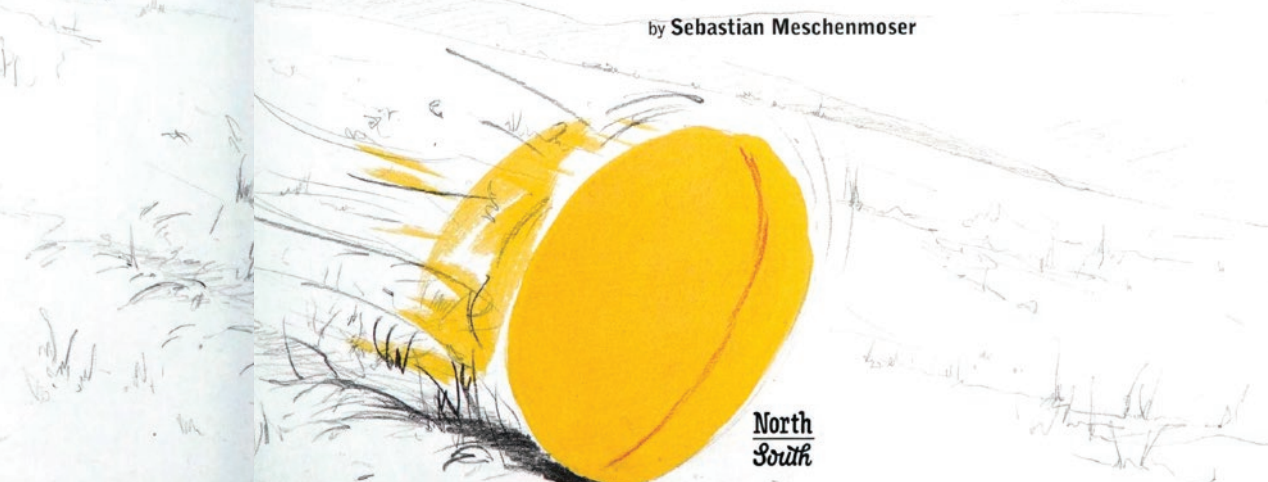
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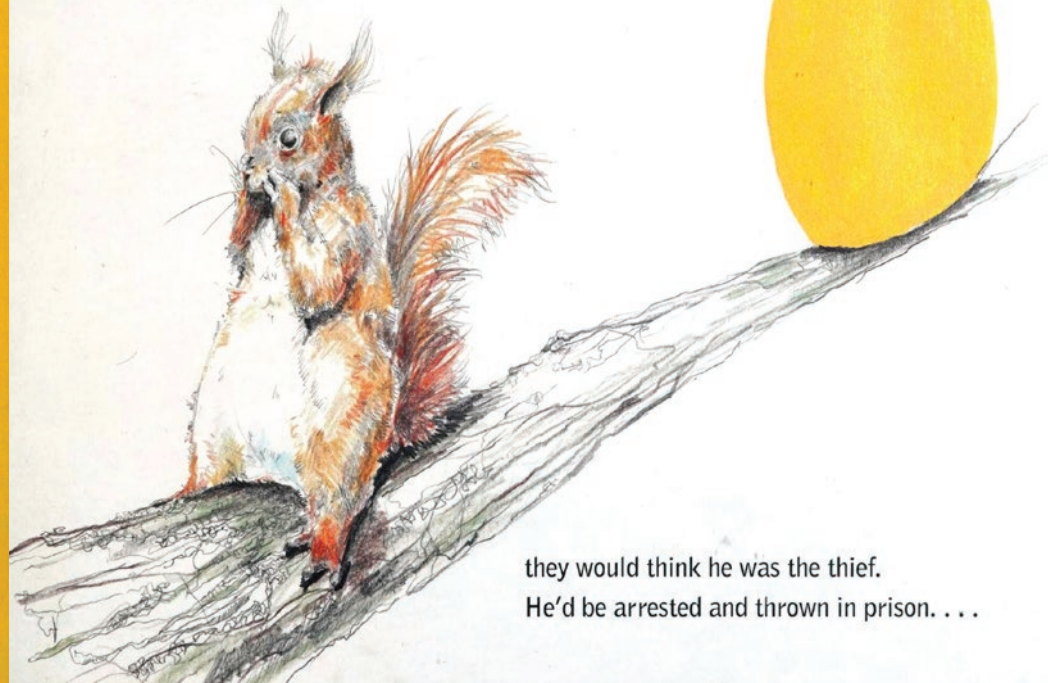
One morning Mr. Squirrel woke up  
because the moon had fallen onto his tree.



The moon was as big and round and yellow as it  
had always been, but why was it lying on his tree?  
Perhaps it had been stolen and the thief lost it?

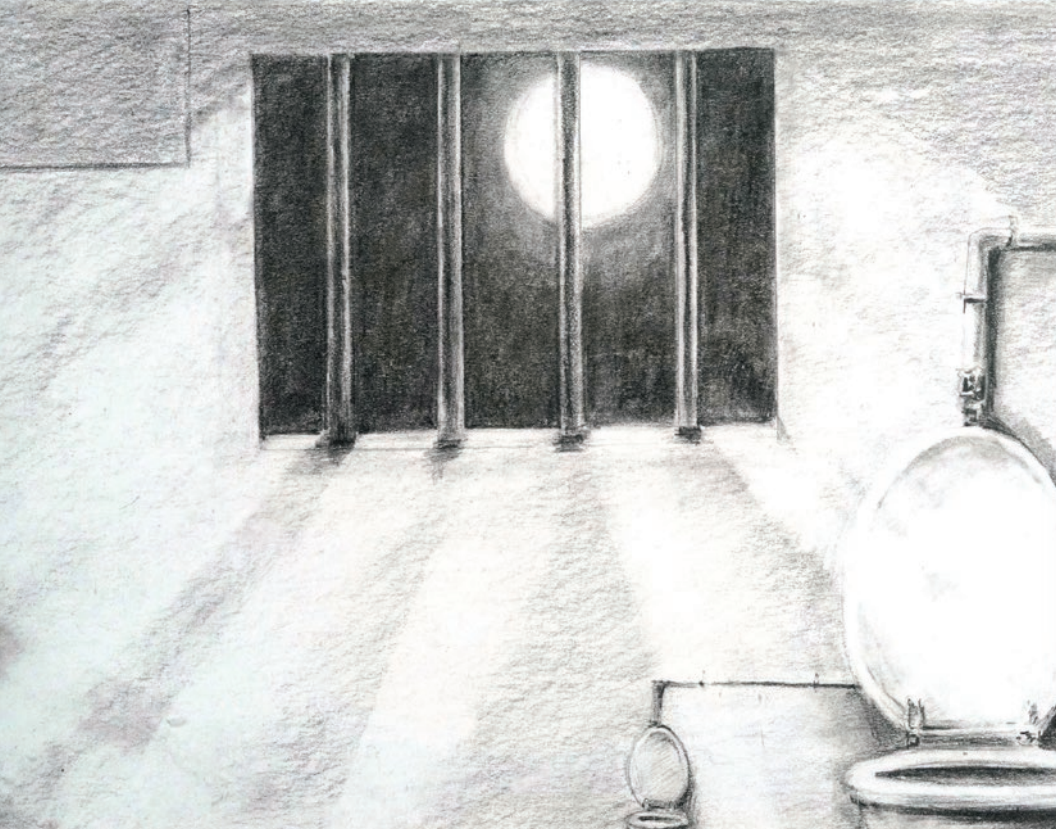
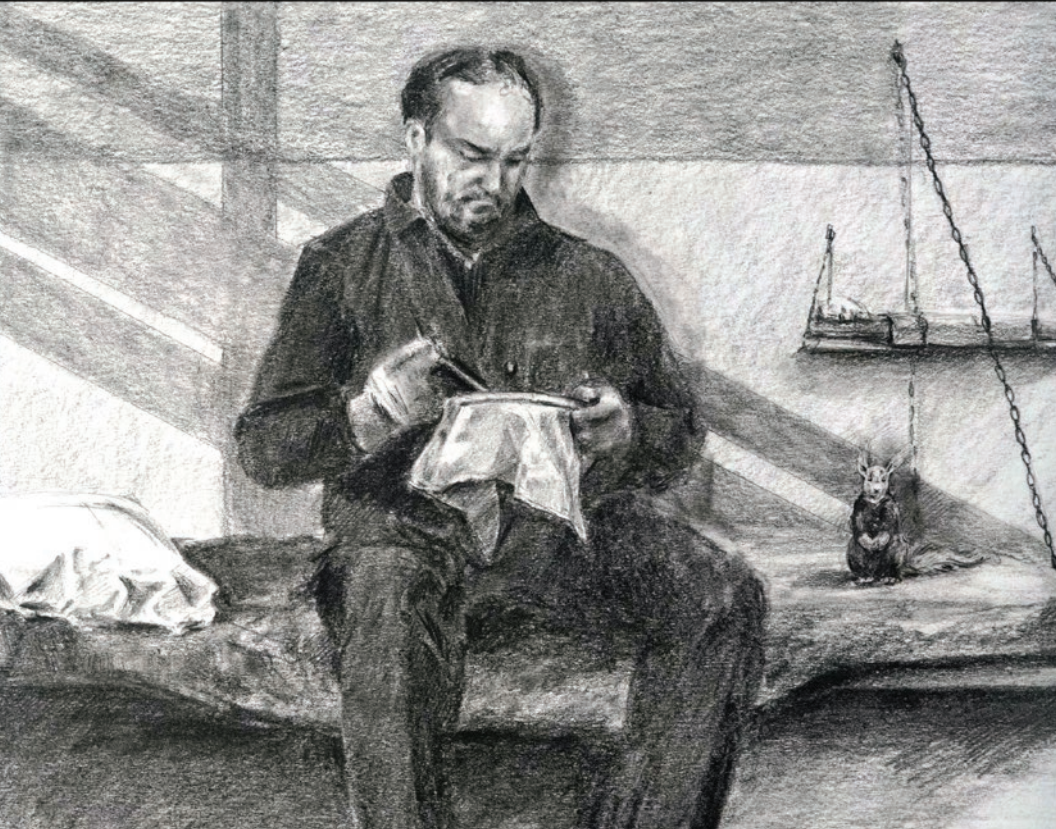


If someone came looking for it now and  
found it . . . here, with him . . .



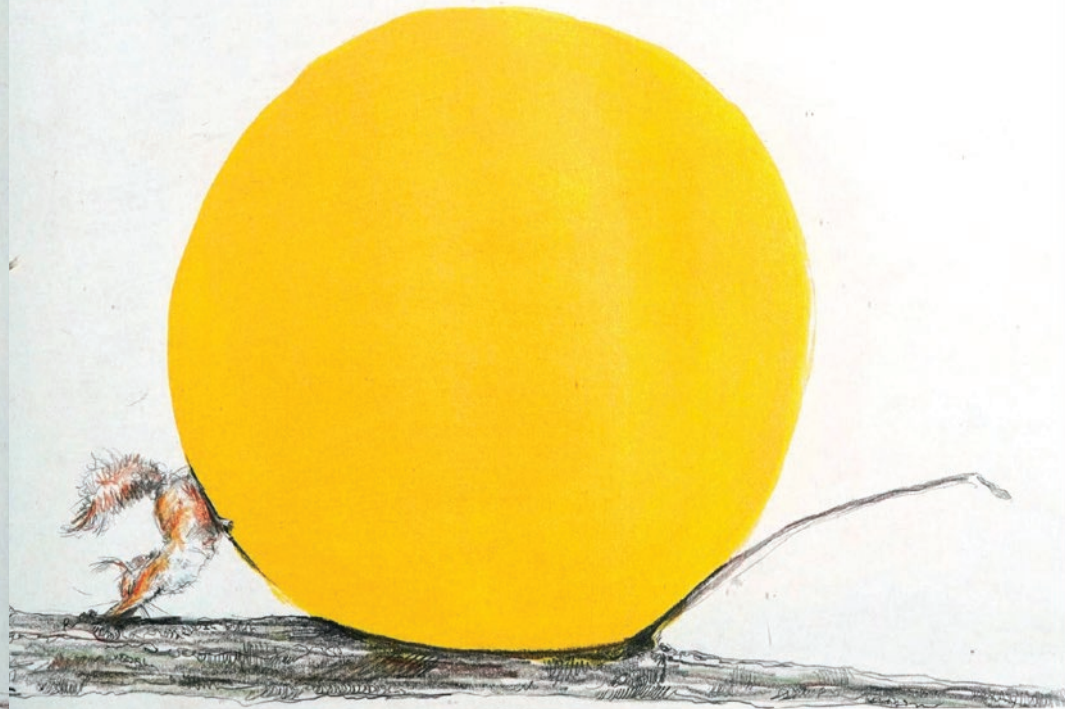
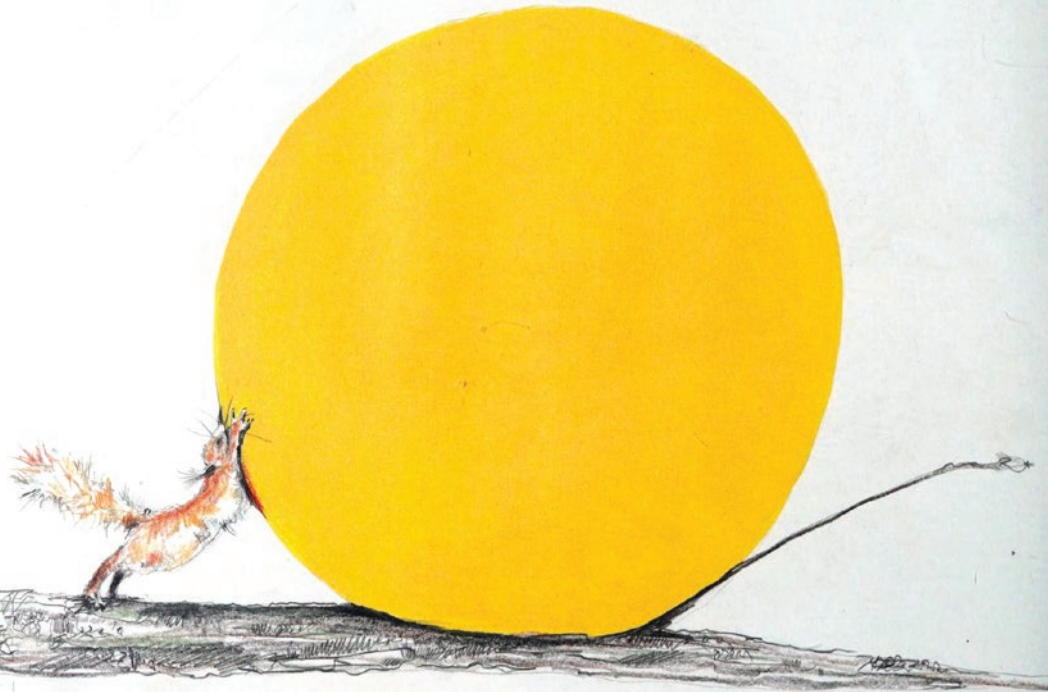
they would think he was the thief.  
He'd be arrested and thrown in prison. . . .



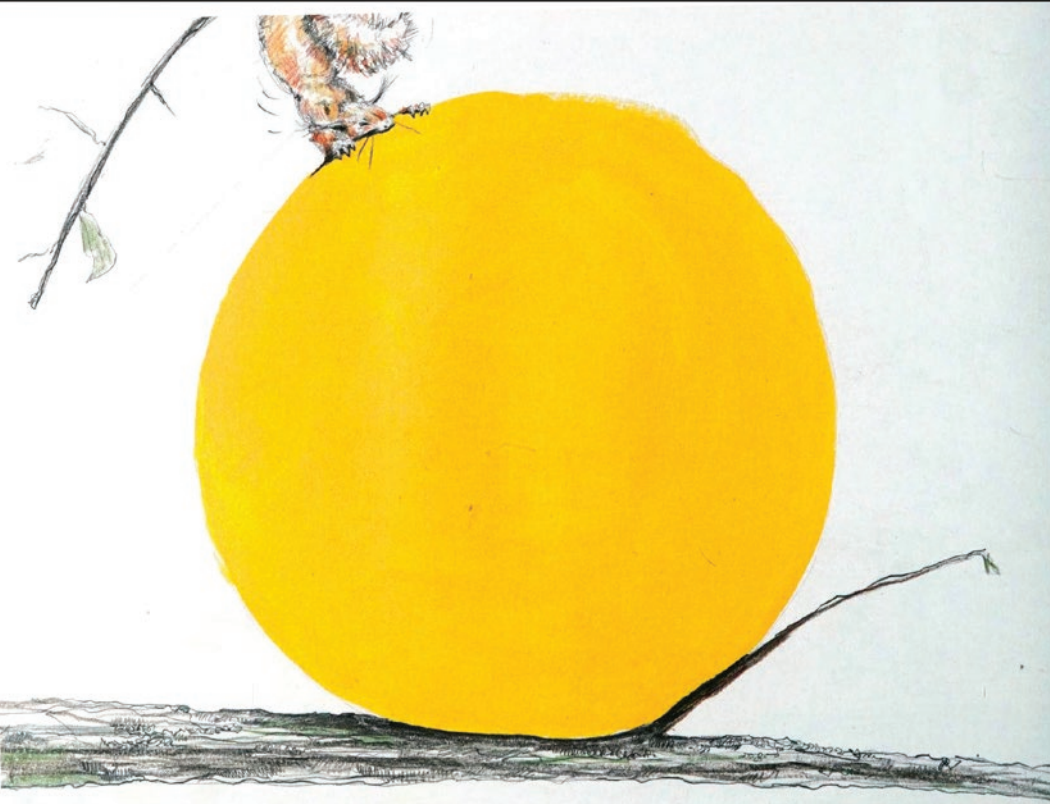




He had to get rid of the moon!







The next morning hedgehog woke up because the moon had fallen on his back and had got stuck.



Fortunately, Mr. Squirrel was nearby and was able to help him.

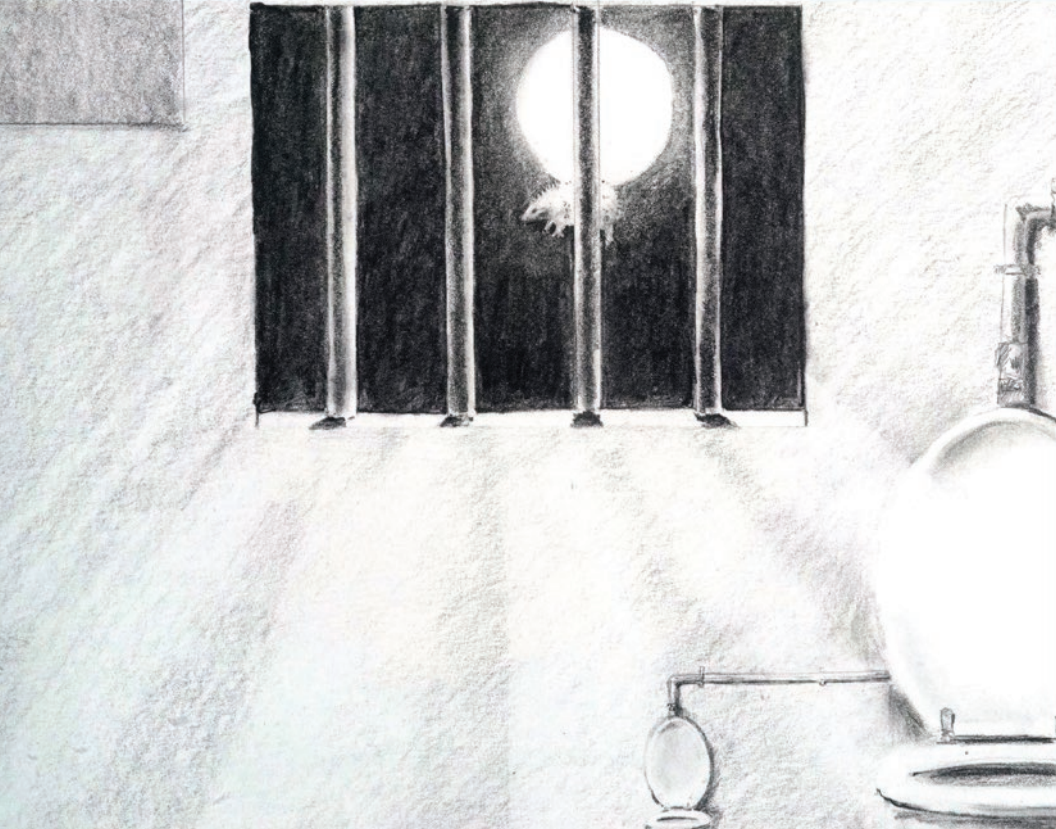




"The moon has fallen on your back and it's stuck. And the awful thing is, it's been stolen! Suppose someone finds us with it?"

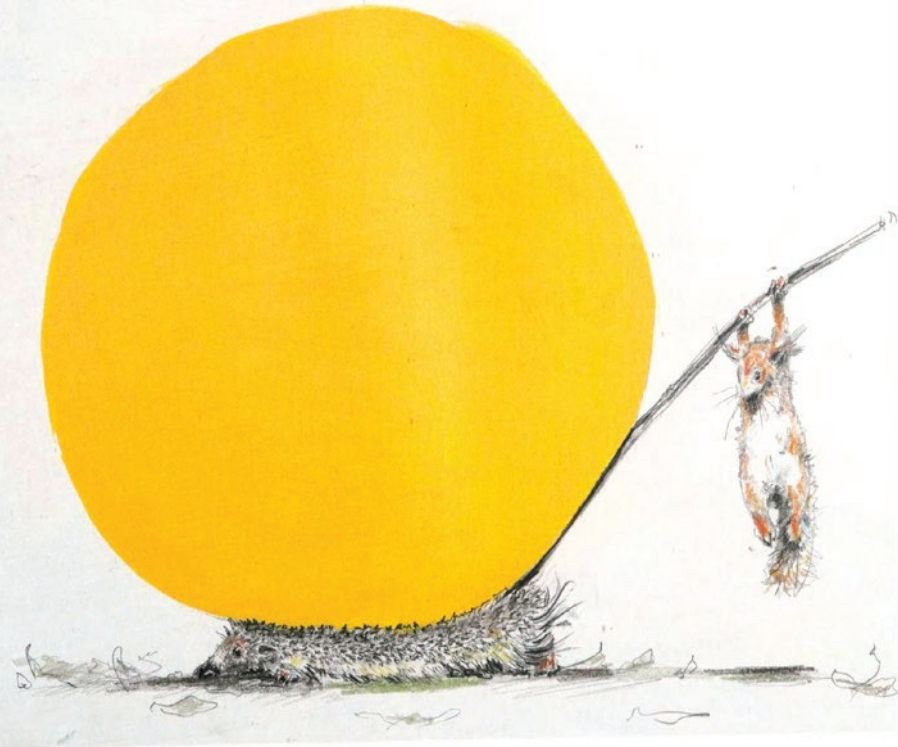


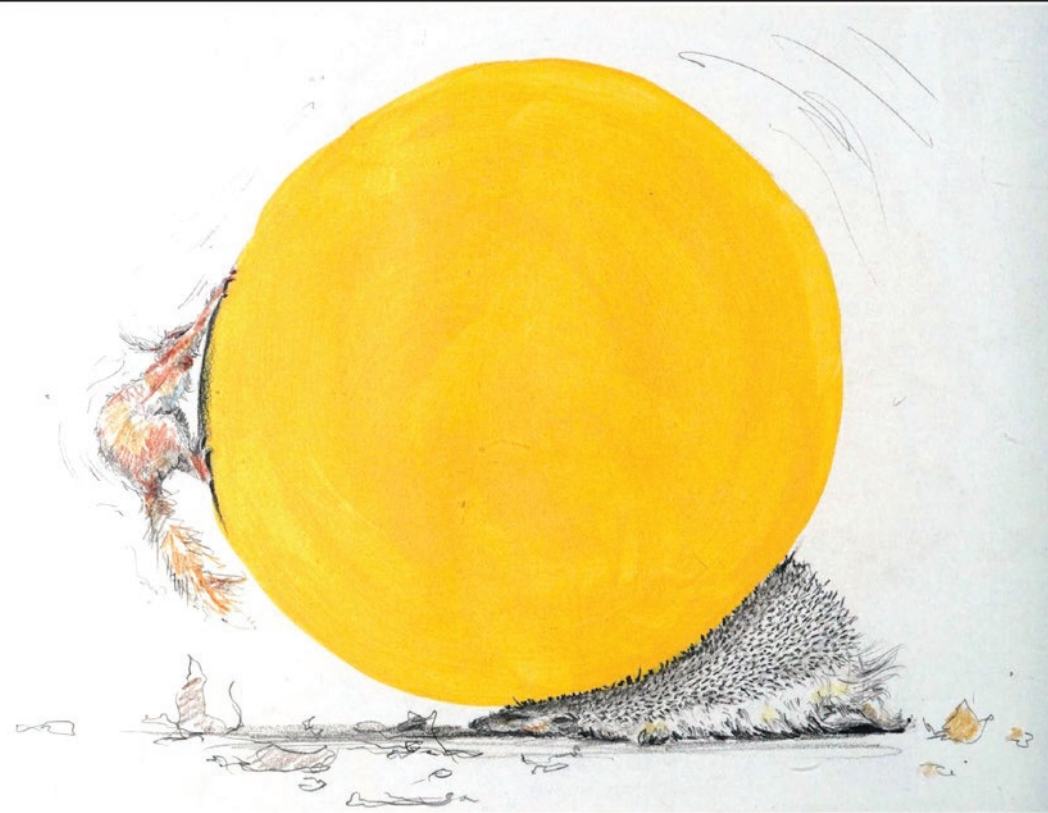






They had to get rid of the moon!









Then a billy goat arrived.

He saw the moon and butted it  
with his horns.



With the moon stuck on his horns . . .

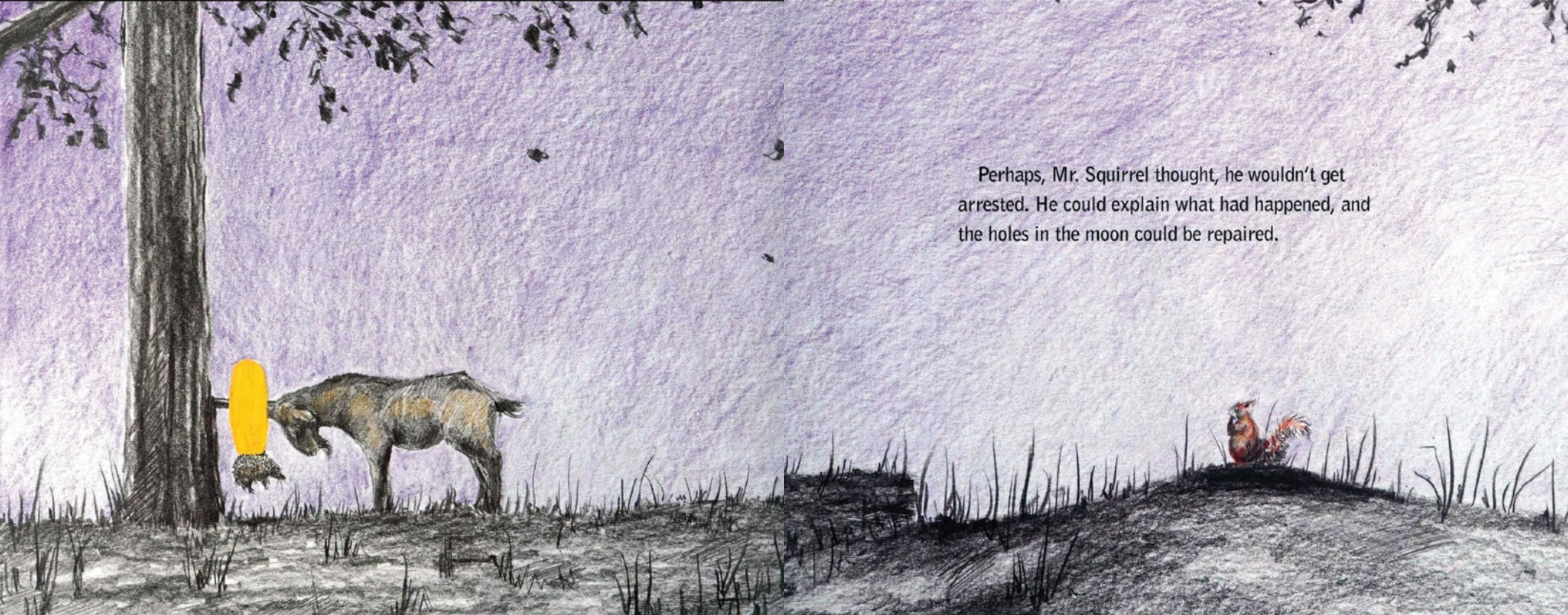
the hedgehog stuck on the moon . . .

and Mr. Squirrel hard on his heels . . .  
the billy goat charged at a tree.

**Bang!**







Perhaps, Mr. Squirrel thought, he wouldn't get arrested. He could explain what had happened, and the holes in the moon could be repaired.





The next morning the billy goat woke up because the hedgehog, who was still stuck on the moon, complained that it was starting to smell. That was not a good sign. . . .









The billy goat was free . . .

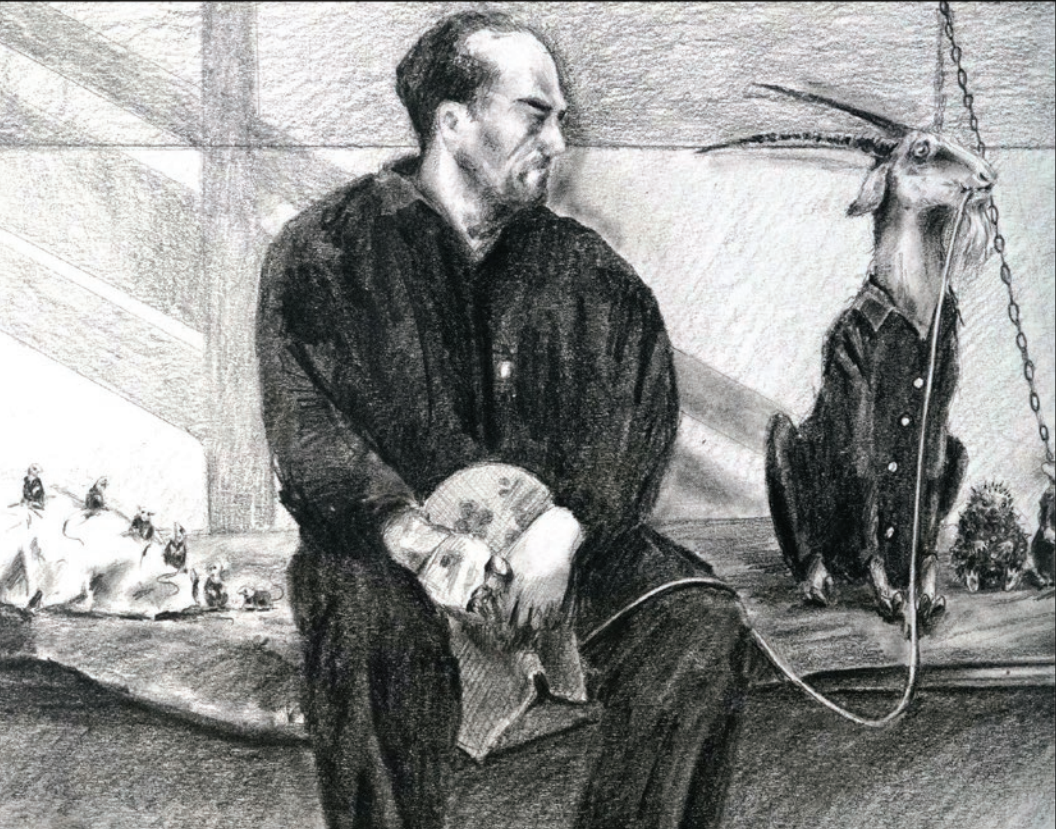
the hedgehog was free . . .

the mice had a good meal . . .

but the moon was ruined!









They had to get rid of the moon!

The best thing would be to send it back to the sky  
where it belonged.





Now that the moon was back in the sky, Mr. Squirrel thought it would soon be its old self again.







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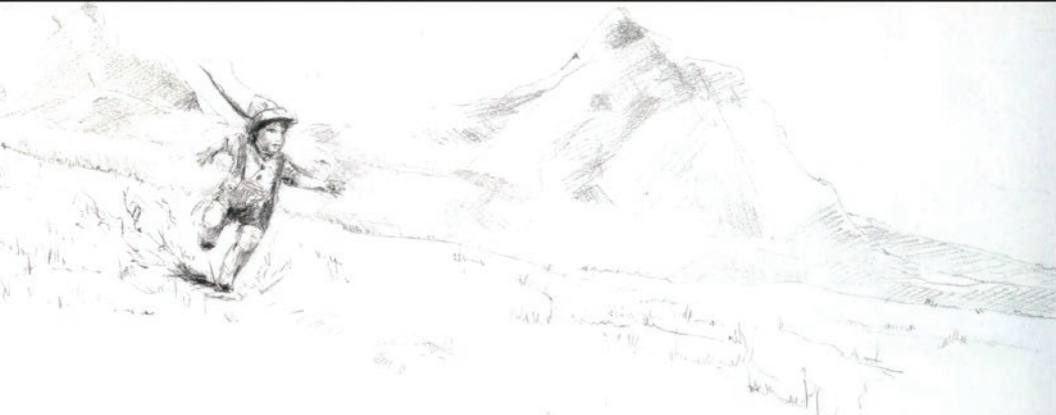
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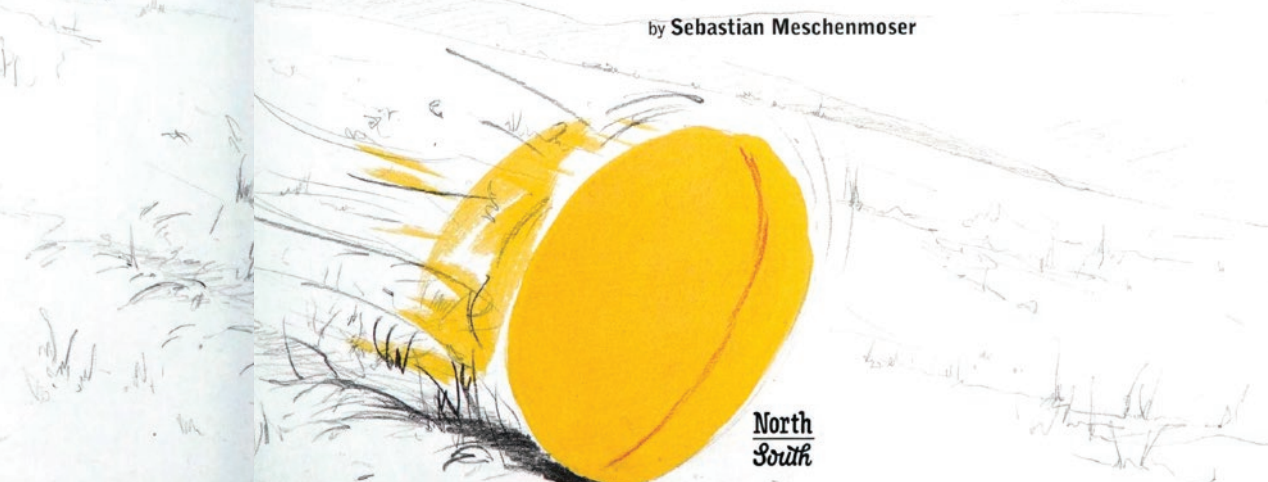
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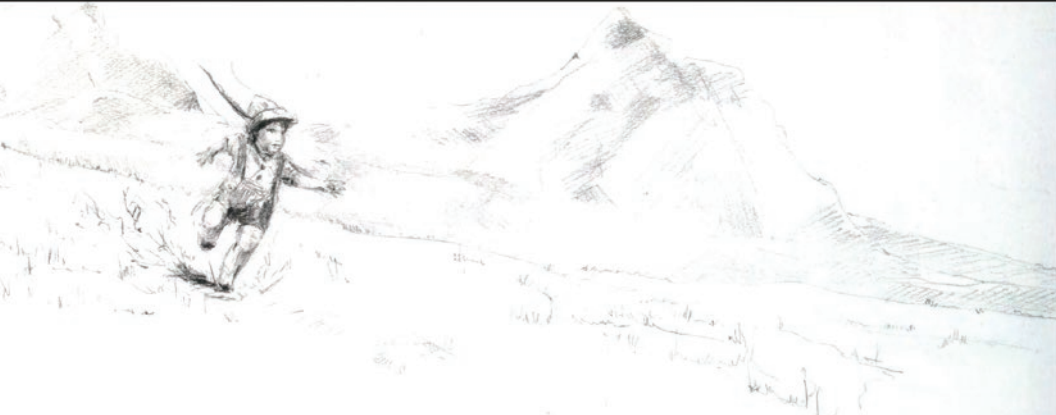
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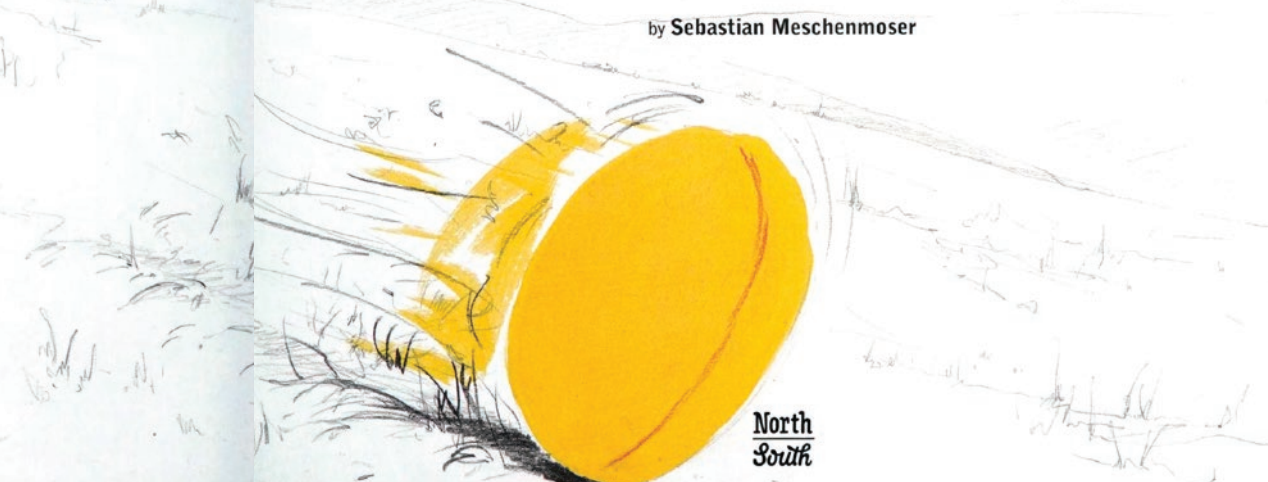
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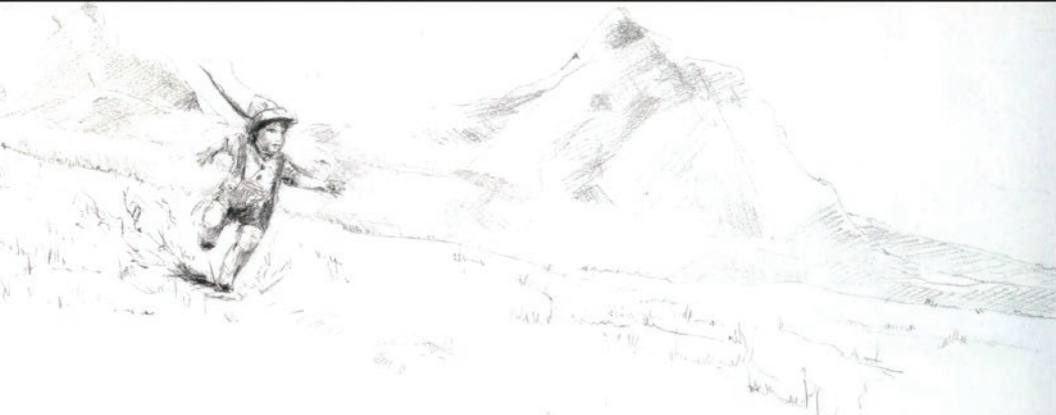
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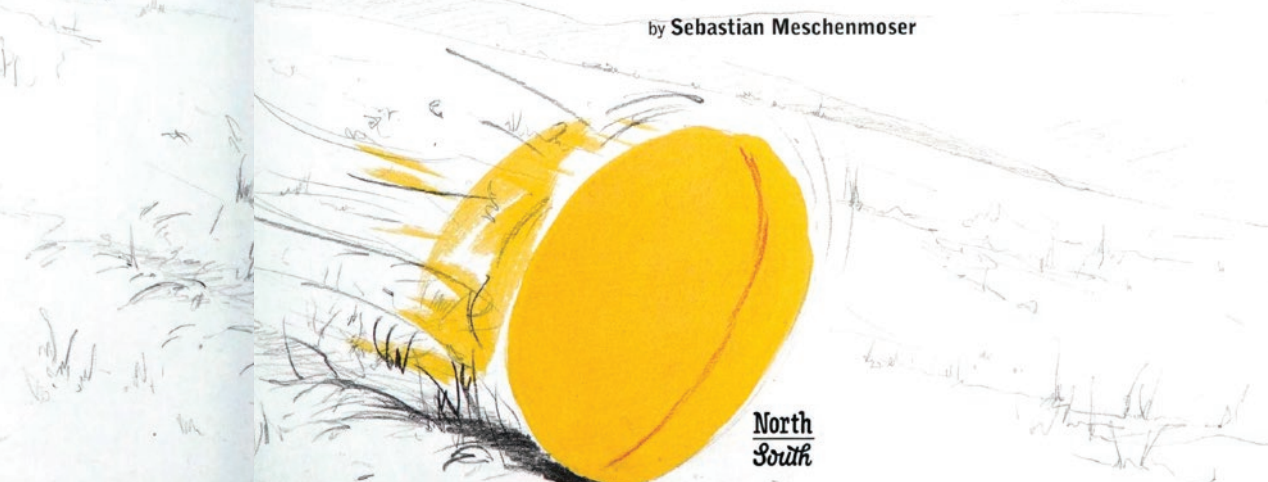
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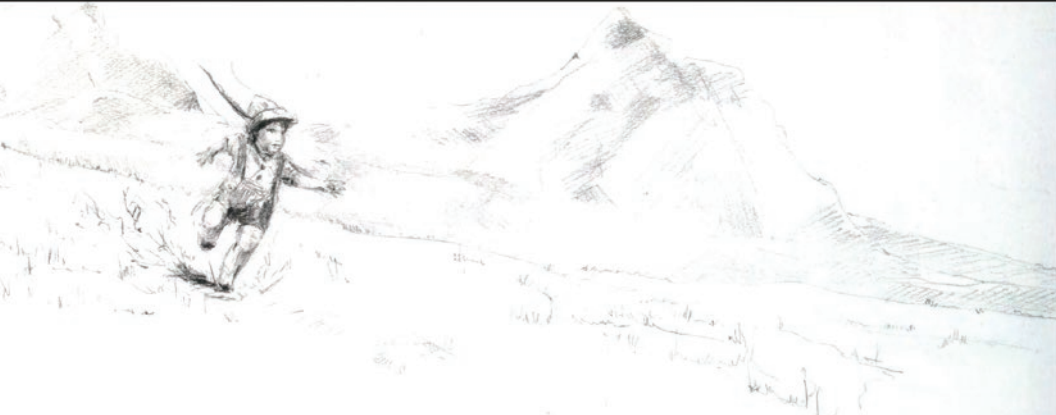
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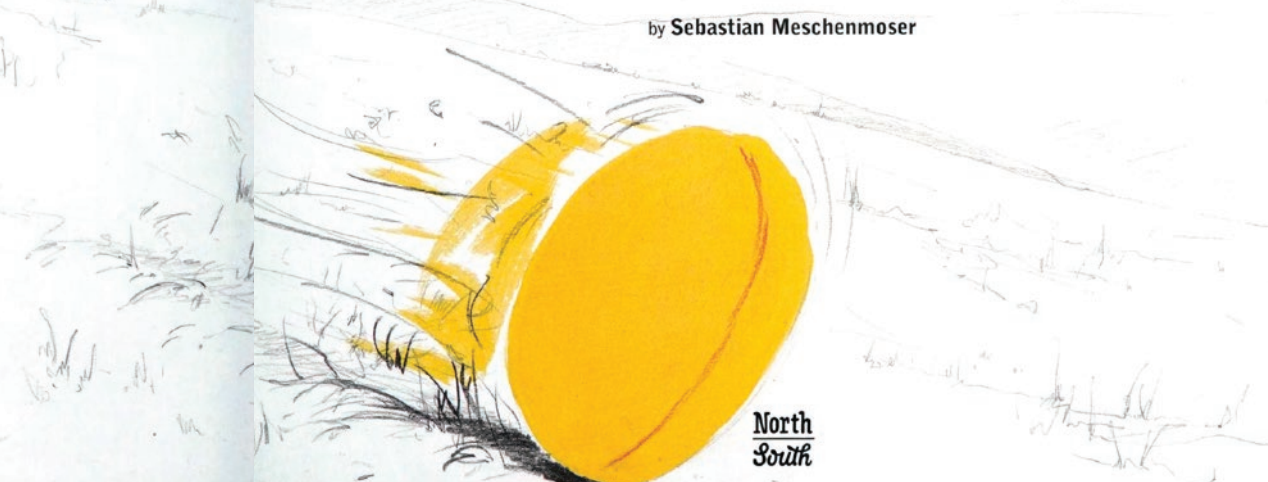
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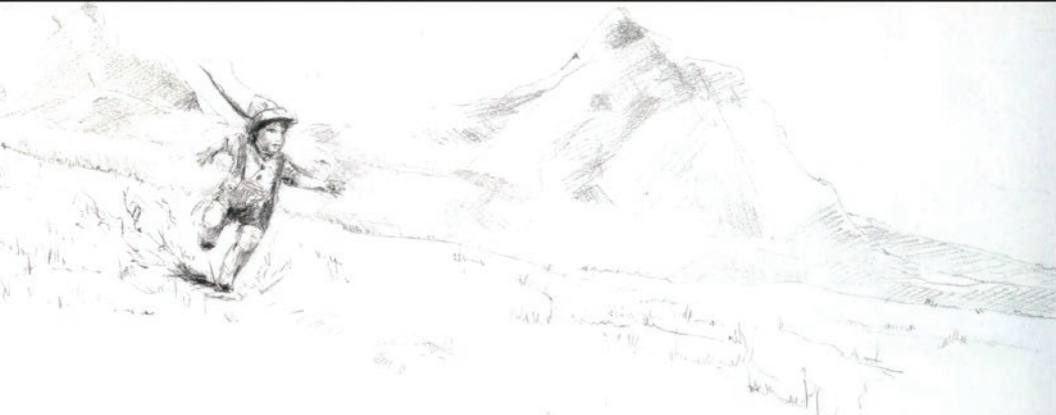
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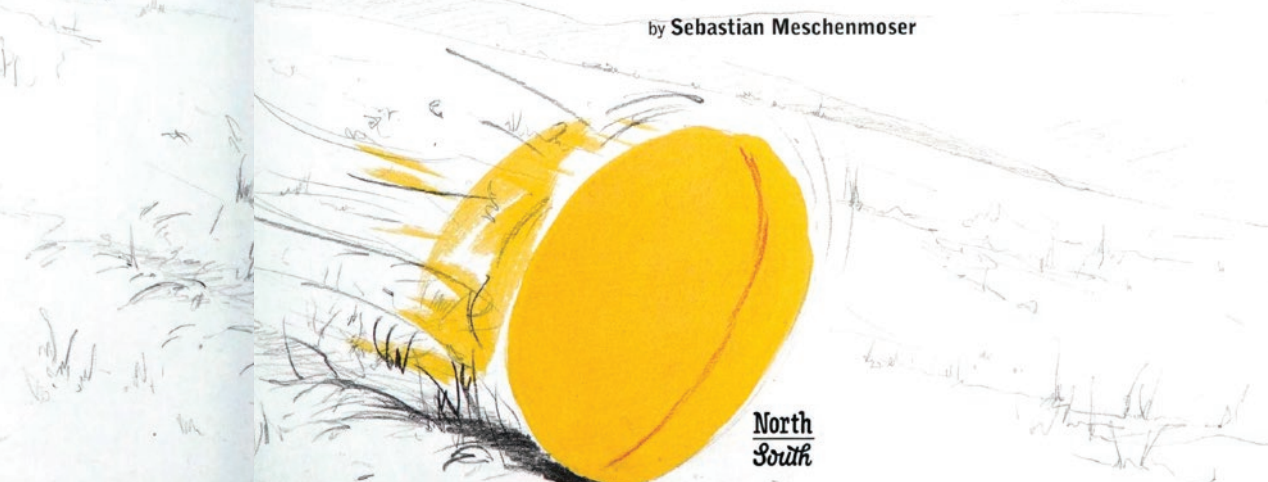
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